

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase II Archeological Investigation of Site 18BA161, the Windsor Farm Site, in Baltimore County, Maryland.
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18BA161

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

A Phase II investigation was conducted at Site 18BA161 in 1996. The purpose of the investigations was two-fold: to review the results of 17 years of avocational archeology at the site and to conduct new work to supplement that earlier work and to determine the full extent of disturbance of the site. The Baltimore County Public Schools, Division of Support Services, Department of Facilities Construction, was planning construction of the Westchester Elementary School. Previously recorded site 18BA161 was located in the 2.52 ha (6.24 ac) area slotted for construction of the soccer field, ball diamond, and stormwater management pond.

Project Objectives:

- Evaluate the material collected during the Baltimore County school excavations from the house area in order to determine the nature of the deposits
- Determine if the site was eligible for listing to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties register
- Make recommendations for site avoidance or mitigation

Research Potential:

The DeVere/Windsor Farm Site (18BA161) represents an 18th through mid-20th century farm and residence. During testing in 1996, the site area was divided into Areas A-C. In Areas A and C no significant artifacts or features were encountered and no further archeological testing was recommended in those areas. Area B contained the core of Site 18BA161. Excavations there reflected the 19th and 20th century occupations of the house and its ultimate destruction. The brick foundation section uncovered in the rear of the dwelling may be related to the earlier 18th century occupation but no materials dating from that time were recovered. The nearby main dump site, which was only excavated in the 1970s and 1980s, yielded over 6,000 artifacts; analysis of those artifacts may yield evidence for the earliest occupation at the site. Although the site represented early farming and middle-class merchant society in 18th-20th century Baltimore County, results of the 1996 Phase II investigations within the house structure revealed that most of the features had been excavated during the 1970s and 1980s, and that there does not appear to be any vertical integrity left at the site. Only a few small areas of balks (remnants of the early excavations) may have survived undisturbed. What remains of the site is a large, unanalyzed and unpublished collection from the years of the Baltimore County School System excavations. Unfortunately, the head of those investigations, a local school teacher, is no longer available to make sense of the original excavation records. No further archeological work was recommended at the site. The proposed construction project was undertaken and the new school was built.