

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase II Archaeological Evaluation of the LOCPA West site (18AG277) and the LOCPA East site (18AG278) for the Proposed Replacement of Bridge No. A-116 Orleans Road South and Appel Road at Fifteen Mile Creek, Allegany County, Maryland.  
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## Sites examined:

18AG277 18AG278  
NRHP Eligible:  NRHP Eligible:   
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## Project Details:

	Project Justification:
Phase I	This report describes 2011 Phase II archeological investigations conducted for the portions of 18AG277 and 18AG278 within the proposed limits of disturbance for the replacement of Bridge No. A-116 (Orleans Road over Fifteen Mile Creek) and associated improvements to Orleans Road South of Appel Road in Allegany County. These investigations were conducted because Allegany County had applied for a joint federal/state permit authorization which requires review of such projects for compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and with state historic preservation legislation.
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Project Objectives:
-Evaluate the eligibility of these two sites (18AG277 and 18AG278) for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
-Determine the impact of the proposed undertaking on these archeological sites.
-Assess the need for additional archeological treatment of the sites.

## Research Potential:

Site 18AG277, west of Fifteen Mile Creek, includes two sample loci. The south locus contains the remains of a mid-19th century brick clamp as well as a prehistoric component. The north locus contains the remains of a mid to late 19th century residence. Each loci retains sufficient integrity to provide answers to significant research questions, thus 18AG277 was determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D. The bridge construction impacts were to include primarily fill activities, along with minimal areas of grading. It was determined that no further investigations were warranted within the APE for this particular project. Other portions of the site retain their research potential and 18AG277 should be considered a significant archeological resource.

Both the historic and prehistoric components at Site 18AG278 appear to be significant archeological resources. In 2013, the site was determined eligible for the NRHP by MHT personnel. The prehistoric component likely represents episodes of prehistoric habitation of the area in the Middle and Late Archaic periods. The historic component likely represents the remains of domestic occupation, likely associated with tenants and possibly construction workers for the nearby C&O Canal. The site appears to retain good subsurface integrity. The Phase II combined efforts established that 18AG278 has the demonstrated potential to yield important information regarding prehistoric subsistence and settlement during the Middle and Late Archaic periods as well as Western Maryland's early rural settlement during the first half of the 19th Century.