

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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18AG215

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Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

Phase III

Phase I archival background research and archeological investigations were conducted in a downtown area of Lonaconing, MD to be affected by streetscape improvements. Based on that research, Phase III data recovery was recommended in areas where replacement of curbs and sidewalks, drainage improvements, and milling and resurfacing existing roadways and shoulders within to Lonaconing historic district (AL-VI-B-113) would significantly impact the underlying historic deposits. Attempting to reconstruct the historic streetscape that existed prior to a major fire in 1881 (of which there are no extant plans) was a major justification for the data recovery project.

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Project Objectives:

-Recover physical evidence of the pre-fire organization of the streetscape.

-Document any variations in the physical evidence that might suggest architectural prototypes related to ethnicity.

-Document any variations in the physical evidence that might suggest socioeconomic distinctions within the community.

-Recover a significant sample of kitchen ceramics and compare the assemblage to what has been stated in local history documents about local "table sets".

-Assess how artifact assemblages relating to the fire compare to contemporaneous assemblages from other late 19th century working class sites.

-Assess whether artifact assemblages from different properties reflect more or less uniformity than artifacts from assemblages that came from sites that were not part of company towns (as 19th century Lonaconing was).

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AG215.