Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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An Archeological Survey, Inventory and Evaluation of the Proposed Parking Lot Site (18AG214), Northwest of Lock 75, C&O Canal National Historical Park, Allegany County, Maryland.

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Sites examined:

18AG214
NRHP Eligible: **N**
Justification

Project Details:

Phase I
Phase II **X**
Phase III

Project Justification:	Project Objectives:
Phase II research was conducted at along portions of a six acre field north of a lock on the North Branch of the C&O Canal National Historic Park. As part of the Development Concept Plan (DCP) for the upper portion of the C&O Canal National Historic Park, plans were developed to construct a new parking facility. Pending construction related to this facility would impact the North Branch site. At the request of the National Capital Area of the National Park Service (NPS), URS Greiner, Inc. conducted an identification and evaluation study of the site to assess its potential National Register eligibility. The cope of the work was limited to evaluating only the prehistoric component(s) of the site.	-Conduct an identification and evaluation study of the site to assess its potential National Register eligibility. -Obtain data bearing on archeological site context and formation processes. -Obtain data bearing on boundary definition and the horizontal segregation of functionally or chronologically specific occupations within the site area. -Focus on lithic exploitation and its potential implications for local versus non-local use.

Research Potential:

Investigative testing at North Branch (18AG214) revealed a low density lithic scatter dating to an unknown prehistoric period. No chronologically diagnostic artifacts were recovered during fieldwork. Additionally, no cultural features were found to be present in the site area. Examination of the stratigraphic context shows that all cultural materials are contained within the Ap-horizon. In light of the low density of cultural materials recovered and the lack of subplowzone features, the site does not have the potential to yield any additional important information beyond that which has already been obtained.