

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1983 Curry, D.C.
Archeological Reconnaissance of the Proposed Maryland Route 51-Potomac River Bridge Approaches at Paw Paw, Allegany County, Maryland and Morgan County, West Virginia.
Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration

Library ID No: 00000060 Catalog/Shelving ID: AG 7A

Research Firm/Institution:

Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Sites examined:

46MN120 18AG144
NRHP Eligible:

Project Details:

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| Phase I | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Project Justification: This reconnaissance survey was undertaken in preparation for the proposed realignment of the highway bridge near Paw Paw, West Virginia. The highway improvement involved replacing the existing one-lane bridge over the Potomac River with a new dual lane structure on the downstream side of the original bridge; the bridge replacement entailed minor realignment of the existing highway. |
| Phase II | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Phase III | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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| Project Objectives: -Review the bridge and road realignment project area for archeological potential and identify any extant sites. -Assess the possible impact to any identified sites. -Provide recommendations as to the management or mitigation of any identified sites. |
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AG144.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1984 Kavanagh, M.
Phase II Archeological Investigations at the Paw Paw Site (18AG144), Allegany County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration

Library ID No: 00000061 Catalog/Shelving ID: AG 7B

Research Firm/Institution:

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Sites examined:

18AG144
NRHP Eligible:

Project Details:

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| Phase I | <input type="checkbox"/> | Project Justification: In 1984 it was determined that proposed road improvements along Maryland Route 51 would impact the Paw Paw site. One plan consisted of replacing the existing one-lane bridge across the Potomac River with a new 2-lane structure slightly to the east, and realigning the bridge approaches. Based on the recovery of material during the Phase I study, MHT personnel recommended Phase II testing to determine the extent of the site within the proposed right-of-way, its integrity, and National Register eligibility. |
| Phase II | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Phase III | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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| Project Objectives: -Determine the significance of the site, applying the National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.4 [a-d]). -Determine the nature, age, and function of the archeological site. -Determine the horizontal and vertical boundaries of the site. -Determine the integrity of the site. |
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Research Potential:

Testing at Paw Paw (18AG144) has indicated good site integrity in the area of proposed impact. Testing revealed intact features preserved below the plowzone. Post-occupational disturbance is minimal. The ceramic assemblage at the Paw Paw site suggests occupation over a relatively short period of time, based on uniformity within the ceramics and comparison with other sites. The site's apparent single component makes it of high research value. The integrity of remains is also excellent. The features already encountered have provided material for radiocarbon dating. Because of the scarcity of known Woodland villages in this region, the Paw Paw site increases in value for archeological research. Suggested data recovery excavation procedures consist of mechanically stripping the plowzone from the site area and hand excavation of intact features. Testing of the plow disturbed soils, e.g. soil sampling and/or systematic shovel testing prior to their removal, would also be recommended.