

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase I/II Archeological Investigations of Site 18AG288, 109, 111, and 113-115 Vine Street,  
Westernport, Allegany County, Maryland, part of the MD 135 Between Potomac Street and  
MD 36/WV 46 Slope Repair  
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## Research Firm/Institution:

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## Sites examined:

18AG288

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

## Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Justification:</b> 18AG288 site was first identified in 2016 during a hybrid Phase I/II archeological survey within the limits of disturbance (LOD) for the proposed demolition of structures condemned and purchased by the Maryland State Highway Administration as part of an emergency repair project addressing rock and earth slides affecting MD Route 135 in the spring of 2015. These archaeological investigations were conducted because the SHA project was state funded and, as such, fell under the authority of the State Finance and Procurement Articles 5-A-325 and 5-A-326 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Conduct archival background research and field investigation to identify any prehistoric or historic archeological sites that would be affected by activities associated with the proposed demolition project. -Determine the nature, extent, and significance of Site 18AG288. -If significant deposits are identified, determine if the deposits extend into the area of impacts from the proposed construction.
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## Research Potential:

Completed field investigations demonstrated intact sealed deposits in this unusually steep, highly modified, upland landscape overlooking the Potomac River. The site yielded preserved buried features including a privy, and a broad variety of artifact classes, and organic remains. The large assemblage included container bottles, various ceramics, personal items and hundreds of faunal remains, predominantly from the late 19th to early 20th century that were excavated from intact well-stratified yard areas.

Additional detailed study of the existing artifact assemblage, as well as future assemblages, could yield tighter chronological and functional data, and extract information regarding subsistence patterns; economic choices in consumer goods and lifestyles; organization, use, and manipulation of the landscape; and social structure issues in this industrial river town.