

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Sites examined:

18AG195 18AG196

NRHP Eligible: N

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: In response to the loss of wetland areas caused by the reconstruction of the National Freeway, now Interstate 68, a 7.3 hectare (18 acre) parcel in southern Allegany County was selected by the Maryland State Highway administration as a potential wetland replacement area. Phase Ib intensive archeological survey was conducted over the entire parcel by State Highway Administration archeologists, resulting in the discovery of the Wellein South (18AG195) and Wellein North (18AG196) sites. A decision was made by SHA to avoid impact to the denser Wellein North site occupation areas and Phase II testing was then undertaken on the Wellein South site.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

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Project Objectives: -Identify prehistoric and historic archeological resources present in the project area. -Evaluate the potential significance of any/all archeological resources encountered. -Determine site boundaries of 18AG195. -Collect a statistically meaningful artifact sample from 18AG195. -Evaluate the integrity and research potential of the archeological deposits at 18AG195.

Research Potential:

Test excavations at the Wellein South site indicate that artifacts were generally confined to the plowzone over most of the site, although moderate quantities of debitage were recovered from the subsoil in the northern extremity of the site. The site had extremely limited potential to yield important information and, thus, the wetland reclamation project went forward at the site. However, denser concentrations of prehistoric artifacts were recovered during survey at the Wellein North site (18AG196). This site was not subjected to Phase II testing and was instead avoided during wetland reclamation. It is a potentially significant archeological resource.