Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

All information contained within the individual site database and inventory sheets is solely the work of the researchers and authors noted below. The data provided has been culled from the original site reports noted below and in many cases has been lifted directly from them with little or no editing. The database and inventory sheets are meant to serve as a synopsis of the report findings and a finding aid and are not intended to replace or republish the research of the authors noted below.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1977 Curry, D.C.

Preliminary Archeological Reconnaissance of the Maryland Route 3 Transportation Corridor, from U.S. Route 50/301 to Maryland Rt. 32, Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, Maryland.

Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration

Library ID No: 00006576 Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 26

Research Firm/Institutution:

Division of Archeology, MD Geological Survey
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

Sites examined:

18AN55 Others

Project Details:

Phase I [X]
Phase II
Phase III

Project Justification:

This report provides the findings of Phase I survey in Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties by the Maryland Geological Survey. The study was carried out because of planned improvements to Maryland Route 3. At the time, Route 3 was under consideration for possible realignment and/or reconstruction in order to facilitate the relatively heavy flow of traffic on the existing road.

MAC Accession: 1977.029.007

Project Objectives:

-Identify any previously recorded archeological sites within the construction project area.

-Examine exposed surfaces (such as plowed fields, tree falls, and erosion cuts) regardless of their archeological potential.

-Examine areas ecologically favorable for site location in woods and other vegetated areas.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN55.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1982 McNamara, J.M.

Excavations at Baldwin: A Late Archaic Site in the Maryland Coastal Plain.

Library ID No: 00000514 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 49

Research Firm/Institutution:

Maryland Geological Survey
2300 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

Sites examined:

18AN55

Project Details:

Phase I
Phase II
Phase III [X]

Project Justification:

The J. Baldwin Site (18AN55), a Late Archaic site partially buried by wind-blown sands in the western coastal plain of Anne Arundel County, became the site of the 10th Annual Field Session in Maryland Archeology when plans for an industrial park became known late in 1979. The field session, sponsored by the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. (ASM), and supervised by the Maryland Geological Survey's Division of Archeology with funding assistance from a Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service grant-in-aid administered by the Maryland Historical Trust, was held from 23 May to 1 June 1980.

MAC Accession: 1980.017.001

Project Objectives:

-Delimit the horizontal and vertical extent of buried cultural components.

-Identify intrasite patterning of artifacts and activity areas.

-Determine the integrity of subsurface cultural deposits.

Research Potential:

Based on the 1980 Field Session data recovery, 18AN55 appears to be a series of overlapping prehistoric short-term camps and possibly base camp dating to a wide swath of prehistory. It has a degree of horizontal integrity, but vertical integrity has been somewhat compromised. Following the salvage operations in 1980, the proposed business park was constructed. A site visit made in 2009 by archeological personnel from Anne Arundel County Planning and Zoning revealed that the site had largely been destroyed. The steep drop-off area to the river valley may contain some artifact deposits, but these may have been subject to erosional forces. The site is probably incapable of answering any additional research questions related to Maryland prehistory.