

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Archeological Phase I Survey and Phase II Evaluation Investigations of Site 18AN951 at the Home Depot Project Area, 149 Defense Highway, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.
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18AN951

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

This report describes the findings of a 1994 Phase I Survey and Phase II Evaluation archeological investigations of the project area for a (then) proposed Home Depot retail development near Annapolis in Anne Arundel County. The Home Depot development consisted of a retail facility for the Home Depot, Inc., associated parking areas, utility lines, other commercial establishments, and roadway improvements. The phase I survey covered the parcel of land making up the project area (about 20.7 acres, and the Phase II study investigated remnants of the one archeological site identified, 18AN951 or the 18-19th century Hockley plantation. The work was performed pursuant to an Anne Arundel County ordinance covering historic resources. It was sponsored by the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BG&E), owner of the property, and the Home Depot, Inc., the potential buyer. Both parties desired to be knowledgeable of any archeological or historical resources on the property prior to final settlement.

Project Objectives:

Phase I
-Survey the project area to locate cultural deposits of archeological interest.

-Make a preliminary assessment of the potential significance of any identified sites.

Phase II
-Assess the one identified sit's eligibility for nomination to the Maryland Register of Historic Places (MRHP) and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Research Potential:

The 1994 investigation's findings indicated that archeological site 18AN951 contains a brick burial enclosure of 18th century vintage that is significant to the history of Anne Arundel County. The remainder of Site 18AN951 consists of a disturbed archeological deposit with three cultural features that do not merit being considered historically significant. The locations of the Hockley House and its associated outbuildings were obliterated in the 1960s during construction of the BG&E Service Center facility. The Home Depot development plans were altered to protect the aforementioned grave enclosure (as per Anne Arundel County law) and it was left undisturbed during construction. It should be preserved indefinitely. The remainder of the site was even more significantly altered during construction of the Home Depot and associated facilities.