

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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**REPORT INFORMATION:**

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 Phase I and Phase II Archeological Survey, Midfield Cargo Complex, Baltimore/Washington International Airport, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.  
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Sites examined:

18AN1051      Others

NRHP Eligible:  Y

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

- Phase I
- Phase II
- Phase III

**Project Justification:**  
 This report describes a combined Phase I and II project conducted in 1996 and 1997 within the proposed Midfield Cargo Complex of Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI Airport), Anne Arundel County. These investigations were performed under a contract with the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA), which was proposing to construct a new cargo complex and associated taxiways, access roads, and support facilities south of the major east-west runway designated 10-28. In addition to the construction of these facilities, two large soil stockpile areas will be created in undeveloped areas south of Runway 10-28. As part of the environmental compliance process, Phase I investigations were conducted to identify any archeological sites that may be affected by the project, and assess their potential eligibility for inclusion in the State and National Register of Historic Places. Phase II testing was recommended and carried out at one of the identified sites (18AN1051), to determine its eligibility for listing on the State and National Registers.

**Project Objectives:**

- Identify cultural resources that may potentially be impacted by the construction of the Midfield Cargo Complex.
- Document the physical structure of the farmstead landscape at 18AN1051 and any changes to the property over time.
- Determine if any of the structural changes to the farm landscape can be linked to events and economic processes occurring in the broader region (i.e. the opening of the railroads, agricultural changes, shifts in occupation, etc.).
- Assess the consumer spending patterns of site occupants and how they changed over time.
- Determine if changes in these spending patterns can also be linked to historical events and economic processes occurring in the broader region.

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Research Potential:

Phase II investigations at 18AN1051 suggests that the site represents components of a late 19th century farmstead. The site may represent a seasonal, agricultural picker's camp (though this contention has not yet been proven). The site has intact artifact bearing features and the potential to provide important historical information on the physical layout of 19th century farms and the socioeconomic relationship between Baltimore City and agricultural northern Anne Arundel County. For these reasons, Site 18AN1051 has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.