

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## Sites examined:

18AN1386

## Project Details:

Phase I

### Project Justification:

This report describes the results of the investigation of an iron forge mill (18AN1386) unexpectedly encountered during the installation of a sewer line to serve the Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Marshall). The work was carried out in 2007, following emergency consultation between the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and MAA (Maryland Aviation Administration). The forge mill remains were encountered on state-owned lands. In order to allow the sewer installation to continue, a portion of the forge foundation and ruins had to be mechanically removed. Prior to the mechanical excavation, archeologists documented the features visible above ground. Archeologists also monitored construction activities in order to document additional features as they were exposed.

Phase II

### Project Objectives:

-Record the discovered features and interpret them within a regional and topical historic context.

Phase III

## Research Potential:

The forge at 18AN1386 is significant as an example of an 18th century iron industry feature in Anne Arundel County. In addition, the forge is significant for its role in local industrial history and for the information it can yield about early iron smelting processes. Although part of the forge was impacted by construction of the sewer line, portions of the foundation and associated deposits remain intact. In addition, the forge was part of a complex of industrial features in the immediate area, the remains of some of which may retain integrity and information potential. In 2008, it was recommended that the rest of the remains of the iron forge be preserved and interpreted to the public. A plan for interpretation was to be developed through consultation between MAA, MHT, and DNR.