

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Archaeological Testing of Site 18AN935, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.
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Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report contains the results of a 1993 Phase I Archaeological Survey of a 68.6 acre parcel of land comprising the (then) proposed Crofton Farms residential development. The work was completed in compliance with Article 26, Title 3-109 of the Anne Arundel County Subdivision Regulations which requires consideration for archeological resources as part of the subdivision review process.
Phase III		

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Project Objectives:
Phase I
-Find all of the cultural resources within the project boundaries.
-Make recommendations, if need be, to evaluate the significance of identified sites.
Phase II
-Delineate site boundaries by examining the locations and concentrations of artifacts.
-Evaluate the extent of impact to the site from historic activities, such as plowing and erosion.
-Systematically collect artifacts so that distributions of artifact classes can be examined for possibly activity areas.
-Examine through artifact classes and clusters what the major activities were at the site and ultimately, if possible, ascertain site function.
-Recover a sample of diagnostic artifacts to determine the time period(s) of occupation.
-Record soil stratigraphy to determine the preservation of features, determine the nature of soil deposition and/or development, and observe the context of artifacts.
-Determine the extent of preservation of the cultural remains recovered.
-Determine through the comparison of the project site with other known sites in the area the scarcity of the resource and its potential for adding important information to the existing regional archaeological database.
-In concert with the above objectives, evaluate the cultural significance of the site.

Research Potential:

Both Phase I and Phase II excavations at 18AN935 reveal that the locale was quite possibly the scene of one or more short-term encampments associated with hunting and/or plant food collecting. However, the site does not appear to be intact. The fact that no subsurface features were exposed during the Phase II testing was not surprising given the nature of the plowzone soil. In some areas of the site, the plowzone directly overlay subsoil containing deep plowscars and rotting vegetation. It is likely that had features been present at the site they would have been destroyed by plowing. Thus, the site likely has no remaining research potential.