

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Phase II/III Archaeological Investigations of the Wishing Rock Camp Site (18 AN 1437) within the Cromwell Property, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

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## Sites examined:

18AN1437

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



### Project Justification:

This report describes a 2009 and 2010 Phase II/III project carried out on behalf of a housing developer on the Cromwell Property in Anne Arundel County. A Phase I survey of that property in 2009 led to the discovery of one prehistoric site, 18AN1437. Phase II testing, and later Phase III data recovery were requested by the Anne Arundel County Department of Planning and Zoning as a prerequisite of subdivision approval in compliance with Article 17, Title 6-502 of the Anne Arundel County Subdivision Regulations.

### Project Objectives:

#### Phase II

-Define the extent, age, and significance of the site.

-Evaluate that significance as well as the site's ability to address potential research questions.

-Make recommendations for how to mitigate the adverse effects of the development of the Cromwell Property.

#### Phase III

-Document the internal structure of the site and the extent to which discrete locales can be discerned.

-Document the evidence for specific activities taking place at the site and their relationship to the nearby Magothy Quartzite Quarry (18AN760).

## Research Potential:

The Wishing Rock Camp Site (18AN1437) comprises at least three separate prehistoric occupations, all of which appear to represent use of the site as a short-term staging area by the prehistoric people utilizing the Magothy Quartzite Quarry. The coarse texture of the sandy soils evident within the site meant that it was not possible to identify any distinct archeological features during the excavations and it is unlikely that any would be identified through further excavations. No further archeological investigation was recommended at the site with respect to the Cromwell Property subdivision.