

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

1972 Wright, H.T.  
Exploratory Excavations at Hancock's Resolution, 1971: A Field Report.  
Submitted to Historic Annapolis, Inc.

Library ID No: 00000458      Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 2

Sites examined:

18AN169

NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Phase	Project Justification:
Phase I	
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Phase III	

This brief report describes the findings of exploratory work conducted at the Hancock's Resolution plantation in August and September of 1971. The work was supported by Historic Annapolis, Inc.

Project Objectives:
-Provide further evidence of the date of construction.
-Assist the architects in the task of restoring and interpreting the site by providing evidence of construction practices, furnishings, additions, out-buildings, and landscaping.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN169.

## REPORT INFORMATION:

1986 Roulette, B.R., P. Shackel, and R.J. Dent  
Archaeological Investigation of Hancock's Resolution, Site 18AN169, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.  
Submitted to Anne Arundel County

Library ID No: 00000555      Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 81

Research Firm/Institution:

Archaeology in Annapolis  
1111 Woods Hall  
College Park, MD 20742-7415

Sites examined:

18AN169

NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Phase	Project Justification:
Phase I	
Phase II	
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

This report describes the findings of volunteer archaeological work conducted under the supervision of professional archeologists associated with the Archaeology in Annapolis consortium in June and July of 1986. The investigations were undertaken for dual purposes. Most important was that the site was to be disturbed during the stabilization and renovation of the Hancock family home by Anne Arundel County. In particular, the ground immediately adjacent to the foundation walls was to be trenched in order to inspect and repair sub-grade masonry, which would destroy any archeological deposits in the vicinity. The need for investigation was further reinforced by previous excavation in the early 1970s, which suggested deposits were present which would be valuable for research.

Project Objectives:
-Determine the orientation of activities associated with the house (and how it may have changed over time.
-Determine if refuse was concentrated in specific locales or widespread throughout the yard.
-Determine the date of house construction if possible.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN169.

## REPORT INFORMATION:

2001 Gadsby, D., et. al.

Research Firm/Institution:

Anne Arundel County's Lost Towns Project

Submitted to the Friends of Hancock's Resolution, Inc.

Library ID No: 97000749      Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 413

Sites examined:

18AN169                      18AN1005

NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Justification:</b> In 1998, Anne Arundel County purchased two lots totaling 12.9 acres adjacent to the Hancock's Resolution property, owned by the Historic Annapolis Foundation, Inc. and operated by the county as a park and interpretive center. The two new properties were deemed critical as "passive buffers for landscape and forest preservation, screening of intrusive uses and noise, and for enhanced security of interpretive and archeological areas of the historic site. The two properties were considered to have a high probability for containing historical archeological resources related to Hancock's Resolution. Thus, systematic survey and testing was carried out by County Archeologists as part of the Lost Towns Project to document resources on the newly acquired land.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Conduct a Phase I survey of the newly acquired properties adjacent to Hancock's Resolution.  -Conduct more rigorous archeological testing of the Window, Dairy, Kitchen, and Store areas.
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN169.

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN1005.

**REPORT INFORMATION:**

2002      Moser, J.D.  
 Executive summary. Archaeological fieldwork conducted at Hancock's Resolution on June 12, 13, and 18, 2002.  
 Submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust

Research Firm/Institution:

Anne Arundel County's Lost Towns Project  
 2664 Riva Road  
 Annapolis, MD 21404

Library ID No: 97001733      Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 457

Sites examined:

18AN169

NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Phase I		<b>Project Justification:</b> This letter is an executive summary describing archeological fieldwork conducted at Hancock's Resolution in June of 2002. The fieldwork addressed three separate issues: testing and subsequent mitigation of an area for a cistern installation as well as an associated well, monitoring of a utility trench to provide power to the cistern and well pump, and mapping of a series of ironstone blocks located in a garden area.
Phase II		
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Test and mitigate the areas to be directly impacted by the proposed construction activities.
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN169.

**REPORT INFORMATION:**

2006      Sharpe, S.  
 Phase III Archaeological Excavations at 18AN1005, Hancock's Resolution Park, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.  
 Submitted to the Friends of Hancock's Resolution

Research Firm/Institution:

Lost Towns Archaeology Project  
 2664 Riva Road, 4th Floor  
 Annapolis, MD 21401

Library ID No: 97002897      Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 524

Sites examined:

18AN1005

Project Details:

Phase I	<b>Project Justification:</b> In 2006, Anne Arundel County's Lost Towns project conducted mitigation work on a portion of previously identified Site 18AN1005, that was slated to be destroyed by the construction of a visitor's center for the Hancock's Resolution Park. The Anne Arundel County Trust for Historic Preservation, Inc, on behalf of the Friends of Hancock's Resolution obtained a grant from Preservation Maryland to develop a management response to the site's potential destruction. This work details the results of Phase II and Phase III excavation within the limits of disturbance for the project, which extracted valuable information about prehistoric occupations from the Accokeek Phase of the Early Woodland Period (ca. 900-400 BC).
Phase II	
Phase III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Mitigate the disturbance impacts caused by construction of the Hancock's Resolution Visitor's Center.
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Research Potential:

The Phase II/ III investigations were conducted across a large portion of the area that would be impacted by the construction of the visitor's center. The excavations recovered a broad sample of the site's historic and prehistoric components. Much of Bobby's Site appears to be relatively intact. The excavated portion yielded some diagnostic artifacts and contained an intact charcoal lens feature. The site should be considered a potentially significant site and those portions that have not been investigated thoroughly (the majority of the site) should be protected and preserved intact.

**REPORT INFORMATION:**

2014 Sharpe, S. and J.E. Kille  
 Supplemental Phase I Archaeological Testing at Hancock's Resolution (18AN169), Anne Arundel County, Maryland.  
 Submitted to the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks  
 Library ID No: 95002377 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 663

Research Firm/Institution:  
 Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation  
 PO Box 1573  
 Annapolis, MD 21404

Sites examined:

18AN169                      18AN1177

NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Phase I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Justification:</b> In March and April of 2014 the Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation sponsored supplemental Phase I survey work at Hancock's Resolution where construction of a new visitor center and parking lot was planned. Although previous excavations determined that the area of impact exhibited a low density of artifacts and was less significant than other portions of the site, additional testing was deemed necessary in order to mitigate the impacts of the proposed construction and ensure responsible stewardship of the site.
Phase II	
Phase III	

<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Conduct Phase I survey within the limits of disturbance (LOD) for the visitor's center and parking lot to mitigate the impacts of construction.  -Expand shovel tests to ensure that the site boundaries for nearby 18AN1177 (discovered in 2001) do not extend into the LOD.
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Research Potential:

Hancock's Resolution (18AN169) is clearly a significant archeological resource. The site preserves the intact remains of much of the late 18th century plantation landscape. It also represents the material culture of a single family: the Hancocks. The various research projects at the site suggest that much of the site is intact with features preserved below the surface. Careful planning and appropriate mitigation should be undertaken with any future development of the site.