

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Sites examined:

18AN197

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



Project Justification:

This report provides the details of archeological test excavations conducted at 18AN197, an aboriginal shell midden first recorded in 1971. The site is located in the Hillsmere Shores residential development. In the spring of 1979, plans got underway for development on the property and some initial brush clearance was undertaken. Planned development of the property included the construction of a swimming pool, house, and watershed bulkhead. The plans for construction became known when the landowner filed an application for a Corps of Engineers permit for the bulkhead. Since construction of the house and swimming pool would proceed regardless of whether or not the bulkhead permit was granted, and such construction would have an adverse impact on the site, MHT personnel sought permission from the property owner to obtain a representative sample from the site prior to development. The permission was granted and archeological testing was carried out in October by MHT and the Maryland Geological Survey (MGS) with volunteer/student assistance.

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Project Objectives:

-Conduct salvage operations at the Hillsmere Pond I site.

Research Potential:

The 1979 salvage project at 18AN197 documented a significant multi-component shell midden and short-term resource procurement camp on the South River. Shortly after that work, the site was destroyed by construction activities. The site has yielded up all of the information that it can and should no longer be considered a resource for additional archeological sampling.
