

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

1978 Marshall, B.  
A Report on an Archaeological Survey of Londontown Publik House and Gardens Located in Edgewater, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.  
Submitted to the Londontown Publik House Commission

Library ID No: 00000536      Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 62

Research Firm/Institution:

Archaeological Services, Inc.  
Box 26  
Stevenson, MD 21153

## Sites examined:

18AN48  
NRHP Eligible:  [Justification](#)  
NRHP Listed:

## Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Justification:</b>
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report describes a survey and testing program carried out at 18AN48 on behalf of the Londontown Publik House Commission for the purpose of assessing the potential for surviving 18th-century contexts on the county-owned property. The Commission's interest stemmed from a master planning effort for the future development and management of the Public House as a National Historic Landmark. Funding for the project was provided, in part, by budgeted funds from the Maryland Historical Trust.
Phase III		

<b>Project Objectives:</b>
-Conduct a systematic survey of the Public House grounds to determine the preservational characteristics of the environment, the background levels of artifacts and soil chemicals, and to possibly locate archeological features.
-Evaluate the potential of infra-red photographic anomalies, surface indications, areas of artifact concentration, informant interviews, and soil chemical analysis to locate archeological features.
-Correlate these lines of evidence with historic documentation.
-Evaluate any located features for their dates, use, and architectural style to the degree possible and extend this process to other areas of the Londontown peninsula as time and funding allow.

## Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN48.

## REPORT INFORMATION:

1986 Barse, M.F.  
A Preliminary Archeological Reconnaissance Survey of Londontown Publik House and Gardens and Twelve Acre Expansion.  
Submitted to the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks

Library ID No: 00000547      Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 72

Research Firm/Institution:

the Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21401

## Sites examined:

18AN48  
NRHP Eligible:  [Justification](#)  
NRHP Listed:

## Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Justification:</b>
Phase II		This report presents the results of a preliminary archeological survey conducted by the Maryland Historical Trust at the Londontown Public House and Gardens, Anne Arundel County. The survey included the property in the vicinity of the Public House, a National Historic Landmark, and a 12 acre parcel adjacent to the park, acquired by the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks between 1966 and 1985. Construction of a new park access road, visitors center, and greenhouse is planned for the park in the future. It is hoped that the results of this survey will serve to guide the course of
Phase III		

<b>Project Objectives:</b>
-Locate and describe significant or potentially significant archeological sites and areas that may exist in the project area.

development so that construction and preservation of archeological resources may enhance each other.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN48.

**REPORT INFORMATION:**

1995 Read, E.D.  
Phase II Testing of the Proposed Outflow Pipe Location at 18AN48, London Town Publik House, Edgewater, Maryland.  
Submitted to the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks  
Library ID No: 00005296 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 308

Research Firm/Institution:

Ann Arrundell County Historical Society  
PO Box 385  
Linthicum, MD 21090

Sites examined:

18AN48  
NRHP Eligible:   
[Justification](#)  
NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

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

**Project Justification:**  
This report describes Phase II archeological testing conducted at 18AN48, the London Town Publik House. At the time, Anne Arundel County was undertaking a shoreline stabilization project at the site. Part of the project called for the installation of a stone drain outflow at the base of the ravine adjacent to the west façade of the Publik House. Construction of the outfall required an Army Corps of Engineers Permit, which triggered action under Section 106 of the NHPA

**Project Objectives:**

Prehistoric  
-Test prehistoric settlement pattern models developed for the area.  
-Examine subsistence themes as defined by the Maryland Comprehensive State Historical Preservation Plan.

Historic  
-Determine if any intact 17th century structures are present in the project area.  
-Assess whether or not deposits exist at the site which have the potential to provide details about the personal life of William Brown.  
-Document the lives of the residents of the site during the Almshouse period.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN48.

**REPORT INFORMATION:**

1996 Persinger, B. and J.G. Gibb  
An Archaeological Overview of the Historical Town of London, Edgewater, Maryland.  
Submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust  
Library ID No: 00005322 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 330

Research Firm/Institution:

London Town Foudnation, Inc.  
839 Londontown Road  
Edgewater, Maryland 21037

Sites examined:

18AN48  
NRHP Eligible:   
[Justification](#)  
NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

**Project Justification:**  
This report provides an overview and assessment of work carried out at 18AN48 since 1971. This overview reviews previous reports, notes, photographic data, and collections, and briefly reviews newly collected and analyzed archival data.

**Project Objectives:**  
-Review previous archeological work conducted at 18AN48.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN48.

**REPORT INFORMATION:**

Research Firm/Institution:

Limited Site Examination of Lot 86 at the Colonial Port Town of London, Edgewater, Maryland.  
Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration

Library ID No: 00005330 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 338

Sites examined:

18AN48  
NRHP Eligible:   
[Justification](#)  
NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Phase I	<b>Project Justification:</b> This report provides a description of the archeological excavations at 18AN48 carried out by archeologists with the Lost Towns Project between 1995 and 1997. Much of this work was funded with the aid of an Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) Enhancement Grant, administered through the Maryland State Highway Administration, as well as funds provided by Anne Arundel County, the Maryland Historical Trust, and the London Town Foundation, Inc. The work focused on deposits related to the 18th century occupation by William Brown.
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III	

<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Identify and evaluate the nature of archeological deposits reported during previous surveys.  -Locate archeological remain identified through archival research as being located in the lawn area south of the William Brown house.  -Determine the location and layout of the previous house, tavern, etc. lots to assist Londontown Foundation and Anne Arundel County in the interpretation of the town.
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN48.

**REPORT INFORMATION:**

1999 Hayes, R.L.  
A Shallow Water Shoreline Survey of London Town, Maryland.  
Submitted to the London Town Foundation, Inc.  
Library ID No: 97000142 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 364

Research Firm/Institution:  
Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society  
P.O. Box 44382  
Washington, D.C 20026

Sites examined:

18AN48  
NRHP Eligible:   
[Justification](#)  
NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Phase I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Justification:</b> This report describes a 1997 shoreline and near-shore underwater survey conducted along the southern side of the County Pier in front of the Public House at London Town. Volunteers for the Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society (MAHS) were invited to undertake the work by Dr. Susan Langley, Underwater Archeologist for the State of Maryland.
Phase II	
Phase III	

<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Reconstruct, to the extent possible, the early shoreline of Londontown.  -Provide recommendations for how to best preserved these portions of the site.
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN48.

**REPORT INFORMATION:**

2003 Plumley, L.E.  
Searching for the Poor of Lost London: the Almshouse Years 1823-1965.  
Submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust  
Library ID No: 97001621 Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 453

Research Firm/Institution:  
Anne Arundel County's Lost Towns Project  
2664 Riva Road, MS 6402  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Sites examined:

18AN48  
NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Phase I	<b>Project Justification:</b> This report describes an effort begun in the winter of 2001 to document the archeology at Historic London Town and Gardens associated with use of the property as the Anne Arundel County almshouse. The work was carried out with the financial assistance of a Maryland Historical Trust non-capital grant awarded to the London Town Foudnation, Inc. and the Lost Towns Project in 2001.
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III	

<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Reveal foundations of a 19th century structure (ca. 1830-1910) built for the black residents of the almshouse.  -Collect artifacts associated with the use of this building.
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AN48.

**REPORT INFORMATION:**

2003 Plumley, L.E. and M.L. Kerns-Nocerito

Discovering London Town off the Park: Salvage Excavations on the Shah Property (18AN1062).  
Submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust

Library ID No: 97002005      Catalog/Shelving ID: AN 464

Research Firm/Instititution:

Anne Arundel County Dept. of Environmental & Cultural Programs  
2664 Riva Road, MS 6402  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Sites examined:

18AN48      18AN1062

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

NRHP Listed:

Project Details:

Phase I	<b>Project Justification:</b> The Shah Property (18AN1062) lies directly adjacent to London Town House and Gardens, a historical and horticultural park owned by Anne Arundel County and operated by the London Town Foundation, Inc. The park consists of 23 acres, approximately one quarter the size of the original town of London, a tobacco port established in 1684. In 2001, Anne Arundel County archeologists learned that the Shah family planned to tear down their standing house and construct a new home on the property. Over the ensuing months, the Shah family and County archeologists agreed upon an arrangement in which the crew could test the property before house demolition.
Phase II	
Phase III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Attempt to locate evidence of the late 17th and 18th century tobacco-port Town of London.
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Research Potential:

Londontown (18AN48) is clearly a significant and valuable archeological resource. Much of the site is intact and well protected as public property owned by Anne Arundel County and managed as a historic and archeological park. Work at Londontown by the Lost Towns group is ongoing. No final, synthetic report has yet been completed, though several topical articles have been published. The synopsis report included in the Archeological Synthesis Database, serves as a brief overview of the work at Londontown until such a time as a final report on the site is completed.

Unfortunately, access to the Shah Property was limited to the southwestern section of the 3.15 acre parcel. Excavations took place only in front of the 20th century structure and in areas disturbed by landscaping and driveway construction. Historic structural elements (postholes, hearth, and a storage pit) were discovered during this investigation but the remainder of the structure lay under the modern foundation and could not be fully documented. Thus, it is difficult to state anything with regard to the research potential of 18AN1062. Much of the site could be disturbed or destroyed, particularly in light of the construction that would have taken place following the 2003 excavations. Alternatively, significant deposits could remain preserved beneath the current house or elsewhere in the un-tested portions of the property.