

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase I and II Archeological Investigations, Maryland Route 3, from Maryland Route 32 to US 50, Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18AN512 Others

NRHP Eligible: N

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report presents the results of a 2003 Phase I and II archeological investigations for (then) proposed improvements to Maryland Route 3 (MD 3), from MD 32 to US Route 50, in Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties. The investigated region consisted of two design corridors covering approximately 68 acres. Phase II testing was only carried out at 18AN512, identified during previous survey work. The work was carried out under contract to the Maryland State Highway Administration, which is subject to the provisions of both the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as well as Article §§ 5A- 325 and 5A-326 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
Phase III		

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Project Objectives:
Phase I
-Relocate previously identified archeological sites within the project corridors.
-Locate and identify any previously unknown archeological sites within the project corridors.
Phase II
-Define the horizontal and vertical limits of 18AN512.
-Interpret the site in terms of activities, functions, etc.
-Investigate research questions that can provide information on the property's local or regional significance.
-Evaluate the property's eligibility for the NRHP or Maryland Register.
-Determine the impact of the road construction on the site.
-Assess the need for additional archeological treatment of the site.

Research Potential:

Based on the Phase II excavations at 18AN512 in 2003, the site was considered by the excavators to have the potential to yield significant information concerning the lives of early 20th century tenant farmers of African descent, and was recommended as eligible for the NRHP under Criterion D. However, MHT did not concur with this opinion. While the site does contain intact features, the Phase II testing revealed numerous fill deposits in the yard area and disturbance from the railroad embankment. Furthermore, the full site report states that ceramics are poorly represented, faunal remains are absent, artifacts present in the sheet midden are very fragmented, and the site lacks buried deposits. The Phase II testing has not demonstrated that the site contains the data needed to address important questions. It is the Trust's opinion that 18AN512 does not meet the criteria for eligibility in the National Register of Historic Places.