

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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Addendum Report: Phase II Archaeological Investigations of Vineyards Prehistoric Sites I and II (18 AN 1249 and 1250), Vineyard/Pear Tree Estates Development, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

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## Sites examined:

18AN1249      18AN1250

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



### Project Justification:

This report describes a 2009 Phase II testing at program at two sites identified in 2004 during a survey of the (then) proposed Vineyard/Pear Tree Estates near Tracey's Landing in Anne Arundel County. A total of 6 archeological sites were identified during the Phase I, but no further archeological investigations were recommended for any of them due to the ephemeral nature of their associated artifact deposits as well as their apparent lack of any subsurface features. Following a review of the Phase I investigation by the Anne Arundel County Archeologist's office, and as a result of plans to develop Lot 18, the location of two of the identified sites, Phase II testing was carried out.

### Project Objectives:

- Determine if artifact clusters are present that may represent living surfaces or features such as fire or trash pits.
- Gauge whether or not chronologically discrete occupations can be identified based on stratigraphic separation.
- Assess whether or not discrete activity areas can be identified.
- Evaluate the likelihood that either site can provide significant information concerning life in the past.

## Research Potential:

Site 18AN1249 appears to consist of an ephemeral scatter of prehistoric lithic material confined to the plowzone with no significant subsurface component. In this respect the Phase II investigation echoes the results of the Phase I survey. Researchers were unable to address any of the research goals put forward for the site and it is unlikely that subsequent work would produce different results. Site 18AN1249 should not be considered a significant archeological resource.

While an analysis of the artifact assemblage suggests that 18AN1250 may have been used as a short-term resource procurement camp, excavations carried out during the Phase II investigation indicate that the site is both ephemeral and confined to the plowzone. This was especially apparent during the excavation of the two test units, from which only a small quantity of artifacts (5 objects) were recovered. No artifact clusters were identified, chronologically discrete occupations and activity areas cannot be isolated, and the site cannot provide significant information related to Maryland's prehistory. No further archeological investigation of the site is recommended.