

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

Phase III

The purpose of this archeological study was to locate, identify, and mitigate archeological features in areas of (then) proposed areas of renovation and stabilization of Sandy Point Farmhouse. The Sandy Point Farmhouse renovation project was designed to arrest the devastating deterioration of the structure and provide upgraded water service to the farmhouse for eventual use by the park for public programs. Testing was limited to only areas of proposed disturbance (i.e. areas of utility installation and the immediate area around the standing house). Renovations to the state-owned property were being funded by public monies and, thus, state regulations relating to the protection of archeological resources came into play.

Project Objectives:

-Locate, identify, and mitigate archeological features in the proposed areas of renovation and stabilization at the Sandy Point Farmhouse.

Research Potential:

The current status of 18AN534 and whether the work conducted was adequate for mitigative purposes is something of an unknown at this point. The 2 regulatory agencies involved in the project at the time, the Maryland Historical Trust and the State Office of Archeology (which at that time was part of the MD Geological Survey) seem to have disagreed about the adequacy of the work and conclusions about site significance. The latter agency felt that the work (or at least the reporting of it) was inadequate. The fact that the full report states that absolutely no artifacts were found in eight fully excavated and screened 1 X 1 m units adjacent to a historic farmhouse, casts doubt on the caliber of the work. Consequently it is difficult to make any statement about the site's potential to address ongoing research questions related to Maryland history.