

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase II Limited Archaeological Site Examination of Portions of Brown's Cove #1 (18AN124),  
Smith's Marina, Herald Harbor, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.  
Submitted to Richard Smith (Smith's Marina)

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## Sites examined:

18AN124

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



### Project Justification:

This report describes Phase II testing in March of 2009 at previously identified site 18AN124. Smith's Marina was proposing replacement of a derelict building on the property and installation of a sanitary system at the marina. Henry T. Wright previously identified an extensive, if badly disturbed, oyster shell midden around the marina and in the lawns of surrounding residences. Under the authority of Article 17, Section 6, Subtitle 5, of the Anne Arundel County Subdivision Regulations, the Anne Arundel County Archeologist requested an archeological investigation of the parcel to determine the integrity of the shell midden.

### Project Objectives:

- Examine the depth, integrity, and composition of the deposits at 18AN124.
- Locate any cultural features associated with the site.

## Research Potential:

The Brown's Cove I site (18AN124) is a badly deteriorated oyster shell midden with a distinct Selby Bay phase (late Middle Woodland) component. A small parcel of less than ¼ acre on the north side of the marina may contain evidence of a Selby Bay campsite. The area appears to have been plowed at some point in the past. Portions of the site lying within the boat storage yard have been heavily deflated and disturbed by grading, paving, and erosion. The land around a derelict building, site of proposed construction, also has been severely deflated and eroded. Site remnants bordering a local road lack integrity. The undeveloped wooded area to the north may warrant additional testing should that area be developed. However, no formal test units were excavated during the 2009 Phase II as this area was the only potential intact portion of the site and was outside the area that would be impacted by the (then) proposed marina improvements.