

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Archeological Field Reconnaissance and Preliminary Testing Along U.S. Route 50/301,
Prince Georges and Anne Arundel Counties, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18PR168 others

Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

This report describes a 1982 combined Phase I/II study in Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties. Eleven previously identified archeological sites were reconsidered to determine the extent of possible impact from the (then) proposed widening of US Route 50/301. The Maryland State Highway Administration had requested that the Maryland Geological Survey re-examine the sites to determine their locations with respect to the latest right-of-way specifications for the project. The work was carried out in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

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Phase II

Project Objectives:

- Re-locate the eleven previously identified archeological sites that may be impacted by the widening of US Route 50.
- Determine the spatial relationship between documented site locations and updated highway right-of-way specifications.
- Conduct testing in any sites encompassed by the right-of-way.

Phase III

Research Potential:

It is possible that 18PR168 could be considered eligible for listing on the NRHP on the grounds that it could yield significant information on prehistory. But, considering the low density of aboriginal artifacts at the site and the non-descript nature of the artifacts themselves, this possibility is remote. While the site was partially within the highway project right-of-way, construction would be unlikely to actually impact the site. Avoidance was recommended and the site may still be substantially intact today.