

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1993 Warner, M.S. and P.R. Mullins

Phase I-II Archaeological Investigations on the Courthouse Site (18AP63), an Historic African-American Neighborhood in Annapolis, Maryland.

Submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust

Library ID No: 00000154

Catalog/Shelving ID: AP 52

Research Firm/Institution:

Archaeology in Annapolis & Historic Annapolis Foundation

194 Prince George St.

Annapolis, MD 21401

Sites examined:

18AP63

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

This report presents the findings and interpretations of archeological testing at the Courthouse Site (18AP63), a multi-component historic site located in the Historic District of Annapolis. The site is a roughly triangular block that at the time served as a parking lot for the Anne Arundel County Courthouse. The parking lot had been slated as the location for a Courthouse addition which would destroy all remaining archeological deposits.

Phase III

Project Objectives:

-Assess the archeological integrity of the property, evaluating the extent to which any remaining archeological materials had been disturbed and/or destroyed during the parking lot construction.

-Evaluate the density of the archeological materials on the site and assess how long the property had actually been occupied.

-Investigate the historic circumstances of the African-American community in Annapolis.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AP63.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1995 Aiello, E.A. and J.L. Seidel

Three Hundred Years in Annapolis: Phase III Archaeological Investigations of the Anne Arundel County Courthouse Site (18AP63), Annapolis, Maryland.

Submitted to Spillis Candela/Warnecke

Library ID No: 00000165

Catalog/Shelving ID: AP 63

Research Firm/Institution:

Archaeology in Annapolis

1111 Woods Hall

College Park, MD 20742-7415

Sites examined:

18AP63

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

During the summer of 1994, Archaeology in Annapolis conducted archaeological investigations of the city block bounded by Franklin, South, and Cathedral Streets in the city of Annapolis. This Phase III excavation was conducted as a means to identify subsurface cultural resources in the impact area associated with the proposed construction of an Anne Arundel County Courthouse addition. This impact area included both upper and lower parking lot areas used by Courthouse employees.

Phase III

Project Objectives:

-Excavate a representative sample of the materials and features within the impact area for the proposed courthouse annex.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AP63.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2001 Larson, E.L.

Research Firm/Institution:

Archaeology in Annapolis

Sites examined:

18AP63

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase		Project Justification:
Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The report describes archeological excavations for the expansion of the historic Banneker-Douglass Museum in Annapolis in June of 2000. The expansion of the museum would have significant impact to previously identified site 18AP63 and was initiated by the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to comply with the state historic preservation law, Article 83B, Sections 5-617 and 5-618 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The proposed expansion would encompass the remaining open space on the north side of the Museum and would destroy any/all remaining archeological resources in that area.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Locate and identify surviving archeological resources.
-Maximize the identification and documentation of archeological features such as house foundations and basements, outbuildings, as well as other features such as middens and privies.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18AP63.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2002 Larsen, E.L.
Phase III Archeological Investigations for the Banneker-Douglass Museum Expansion, The Courthouse Site (18AP63), 86-90 Franklin Street, Annapolis, Maryland, 2001.
Submitted to the MD Commission on African American History and Culture & the MD Department of Housing and Community Development

Research Firm/Institution:
Archaeology in Annapolis
1111 Woods Hall
College Park, MD 20742-7415

Sites examined:

18AP63

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase		Project Justification:
Phase I		The report describes archeological excavations for the rehabilitation and expansion of the historic Banneker-Douglass Museum in Annapolis in July and August of 2001. The project was devised to mitigate the proposed building expansion project's adverse effects on archeological resources already determined to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. The work was initiated by the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to comply with the state historic preservation law, Article 83B, Sections 5-617 and 5-618 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
Phase II		
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives:
-Remove significant overburden and construction debris identified during previous excavations at 18AP63 in order to more effectively reach intact earlier deposits.
-Target backyard areas in an effort to maximize data recovery.
-Identify features such as house foundations, builder's trenches, outbuildings, and activity areas to further interpretation of the changing landscape and built environment of this African-American community.

Research Potential:

Except for the front of the courthouse building, the area excavated in 2001 was the last, large open area left on the block. With the completion of the Banneker-Douglass Museum Expansion Project, there is little left for future archeological work at 18AP63.
