

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Sites examined:

18AP75 18AP76

Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II



Phase III



This report presents the results of cultural resources management investigations for the Main Street Reconstruction Project in Annapolis. The project entailed replacing existing utilities and repaving the sidewalks and street of Main Street Annapolis from Church Circle to Compromise Street. The City of Annapolis received state financial assistance for the project, making it subject to compliance with Article 83B, Section 5-617 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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Project Objectives:

-Undertake a Phase Ia archival and disturbance study to evaluate the potential for the project to affect significant archeological resources.

-Conduct test excavations in three Electrical Man-Hole (EMH) vault areas identified as archeologically sensitive.

-Perform Phase III data recovery of significant deposits and features.

-Implement a public interpretation program, including an interpretive display, brochure, and slideshow.

Research Potential:

Excavations at 18AP75 revealed historically significant, intact deposits and cultural features. The assemblages recovered from the site are capable of addressing research questions related to late 17th and early 18th century Annapolis, and specifically related to tavern operations. While the resource was significant, data recovery was required to mitigate the impact of the downtown project and much of the intact tavern-related features had to be excavated. The presence/absence of additional resources related to the tavern is not known as excavation was restricted largely to the near vicinity of the EMH vault installation.

It appears unlikely that this small remnant of intact cultural deposits extended any distance outside of Test Unit 1. In Test Unit 2, located directly adjacent to the west, no similar intact deposits were identified. On the street side of Test Unit 1 and downhill to the east, there has been extensive utility emplacement. Feature 1-01 clearly has disturbed these deposits toward the sidewalk. The site likely has little to no remaining research potential.