

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Excavations at the State House Inn Site, 18AP42, 15 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18AP42

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



Project Justification:

This report describes the finding of 8 weeks of investigations at the State House Inn property on State Circle in downtown Annapolis, Maryland. The work was carried out with the permission of the proprietor of the inn prior to landscaping activities on the site. It was funded by a grant from the National Geographic Society and the Historic Annapolis Foundation as part of a larger investigation of the Baroque town plan of Annapolis, laid out by Governor Francis Nicholson in 1695. The excavation program was a first step in a program to recover information about gradual change to the city plan. Other aspects of the project involved the monitoring of public utility installations and publically funded excavations in areas of significant impact.

Project Objectives:

-Discover what earlier evidence of the placement and form of the 1695 Nicholson plan would look like.

-Gather evidence that will contribute the understanding the development of the plan over time, and specifically changes to the road alignments for State Circle.

-Obtain a profile across the State House Inn yard, perpendicular to the circumference of State Circle for comparison.

Research Potential:

The excavations at 18AP42 demonstrated that intact archeological deposits were present, capable of providing information on the evolution of the State Circle area. The extent to which landscaping alterations following the 1985 excavations would have altered these deposits is uncertain. The site may still retain significant archeological deposits.