

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Continuity and Change on an Urban Houselot: Archaeological Excavation at the 22 West Street Backlot (18AP51) of the Annapolis National Historic District, Anne Arundel County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18AP51

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

This report describes intensive archeological investigation undertaken on an urban backlot in Annapolis, Maryland. Fieldwork was conducted on behalf of Historic Annapolis Foundation for the property's owners, King and Cornwall, Inc. While the project was not a Section 106 compliance effort, the field methods and rationale for the site's investigation were comparable to those of standard Phase II site evaluations. Moreover, the fieldwork was carried out by Archaeology in Annapolis, which receives public monies through the University of Maryland and periodic grants from the City of Annapolis.

Project Objectives:

- Assess the site's below-ground archeological integrity.
- Locate any evidence of prehistoric occupation (if it exists).
- Attempt to clarify early lot history through examination of buried resources.
- Locate any below-ground evidence of early craft production in this part of town.
- Locate any below-ground evidence for domestic occupation of the site. Assess how the relationship between home and workplace changed or was modified over the life of the lot.
- Assess the likelihood of recovering intact deposits on nearby lots based on the evidence from 18AP51.
- Determine if data from the site suggests past land use in this general area of Annapolis, which is poorly documented.

Research Potential:

Though Site 18AP51 revealed the presence of intact artifact deposits and features, no additional work at the site is recommended. The site is heavily developed today, and it is unlikely that much remains intact for future research.