

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase II Archaeological Study at 18BA36, Little Neck Site, Gunpowder Falls State Park,  
Days Cove Area, Baltimore County, Maryland.  
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## Sites examined:

18BA36

## Project Details:

Phase I

### Project Justification:

In late 1991 a Phase II archeological investigation of two areas (Area 1 and Area 2) within Site 18BA36 was undertaken for the Department of Natural Resources. The archeological study was required by the Army Corps of Engineers as part of a wetland permit and ahead of proposed gravel quarrying in the area. The report also details artifacts from the Evergreen collection which included artifacts collected from the site in the 1890s.

Phase II

### Project Objectives:

-Determine the horizontal and vertical extents of the archeological deposits within the project areas  
  
-Determine if any intact archeological deposits eligible for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places exist

Phase III

## Research Potential:

The Little Neck Site (18BA36) is a multicomponent site with prehistoric occupation from the Middle Archaic through the Late Woodland periods. Archeological testing has only been done on 2 small areas of the site (the northern and west-central portions) but this information has been supplemented with data gathered by avocational archeologists over several years. The small numbers of artifacts recovered during Phase II testing and their distribution into discrete areas indicated that the site was occupied many times through prehistory and that the groups who occupied the site were likely small, mobile groups. The types of artifacts present (ceramics, projectile points, utilized flakes) suggested that occupation was probably seasonal with a variety of activities taking place. The late 19th and early 20th centuries are also represented in the material assemblage but no discussion of the origin or significance of those materials was given in the original site report. Although a small area of possible integrity was identified in the west-central portion of the site, the lack of cultural features and limited material assemblage from the site resulted in the determination that Site 18BA36 was not eligible for listing to the National Register. No additional work was recommended in the tested portions of the site and the gravel quarrying and wetland projects were given the go-ahead. However, the observed increase of artifacts close to the south edge of the field in Area 1, in conjunction with intact deposits, and the presence of deep floods in the area, suggested that more substantial archeological deposits may be present in the woods south of Area 1. Prior to any proposed earth-moving activities in that area, a Phase I archeological study is recommended.