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18BA458

Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

This report describes research focused archaeological excavations at Site 18BA458. Field investigations were conducted between January and July of 1998. The work was undertaken as part of the Central Chapter of the Archeological Society of Maryland's Big Gunpowder Falls Rockshelter Survey.

Phase III

Project Objectives:

1. document the presence or absence of prehistoric habitation at the rockshelter,
2. Determine Cultural Chronology for Rockshelter occupations at 18BA458
3. Document site 18BA458's features
4. Assess rockshelter use along Big Gunpowder Falls and its tributaries.

Research Potential:

Site 18BA458 represents a Pre-Contact rock shelter site with Early Archaic, Middle Archaic, and Late Woodland components located on Poplar Run, a small tributary of the Big Gunpowder Falls in northern Baltimore County, Maryland. Excavation profiles suggest that roof fall slabs and spalls, roots, and animal disturbances have impacted the rockshelter's stratigraphy. Nevertheless, further testing of the Losch Rockshelter is recommended to better define the bedding plane, talus area, and the prehistoric cultural patterns within the Poplar Run watershed. Further exploration of the Poplar Run shelters may add to the understanding of how smaller tributaries within the Eastern Piedmont province of the Eastern Woodlands were utilized in the past.