

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase II Archeological Evaluation of the Redeemer Site (18BA580) For the Proposed Roundabout of MD 147 at Glen Arm/Mt. Vista Roads, Baltimore County, Maryland
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Sites examined:

18BA580

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



Project Justification:

This report describes an expanded Phase I survey and a Phase II archaeological evaluation of the Redeemer Site (18BA580) conducted in 2015. The work was undertaken prior to the SHA, with assistance from the Federal Highway Administration, constructing a roundabout at the intersection of MD 147 (Harford Road), Glen Arm Road, and Mt. Vista Road in Baltimore County, Maryland. As 18BA580 falls within the proposed area of potential effect, it was anticipated that the project would have an impact on archeological resources represented by at the site. Therefore, a Phase II archaeological evaluation was warranted to determine the eligibility of the site for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. This investigation was performed in accordance with federal and state laws that protect cultural resources. These mandates include: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992; the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1966, as amended; the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; Code of Federal Regulations: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (36 CFR 800); Executive Order 11593; Maryland Historical Trust Act of 1985, as amended; and State Finance and Procurement 5A-325 and 5A-326 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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Project Objectives:

1. Define horizontal and vertical site boundaries
2. Determine the degree of sub-surface integrity
3. Determine the temporal age(s) of the site
4. Determine whether subsurface features are present at the site.
5. Determine site functions of the site occupations.
6. Evaluate the eligibility of the site for inclusion on the National Register.

Research Potential:

Phase I and Phase II archeological testing at the Redeemer site (18BA580) yielded only 214 pieces of flaked stone. The artifacts were recovered from the plow zone or the uppermost layer of the subsoil, and none of the artifacts were temporally or culturally diagnostic. All of the flaked stone artifacts are made of locally available quartz and schist lithic raw material types. No evidence of any pre-contact period cultural features, activity areas, or artifact concentrations was identified at the site. Based on the results of the Phase I and Phase II archeological investigations, the Redeemer site (18BA580) is a location that was used/occupied by pre-contact period peoples; however, the exact activities that took place there, the amount of time the people spent there, and the number of times the location was visited are not known.

Based on the application of the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Criteria for Evaluation the tested portion of the Redeemer site (18BA580) that lies within the archeological study area lacks significance under NRHP criteria. Therefore no additional archeological investigations are warranted before construction. Portions of the Redeemer site (18BA580) extend outside State Highway Administration right-of-way, and the significance and eligibility of these archeological deposits under NRHP criteria remain unevaluated. Further Phase II testing would be required if these site areas would be impacted in the future.