Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

2019 Hill, P.J. and K. Palich

A phase I archeological survey of a 50-acre+/- portion of the Raphel Road/Rutkowski property: a 60-acre farm located on Raphel Road in White Marsh, Baltimore County, Maryland.

Submitted to Maryland Transportation Authority

Library ID No: 95003228 Catalog/Shelving ID: BA 251

Research Firm/Institutution:

Archeological Testing and Consulting, Inc.
12025 Remington Drive
Silver Spring, Maryland 20902

Sites examined:

18BA612	18BA613	18BA614	18BA615	18BA38
NRHP Eligible: N	NRHP Eligible: N	NRHP Eligible: N	NRHP Eligible: N	NRHP Eligible: N

Justification

Project Details:

Phase I [X]

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

An Interstate 95 maintenance facility and reforestation project was planned for the property by the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA). The archeological survey was required under Section 1106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended).

MAC Accession: 2019.029.001 - 2019.029.005

Project Objectives:

Documentary research was conducted for this project; the goal was to develop an environmental-historical-cultural context for the study area. This context serves as a predictive and interpretive model for the overall study. A pedestrian survey or walk-over was conducted over the study area prior to a subsurface investigation. The following objectives were addressed during the walk-over: (1) becoming familiar with study area boundaries, (2) documenting existing natural and cultural landscapes, (3) isolating testable and untestable portions, (4) identifying above-ground and exposed cultural resources, (5) assessing overall buried archeological potential, and (6) planning for the subsequent subsurface investigation. A subsurface investigation followed the walk-over. Shovel testing was selected as the method of artifact recovery because the ground surface was obscured by a dense floral cover of grass and to a much lesser extent, weeds, thorny brush, and other undergrowth. The two main excavation goals included the identification of buried archeological resources and an examination of study area soils.

Research Potential:

With the exception of Site 18BA612, the other resources are considered to be insignificant archeological resources, lacking in research value, and ineligible for listing in the National Register (NR). Thus, no further archeological work is recommended for them. However, Site 18BA612 is potentially significant and requires an evaluation study in order to assess significance, research value, and NR eligibility.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2019 Hill, P.J. and K. Rogers

: A phase II archeological evaluation of site 18BA612 within the Raphel Road property: A 60-acre farm located on Raphel Road in White Marsh, Baltimore County, Maryland.

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Research Firm/Institutution:

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Sites examined:

18BA612
NRHP Eligible: N
Justification

Additional sites as listed above:
18BA613, 18BA38, 18BA614, 18BA615

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II [X]

Phase III

Project Justification:

The multistage investigation was completed for the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) in response to its proposed development of the subject property, which was to include a 10-acre road maintenance facility and the balance of the acreage to be reforested. The evaluation study was requested by the Maryland Historical Trust in accordance with Section 106.

Project Objectives:

The primary goals of the evaluation study are to assess research value and archeological significance of Site 18BA612 and, under Criterion [d], determine whether the resource is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

MAC Accession: 2019.029.002

Research Potential:

The archeological resource is domestic-related and pre-dates the Civil War Period and, therefore, offers important information on the lifeways of early farming-related households. This includes households composed of some mix of property owners, tenant farmers, farmhands, domestic servants, and slaves. The site also has historic context with two main ownership families, i.e., the Raphels and Rutkowkis, which spans a significantly long period of time between 1836 and 1914 and 1940 to 2009. This ownership period essentially documents the historical change of a working farm throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The history of the farm also contains a few interesting yet anomalous land uses, including temporarily holding mass in the main house prior to the end of the Civil War, operating a short-term truck farming business on the property after Raphel family ownership ends in 1914, and lodging boarders during the second quarter of the twentieth century with its overlap with The Great Depression.