

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Sites examined:

18BA582

NRHP Eligible: N

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

This report describes a Phase II Archaeological Evaluation of Site 18BA582 during April and May 2013. The work was undertaken prior to construction of the proposed Red Line Light Rail Transit project in Baltimore County and the City of Baltimore, Maryland. As 18BA582 falls within the proposed area for the I-70 park-and-ride lot, it was anticipated that the project would have an impact on archeological resources represented by 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. The Red Line LRT project is jointly funded by grants from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and revenues from the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund. 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; 49 U.S.C. § 470f: Protection of Historic and Cultural Resources, 36 CFR 800; the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C §§ 4331(b)(4) and 4332; the Archeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974, 16 U.S.C. § 469 et seq.; the Archeological Resources Protection Act (P.L. 96-95); and the Maryland Historical Trust Act of 1985, as amended, State Finance and Procurement Articles §§5A-325 and 5A-326 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

Phase III

Project Objectives:

Project Objects:

1. Define the horizontal and vertical limits of the archeological site;
2. interpret the activities, functions, timespan, and historic contexts that occurred within the site;
3. discuss the site's local or regional significance through investigation of various research questions;
4. determine the impact of the proposed undertaking on the archeological site;
5. assess the need for additional archeological treatment of the property; and,
6. evaluate the eligibility of the site for inclusion on the National Register.

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Research Potential:

Site 18BA582 is a multi component site with prehistoric and historic occupations in mostly disturbed contexts due to dumping and disturbance in the mid- to late twentieth century.

The historic occupations at site 18BA582 consist of a rural landscape within which are situated the remains of five mid- nineteenth- through mid-twentieth-century structures. The buildings include a main dwelling, bank barn, well, dairy, and an outbuilding, all with intact stone foundations. In addition, the site exhibits landscape features, such as ornamental plantings, fence lines, and a shell-paved roadway associated with the historic use of the property.

The prehistoric occupation consists of a Late Archaic site that yielded one Piscataway Point, one unifacial micro-disk, two scrapers, and numerous quartz flakes indicating prehistoric lithic reduction activity within the area.

Given the disturbance of both historic and prehistoric components of the site, Site 18BA582 was recommended by the Red Line Team as ineligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places and no further work was recommended prior to construction.