

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1977 Curry, Dennis

Archeological Reconnaissance of Maryland Route 26 from Freedom to Offutt Roads, Baltimore and Carroll Counties, Maryland.

Submitted to Maryland Department of Transportation

Library ID No: 00005422 Catalog/Shelving ID: BA 20A

Research Firm/Institution:

Maryland Geological Survey, Division of Archeology

2300 St. Paul Street

Baltimore, MD 21218

Sites examined:

18BA162 18BA164

Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

Phase III

Archeological survey was undertaken in 1977 ahead the proposed expansion of Maryland Route 26 from Freedom Road to Offutt Road. The study area consisted of a stretch of existing Route 26 that was 14.48 km (9 mi) long with a right-of-way of 45.72 m (150 ft) on either side of the road. Site 18BA162 was identified during the survey. Site 18BA164 was first identified by avocational archeologists and collectors in the late 1960s and 1970s. The site was reexamined during the archeological survey undertaken in 1977.

MAC Accession: 1977.036

Project Objectives:

-Identify prehistoric and historic sites located within the right-of-way

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18HA162.

See below for remaining research questions at 18HA164.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1979 Gardner, W.M. et al.

Intensive Archeological Investigations at 18BA164 and 18BA162, Baltimore County, Maryland.

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Library ID No: 00005423 Catalog/Shelving ID: BA 20B

Research Firm/Institution:

Thunderbird Research Corporation

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Front Royal, VA 22630

Sites examined:

18BA162 18BA164

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

Based on the Phase I testing, it was determined that road construction on the north side of Route 26 would impact Site 18HA162; therefore, Phase II archeological testing was recommended. Site 18HA164 was considered to be an archeologically sensitive area. The site was determined to be potentially significant in the context of settlement patterns and functional specialization as there was, at the time, little comparable evidence for this area of Baltimore County. The Maryland Department of Transportation suggested that further investigations be undertaken at the location. Phase II fieldwork was conducted at Site 18BA162 in April 1979 and at Site 18BA164 in October 1978.

Project Objectives:

-Acquire data on site function and prehistoric settlement patterns

-Supplement the archeological record of this area of Baltimore County

-Determine if the sites are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places

Research Potential:

The Route 26, #1 Site (18BA162) represents a temporary hunting site or camp site dated to the Early to Middle Woodland period based on the finds of two diagnostic projectile points. The variety of local along with non-local lithic materials collected from the site suggested that at least some of the materials were brought to the site by traveling groups. It is doubtful that further excavations would produce significant data on prehistoric activity at the site. No further work is recommended at 18BA162 and it was deemed not eligible for listing on the Nation Register of Historic Places.

The Liberty Quarry Site (18BA164) consisted of a small locus of prehistoric soapstone/steatite quarrying and bowl manufacture and a larger open quarry pit related to historic quarrying activity. The prehistoric locus was fairly small as it was likely impacted by later historic activity at the quarry and by inundation resulting from the creation of Liberty Lake. It was presumed that the 2 recovered bowl fragments dated from the Late Archaic period. No quarrying tools or evidence of other activities was identified at the site. No further work was recommended for the site and it was deemed not eligible for listing on the Nation Register of Historic Places.
