

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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18BC14

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



### Project Justification:

This report describes the results of test excavations at the Front Street Site (18BC14) in a city-owned park in downtown Baltimore, Maryland in 1975. Much of the area surrounding the site was cleared out around 1970, resulting in increased exposure of the site and its features. In early February 1975, a brick-lined pit was mostly dug out by bottle collectors, prompting the attention of both the preservation and archeological communities as well as the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks. In the spring of that year a teacher of Physical and Cultural Anthropology at Catonsville Community College, organized about 15 students to conduct test excavations at the site. The work was funded by Baltimore City.

### Project Objectives:

-Determine whether the open area would yield architectural and other cultural remains of 18th and 19th century dwellings and shops.

-Test the possibility of prehistoric occupation.

## Research Potential:

The features recovered during the test excavations at 18BC14 indicate significant potential for recovery of both architectural remains and artifacts in the area between the Shot Tower and 9 Front Street. Demolition, filling and leveling of the site have not destroyed the evidence relating to historic occupation of the site. No additional work has been conducted at the site and it remains a significant resource for future archeological work.

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