

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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18BC30

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Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

Phase III

This report describes the results of an intensive archeological survey of the .89 acre parcel of land adjacent to the west elevation of the Gallagher Mansion (18BC30), located in the Govans area of Baltimore city. The work was being conducted because of the proposed rehabilitation of the vacant Gallagher Mansion, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and construction of a new addition adjoining the mansion. The new complex would supply one-bedroom housing units of supportive housing for the elderly. The proposed housing project was receiving federal assistance from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and was, thus, subject to Section 106 compliance. A review of archeological testing at the site in 1981 was also conducted.

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Project Objectives:

- Determine, if possible, the patterns of land use at the site.
- Establish, if possible, the date of the earliest occupation of the site.
- Establish, if possible, the duration of the occupancy of the site.
- Determine the site limits within the project boundaries.
- Establish the site type and function.
- Establish whether or not the site has integrity.
- Evaluate the cultural significance of the data collected.

Research Potential:

Based on the findings of both the 1981 study and the 1993 Phase I, the western yard areas of the Gallagher Mansion do not appear to have any cultural significance. All soils appear to be disturbed and have been the site of significant dumping activities. No further work is recommended in these areas. However, other sections of the property at 18BC30 have not been systematically examined and may contain intact archeological deposits and should be avoided.