

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

2003 Gibb, J.G.
 Intensive Phase I Archaeological Survey of the Proposed Conowingo Park, and Preliminary Assessment of the Octoraro Farm Site (18CE16), Rowlandsville, Cecil County, Maryland.
 Submitted to Cecil County Government

Research Firm/Institution:

Gibb Archaeological Consulting
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Library ID No: 97001667 Catalog/Shelving ID: CE 51

Sites examined:

18CE16
 NRHP Eligible: N
[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II		Cecil County's Division of Parks and Recreation, with land provided by the Philadelphia Power Company and funding from the State of Maryland's Program Open Space, proposed construction of a multi-use park at the Octoraro Farm site. Development of the site would involve grading of the surfaces, pole and fence installation, and parking lot construction. Per the requirements of a state-funded project, archeological investigations were undertaken at the Octoraro Farm site in 2002.
Phase III		

MAC Accession: 1981.018

Project Objectives:
-Identify transportation features known to have been constructed during the 18th and 19th centuries
-Identify domestic, commercial, and industrial sites that were related to the area's agricultural and transportation communities from the 17th to the 20th centuries
-Identify prehistoric sites from the Archaic through the Contact periods
-Determine the potential impact of park construction on the identified resources located within the project area

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18CE16.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2007 Gibb, J.G.
 Phase II Archaeological Site Examination of the Octoraro Farm Site (18CE16), Rowlandsville, Cecil County, Maryland.
 Submitted to Cecil County Government

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Library ID No: 97003105 Catalog/Shelving ID: CE 67

Sites examined:

18CE16
 NRHP Eligible: N
[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cecil County's Division of Parks and Recreation, with land provided by the Philadelphia Power Company and funding from the State of Maryland's Program Open Space, proposed construction of a multi-use park at the Octoraro Farm site. Based on the findings of the Phase I testing, and the high probability of the destruction of the Late Archaic and Late Woodland components of the site as a result of park construction, additional testing was recommended at site 18CE16. In the late winter and early spring of 2007, archeologists returned to Octoraro Farm to conduct a Phase II site examination.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Determine the potential adverse effects on the Octoraro Farm site from park construction
-Evaluate the Thomas Jeffrey and Susquehanna Canal sites which were going to be adversely affected by drain construction
-Determine the site's eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places

Research Potential:

The Octoraro Farm site (18CE16) is a multicomponent site with multiple Late Archaic period base camps and a Late Woodland period short-term resource procurement camp. Given their locations and relatively shallow depths, neither of the two intact Late Archaic deposits can be avoided during park construction. Both retain information on Late Archaic riverine adaptations along the Susquehanna River, as well as on material choices and lithic reduction strategies. Therefore, archeologists conducting the Phase II research recommended that a Phase III data recovery investigation be conducted at the site. However, due to the site's moderate loss of integrity, the complete lack of definitive cultural features, and the presence of other Late Archaic sites in the region that have yielded more intact deposits, Maryland Historical Trust personnel did not concur with this recommendation. After carefully reviewing the draft report, they determined that site 18CE16 has very little potential to yield any additional information, and that a Phase III data recovery would be unable to address any substantive research questions beyond those that have been addressed by the thorough Phase II study that has already taken place. Site 18CE16 did not meet the criteria for eligibility in the National Register of Historic Places, and further investigation of this site is not warranted. In June 2009, final bids for construction of the Conowingo Park were accepted.
