

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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18CE146

Project Details:

	Project Justification:
Phase I	The owner of Herring Island (18CE146) proposed construction of a stone revetment covering about 25% of the shoreline of the island. The Army Corp of Engineers granted the construction permit. However, in the fall of 1980 it was discovered that the standard cultural resource management review process between the Corp and the Maryland Historical Trust had been circumvented. It was therefore decided that the time for site mitigation procedure was long past and that an attempt should be made to carry out a salvage operation to obtain a valid sample of the archeological material contained within the construction areas. During the months from August to December 1980, an intensive salvage archeological project was undertaken in the areas to be affected by construction activities.
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Phase III	

Project Objectives:
-Establish a grid over the island
-Excavate 3 test units in the area where a power conduit trench was to be dug across the island
-Collect a systematic sample of units from the threatened shoreline areas

Research Potential:

The Herring Island Site (18CE146) is a multicomponent site with occupation spanning from the late Early Archaic to Late Woodland periods. The southwest beach area of the island revealed intensive quarrying and reduction activities near ironstone outcroppings that occurred around ca. 3000 BC. An associated habitation site was located very nearby. Continued testing at the site was planned for the summer of 1981 but it is unknown if it was undertaken. Current aerial images show that the proposed erosion control activities were completed along portions of the island.
