

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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The Wallace Carter Mill Park Project.

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## Sites examined:

18CE137

## Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Justification:</b> The site was purchased sometime between 1980 and 1983 by Cecil County for the creation of a historical park (called the Wallace-Carter Mills Park). Park development was focused in the central portion of the complex which consists of 2 mill buildings, an office, a barn, and a dwelling. Most of the former Carter Paper Mill industrial complex is located within the park boundary except for the original dam and a few dwellings. Land alteration activities at the site were to be limited so as to reduce the extent of disturbance to archeological deposits. In 1983, Phase I/II testing was conducted at the site and focused in the central portion of the complex.
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<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Gather data about the structural remains -Verify the function of architectural features and building sequences -Provide data that can be used in the development of the mill complex into an archeological and historical interpretive park
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## Research Potential:

The Wallace-Carter Mill Site (18CE137) consists of the remains of a possible 18th century grist mill, and a 19th and early 20th century paper mill and associated buildings such as a workers/tenant house and barn. The cultural and historical significance of the site is based on the fact that it provides an overview of paper milling technology from the early 19th to the early 20th centuries on Little Elk Creek and within the general area. The various phases of construction and technological changes were identified through documentary and archeological evidence. However, it was suggested by the excavators that continued investigation may shed additional light on the modifications to the structures of the mills and hence to the continuing technological changes and improvements in the paper industry throughout the 19th and early part of the 20th centuries. As the main concentration of mill buildings was to be the center of the proposed Wallace-Carter Mills Park, it was recommended that the East Building be excavated of all fill in the main room and most of the fill in the additions, that archeology of the southern side of the exposed doorway of the main room be undertaken, that the roadway between the East and West buildings should be excavated in order to determine if a raceway once existed between them, that further portions of the extant raceway should be investigated, that portions of the tenant house which may be affected by grading and clearing should be archeologically tested, and finally, that the well located southeast of the tenant house should be either filled or excavated for public exhibit. The historical/archeological interpretive Wallace-Carters Mills Park is open to the public.