

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

2016 Cochran, M., M. Palus, J. Schablitsky, D. Clark, T. Horsley, D. Kollman, L. Kraus, A. Levinthal...
 Archaeological survey and corridor study along MD 231, Benedict, Charles County, Maryland.
 Submitted to Maryland State Highway Administration
 Library ID No: 95002638 Catalog/Shelving ID: CH 202

Research Firm/Institution:

The Ottery Group
 3910 Knowles Ave
 Kensington, MD 20895

Sites examined:

18CH821 18CH305 18CHX74

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: The investigation was conducted by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and The Ottery Group, Inc. under contract BCS 20101-02C. The project initially focused on identifying the location of the British encampment at Benedict during the War of 1812 and documenting the Civil War-era Camp Stanton as part of the Cultural Resource Section's public outreach initiative. In the course of these initial field surveys, archaeologists discovered that the landscape along MD 231 contains an array of historic archaeological resources dating from the 17th through early 20th centuries associated with early European settlement and the later transformation from a plantation economy to tenant farming. The entire study area also supports a significant archaeological record of Native American occupations dating to the Woodland Period, and possibly earlier. The scope of the original study was thus expanded to include the documentation of both military and non-military resources.
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Project Objectives: This technical report contains the results of an archaeological investigation to locate and document historic sites along Maryland State Route 231 (MD 231) adjacent to the town of Benedict, Charles County, Maryland. The methods employed at various points in this study include a combination of archival research, metal detecting, geophysical survey, shovel testing, mechanical stripping and trenching followed by stratigraphic excavation of test units, each used to address specific needs associated with the types of archaeological resources encountered.

MAC Accession: 2016.031.001 - 2016.031.004

Research Potential:

See below.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2019 Marciniszyn, K., E. Doyle Read, & S. Seibel
 Addendum report: archaeological survey and corridor study of MD 231, Benedict, Charles County, Maryland.
 Submitted to Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration
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Research Firm/Institution:

AECOM
 12420 Milestone Center Drive, Suite 150
 Germantown, MD 20876

Sites examined:

18CH954 18CH953

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) conducted archaeological investigations in the vicinity of MD 231 near the town of Benedict, Charles, County, Maryland, as part of the MDOT SHA Cultural Resources Section's public outreach initiative to find and evaluate resources associated with the War of 1812 and the Civil War within or adjacent to MDOT SHA right-of-way (ROW) along MD 231. The initial investigations occurred in 2011, 2012, and 2013 and are reported in Cochran and others (2016). Subsequently, Mr. Franklin Robinson of Serenity Farm, Inc. (Serenity Farm) reported artifacts found in his fields to MDOT SHA. MDOT SHA also obtained permission from Thomas and Marsha Long to access a portion of their property north and east of Serenity Farm along
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MAC Accession: 2020.021.001 - 2020.021.003

Research Potential:

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