

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## Sites examined:

18CH751 Others

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

## Project Details:

Phase I

### Project Justification:

Phase II

This report describes a 2005-2006 Phase I and II project at the (then) proposed Highland Farm housing development near La Plata, MD. Phase I survey was carried out across 57 acres of a 143 acre former farm property. The remaining 85 acres were to be set aside as open space and were not surveyed. Phase II work was carried out at Site 18CH751, which was identified during the survey portion. The study was undertaken as part of the Section 404 (wetland) permit evaluation. It was carried out in accordance with provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended), and the Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, which necessitate assessment of a project's impact of cultural resources when the work is federally funded or (as in the case) approved.

Phase III

### Project Objectives:

-Locate and identify potentially significant archeological resources that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

-Evaluate the eligibility of such sites for listing on the NRHP for their potential to provide important information about the past.

-Develop appropriate recommendations for their management.

## Research Potential:

Based on the data accumulated during the Phase II evaluation of Highland Farm 1 (18CH751), the site was interpreted as a relatively large base camp, primarily occupied during the Late Archaic period. An additional, smaller, occupational component probably dating to the Late Woodland Period was also identified within the site's boundaries, overlaying the Archaic component. The Phase II researchers recommended that additional work be carried out at the site prior to final approvals for the impending development, based on the possibility that intact deposits might be encountered in the area of anomalous soil morphology (see above). However, the MHT disagreed with this assessment and stated that the site's loss of integrity, complete lack of cultural features, and the site's inability to address specific data recovery-level research questions precluded requiring additional work out of the developer. Any remaining portions of the site have likely been heavily impact by the subsequent construction of the new development. The site should no longer be considered a significant archeological resource.