

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1987 Dinnel, K.J.
Archeological Excavations at Laurel Branch, 18CH302, Charles County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Accokeek Foundation, Inc.

Research Firm/Institution:

Katherine J. Dinnel
5985 Broomes Island Rd.
Port Republic, MD 20676

Library ID No: 00005758 Catalog/Shelving ID: CH 24

Sites examined:

18CH302

NRHP Eligible: N

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

Archeological test excavations were undertaken at the Laurel Branch site (18CH302) in the spring of 1987. The house standing at Laurel Branch had been donated to the Accokeek Foundation to be used as an exhibit at the National Colonial Farm. Prior to the removal of the Laurel Branch structure, the National Park Service and the Maryland Historical Trust requested that an Historical American Survey report be completed. Several questions were found to require archeological investigation.

Project Objectives:

- Locate the remains of the 18th century exterior chimney and companion pents.
- Locate the remnants of the chimney on the 19th century addition.
- Investigate architectural detail at the front and back entrances of the original building.
- Locate and describe any associated outbuildings.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18CH302.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1997 Child, K., K. Grandine, and T.W. Davis
Archeological Investigation and Evaluation of the Philip's Meadow Subdivision, Charles County, Maryland.
Submitted to Rainbow Construction Corp. of Waldorf, Inc.

Research Firm/Institution:

R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.
241 E. Fourth Street, Suite 100
Frederick, MD 21701

Library ID No: 00005812 Catalog/Shelving ID: CH 77

Sites examined:

18CH302

Others

NRHP Eligible: N

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

This report presents the results of the archeological investigations and evaluations conducted prior to the construction of the Philip's Meadow subdivision. The project area was to be impacted by the removal of selected areas of woodland, and by the construction of residential structures, roads, sewer lines, and other associated improvements. In addition, wetland areas would be impacted, which necessitated the issuance of a wetland permit by the US Army Corps of Engineers. Applications for this permit automatically triggered compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, as well as state laws related to historic/prehistoric resources.

Project Objectives:

- Locate, identify, and delineate all prehistoric and historic cultural resources within the project area.
- Make assessments of the potential significance of those resources, applying the NRHP Criteria for Evaluation.
- Assess the impact of the proposed development activities on the cultural resources situated within the project boundaries.
- Formulate management recommendations concerning those resources.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18CH302.

REPORT INFORMATION:

Research Firm/Institution:

2005 Heidenrich, C. and K. Child
Phase I Cultural Resources Investigations at the Proposed Deer Park Estates Development,
Charles County, Maryland.
Submitted to A & E Construction, LLC

R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.
241 E. Fourth Street, Suite 100
Frederick, MD 21701

Library ID No: 97002473 Catalog/Shelving ID: CH 122

Sites examined:

18CH302 Others

NRHP Eligible: N

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II		This project was undertaken prior to the construction of the Deer Park Estates Development in Charles County, Maryland. The project was to involve grading of the landscape, clearing of portions of woodlot, and the construction of infrastructure and of 53 house lots. These activities would impact non-tidal wetlands; requiring the issuance of a US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permit. Thus, the construction project was subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, as well as state laws related to historic/prehistoric resources.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Locate, identify, and delineate all prehistoric and historic cultural resources within the project area.
-Make assessments of the potential significance of those resources, applying the NRHP Criteria for Evaluation.
-Assess the impact of the proposed development activities on the cultural resources situated within the project boundaries.
-Formulate management recommendations concerning those resources.

Research Potential:

Archeological research at Laurel Branch, 18CH302, revealed intact features and deposits in the immediate vicinity of the original standing structure. These features and artifacts were useful for interpretation, but any remaining intact deposits would have been largely altered by removal of the structure to the National Colonial Farm. Such intact deposits were not encountered throughout the surrounding grounds within the rest of the site. These deposits were found to be largely plow-disturbed and contained a mix of both prehistoric and historic artifacts. As such, Site 18CH302 should no longer be considered capable of addressing ongoing research questions related to Maryland prehistory or history.
