

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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## Sites examined:

18DO184

NRHP Eligible:

## Project Details:

Phase I

### Project Justification:

Phase II

Phase III

This report describes a 1991 archeological investigation during the course of a US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) shoreline revetment project along the Choptank. The (then) proposed stone revetment would protect the shoreline and exposed bank from further erosion. A 1980 survey of the area had identified prehistoric and historic resources west of the site, suggesting a strong probability that prehistoric and historic resources might be located in the vicinity. Thus, the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) wrote a letter to the COE expressing concern that the undertaking would impact any such resources that were present. The construction of the revetment involved placing stone and concrete in a waterway under the jurisdiction of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the River and Harbor Act. Therefore, this Federal permit action required compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

### Project Objectives:

-Identify any archeological resources within the impact area for the proposed revetment.

-Evaluate any identified sites in terms of their National Register eligibility.

## Research Potential:

Cultural resources at 18DO184 were recovered over a roughly 137 by 122 m (450 by 400 foot) area (just over 4 acres), which included a Late Woodland shell midden and dark soil stain features. Though research efforts to date are insufficient to adequately characterize the site, at least some portion of the site appears to be intact (based on the presence of intact midden soils and a possible postmold). Severe shoreline erosion had clearly occurred at the site, destroying an unknown portion of the midden. The installation of the revetment, likely has halted the progress of erosion, thus preserving the site for futures researchers. It should be considered a potentially significant cultural resource.