Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Sites examined:

18DO464 Others
NRHP Eligible: N
Justification

Project Details:

Phase I X
Phase II X
Phase III

Project Justification:

The report describes a Phase I survey and Phase II testing program carried out in the fall of 2006. The survey was carried out on behalf of the Maryland State Highway Administration, which was undertaking streetscape improvements to MD 16 and MD 355. The undertaking involved widening and various sidewalk, shoulder, and drainage improvements along the roadways over an area 1.02 miles in length. In addition, wetlands mitigation, stormwater management, and other activities requiring construction could be accomplished in three nearby areas totaling 2.8 acres. Both state and federal legislation necessitated survey and mitigation for significant cultural resources.

Project Objectives:

-Delineate and inventory all archeological properties in the area of potential effects.

-Characterize and interpret all identified properties with respect to the cultural/temporal periods of the Maryland State Historic Preservation Plan.

-Appraise the results of the investigations in light of existing data on settlement patterning.

-If sufficient data are available, evaluate NRHP or MIHP eligibility.

-Assess the undertaking's impacts on the identified archeological properties

-Determine the need for additional archeological work.

Research Potential:

Although there were moderate artifact densities in the front yard areas of Site 18DO464, the materials were all in mixed contexts, with no discrete strata or disposal features. While much archival evidence was obtained about household makeup, there is no way to separate households physically on the ground. Thus, there is no potential for the site to yield further information. It should not be considered a significant archeological resource.