

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Sites examined:

18FR617	18FR618	18FR628
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Project Details:

Phase I	
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Project Justification:
Three potentially significant archeological sites were encountered during a Phase I survey within a 22.4 km section of a proposed BG&E natural gas transmission line right-of-way. Phase II testing was subsequently conducted at the three sites. Of these, two (18FR617 and 18FR628) were determined to meet National Register of Historic Places eligibility criteria, and were subsequently subjected to Phase III archeological data recovery to mitigate project affects on the sites. The data resulting from these excavations at the sites are presented within this report.

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Project Objectives:

Phase II (18FR617, 18FR618, and 18FR628)
-Determine the physical boundaries of each of the three sites.

-Ascertain the cultural affiliations and period(s) of occupation of the sites.

-Identify whether or not undisturbed cultural data exist at any of the sites that could contribute to their cultural significance.

Phase III (18FR617 and 18FR628)
-Obtain data through inter and intra-site comparison for testing and/or refining existing regional settlement models (since few Archaic sites have been excavated in the Monocacy River drainage).

-Recover ethnobotanical and other data from site features which would prove useful in reconstructing prehistoric subsistence.

-Obtain data relating to the prehistoric use of rhyolite and other lithic materials, and their role in tool production.

-Provide specific recommendations as to how similar sites should be tested in order to maximize the recovery of cultural information based on the lesson learned during excavation.

Research Potential:

No intact cultural features were encountered during testing at site 18FR618. Activities at the site appear to have been limited to quartz procurement and early stage reduction. On its own, it would not be considered a significant archeological site, however, due to its location, the site may warrant further study as an outlying activity area related to the more significant occupation at 18FR617.

Both site 18FR617 and 18FR628 site appear to be a significant resources with future research potential based on the fact that they have yielded 1) diagnostic artifacts, 2) intact features charcoal (datable in the case of 18FR628), and 3) ethnobotanical remains. In addition, only a very small portion of each site was the subject of testing and data recovery.