

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Sites examined:

18FR800 others

NRHP Eligible: N

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: This report describes a 2003 combined Phase I and II project in the vicinity of the MD 874 bridge over Bens Branch (Bridge No. 10043) in Frederick County. At the time, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) was proposing the replacement of the existing bridge, which might potentially impact cultural resources in the area. Since the bridge replacement by SHA would be publically funded, consideration of cultural resources was required under both state and federal legislation. Phase I work revealed that the remains of a historic mill complex would be impacted and could not be avoided and, thus, Phase II testing was carried out at 18HO800.
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Phase III	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives: -Determine the potential impacts to possible cultural resources from the replacement of Bridge No. 10043. -Determine the approximate size and boundaries of identified sites. -Assess the integrity, age, function, cultural affiliation, and potential eligibility of each site for listing on the NRHP. -Undertake evaluation of 18FR800 to determine if the site is eligible for listing on the NRHP.

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Research Potential:

Based on the Phase II excavations at 18FR800, only the area surrounding the gristmill offers a degree of integrity. While this portion of the site has integrity, it has little potential to contribute important information related to the activities that took place in the building or provide information on the technology of milling. Very few artifacts were recovered from the occupational surfaces in this locale. It is unlikely that additional investigations of the gristmill would produce more. Thus, site 18FR800 was determined not to meet the criteria for eligibility in the NRHP and no further archeological investigations are warranted.