

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Phase I	
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Phase III	

This report describes the results of 2 field projects carried out by the Archeological Society of Maryland (with support from MHT and the Potomac River Archaeological Survey at American University) at the Claggett Retreat Site (18FR25) near Buckeystown in Frederick County. The fieldwork was carried out as part of the Society's annual Tyler Bastian Field Session in Archeology.

Project Objectives:
-Relocate Site 18FR25 and the approximate locations of Swomley's previously excavated features.
-Determine if additional intact features remain at the site.
-Collect a representative sample of artifacts from the site.
-Assess the previously-identified Mason Island component of the site.

Research Potential:

Excavation work in 2007 and 2008 at 18FR25 largely confirmed what was known about the site's character. It consists largely of a Late Woodland Mason Island hamlet. Unfortunately, the major finding appears to be that the site has been heavily disturbed by agricultural activities. A combination of deep plowing and the installation of irrigation pipes has destroyed many of the postmolds and features that were undoubtedly once present. The best hope for obtaining additional information about Site 18FR25 may be to conduct geophysical survey of the locale. Such work would help to identify the layout of the irrigation system and potentially any remaining intact features that were not impacted by the plow or collecting activities.