

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Sites examined:

18FR835 18FR836

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

This report describes a 2005 Phase II archeological project at two inventoried historic sites (18FR835 and 18FR836) located within Fountain Rock Park in Walkersville, Frederick County. The Phase II work was performed at the request of, and under contract to, the Frederick County Public Works Division. Frederick County's 1991 Master Plan for Fountain Rock Park calls for improvements to the entrance, park roadways, the parking area, and access for disabled visitors. The Phase II survey was undertaken as a result of Phase I survey conducted in preparation for the implementation of the Master Plan. This work was required by Maryland Law and satisfies State Finance and Procurement regulations §§ 5A-325 and 5A-326 and determines whether the proposed park improvements will adversely affect the property which is eligible for the NRHP.

Project Objectives:

- Evaluate each site's integrity.
- Document the vertical and horizontal boundaries of each site's archeological deposits.
- Provide historical data for interpretation of each site's cultural affiliations, functions, and significance.

Research Potential:

Based on the results of Phase II testing, it was determined that the intact brick feature at 18FR835 was a significant find under threat from the planned improvements to the park. Construction drawings depicted major impacts to this brick and stone floor caused by the installation of an asphalt walkway. Phase III excavation of the feature to document and remove it, or modifications to the planned improvements to allow the feature to be preserved in place. The feature appears to have been preserved in place. The site should still be considered a significant archeological resource.

Based on the results of Phase II testing, it was determined that any late 19th or early 20th century artifacts associated with the use of 18FR836 by historic lime kiln workers were likely deeply buried beneath later 20th century deposits in the vicinity of the "refuse dump". Planned construction would not impact these deposits if they existed. Phase III excavation were recommended if plans were altered and these deposits could no be preserved in place. The site should still be considered a potentially significant archeological resource.