

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase II Archeological Investigations at Site 18FR789, MD 85 Improvements, Frederick County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18FR789

NRHP Eligible: N

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

This report describes Phase II testing at previously identified Site 18FR789 in the summer of 2005. The work was carried out within the area of potential effects (APE) for proposed improvements to MD 85. The Phase II excavations were conducted to assist the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the Maryland Historical Trust Act of 1985, Maryland Code, Article 83B, Title Five, Sections 5-616 to 5-619.

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Project Objectives:

- Attempt to locate any intact sub-plowzone living surface present at the site.
- Attempt to locate any horizontally discrete shallow occupations present at the site.
- Determine if there is variability in raw material usage (quartz and rhyolite) across the site.

Research Potential:

The testing demonstrated that Site 18FR789 does not contain sufficient data to enhance our understanding of the history or prehistory of the region. The site is a shallowly buried manifestation situated on a series of rises overlooking the small, active floodplain setting of Ballenger Creek. The primary component of the site appears to be Late Archaic in age based on the recovered diagnostic points, but it is confined to plowzone contexts. Following Phase II work, the site was considered ineligible for listing on the NRHP, and no further archeological work is recommended.