

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Sites examined:

18FR615

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: The site testing was undertaken following the discovery of the site in 1988 during a Phase I survey. This survey was undertaken in preparation for the construction of natural gas measuring and regulating facility.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Project Objectives:
Phase I -Locate any sites within the proposed project area.
Phase II -Determine the physical limits of the site within the existing project boundaries by examining artifact concentrations/densities. -Determine the extent of impact to the site within the project boundaries by comparing project plan maps with artifact clusters and feature locations. -Determine historical context by recovering a sufficient sample of diagnostic artifacts to determine when the site was occupied and whether the site is single or multi-component. -Assess site structure and function by systematically plotting artifacts and studying distributions of the artifact classes for possible activity areas. -Evaluate site integrity by determining the extent of preservation of the cultural remains recovered. -Evaluate the site's research potential by comparing the project site with other known sites in the area and then evaluating its potential for adding information to the existing archaeological database for the region. -Evaluate (in concert with the above objectives) site significance per the National Register of Historic Places criteria.

Research Potential:

A number of intact features (including trash/storage pits, hearths, and a postmold) were encountered at site 18FR615, along with three artifacts diagnostic of the Middle and Late Archaic periods. The majority of features contained charred native botanicals. And since, following Phase II work, the decision was made to alter construction plans and avoid the site, most of the Tuscarora M & R site is preserved and likely contains additional intact features and artifact deposits. Thus, 18FR615 likely has high potential to answer research questions related to the Middle and Late Archaic periods, and specifically prehistoric diet/subsistence.