

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase I Survey of 35 AC (14.2 HA) for Road Extension, Borrow Pits, and Reforestation, and Phase II Archeological Evaluation of Site 18HA303 at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Harford County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18HA303

Project Details:

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phase I survey was undertaken at Site 18HA303 in January 2008 as part of a proposed project for a road extension, 4 borrow pits, and reforestation on a portion of Aberdeen Proving Ground. A total of 14.2 ha (35 ac) constituted the project area. Based on the Phase I survey, it was determined that the site retained integrity and thus might provide insight into the late 18th and 19th century occupations associated with town of Boothby Hill. Portions of the site were to be impacted by the proposed placement of a borrow pit and a portion of the roadway alignment. Therefore, site avoidance or Phase II site evaluation was recommended. Phase II evaluation of Site 18HA303 was conducted in March 2008.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives:
-Determine the potential significance of any identified prehistoric or historic sites within the project area
-Assess the impact of the proposed activities on those resources
-Formulate recommendations for those resources
-Determine the nature, age, and function of the site
-Determine the horizontal and vertical site boundaries
-Determine the integrity of the site in order to evaluate the significance of 18HA303 for listing on the National Register of Historic Places

Research Potential:

APG 35 Acres Site 1 (18HA303) is a farmstead that was occupied from the late 18th century through the second quarter of the 20th century. The site's periods of significance are the Rural Agrarian Intensification (1680-1815) and the Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870). Later 19th and early 20th habitation at the site was represented in the artifactual materials but it was not considered to be a significant period of occupation. The site's late 18th and early 19th century component retains the integrity to address important research questions about site structure, intrasite activity patterns, and temporally discrete artifact assemblages and farmstead arrangements. Therefore, Site 18HA303 was determined to possess significance, as defined by the National Register Criteria for Evaluation, under Criterion D. The excavators recommended that determination of eligibility should be undertaken, and if determined eligible, then the site should be avoided by the proposed construction activities or Phase III data recovery should be undertaken. Subsequent to the Phase II site evaluation, the location of the proposed construction activities was relocated and no disturbance to Site 18HA303 was anticipated. If future ground disturbing activities cannot be avoided in the site area, then data recovery is recommended.