

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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18HO280

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



Project Justification:

Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks, the organization responsible for the management of this property, is restoring Blandair Mansion in conjunction with the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Training Center. Plans include restoring and repairing the house foundation, installing a new subsurface drainage system, delivering utilities to the house, replacing the roof and possible reconstructing architectural features. An archeological component of the project was devised to evaluate the effects of the proposed restoration project on the site's archeological resources.

Project Objectives:

-Identify and record any cultural resources within the area most likely to be impacted by a proposed drainage system.

-Evaluate these resources in terms of their eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places.

Research Potential:

While some broad interpretations of Site 18HO280 may be drawn from the excavations and artifact assemblage, the testing of specific hypotheses dependent upon unaltered contexts and provenience cannot be accomplished. Eighteenth century deposits present, but it remains to be seen how intact these deposits are since Phase II work was limited primarily to the area adjacent to the footprint of the 19th century structure. More work is needed on the grounds of the Blandair property.