

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase I Archeological Survey of the Proposed MD 32: Nixon's Farm Wetland Mitigation Site (Project No. HO389A21) and Phase II Evaluation of Site 18HO261 for the Proposed MD 32: Wellworth Way Access Road (Project No. HO756A22), Howard County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18HO261 18HO281 18HO282 18HO283
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[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: This report describes Phase I and II investigations in the spring of 2007 related to the creation of a wetland mitigation site along MD 32 on the former Nixon's Farm property. The former farm property is proposed for wetland creation, enhancement, and preservation, and for forested floodplain preservation and enhancement. Phase I and II work was carried out in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and Maryland Historical Trust Act of 1985 which call for the consideration of archeological research when public moneys are expended.
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Phase III	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Project Objectives:
Phase I -Identify archeological sites within the wetland mitigation site area of potential effect (APE). -Define site size and approximate site boundaries. -Evaluate the nature of identified resources. -Provide a provisional determination of their eligibility for the NRHP.
Phase II -Identify the vertical and horizontal boundaries of the site. -Evaluate the site's integrity. -Interpret the site's cultural affiliation, function, and significance.

Research Potential:

Phase II excavations at Site 18HO261 uncovered features including subsurface foundation walls and a builder's trench. Portions of French burr millstones were also identified. The artifact assemblage included architectural remains and items associated with mid-20th century dumping episodes. Although the structural components of the mill were found to be largely intact, no intact occupational surfaces were identified during excavations. Due to the lack of site integrity, it was determined unlikely that additional excavations would provide answers to research questions on the local milling industry of the early 19th through early 20th centuries. The site was determined ineligible for listing on the NRHP and no further work was conducted prior to construction of the new wetland facilities.