

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Phase II Archeological Investigation of Site 18HO36 - Proposed PEPCO Brighton-High Ridge
500-kV Transmission Line, Howard County, Maryland.
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18HO36

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Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:

Phase II

This report describes a 1991 Phase II project carried out at previously identified site 18HO36. The project was carried out because the Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO) was proposing the construction of a 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the Brighton Substation in Montgomery County to the High Ridge Substation in Howard County. Under Section 54A of the Public Service Commission Law (MD Annotated Code, Article 78 section 54D) historic sites must be considered in issuing a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for construction of a transmission line. A related Phase I survey earlier in the year had relocated 18HO36 and the MHT considered the site potentially eligible to the MIHP and, thus, Phase II testing was requested.

Phase III

Project Objectives:

- Define the horizontal boundaries of Site 18HO36 in relation to the proposed construction limits.
- Define the vertical limits of the site and the integrity of the site deposits.
- Interpret the cultural affiliations and functions of the site.

Research Potential:

Additional research at Site 18HO36 could contribute to our knowledge of the prehistory of the Patuxent Piedmont and specifically, the Late Woodland. It might yield information on prehistoric subsistence, settlement, technology, and environmental adaptation. This site might also represent a type of outlying settlement or occupation that represents an important aspect of Late Woodland adaptation complementary to the better known large settlements adjacent to large rivers like the Monocacy and Potomac. While portions of the site that would be directly impacted by grading and construction within the transmission line ROW were found to be already disturbed, other portions of the site within the ROW were found to contain intact (albeit truncated) cultural features and other parts of the site outside the ROW were not assessed. The site should still be considered a significant archeological resource, potentially capable of answering research questions related to Maryland prehistory.