

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## Sites examined:

18KE246

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



### Project Justification:

This report describes a Phase II-level project conducted on US Fish and Wildlife managed property (the Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge) in Kent County, Maryland. The investigation, while primarily designed to test for the significance of Site 18KE246 with regard to the NRHP and impact resulting from ongoing natural processes of erosion, was also conceived as an opportunity to tie the results of this investigation into other investigations on the property.

### Project Objectives:

- Determine the limits of Site 18KE246.
- Assess whether the midden deposits at the site are intact or plow disturbed.
- Provide the necessary data to assess the site's NRHP eligibility.

## Research Potential:

Because the pits at 18KE246 dating from the prehistoric occupation contain valuable information about pre-Columbian subsistence (in this case heavy reliance on shellfish), and because of the possibility of an early Colonial occupation, the site was recommended as potentially significant. The site is relatively well-protected on public lands, though erosion and inundation could present a problem. Because the site boundary to the south was never determined and it appears that additional intact deposits may still be present there, the site should continue to be considered a significant resource.