

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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A Phase II Archeological Evaluation of Sites 18MO409 and 18MO410 Located within Cabin Branch: a Residential Development Situated on Clarksburg and W. Old Baltimore Roads in Montgomery County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18MO409 18MO410
NRHP Eligible: N NRHP Eligible: N
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Project Details:

	Project Justification:
Phase I	This report describes the results of a 2005 Phase II testing program at historic sites 18MO409 and 18MO410 in Montgomery County. Both sites were previously identified during a Phase I archeological survey of the Cabin Branch property, a 539 acre parcel located between Interstate 270, Clarksburg Road, and Old Baltimore Road which was to be the site of a (then) planned residential development. The archeological evaluation of these two sites was connected with the application for a wetlands permit through the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Maryland Department of Environment. Thus, this evaluation study was required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended). Each of these sites was determined to be threatened by the proposed development of the property.
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Project Objectives:
-Determine when each site was occupied and whether or not the periods of occupation at the two sites overlap.
-Given the nature of artifact recovery, establish the function of each site.
-Establish the temporal affiliation of the dwellings at each site, and identify any outbuildings and their temporal associations.
-Assess the socio-economic status of site inhabitants.
-Make interpretive statements about the distribution of artifacts at each site.
-Determine if either site is unique and whether or not it has research value.
-Assess the stratigraphic integrity of each site and the presence/absence of intact cultural features.
-Determine if either site is significant or eligible for listing on the NRHP.

Research Potential:

Though archeological evidence of the Waters family's occupation of the site was encountered during the Phase II excavations at 18MO409, the research potential of the site was found to be dramatically reduced by a lack of soils with good stratigraphic integrity and displaced artifact recovery. Apparently, the continuous habitation of this area dramatically impacted the yards connected with this early residence, leaving the soils completely disturbed by modern materials. Thus, conducting future excavations at Site 18MO409 was thought to provide little additional research value beyond that already obtained through the evaluation process. The site is not considered eligible for listing on the NRHP.

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