

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase I Archaeological Investigation and Phase II Evaluation of 18MO748 for the MD 97 Bypass From South of Gold Mine Road to North of Holiday Drive Meadow Branch Stream Restoration Project, Montgomery County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18MO748

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[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration intends to complete stream stabilization work at Meadow Branch Stream, west of the town of Brookeville, Montgomery County, Maryland as part of the MD 97 Brookeville Bypass Project. Stream restoration work will include the installation of stormwater drainage outfalls, sewer line replacement, construction access, erosion and sediment controls, and grading and fill for the restoration of Meadow Branch. The project area is located within the Reddy Branch Stream Valley Unit 2, which is property administered by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC).
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Project Objectives: Determine if significant cultural resources were located within the area of potential effects (APE) for the stream restoration project. Basic goals of the investigation consisted of defining the vertical extent of the archaeological deposits discovered at the Colletan Site (18M0748) and answering questions pertaining to those deposits. The following questions were asked to determine the temporal and physical integrity of the site and gauge the potential of the site to shed new information regarding the past: •Chronology: Do the artifacts continue to support the historic data suggesting mid- to late- nineteenth- to mid-twentieth-century occupations, or has more modern material been introduced into the site? Artifact manufacturing dates served to address this question. •Stratigraphy: Is the A-horizon temporally homogeneous as Phase I excavations suggest? Can the artifacts shed light on the period of deposition of the Fill I and II horizons? And are these fill horizons temporally homogeneous? Again, artifact-manufacture dates indicate temporally mixed or intact deposits. •Activity: What functional activities are indicated? Defining activities would depend on artifact class and type identifications.

Research Potential:

Testing at 18MO748 indicates that the artifact deposit represents a mixed context, combining the artifacts related to the occupation of the Colletan structure and those re-deposited within fill material from the adjacent Valley House. Testing did not identify any subsurface features related to the former Colletan structure within the APE. The site was not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the project commenced as planned.