

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Sites examined:

18MO458

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: The project was a long-term survey and inventory of prehistoric cultural resources in Montgomery County parks. Once identified, properties were to be further evaluated to determine whether they are significant and warrant consideration for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The overall research goal is to build upon what is currently known about prehistoric subsistence and settlement, lithic procurement and use, and chronology in Montgomery County.
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Phase III	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives:
Phase I -Test Montgomery County park properties for evidence of prehistoric occupation.
Phase II -Evaluate the significance of the site by addressing such topics as stratigraphy, site integrity, chronology, subsistence, site function, and settlement pattern.

Research Potential:

Prior to this investigation, little was known about the prehistory of southern Montgomery County. The opportunity to address numerous research questions about the county materialized when the Northwest Branch Rockshelter site (18MO458) was partially excavated. The site is considered to have significant future research potential.
