

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

2012 Crowl, H., et. al.
Bladensburg Archeological Investigations: Magruder House (18PR982), Market Master House (18PR983), and Indian Queen Tavern Site (18PR96), Prince George's County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration
Library ID No: 95001878 Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 593

Research Firm/Institution:

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Sites examined:

18PR96 18PR982 18PR983

Project Details:

Phase I	
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Phase III	

Project Justification:
This report describes a 2009 investigation at three archeological sites (18PR96, 18PR982, and 18PR983) in Bladensburg, Prince George's County. The work was carried out by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) along with the Center for Heritage Resources Studies at the University of Maryland (CHRS) with assistance from archeological contracting firms. Portions of the sites are located on state-owned land (highway right-of-way). The work was carried out as part of the outreach for the War of 1812 bicentennial celebration to determine the location, type and integrity of features and artifacts related to these three properties. It is hoped that additional historical information will aid in a fuller understanding of the sites, their relation to each other and to other historic properties in Bladensburg, and the War of 1812.

Project Objectives:

- Gather information about life in the Bladensburg area during the 18th and 19th centuries.
- Increase public knowledge of local archeology and the archeological process by using public outreach days, a press conference, a poster, and a publically accessible website describing day to day activities of the archeological investigation.
- Assist SHA, the Maryland Historical Trust, and local historical organizations in managing and interpreting the historical resources.

MAC Accession: 2012.022

Research Potential:

No formal determination has been made as to the NRHP eligibility of Site 18PR96. In general, however, it can be said that archeological work to date, has encountered intact historic strata, and revealed the presence of intact historic features. The site should be assumed to be a significant archeological resource until a formal determination can be made.

See below for remaining research questions at 18PR982.

See below for remaining research questions at 18PR983.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2012 Bedard, J. et. al.
Phase I Archeological Survey MD 450 from Peace Cross to 57th Avenue, and Phase II Evaluation of Site 18PR1043, Bladensburg, Prince George's County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration
Library ID No: 95001879 Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 592

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Sites examined:

18PR982 18PR983 18PR1043
NRHP Eligible:
[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report describes a January 2012 Phase I and February 2012 Phase II project carried out along MD 450 from the Peace Cross to 57th Avenue in Bladensburg, Prince George's County. The research was carried out in advance of community enhancement improvements along the highway within a 25-foot wide LOD (limit of disturbance) corridor. Radial testing extended up to 100 meters outside the LOD. The roadside improvements include: the reconstruction if the intersection of MD 450 and MD 202, the construction of a landscaped median along MD 450, the widening of MD 450 to include bicycle compatible lanes/shoulders, sidewalk repair/rehabilitation/modification to ensure ADA compliance, installation of pedestrian lighting, and the consolidation of driveways for commercial properties along MD 450. Investigations were conducted in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended and the Maryland Historical Trust Act of 1985 (state law).
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
Phase I
-identify archeological resources within the LOD.
-Define the size and approximate boundaries of identified sites.
-Preliminarily evaluate the sites for listing on the NRHP.
Phase II
-gather data to determine if the site retains sufficient integrity and has potential to yield significant information to be eligible for listing on the NRHP.

MAC Accession: 2013.042

Research Potential:

No formal determination has been made as to the NRHP eligibility of Site 18PR982. In general, however, it can be said that archeological work to date, has revealed moderate to high levels of disturbance within the site.

No formal determination has been made as to the NRHP eligibility of Site 18PR983. In general, however, it can be said that archeological work to date, has encountered multiple intact prehistoric components, and revealed the presence of intact historic features. The site should be assumed to be a significant archeological resource until a formal determination can be made.

See below for remaining research questions at 18PR1043.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2012 Arford-Horne, K.
 Archeological Survey of MD 201 from MD 450 to Edmonston Road, Bladensburg, Prince George's County, MD.
 Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration
 Library ID No: 95001920 Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 600

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Sites examined:

18PR1043
 NRHP Eligible:
[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II		This report provides details of a Phase I survey carried out in September of 2009 in advance of community enhancement improvements along the highway within a 25-foot wide LOD (limit of disturbance) corridor for improvements to MD 201. Investigations were conducted in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 as amended and the Maryland Historical Trust Act of 1985 (state law).
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Determine the presence/absence of 18PR1043 within the MD 201 project area.
-Determine the northern boundary of the site and evaluate its significance.

MAC Accession: 2013.043.001

Research Potential:

Based on the presence of an intact prehistoric component with horizontal and vertical spatial patterning, site 18PR1043 was recommended eligible for NRHP listing for its potential to yield significant information about area prehistory. Additional investigations is required (e.g., excavation or remote sensing within paved areas thought to be the former school location) to determine if the historic component contributes to the NRHP eligibility of the site. Improvements to the MD450 and MD 201 streetscapes were carried out, largely avoiding impacts to those intact portions of the site. Thus 18PR1043 retains its archeological potential.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2017 Crowl, H., B. Stewart, and R. Koziarski
 Archaeological Investigation at the Magruder House, Site 18PR982, Prince George's County, Maryland, Addendum Report
 Submitted to The Maryland State Highway Administration, Project Planning Division
 Library ID No: 95002995 Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 674 ADD

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Sites examined:

18PR982

Additional sites as listed above:
18PR983, 18PR96

Project Details:

	Project Justification:
Phase I	The work was carried out as part of the outreach for the War of 1812 bicentennial celebration to determine the location, type and integrity of features and artifacts related to these three properties. It was hoped that additional historical information would aid in a fuller understanding of the sites, their relation to each other and to other historic properties in Bladensburg, and the War of 1812.
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Phase III	

MAC Accession: 2012.022.002, 2013.042.002, 2016.041.001

Project Objectives:
In 2014, SHA undertook supplemental archaeological investigations at the Magruder House property (18PR982). The investigation included the excavation of three STPs and four 5-x-5-ft test units east of the extant house. The investigation resulted in recovery of 322 prehistoric artifacts, 5,442 historic and modern artifacts, 489 faunal remains, and 13 floral remains. Five historic and four modern cultural features were identified. Historic features consist of a stone-lined gravel path, two pit features, and two possible posts. Artifacts and features span the historic period of occupation from the mid-eighteenth century through to the twentieth century. In general, the results of this supplemental testing support the interpretations and conclusions from the previous testing completed in 2009. The focus of the 2014 excavations east of the house, however, resulted in the identification of somewhat better stratified deposits than was found to the south of the house in 2009. These excavations coincided with the War of 1812 celebration in Bladensburg and contributed to public outreach.

Research Potential:

Prehistoric artifacts recovered from the site were analyzed and dated to the Middle Archaic through the Late Woodland period. Additional analysis may be necessary to identify the type/usage of the site. Ongoing research into the history of the town's occupants through archeology, historical research, and public outreach at the Magruder House will continue to highlight the lives of ordinary people who have contributed to the development, growth, and success of Bladensburg.
