

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

2009 Kreisa, P.P., J.M. McDowell, and N. Powell  
Phase II NRHP Evaluation of Site 18PR955 Within the Enclave at Beechfield Development,  
Prince George's County, Maryland.  
Submitted to the Coscan/Adler Limited Partnership

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Research Firm/Institution:

Greenhome & O'Mara, Inc.  
6110 Frost Place  
Laurel, MD 20707

## Sites examined:

18PR955

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

### Project Justification:

Site 18PR955 was first identified during a Phase I survey in August and September of 2008. Both the Phase I work and this Phase II study were conducted because of a planned retirement community within a property known as the "Enclave at Beechfield". The planned retirement community would consist of approximately 400 dwelling units on one lot. The dwelling units were to consist of multifamily residences as well as single family attached units. A community center with recreation facilities was also planned. The Phase II testing conducted at this site was intended to comply with Sections 24-121 and 24-135.01 of the Prince George's County Subdivision Regulations and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

### Project Objectives:

- Determine the nature of the occupation at 18PR955, with special reference to evidence for the location of slave cabins or tenant structures.
- Determine the time period(s) represented by the deposits at 18PR955.
- Assess whether the site deposits include intact features and artifact deposits or if they are disturbed and incapable of addressing significant research questions.

## Research Potential:

Site 18PR955 retains subsurface integrity as evidenced by the four features identified during the Phase II investigations. Further, the artifacts recovered from those features as well as the characteristics of the features can be used to address significant research questions concerning the antebellum and postbellum periods in Prince George's County (and tenant occupations in particular). It should be considered a significant archeological resource.

## REPORT INFORMATION:

2020 Melton, M., A. Glass, W. B. Arnold, Z. Andrews, C. Engel, and J. Ward

Final report: a phase III data recovery investigation of 18PR955 located within the traditions at Beechfield property, Prince George's County, Maryland.

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Research Firm/Institution:

Applied Archaeology and History Associates,  
Inc.  
615 Fairglen Lane  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

## Sites examined:

18PR955

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

### Project Justification:

The Data Recovery was conducted from September to October 2019 to mitigate adverse effects to this National Register eligible site. The purpose of the investigation was to closely examine archaeological deposits and collect sufficient data to address research questions related to the historic occupants of the site prior to unavoidable proposed construction impacts.

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### Project Objectives:

- AAHA's primary research questions for the Data Recovery, as provided by the Scope of Work, were as follows:
1. What features are represented within 18PR955?
  2. When was the site occupied? Does it appear to have served a different function later in its life?
  3. Who is likely to have lived here?
  4. What were the material circumstances (patterns of consumption of manufactured goods, diet, etc.) of the residents? How do these compare to other sites from this time? Have they changed over time?
  5. In what ways, if at all, can the actions/behaviors of servants or slaves be distinguished from those of the plantation

owners/tenants?

6. How does the Traditions at Beech field Site compare with similar sites in Prince George's County?

Research Potential:

The development occurring at the property will/has likely impacted the site, since the purpose of the Phase III survey was for data recovery to mitigate adverse impacts. Artifact studies may be completed on the recovered physical remains of the site, and as an agricultural site dating to the 19th-20th century, may be good for comparative studies with similar sites.

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