

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

1988 Baumgartner-Wagner, N.A., K.J. Dinnel, and E.D. Read

Phase I Archeological Reconnaissance Survey of Riverfront Park, Laurel, Maryland.

Submitted to the Laurel Department of Parks & Recreation

Library ID No: 00006723 Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 160

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Sites examined:

18PR228

Others

Project Details:

Phase I



Project Justification:

Phase II

Phase III

At the time of this study (1988), the Laurel Department of Parks and Recreation was planning the development of a 26 acre park along the Patuxent River to be called "Riverfront Park". The park will include the development of a fitness trail and asphalt path. In addition, the historic "Factory House" (18PR228), is to be stabilized prior to its renovation as an information center. As part of their development plans, the Laurel Department of Parks and Recreation requested that a Phase I survey archeological reconnaissance survey be conducted prior to any construction activity to locate any additional cultural resources which may be located within the park boundaries.

Project Objectives:

-Locate cultural resources within the proposed Riverfront Park.

-Test the integrity of the Factory House (18PR228) site.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18PR228.

## REPORT INFORMATION:

1994 Gibb, J.G.

A Phase II Archaeological Site Examination at the Laurel Factory House (18PR228), Laurel, Prince George's County, Maryland.

Submitted to Chester Environmental

Library ID No: 00006734 Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 166

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Sites examined:

18PR228

Project Details:

Phase I



Project Justification:

Phase II

Phase III

At the time of this study (1994), the City of Laurel, in cooperation with the Laurel Historical Society and the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), was proposing the rehabilitation of the Laurel Factory House and grounds as an historic house museum and Department of Parks and Recreation office. The exterior of the 2 storey brick quadruplex and its stone foundation already had been cleaned and repointed. Replacement of the interior basement floor and limited exterior filling and utility line installation would result in moderate ground disturbance. MHT which held interior and exterior historical easements on the property, requested that an archeological study be undertaken before construction began.

Project Objectives:

-Determine the ages of all archeological deposits.

-Interpret the functions and activities represented at the site.

-Compare interior and exterior artifact patterns.

Research Potential:

Nineteenth century artifact deposits at 18PR228 were found to be heavily impacted by poorly documented archeological work, extensive filling during landscape modifications, vandalism, and trash dumping. These factors would make data analysis at the site difficult if not impossible. However, some intact features may be preserved in deeply buried strata at the site, which could provide details on the Factory House's original construction and subsequent modifications. Perhaps the most promising avenue for future research at 18PR228 is to properly document the research already conducted. To date, no definitive research report has been written on the extensive work of the 1980s. Efforts should be made to contact original excavators and obtain whatever data remains archived.

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