

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Sites examined:

18PR312

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



Project Justification:

Archeological testing was conducted at the proposed site of a new crane breeding pen in the Rare and Endangered Species section of the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center (PWRC) during June and July of 1986. The report of a prehistoric site (18PR162) recorded by the State Archeologist in 1972 indicated that archeological resources were in the vicinity which could be affected by construction. Additional work conducted by NPS involved examination of avocational collections made by refuge staff over the years in the immediate vicinity of 18PR312.

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Project Objectives:

-Locate artifact concentrations reflecting loci of prehistoric activity.
-Assess the significance of such concentrations in order to provide any mitigation needed to proceed with the planning and construction of the crane pen itself.

Research Potential:

Even though no intact cultural features were encountered during the Phase II work conducted in 1986 at 18PR312, the analysis in 1987 of avocational collections suggests that portions of the site likely extend into areas that were never subject to testing in 1986 due to the limited impact area for the construction of the crane pens. Intact deposits and additional diagnostics may be present, particularly in areas southeast of the site as defined in 1986 and future work should attempt to determine the boundaries of the site. The site (potentially a base camp) could in the future yield information important to our understanding of Maryland prehistoric cultures.
