

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1988 Knepper, D.A. et. al.
Phase I Archaeological Survey: Riversdale, Prince George's County, Maryland.
Submitted to Notter, Finegold, and Alexander, Inc.
Library ID No: 00006657 Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 95

Research Firm/Institution:
Engineering-Science, Inc.
1133 Fifteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC

Sites examined:

18PR390
NRHP Eligible: Y
[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: In September of 1988, a Phase I archeological and historical study was carried out at Riversdale (the Calvert mansion) in Prince George's County. The project was conducted prior to planned improvements to the structure in cooperation with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC). The project area for the archeological study consisted of the basement of the house, and included the area under the separate, south portico.
Phase II		
Phase III		

Project Objectives: -Determine the original basement floor elevations. -Identify the original surface materials of these floors where archeological evidence is available.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18PR390.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1990 Toulmin, C., M. Walker, and K. Barr
Phase II Archaeological Testing: Excavations at Riversdale.
Submitted to Notter, Finegold, and Alexander, Inc.
Library ID No: 00006671 Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 108

Research Firm/Institution:
Engineering-Science, Inc.
1133 Fifteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC

Sites examined:

18PR390
NRHP Eligible: Y
[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The purpose of this study was to investigate further archeological features revealed in a Phase I survey conducted in 1988 in the basement of the Riversdale Mansion. This Phase II testing was also geared toward exploring some areas of the grounds where planned restoration work was likely to disturb any archeological features that might be present.
Phase III		

Project Objectives: -Gain a better understanding of the sub-floor drainage system in the mansion's basement and a feature identified in the center of Room 2. -Determine the construction materials and configuration of the original portico steps. -Determine the existence and nature of archeological resources in areas that face disturbance during the restoration process.
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18PR390.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1996 Gibb, J.G. and D.H. Weiskotten
A Phase I Archaeological Survey and Phase II Site Examination of Riversdale Mansion (18PR390), Riversdale, Prince George's County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Research Firm/Institution:
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Sites examined:

18PR390

NRHP Eligible: [Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: Phase I and II work was conducted at the Riversdale Mansion site in 1995 because the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) was proposing the demolition of an existing east parking lot and construction of a new lot at the site. Preliminary plans called for the construction of the new lot around the mansion's annex (a mid-20th century dwelling) and planting of grass on the site of the demolished lot. In keeping with its commitment to historic preservation, and in compliance with the terms of an historic easement granted to the Maryland Historical Trust, the MNCPPC's History Division commissioned the project reported herein.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

Project Objectives: -Examine the area around the Riversdale Mansion annex to determine whether proposed parking lot construction will adversely affect National Register eligible archeological resources. -Survey the remainder of the north and east lawns to identify hitherto unknown or poorly known archeological resources. -Monitor pavement removal in the east parking area and document all exposed archeological resources. -Produce a report detailing methods, findings, interpretations, and recommendations for further treatment of archeological resources at Riversdale Mansion.
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18PR390.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2002 Affleck, R.M., et. al.
Archaeological Investigations at Riversdale Mansion (18PR390), Prince George's County, Maryland: A Narrative.
Submitted to Oak Grove Restorations and MNCPPC

Research Firm/Institution:

URS Corporation
561 Cedar Lane
Florence, NJ 08518-2511

Library ID No: 97001243

Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 278

Sites examined:

18PR390

NRHP Eligible: [Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification: This report describes the 1997/2000 excavations at 18PR390. At the time MNCPPC was requiring that Phase II and III investigations be conducted in support of efforts to restore the Dependency (a standing structure at 18PR390) and the surrounding historic landscape. The information recovered would be used to ensure the accuracy and authenticity of restoration efforts.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives: -Obtain information useful for the accurate restoration of Structure IV (the Dependency) at Riversdale. -Obtain information useful for the restoration of the historic landscape at Riversdale. -Mitigate the impacts of proposed improvements and construction at the site.
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Research Potential:

See below for remaining research potential at 18PR390.