

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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## Sites examined:

18PR411

NRHP Eligible:  N

[Justification](#)

## Project Details:

Phase I

### Project Justification:

Phase II

This Phase I and (eventually) Phase II study detailed here was conducted on a roughly 8.5 acre tract prior to the construction of the Southern Maryland Courthouse on that property. The purpose of the study was to determine whether or not there was potential for the discovery of archeological resources within the property and to develop procedures for the investigation, protection or mitigation of any resources should they exist. Research and analysis was conducted in compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA of 1966.

Phase III

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### Project Objectives:

Phase I

-Establish, through the use of field investigations, the presence or absence of historic or prehistoric cultural resources within the Courthouse property.

-Determine the vertical and horizontal extent of any identified sites.

Phase II

-Establish, through the use of intensive test unit excavation, the stratigraphic integrity of the prehistoric deposits on the courthouse property

-Determine whether or not the site is eligible for the NRHP.

## Research Potential:

Site 18PR411 is a small, well-contained occupation site, and its presence in this locale adds to the general knowledge of land use patterns during several periods of prehistory in Maryland and the region. Yet due to the absence of cultural features and to the lack of detailed stratigraphic integrity, with a consequent inability to separate most classes of artifactual material chronologically, the research value of the site is diminished. The site should not be considered a significant archeological resource.