

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Sites examined:

18PR465 18PR466
NRHP Eligible: N NRHP Eligible: Y
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Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This project tested 2 archeological sites within a parcel of the Army Adelphi Laboratories, which had been recently acquired from the Naval Surface Warfare Center. The parcel was to be used for a wastewater containment pond, an administrative building, and a parking lot. The studies were done to assist the Army in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.
Phase III		

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Project Objectives:

Prehistoric
-Determine if the prehistoric resources in the project area bear evidence of how changes in sea level during the Middle Holocene affected various phases of human occupation and resource exploitation during the Archaic.
-Determine if the prehistoric resources in the project area bear evidence on site location choices (with respect to topography) made during the Archaic as sea level changed.

Historic
-Determine if the historic resources in the project area reveal how late 18th/early 19th century middling planters dealt with the seasonality and reliability of precipitation (in terms of construction, field selection, and permanence on the land).
-Determine if the historic resources in the project area shed light on the policy and public attitudes of the late 18th/early 19th century and their influence on the well-being of middling planters and/or various ethnic groups during the years of occupation.
-Assess the soil conditions at identified sites and their ramifications for agriculture and the economic endeavors of site inhabitants; particularly participation in the tobacco-oriented economy.
-Determine if the historic resources in the project area reveal how middling planters were affected by 19th century shifts in political milieus.
-Determine how the topography of identified sites constrains and facilitates utilization of the property relative to residence and economic activities.

Research Potential:

Because there are no sub plowzone archeological deposits or features, the artifact density is very low, and there are almost no diagnostic artifacts, site 18PR465 is not capable of addressing significant research questions related to Maryland prehistory. Further work at the site will not yield additional information and the site should not be considered a significant resource. Much of the site was destroyed during the subsequent construction of the aforementioned facilities and infrastructure.

No evidence of significant subsurface disturbance was identified at 18PR466, although some units showed evidence of disturbance from remodeling and demolition. The site was occupied as early as the late 18th century and contains a high density of artifacts, midden deposits, and intact structural features. The site is associated with a well-documented Colonial period family whose economic status, middling planter, is a major focus of research in the Chesapeake Bay area. Based on these factors, the site has significant research potential and warrants further work, should future construction threaten the site. It appears that plans were altered regarding the construction of the office building, parking lot, and waste water facility and currently steps have been taken to preserve the site in place.