

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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## Sites examined:

18PR81

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

### Project Justification:

The testing is being conducted at the request of the Prince George's County Planning Department in order to fulfill requirements of a condition of approval of the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision. Archeological site 18PR81 is a pre-contact Native American site that was initially identified in 1972. A significant portion of the site was reported to have been destroyed by construction associated with Northwestern High School on the adjoining parcel to the north. In 2017, a Phase I archeological survey of the Landy Property was undertaken during the review of approval of Preliminary Plan of Subdivision 4-17007. That survey encountered intact portions of the University Park Site within the project area that extended beyond the boundaries of the site as originally drawn. Because of potentially intact deposits undisturbed by historic period agricultural activity and the relatively robust quantity of lithic material recovered, the County determined that a Phase II evaluation was necessary to assess whether the remaining portion of the University Park Site was eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D or if additional Phase III data collection was warranted under the Prince George's County Guidelines for Archeological Review.

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### Project Objectives:

The purpose of the archeological evaluation was to determine the NRHP eligibility of the University Park site (18PR81). Specifically, the goals were:

- 1) to determine whether intact soils undisturbed by plowing were present within the site as was considered possible from the Phase I survey (2018)
- 2) to determine whether the site core, as indicated by elevated artifact counts recovered during the Phase I survey contained evidence of cultural features (intact or not), and
- 3) to refine a potential site function and period of use that would enable a determination whether the site possessed potential to provide substantively to the body of knowledge about pre-Contact culture in the Potomac region.

## Research Potential:

The Ottery Group recommended that Site 18PR81 as not eligible for inclusion on the NRHP under Criterion D of the NHPA. The site meets standard for rarity under the County criteria; however, the encroaching development of the last 50 years had resulted in the destruction of unknown portions of the site, compromising integrity and research value. The public would not benefit from the in-place preservation of the remaining site. No additional testing or treatment of the site is warranted, and the project moved forward without further work.