

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Sites examined:

18QU217	18QU321	18QU325	18QU326	18QU409
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Project Details:

Phase I	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II		Phase II work was conducted in 2000 at several sites prior to the proposed Four Seasons at Kent Island Development Project. These sites were chosen for archeological evaluation based on the findings of an earlier Phase I non-systematic survey that included the proposed development area.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Delineate the boundaries of the sites
-Characterize the temporal and functional aspects of the sites
-Determine if the sites were eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places

Research Potential:

The Bittorf Farm (Benton Farmstead) Site (18QU217) is comprised of a late 18th to early 20th century artifact scatter and extant 19th century farmhouse. Much of the site's integrity has been compromised by late historic and modern filling and land moving episodes. The house lot changed significantly during the 20th century including substantial modifications to the house. Furthermore, the limited quantity of prehistoric materials severely limits the questions that can be answered about the earliest periods of land use. Therefore, the prehistoric and the historic components of the site do not possess the quality of significance necessary for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. No further archeological work was recommended for the site.

Benton Farm Site #1 (18QU321) is multicomponent site comprised of Late Archaic to Late Woodland period shell middens, and an 18th to 19th century artifact scatter. The presence of intact sub-surface features at the site demonstrates a high level of archeological integrity. The prehistoric component represents either long-term encampments or a series of less intensive encampments over a long period of time. The site has the potential to provide data concerning natural resource exploitation, ceramic and lithic technology, and possibly household patterning. The small number of historic artifacts and single post hole feature suggested that the historic component is of limited research potential. Data recovery was recommended for the prehistoric component of the site if construction impacts could not be avoided. As of 2010, the Four Seasons development has not impacted the site area.

Benton Farm Site #5 (18QU325) is a multicomponent site comprised of possible Middle Archaic and Woodland period shell middens, and a small historic artifact scatter. The presence of intact sub-surface features at the site demonstrates a high level of archeological integrity. The prehistoric component represents either long-term encampments or a series of less intensive encampments over a long period of time. The site has the potential to provide data concerning natural resource exploitation, ceramic and lithic technology, and possibly household patterning. Data recovery was recommended for the prehistoric component of the site if construction impacts could not be avoided. As of 2010, the Four Seasons development has not impacted the site area.

Benton Farm Site #6 (18QU326) is a multicomponent site with occupation during the Early and Late Archaic and Early to Late Woodland periods, and a late 17th to early 18th century artifact scatter, possibly representing a historic occupation in the location. Given the large number of prehistoric shell midden features identified at the site, it appeared that food procurement and processing were important activities of the early inhabitants. The historic data suggested the presence of a late 17th to early 18th century occupation in the site vicinity. It may be contemporaneous with the nearby 17th century Claiborne settlement located to the south, or to a slightly later domestic occupation. Data recovery was recommended for the prehistoric and historic components of the site if construction impacts could not be avoided. As of 2010, the Four Seasons development has not impacted the site area.

The Macum Creek Site (18QU409) represents an early 18th and 19th century house site. It has been severely disturbed by historic and modern plowing and related soil deflation. Although the presence of the site supports the documentary evidence of early 18th to 19th century occupation of the property, the material assemblage contributes little new information on the historic occupation of Kent Island. The small area of preservation on the site was adequately sampled and it is unlikely that further archeological evaluation of the site would yield substantive data.