

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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## Sites examined:

18QU977

## Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Project Justification:</b> This report describes three years of investigations (2002-2005) to define the archeological resources of the privately-owned Wye Hall plantation (18QU977), the late 18th century home of William Paca, Maryland governor and signer of the Declaration of Independence. The work was carried out as part of the University of Maryland summer fieldschool in archeology and also a project by Archeology in Annapolis on public (Maryland DNR) lands adjacent to the privately-owned mansion.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Project Objectives:</b> -Examine the pre-Paca occupations at 18QU977. -Gain a better understanding of the African-American occupation at 18QU977. -Document the post-Paca occupation of 18QU977.
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## Research Potential:

Excavations at 18QU977 revealed evidence of 19th and 20th century tenant farming as well as a likely late 18th-early 19th century slave quarter. This represents the first recognized Phase III investigation of a slave quarter in Queen Anne's County. Therefore, the site and interpretations are important for augmenting Maryland's Eastern shore narratives of the past, particularly in relation to the voice and space given to African-American histories. It is likely that additional intact remains are present at the site. It should be considered a significant archeological resource.

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