

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Phase I and II Archaeological Investigations for Proposed Road Improvements to MD 5
Between Camp Brown Road and Point Lookout, St. Mary's County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration

Research Firm/Institution:

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Sites examined:

18ST183

NRHP Eligible: N

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Combined Phase I and II archeological investigations were conducted in 2002 at the Bohlen Site. Earlier site reconnaissance by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) was conducted between 1998 and 2000 ahead of the construction of a large wetland mitigation facility in an agricultural field along the east side of Potter Creek, referred to as the Jacobs property. SHA recommended Phase I and II study for the area.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Establish the boundaries of the site
-Establish its relationship to previously identified sites in the vicinity
-Determine its eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places

Research Potential:

The Bohlen Site (18ST183) is located in the Western Shore Region, which is an ideal study area for the research of early European settlement in Maryland and agrarian society in the 17th and 18th centuries. A house was present at the south end of the site at least as early as 1798 and the low density of 18th century ceramics recovered probably relate to that occupation. However, no vertical distinctions could be made between the 18th century ceramics and the later 19th century material associated with the extant farmhouse. Furthermore, while the site does represent a mid-late 19th century farmstead, it did not have the potential to yield significant information about the transition from an agricultural base to a mercantile economy. The lack of prehistoric ceramics and the presence of a possible Brewerton point at the site suggested a Late Archaic use of the area. The relatively low-density of material recovered indicated a short-term resource procurement site. Neither the prehistoric nor the historic components at 18ST183 have the potential to yield further valuable information. No further work was recommended at the site.