

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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A Phase I Intensive Archeological Survey of the Proposed Clark's Rest Subdivision and Phase II Examinations at 18ST802 and 18ST803, Leonardtown, St. Mary's County, Maryland.
Submitted to Marrick Properties

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Sites examined:

18ST802 18ST803

NRHP Eligible: N

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report describes a 2005 combined Phase I/II project on the northwest side of Leonardtown in St. Mary's County. At that time a private developer was proposing the residential subdivision of a 170 acre upland farm property. The proposed subdivision would require permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers and, therefore, it was subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
Phase I -Locate archeological deposits that may be impacted by the proposed residential subdivision.
Phase II -Recover any temporally diagnostic artifacts from the identified sites. -Define the vertical and horizontal extent of the identified sites. -Determine the degree of integrity exhibited at each site.

Research Potential:

Site 18ST802 is poorly preserved. The single recovered pottery sherd dates the deposits to the Woodland periods. The sherd is eroded, hampering definitive classification, but appears to be a Late Woodland Potomac Creek corded sherd. Historic materials were infrequent and, with the exception of the ball clay pipe stem, uniformly 20th century in date. This historic occupation is not significant. Given the low artifact return, thin plowzone, and recovery of only one dateable artifact, Site 18ST802 is unlikely to reveal much additional information. It should not be considered a significant archeological resource.

Excavations at 18ST803 exposed somewhat intact sub-plowzone deposits, but no unequivocally datable objects. While the lithic assemblage from the site was rather limited, the original excavator(s) recommended that the site be considered eligible for listing on the NRHP due to its potential to provide information on the near-coastal upland adaptations of prehistoric peoples. The site fell within a buffer zone for the residential housing development project, was not impacted by construction, and appears to be well-preserved for future research.
