

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1979 Israel, S.
An Archeological Investigation of the Vera Richardson River Front Property for Determination of a Permit Action on the Potomac River, St. Mary's County, Maryland.
Submitted to US Army Corp of Engineers, Baltimore District, Planning Division
Library ID No: 00006391 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 13A

Research Firm/Institution:

US Army Corp of Engineers
P.O. Box 1715
Baltimore, MD 21203

Sites examined:

18ST245

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: Work at the site was conducted ahead of a proposed shoreline stabilization project involving 426.72 m (1,400') of shoreline at the Richardson water front property. The site is situated in the eastern portion of the property. Work would include bulkheading and grading construction. In 1979, Phase I investigations commenced.
Phase II	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives: -Determine the location and extent of cultural resources in the area of potential impact.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST245.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1981 Cissna, P.B. and J. Evans
Phase II Archeological Investigations of the Vera Richardson River Front Property (Archeological Site 18ST245) St. Mary's County, Maryland.
Submitted to US Army Corp of Engineers
Library ID No: 00006392 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 13B

Research Firm/Institution:

Potomac River Archeology Survey
American University
Washington, DC 20016

Sites examined:

18ST245

Project Details:

Phase I	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: Due to the proposed future grading of the river front to reduce the sharp angle of the surface slope (in essence burying the site under modern fill), a more detailed investigation was recommended in order to retrieve more data on the historic and prehistoric occupations at the site. Phase II investigations were undertaken in the fall of 1980.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives: -Determine the nature and extent of the cultural resources. -Determine the sites eligibility for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.
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Research Potential:

The material assemblage from the Richardson Site (18ST245) reflects a possible early Middle Woodland period shell midden and a mid-18th to mid-19th dwelling and refuse midden. The focus of the prehistoric site was at the junction of an intermittent stream and the Potomac River. The inland scatter of artifacts was thought to be indicative of plowing activities. Artifacts from the historic component indicate an occupancy range from ca. 1760-1840. Erosion has largely washed away the historic structure that was identified by the fireplace foundation, and has equally caused damage to the prehistoric shell midden. The resulting loss of integrity indicates that the remains of the site to be impacted by construction would not contribute significantly to the archeological record.