

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1981 Epperson, T. W.
Report on Archeological Reconnaissance of Proposed St. Marys Lake Number Two, St.
Marys County, Maryland.

Research Firm/Institution:

Maryland Geological Survey
2300 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

Library ID No: 00006385 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 7

Sites examined:

18ST254 18ST255 18ST263 18ST264

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification: The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (Program Open Space) and the US Department of Agriculture (Soil Conservation Service) had proposed construction of a 307-acre reservoir on the upper St. Mary's River in St. Mary's County. As construction of the reservoir required a federal permit and federal funding, archeological reconnaissance was required in accordance with the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

Project Objectives: -Conduct a survey to locate possible National Register-eligible sites that might be adversely impacted by the proposed construction.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST254.

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST255.

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST263.

See below for remaining research questions at 18ST264.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1997 Otter, E.
Archaeological Investigation for the Barefoot Acres Valley Lee Tap, Lexington Park, St.
Mary's County, Maryland.
Submitted to Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative

Research Firm/Institution:

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Library ID No: 00006546 Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 163

Sites examined:

18ST254 18ST255 18ST263 18ST264

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification: In 1997 a Phase II was conducted at the site by E. Otter. The study was required because Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative planned to install a new line along an existing right-of-way passing through St. Mary's State Park.
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Phase III		

Project Objectives: -Assess the potential impact of construction on previously identified sites.

Research Potential:

The Norris I site (18ST254) has both historic and prehistoric components represented. Types and quantities of artifacts imply the site was occupied by a person of middling or lower status. The dates of the ceramics indicate that the main period of historic occupation at the site was from the late 18th to the mid-19th centuries. This is consistent with documentary evidence that the site was tenant occupied. With the exception of a possible posthole, there is a lack of features at the site. The nature of the prehistoric material suggests repeated occupation by small groups during the Archaic period (although some researchers consider the Piscataway point to date to the Early Woodland). The wooded portion of the site was not fully tested. There is a greater potential for intact features within the woods since that area may not have been plowed. It was assessed that the proposed construction would not impact the site.

The Norris II site (18ST255) represents an 18th to 19th century possible house site and Late Archaic and Early Woodland short-term base camps. The site

was in no danger of destruction by any of the proposed projects. The small and scattered nature of the assemblage makes it unlikely that the site would provide significant information on the prehistoric and 18th and 19th century periods in St. Mary's County. No further archeological investigation is recommended at the site.

At present, too little work has been done at the Watts Mill site (18ST263) to determine if it is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Currently, the site does not appear to be in any immediate danger of destruction. Because of the mill's period of use, it may be important for understanding part of the industrial aspects of St. Mary's County around the beginning of the 19th century.

At the Watts Expectation site (18ST264), additional examination of the site beyond the confines of the proposed right-of-ways may provide more data that indicates the site is archeologically significant. The site would be impacted by the installation of a new utility pole; however, the nature of the site within the right-of-way is plow disturbed and there were few artifacts and no cultural features. The types of artifacts collected are more suggestive of a utilitarian outbuilding rather than a domestic use structure such as a dwelling or kitchen. No additional archeological work is recommended for this site.
