

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

2011 Otter, E.
 Phase I Archaeological Survey Between Route 50 and Hailem School Road, Easton, Talbot County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18TA420	18TA424	18TA425	18TA427	Others
NRHP Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> N	NRHP Eligible: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	NRHP Eligible: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	NRHP Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> N	
Justification	Justification	Justification	Justification	

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input type="checkbox"/>	This report describes a 2011 Phase I survey conducted for a proposed hospital near Easton in Talbot County. Various agencies were involved in the project, including the Maryland State Highway Administration and the US Army Corps of Engineers. Because of required permitting, this project was subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.
Phase III	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives:
-Determine if archeological materials are present on the property.

Research Potential:

- See below for remaining research questions at 18TA420.
- See below for remaining research questions at 18TA424.
- See below for remaining research questions at 18TA425.
- See below for remaining research questions at 18TA427.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2012 Otter, E.
 Phase II Archaeological Investigations 18TA420, 18TA424, 18TA425, and 18TA427, Between Route 662 and Hailem School Road, Easton, Talbot County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18TA420	18TA424	18TA425	18TA427
NRHP Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> N	NRHP Eligible: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	NRHP Eligible: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	NRHP Eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> N
Justification	Justification	Justification	Justification

Project Details:

Phase I	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In 2011, a Phase I archeological survey identified 12 archeological sites on a tract north of Easton, four of which were determined to have the potential for yielding significant scientific information. This report describes Phase II testing at the four potentially significant sites, which was carried out in the spring of 2012. This work was part of the permitting process for a proposed hospital. This development project was subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.
Phase III	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Project Objectives:
-Determine if cultural features or other intact sub-plowzone soils are present at the various sites.
-Provide data on the age and function(s) of the sites.
-Determine whether four sites identified during the Phase I survey are eligible for the NRHP.

Research Potential:

Phase I and II work at 18TA420 revealed a Late Archaic & Late Woodland short-term camp, and a late 18th-19th century artifact scatter. Following Phase II work it was concluded that the site, even with two possible features, did not exhibit enough potential for meaningful scientific inquiry. Because of the disturbed context, no distinct chipping clusters were visible. Likely, the prehistoric materials were deposited over numerous short-term visits to the site and these have since been mixed in the plowzone. On this basis, it was determined that the site was not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Given the number of pit features and deep soils encountered at 18TA420, it is possible that more of these types of features remain. The information available from such pits could provide important information about the Late Archaic on the Delmarva Peninsula. 18TA424 has the potential to provide important scientific information. The site has been determined eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

Considering the age, and the amount of intact remains at Site 18TA425 (in the southern/colonial section), it has been concluded that detailed study of this site could provide important scientific information about colonial life in Talbot County. For this reason, this site should remain undisturbed until it is fully investigated. MHT has determined that the site is eligible for inclusion on the National Register.

In spite of the well and posthole features, it seems that 18TA427 has limited potential for providing important information about the past. Few artifacts were found in the well and no buildings or other large, artifact bearing features, were found. This site is too poor in material cultural and intact features to provide a reasonably sufficient picture of early 19th century life. It was determined that the site does not meet the standards for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and should not be considered a significant research asset.
