

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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Project Details:

Phase	Project Justification:
Phase I	
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	From August to September 1992, a Phase II archeological investigation was conducted at the Highley Site. The study was conducted for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Shore Erosion Control, as part of a wetland permit required from the Army Corps of Engineers ahead of proposed shoreline stabilization.
Phase III	

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Project Objectives:
-Evaluate the significance of site 18TA23 in terms of the National Register of Historic Places

Research Potential:

The Highley Site (18TA23) represents an Early to Late Woodland period shell midden and short-term resource procurement/ base camp. The most intensive occupation at the site appeared to have occurred during the Late Woodland period although material remains dating from the Early and Middle Woodland periods were also recovered. The shell midden can offer important data on prehistoric settlement, subsistence, and technology. Historic period plowing had disturbed much of the site, mixing the Early to Late Woodland prehistoric components with sparse late 19th to early 20th century materials. However, intact sub-plowzone deposits were present at the southern end of 18TA23, adjacent to Bolingbroke Creek. In contrast to other investigated portions of the site which are insignificant and warrant no further study, the integrity of this southern end and its promise to provide important information on the Early Woodland period of the Eastern Shore point to the National Register eligibility of the resource.