

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Site File for the La Trappe Creek Canoe Site (18TA303).
Submitted to Maryland Historical Trust

Library ID No: 18TA303 SF Catalog/Shelving ID: Site Files

Research Firm/Institution:

MMAP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

Sites examined:

18TA303

Project Details:

Project Justification:

The draft report on the archeological excavations (Phase I and Phase III) at the canoe site (18TA303) is located in the site file. The La Trappe Creek Canoe was discovered in October 1993 and reported to the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) by Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CMBB) staff. For a few days during late October/early November, personnel from MHT and CMBB returned to the site to fully expose the gunwales of the canoe and to acquire detailed measurements of its interior depth and shape. An approaching winter storm was a cause of concern for the safety of the partially exposed craft. Therefore, a Phase III recovery of the canoe was undertaken in early December 1993.

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Research Potential:

The La Trappe Creek Canoe Site (18TA303) consists of the remains of a single log hewn canoe dated to ca. 1750-1850. The reconstructed vessel went on display at the Living Classrooms African American Museum in Baltimore. In 2006, the Living Classrooms Foundation opened the Frederick Douglass - Isaac Myers Maritime Park on the Fells Point waterfront at the historic Chase's Wharf. Frederick Douglass and Isaac Myers, along with 14 fellow African Americans, started the first African American owned shipyard in the United States. The park incorporated a working shipyard/ maritime railway and deep-water pier, monuments to Douglass and Myers, exhibits on African American maritime history, and the restored "Sugar House," the oldest remaining industrial building on the waterfront.
