

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Archeological Investigation at the Lock 33 Complex, Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.
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Project Details:

Phase	Project Justification:
Phase I	
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Phase III	

The project was undertaken to assess the impacts of a proposed stabilization project for the Lock 33 complex of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. This work was part of the National Park Service C & O Canal Restoration Project.

Project Objectives:
-Inspect and record the current ground surface elevation of the Lock 33 area.
-Discover, to the extent possible, the historic grade of the area.
-Conduct limited test excavation to determine if any significant cultural (historic) resources are present in the area that will be disturbed by stabilization of Lock 33 and associated structures.
-Determine if any remains exist of buildings which may be seen to have stood there in historic photographs of the complex.

Research Potential:

No cultural material was recovered from the test excavations that could be reliably associated with 2 historic structures, no longer extant, which had serially occupied the area of Lock 33 (18FR474). Such material was probably washed away by one or more of the floods which have swept the area. Given the placement of the test units, it also seems unlikely that anything of further archeological value might be found within the immediate area.