

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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A Phase II Archeological Evaluation of the Ridenour Farm Site, Site 18WA467, Located on Hopewell Road in Washington County, Maryland.
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Sites examined:

18WA467

NRHP Eligible:

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III

Project Justification:

The site was first discovered in 1997 during Phase I reconnaissance of a tract within the Newgate Industrial Park, Hagerstown, MD. This study was completed in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, to locate and identify any significant cultural resources that could be impacted by any future development within the park. Phase II testing was recommended and undertaken to determine if the site was a significant archeological resource and would aid in the Ridenour Farm's eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Project Objectives:

- Determine if the artifact recovery supports the occupation period of the Ridenour Farm based on the historical research completed.
- Assess the correlation between the Phase II material recovery and site function, activity, social status, and consumption.
- Reassess the boundaries of the site.
- Assess the stratigraphic integrity and/or document any site disturbances at 18WA467.
- Determine if the site contains intact cultural features that can be related to specific activities or functions.
- Use archeological and historical research to determine if site 18WA467 is a significant cultural resource and if it offers research value to Washington County and greater Maryland.
- Determine if 18WA467 contributes to the Ridenour Farm's (standing structures) eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Research Potential:

The Ridenour Farm site was determined to have an intact historic landscape. Little remained of the late eighteenth/early nineteenth-century landscape other than the encapsulated two-story log cabin and a minor artifact scatter. In contrast, the post-1820 nineteenth-century historic setting was well represented. Important elements included: 1) the farmhouse; 2) a bank barn; 3) the smokehouse foundation; 4) the south wall of a dairy; 5) a dry-laid limestone well near the dwelling; and 6) the presence of artifact deposits and domestic midden marking the selected locations and patterning of refuse disposal. The site is a unique archeological resource in Washington County. Few nineteenth-century farm-related sites have been evaluated in the county, and until 18WA467 was examined, none had been recommended for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The site has high potential research value and should be considered a significant archeological resource.