

# Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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## REPORT INFORMATION:

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Report on the Archeological Investigation of the Miller Shoreline Property for Bulkhead and Grading Construction, Nanticoke River, Wicomico County, Maryland, Site 18WC68.

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## Sites examined:

18WC68

## Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III



### Project Justification:

This report describes the results of a 1983-1984 US Army Corps of Engineers (COE) investigation of a Nanticoke River shoreline property in Wicomico County. The field investigation was undertaken as a result of a letter from the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) to the Baltimore District of the COE which indicated that a proposed permit action for grading and riprap (later modified to a prefab concrete bulkhead construction) might impact a potentially significant prehistoric shell midden. The MHT based its concerns on an 1836 state geological report of a prehistoric shell midden in the vicinity of the proposed bulkhead location.

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### Project Objectives:

-Conduct a field investigation of nearly 360 m of shoreline in order to determine the potential significance of the purported shell midden and whether or not there is a need for further investigation.

## Research Potential:

The intensive testing of the Miller Site (18WC68) did not provide sufficient data for National Register eligibility. The small collection from the site is, however, a good study collection for the Lower Nanticoke River Basin. No further work on the site was considered necessary as additional data would probably not have provided enough information to alter the basic interpretation of the site. The COE project moved forward and the site was likely impacted heavily by the construction of bulkheading.