

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

2003 Fischler, B.R., et. al.
Phase I Archaeological Investigation: Assateague Island Barrier Islands Visitor Education Center, Site Development Assessment (ASIS 19735), Assateague Island National Seashore, Worcester County, Maryland.
Submitted to the National Park Service - Assateague Island National Seashore
Library ID No: 97001788 Catalog/Shelving ID: WO 41

Research Firm/Institution:

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Sites examined:

18WO164 19WO230
NRHP Eligible:

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II		A Phase I identification study was conducted within an 8.6 acre area adjacent to the National Park Service (NPS), Assateague Island National Seashore Barrier Island Visitor Education Center in Worcester County, Maryland in 2002 and 2003. This archeological study was conducted as part of a Site Development Assessment by NPS to help guide future development in the vicinity of park headquarters. The work was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, which requires federal agencies to take into account effects of their projects on cultural resources.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Locate any prehistoric or historic archeological sites that would be affected by the proposed project.

MAC Accession: 2004.025.001

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18WO230.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2010 Levinthal, A., R. Papon and M. Greer
Archaeological Investigation of the Rackliffe House and Grounds, Site 18WO230, On the Property of the Rackliffe House Trust, in the Vicinity of the Assateague Island National Seashore and Assateague Island State Park, Worcester County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Rackliffe House
Library ID No: 95001435 Catalog/Shelving ID: WO 56

Research Firm/Institution:

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Sites examined:

18WO230
NRHP Eligible:

Project Details:

Phase I		Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report describes 2010 testing at 18WO230 conducted prior to plantation landscape restoration efforts at the Rackliffe House in Worcester County. The site is situated on state-owned lands which are managed in cooperation with the Rackliffe House Foundation. In consultation with a volunteer archeologist, the board of the Rackliffe House Foundation determined that a comprehensive investigation of the property's grounds should be undertaken prior to attempt to restore the plantation-era landscape for interpretive purposes.
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
-Provide information to assist the Rackliffe House Trust in developing an effective museum by gathering data concerning the human occupation of the site.
-Use the results of investigation as a planning tool for the management of the landscape.

Research Potential:

The results of the 2010 excavations, as well as the 2011 archeological monitoring project reveal that intact features and artifact deposits are certainly extant on site. Furthermore, the site has both prehistoric and historic research potential. It should be considered a site of considerable significance.