Site Name: Homeport #2

Other name(s): Late Woodland shell midden, Sullivan's Cove Phase

Brief Description:

Site Number: 18AN791

Maryland Archeological Research Unit No. 7

Physiographic province: Western Shore Coastal

SCS soil & sediment code: Terrestrial site ✓ Underwater site

Nearest Surface Water:

Name (if any): Church Creek
Saltwater: Freshwater
Ocean: Stream/river
Estuary/tidal river ✓ Swamp
Tidewater/marsh: Lake or pond
Swamp: Spring

Minimum distance to water is 30 m

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site Woodland site
Archaic site MD Adena
Early archaic Early woodland
Middle archaic Mid. woodland
Late archaic Late woodland

Unknown prehistoric context

Unknown historic context

Contact period site Y ca. 1820 - 1860
ca. 1630 - 1675
ca. 1675 - 1720
ca. 1720 - 1780 Post 1930
ca. 1780 - 1820

Ethnic Associations (historic only)
Native American Asian American
African American Unknown
Anglo-American Other
Hispanic

Y=Confirmed, P=Possible

Site Function Contextual Data:

Urban/Rural?
Domestic
Furnace/forge
Transportation
Military
Furnace/forge
Other
Transportation
Other

Industrial
Economic
Other
Furnace/forge
Other

Prehistoric

Multi-component Misc. ceremonial
Village Rock art
Hamlet Shell midden ✓
Base camp STU/lithic scatter
Rockshelter/cave Quarry/extraction
Earthen mound Fish weir
Cairn Production area
Burial area Unknown

Other context

Historic

Other context

Interpretive Sampling Data:

Prehistoric context samples Soil samples taken N
Flotation samples taken N Other samples taken Oyster shell samples

Historic context samples Soil samples taken

Flotation samples taken Other samples taken
## Phase II and Phase III Archeological Database and Inventory

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#### Prehistoric Sherd Types:
- Shepard
- Keyser
- Townsend
- Yeocomico
- Minguannan
- Monongahela
- Sullivan Cove
- Shenks Ferry
- Susquehannock
- Potomac Cr

#### Other Artifact & Feature Types:

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#### Lithic Material:
- Fer quartzite
- Sil sandstone
- Jasper
- Chalcedony
- European flint
- Chert
- Ironstone
- Basalt
- Rhyolite
- Argilite
- Other
- Quartz
- Steatite
- Unknown
- Quartzite
- Sandstone

#### Radiocarbon Data:

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**Dated features present at site:**
Late Woodland pottery (Moyaone) found within shell midden.
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External Samples/Data:

- Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

The Homeport #2 Site (18AN791) is a Late Woodland, Sullivan's Cove Phase shell midden near Parole in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The site is situated on a high terrace (wooded bluff) near the upper reaches of a tributary creek that flows into the South River. The shell midden extends over approximately ¼ of an acre, sandwiched between two ravines. The site is entirely wooded, with sweet gum and holly among the more prominent species. Soils at the site are predominantly Monmouth loamy sands.

The site was first identified by an environmental scientist who noted oyster shell around the base of an oak tree at the highest part of the bluff. The Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning was notified and the County Archeologist recorded the site. Later, in 2003, a Phase II study was conducted at the site.

Phase II work entailed surface reconnaissance, shovel testing, and systematic tube augering of the shell midden. Surface reconnaissance revealed no definitive evidence of prehistoric occupation, only two clusters of crushed and whole oyster shell at the north end of the project area. Leaves were raked back from above each cluster and the areas were augered with a with a one inch split spoon at 30.5 cm (1 ft) intervals along perpendicular tapes to ascertain the horizontal limits of these deposits. The augering revealed a very tightly defined shell cluster roughly 3.05 m (10 ft) in diameter in the northern portion of the site, a less dense cluster roughly 2.44 m (8 ft) in diameter in the southern portion of the site, and that the site as a whole extended over an area approximately ¼ acre in size.

The augering was followed by shovel test pit (STP) excavation. An orthogonal sampling grid was imposed at 9.14 m (30 ft) intervals in the ¼ acre area designated Homeport #2, and also along a single transect extending southward to about 15.24 m (50 ft) from the brow of the bluff. The grid was established with a compass and tape. One additional shovel test was excavated judgmentally (not on a grid node) at a place where oyster shell was visible on the surface (what turned out to be the southern shell cluster). A total of 25 STPs were excavated during the Phase II study at 18AN791. All of the STPs were approximately 40 cm in diameter and excavated stratigraphically, and the soil was screened through hardware cloth. All artifacts, and the larger oyster shells (>1 inch or 2.54 cm in longest dimension) from two STPs that were dense with shell.

Systematic shovel testing yielded a quartz decortication flake and a quartzite core fragment. These materials came from the northernmost shell cluster. No other artifacts or ecofacts (other than the shell) were recovered through systematic sampling in the northern shell cluster. Again, the southern cluster was less dense than the northern deposit, and the single judgmentally placed shovel test placed to investigate it yielded only about 7 lbs of oyster shell, in contrast to the 8 lbs recovered from one STP in the northern cluster. Again, augering had revealed a cluster that was slightly smaller in extent (see above). Screening of the excavated soils in the judgmentally-placed STP produced 3 small, mendable prehistoric sherds. The sherds appear to be from a Moyaone-ware pot. No artifacts or ecofacts other than the pottery sherds and oyster shell were recovered from the southernmost cluster.

The two shell middens, may both date to the Late Woodland period based on the presence of the Moyaone sherds. Additional features and artifacts may also be present within the shell midden deposits. The level of work conducted is rather limited for a Phase II study, which typically entailed the excavation of formal test units. Formal test unit excavation could have revealed if the site is truly a single component site or bears evidence of multiple occupations, whether intact features were present, and whether more detailed site function data could be obtained. Unfortunately, it appears that no additional work was conducted and today a residential structure appears to sit atop the site. The site likely has no remaining research potential.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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