In the fall of 1989 staff at the Historic Annapolis Foundation was contacted by the owner of the John Brice II House and her family. Water damage in the basement of the house would necessitate excavation in the front yard, up against the early 18th century house’s foundation. The owner suggested that perhaps professional archaeologists, in consultation with the contractor undertaking the repair work, would like to excavate a unit or units in the area to be impacted. The area was of great archaeological promise as there was no evidence of utility lines, pipes, or other significant below-ground disturbance. Researchers with Archaeology in Annapolis (AIA) were called in to perform the work. The AIA consortium’s work is largely publically funded both through state funds (the University of Maryland) and grants from the City of Annapolis.

Site 18AP53 generally appears to be intact and does contain 18th century deposits. Intact features were encountered. The site should be considered a significant archeological resource.