Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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18CR172 18CR255 18CR256
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Justification

Project Details:

Phase I

Project Justification:
This report describes Phase I and Phase II archeological work in 2004 on the Warfield Complex of the Springfield State Hospital (Southern Tract) in the Town of Sykesville. Phase I survey was carried out on the entire 97 acre property, while Phase II assessments were undertaken for all 3 archeological resources that were identified during Phase I. The Town of Sykesville received ownership of this formerly State-owned property conditioned upon the full consideration of historic and archeological resources, in compliance with Article 83B §5-618(d) of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Town of Sykesville entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Maryland Historical Trust to accomplish an inventory and assessment of archeological resources that might be affected by planned redevelopment of the property.

Phase II

Project Objectives:

- Stratify the survey property into sub-areas based on human settlement models of relative potential to yield prehistoric or historic resources.
- Test identified resources to determine their level of archeological significance and potential.

Phase III

Research Potential:

The 2004 excavations clearly revealed that intact features remain at the Buttercup Cottage Site (18CR172). The site has been determined eligible for listing on the NRHP due to its association with the development and modernization of the treatment of mental health and its ability to contribute knowledge regarding State hospital practices, and patient care in Maryland. It was recommended that the Town of Sykesville avoid the site in future undertakings on the property.

Based on the meager findings from the supplemental shovel testing, no additional Phase II work was carried out at 18CR255. The site appears to represent a lithic reduction station of short duration at some unknown prehistoric time. The concentration of materials is of very low density and is considered to have little research potential. It was not recommended for listing on the NRHP.