Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

All information contained within the individual site database and inventory sheets is solely the work of the researchers and authors noted below. The data provided has been culled from the original site reports noted below and in many cases has been lifted directly from them with little or no editing. The database and inventory sheets are meant to serve as a synopsis of the report findings and a finding aid and are not intended to replace or republish the research of the authors noted below.

REPORT INFORMATION:

Phase I and II Archaeological Investigation of the Pleasant Prospect Plantation Property, Prince George's County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Washington Management and Development Company, Inc.

Library ID No: 97002118  Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 313

Sites examined:
18PR705  18PR706
NRHP Eligible: Y  NRHP Eligible: N

Project Details:

Phase I  X
Project Justification:
The CRM firm was contracted by Washington Management and Development Company, Inc., to conduct a Phase I archeological survey of a proposed residential development and a Phase II evaluation of the two identified archeological sites. The studies were conducted to meet compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA.

Project Objectives:
-Delineate and inventory archeological properties.
-Characterize and interpret identified resources.
-Make appraisal of the results and make comparison with existing settlement pattern models.
-Make an assessment of identified properties for their eligibility for inclusion on the NRHP.
-Determine if additional archeological studies are necessary.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18PR705.

Twentieth century occupation and use of Site 18PR706 appears to have obscured evidence of the 19th century occupation. Site 18PR706 does not retain integrity, and is not likely to yield significant information. It should not be considered a significant archeological resource.

REPORT INFORMATION:

2008  Kreisa, P.P. et. al.
Phase III Archaeological Recovery of Site 18PR705 at the Waterford Development, Prince George's County, Maryland.
Submitted to the Washington Management & Development Company, Inc.

Library ID No: 95000609  Catalog/Shelving ID: PR 467

Sites examined:
18PR705
NRHP Eligible: Y

Project Details:

Phase I

Phase II

Phase III  X

Project Justification:
Site 18PR705 was first examined in 2004 as part of a Phase I, and later a Phase II study. The study was undertaken in preparation for a housing development of 126 single-family homes and associated infrastructure. Based on Phase II findings, 18PR705 was recommended for data recovery if the site could not be avoided. This report details the results of field, archival, and laboratory research, in part fulfilling the requirements of a Memorandum of Agreement between the US Army Corps of Engineers, MHT, and the development corporation.

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Project Objectives:
-Determine, if possible, who lived at the site.
-Determine if and how the site is associated with Pleasant Prospect Plantation or other plantations in the area.
-If the site is determined to be a precursor to Pleasant Prospect, use the archeological and historical data to help paint a picture of evolving economic or social status.
-Determine, to the extent possible, the plantation layout and make comparisons with other plantations in the region.
-Assess the architectural methods evident from the structural remains and how they fit into regional patterns.
Site 18PR705 today has been largely impacted by grading and construction related to the aforementioned housing development. Because of these impacts to the site, it retains no additional research potential. The site was very well documented during Phase III data recovery operations. Researchers wishing to pursue laboratory-based projects related to the late colonial period, and in particular, the influence of market economies on the development of the “Georgian” mindset and material culture would be hard-pressed to find a better collection of data than that obtained at 18PR705.

Research Potential:

- Locate any indications of activity areas.
- Determine, to the extent possible, site function, distribution, and utilization within the three identified artifact loci.
- Assess any differences between the three artifact loci and determine what, if any, economic, social, or cultural differences are evident.
- Determine the functions of any outbuildings identified.
- Assess the socio-economic status of the site’s inhabitants, comparing any assemblages possibly relating to tenant, overseer or slave occupations to regional planter sites.
- Determine, if possible, whether slave relationships between the Sprigg and Duckett properties are present.
- Locate any direct indications of ethnicity at the site.
- Locate any indications of consumer behavior preference preserved at the site.
- Document any evidence of trade networks in pottery or other material goods.
- Locate any evidence of foodway patterns.