Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1982  Barse, W.P.
Results of a Phase I Archeological Reconnaissance of the Purposed Ryceville-Loveville Transmission Line, Charles and St. Mary's County, Maryland.
Submitted to Southern Maryland Electrical Cooperative

Library ID No: 00006401  Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 21A

Sites examined:
18ST405  18ST407  18ST415  18ST418

Project Details:
Phase I Project Justification:
In May 1982, a Phase I investigation was undertaken to assess the archeological resources along an 11 mile right-of-way (ROW) of the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative proposed Ryceville to Loveville transmission line, from Charles County to St. Mary's County, Maryland. The majority of the ROW is in St. Mary's County.

Project Objectives:
- Locate archeological sites.
- Obtain basic information concerning site age, function, depth of deposits, and horizontal extent where possible.
- Make recommendations for construction.

Phase II

Phase III

Research Potential:
See below for remaining research questions at 18ST405.
See below for remaining research questions at 18ST407.
See below for remaining research questions at 18ST415.
See below for remaining research questions at 18ST418.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1983  Cheek, C.D.
A Phase II Investigation of the Prehistory and History of Five Sites in St. Mary's County, Maryland.
Submitted to Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Library ID No: 00006402  Catalog/Shelving ID: ST 21B

Sites examined:
18ST405  18ST407  18ST415  18ST418

Project Details:
Phase I

Phase II Project Justification:
In May 1993, a Phase II investigation was undertaken to assess 5 previously identified sites along an 11 mile right-of-way (ROW) of the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative proposed Ryceville to Loveville transmission line, from Charles County to St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Phase III

Research Potential:
While the James Road #2 Site (18ST405) represents a quarrying and reduction camp, the lack of diagnostic material impedes assessment of the duration and variation of prehistoric utilization of the site. Additional study would not further enhance the understanding of the full range of activities that may have been carried out within the site area. 18ST405 can contribute little to the understanding of utilization of upland sites in Southern Maryland. No further work was recommended at the site and the transmission line was given clearance to proceed as planned without additional archeological testing or data recovery prior to construction.

While the Swann #2 Site (18ST407) represents a prehistoric lithic scatter, the almost complete lack of diagnostic material impedes assessment of the duration and variation of prehistoric utilization of the site. Additional study would not further enhance the understanding of the full range of activities that
may have been carried out within the site area. 18ST407 can contribute little to the understanding of utilization of upland sites in Southern Maryland. Furthermore, the 18th-20th century refuse scatter cannot further contribute to an understanding of life ways in the historic past. No further work was recommended at the site and the transmission line was given clearance to proceed as planned without additional archeological testing or data recovery prior to construction.

While the Country Lakes Site (18ST415) possibly represents a prehistoric quarrying and reduction site, the lack of diagnostic material impedes assessment of the duration and variation of prehistoric utilization of the site. Additional study would not further enhance the understanding of the full range of activities that may have been carried out within the site area. 18ST415 can contribute little to the understanding of utilization of upland sites in Southern Maryland. No further work was recommended at the site and the transmission line was given clearance to proceed as planned without additional archeological testing or data recovery prior to construction.

Although the Thomas #1 Site (18ST418) represents Early Archaic and Late Archaic/Early Woodland period hunting and quarrying camp sites, the small size of the assemblage impedes the identification of distinct functional and temporal components. It is unlikely that additional study would further enhance the understanding of utilization of upland sites in Southern Maryland. The historic component is represented by a mid-19th century artifact scatter. No further work was recommended at the site and the transmission line was given clearance to proceed as planned without additional archeological testing or data recovery prior to construction.