Executive Summary of Phase I/II Archaeological Investigations at West St. Mary's Manor (18ST711), Drayden, MD (St. Mary's County).

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Alterations to the architectural fabric of West St. Mary's Manor are subject to an interior and exterior architectural easement held by the Maryland Historical Trust. In light of this, the owners sought and gained design approval for proposed additions to the northeast side of the house. A Phase I/II archeological evaluation was undertaken in March 1999.

West St. Mary's Manor (18ST711) is an outstanding example of a small William and Mary brick-and-frame country house. The manor house illustrates a point in the shift from the one- and two-room plans of the 17th century to the larger and more symmetrical room arrangements of 18th century structures. The yard areas to the east and north of the house appeared to contain no intact cultural deposits as a result of various construction and landscaping activities through time. On the basis of the Phase I/II results, no further archeological investigation was deemed necessary prior to the construction of the proposed additions. It was recommended that archeological monitoring be conducted when earth-moving machinery cleared portions of the footprint covered by boxwoods and the ornamental outbuilding that were not accessible at the time of the Phase I/II survey. The proposed additions were constructed.