



About the Maryland Archaeological Numbering System

Maryland Historical Trust

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (Archaeology) is the official site inventory for the state of Maryland. There are currently over 13,000 archeological sites on the MIHP, with more being added virtually daily.

“Trinomial” Numbering System

Archaeological site numbers are assigned using a three-part system first developed by the Smithsonian Institution to manage archaeological resources nation-wide. The first part of the number represents the state (and in Maryland is “18”), the second part the county or jurisdiction based on the table shown below, and the third is a sequential number assigned by the Archaeological Registrar. Thus, a typical site number is something like “18FR14.”

As stated, official site numbers are assigned by the MHT Archaeological Registrar.

County	Abbreviation Code	County	Abbreviation Code
Allegany	AG	Harford	HA
Anne Arundel	AN	Howard	HO
Annapolis	AP	Kent	KE
Baltimore City	BC	Montgomery	MO
Baltimore County	BA	Prince George’s	PR
Calvert	CV	Queen Anne’s	QU
Carroll	CR	St. Mary’s	ST
Caroline	CA	Somerset	SO
Cecil	CE	Talbot	TA
Charles	CH	Washington	WA
Dorchester	DO	Wicomico	WC
Frederick	FR	Worcester	WO
Garrett	GA		

If you have any questions, please contact the Archeological Registrar, Jennifer Cosham, at (410) 697-9542 or at jennifer.cosham@maryland.gov.

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