

**Indigenous Cultural Landscapes Study for the  
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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Nanticoke River watershed indigenous cultural landscape study area is home to well over 100 sites, landscapes, and waterways meaningful to the history and present-day lives of the Nanticoke people. This report provides background and evidence for the inclusion of many of these locations within a high-probability indigenous cultural landscape boundary—a focus area provided to the National Park Service Chesapeake Bay and the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Advisory Council for the purposes of future conservation and interpretation as an indigenous cultural landscape, and to satisfy the Identification and Mapping portion of the Chesapeake Watershed Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Unit Cooperative Agreement between the National Park Service and the University of Maryland, College Park.

Herein we define indigenous cultural landscapes as areas that reflect “the contexts of the American Indian peoples in the Nanticoke River area and their interaction with the landscape.” The identification of indigenous cultural landscapes “ includes both cultural and natural resources and the wildlife therein associated with historic lifestyle and settlement patterns and exhibiting the cultural or esthetic values of American Indian peoples,” which fall under the purview of the National Park Service and its partner organizations for the purposes of conservation and development of recreation and interpretation (National Park Service 2010:4.22). Using this definition, we provide nine indigenous cultural landscape criteria met by the area we define as being a high-probability area for an indigenous cultural landscape, and we describe the methodology used to obtain this information and represent the resulting landscape. Finally, this report provides and describes a series of maps leading to the high-probability indigenous cultural landscape boundary for internal use within the National Park Service.

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**Introduction to the Study Area and Indigenous Cultural Landscape Concept**

*Defining the Study Area*

The study area considered here encompasses those areas we have found to be significant to the Nanticoke people primarily of the Late Woodland time period (approximately 900CE - 1600CE) through the mid-20th century, as understood through historical documentation and present-day interviews with descendent communities, and as these areas are connected to the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail (Captain John Smith NHT). It is well documented that the Nanticoke people historically travelled beyond the boundaries of our study area, especially during post-contact migration periods, which led to the presence of Nanticoke groups settling in Pennsylvania (e.g., see Weslager 1943), across the Chesapeake to its western shore (Speck 1915: 27), southern New Jersey, and likely beyond. It is clear that an all-encompassing indigenous cultural landscape (ICL) study regarding the Nanticoke people should include a far greater scope of land and water than is considered here. For the purposes of the National Park Service's (NPS) efforts, however, it is necessary to limit the scope of this project to those areas in close proximity to the Captain John Smith NHT. The study area thus includes much of the Nanticoke River watershed in Maryland and Delaware, portions of the Choptank River watershed in Maryland, and the region south of the Wicomico River in Maryland that extends to Deal Island (see Fig. 1).

The decision to focus on the Nanticoke River, among the many Chesapeake Bay tributaries included in the Captain John Smith NHT, was made after careful consideration of factors that might lead to a rich understanding of an ICL. These include: 1) known

archaeological, ethnohistorical, and contemporary academic secondary source data connected to the landscape, 2) presence of and use by descendent communities, 3) present-day landscape evocative of what may have been encountered by Captain John Smith and used by the Nanticoke people of the early 17th century, and 4) mutual interest in landscape conservation by partner agencies (e.g., state and community organizations). We are fortunate to have the opportunity to work in an area that meets each of these criteria.

Once agreeing upon a study area with our partners at the NPS, we considered that there are at least two potential ways of investigating ICL probabilities along a river such as the Nanticoke. The first of these addresses those sites and landscapes of importance to, and which were locations of high use by, the indigenous peoples of the region, either extant or which previously existed along or in close proximity to the river. The second examines the sites and landscapes of importance to the indigenous peoples who are most closely associated with this river, regardless of the locations' proximity to the Nanticoke River. In the end, our study combines these approaches, looking beyond the edges of the Nanticoke River watershed to recognize the fuller story of the lives of the Nanticoke peoples and their relatives<sup>1</sup> in the Nanticoke River area, while keeping in mind the scope of the Captain John Smith NHT. This approach comes with its challenges.

Initially in our project, we were inclined to attempt to demarcate the Nanticoke River watershed ICL with boundaries solely in the Nanticoke watershed. There existed a tendency to separate or otherwise demarcate spaces according to major or connector trails of the Captain

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<sup>1</sup> We include in the description “Nanticoke peoples” descendent groups of the Nanticoke tribe, such as the Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians. We count among the Nanticoke relatives the Lenape Indians of Delaware, who, along with the Nanticoke Lenni Lenape Indian Nation in New Jersey, comprise the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation. See <http://nanticoke-lenapetribalnation.org/about/>

John Smith NHT, particular tributaries, or other mapped conventions. This makes sense from a managerial perspective. However, there is an arbitrariness to this from an historical perspective. It is important to consider the ways in which this landscape has been used historically, to develop a picture of the ICL. Traditional use reveals a pattern of settlement that does not necessarily follow major rivers alone, but joins major rivers with tributaries and paths, creating an ICL that reveals a variety of settlement and use patterns, oftentimes spreading between major rivers such as the Nanticoke and the Choptank. These historical uses, landscapes, waterscapes, and settlement patterns—and how we chose to represent them—will be discussed further in the following chapters. In the end we decided to include the movement patterns (e.g., as represented by paths and waterways used by the Nanticoke) and other cultural features that spanned the landscape between the Nanticoke and Choptank Rivers, among others, in order to more accurately depict the life-ways and settlement of the Nanticoke people.

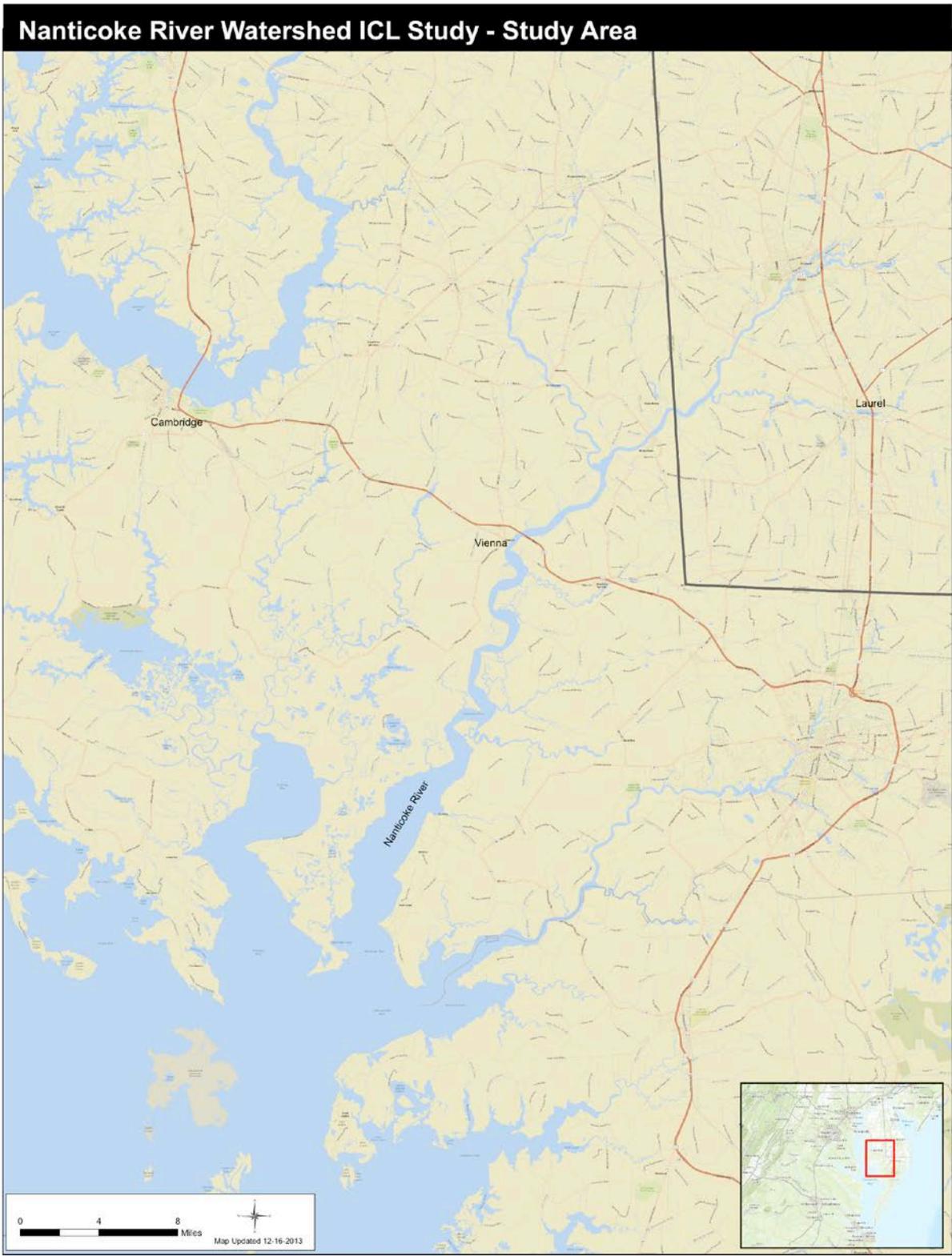


Figure 1

### *Defining “Indigenous Cultural Landscape”*

We realize the importance of clearly defining “indigenous cultural landscape” to developing a picture of what an ICL will look like. A fuller explanation of the ICL concept and its potential and historical uses is provided in the “Indigenous Cultural Landscapes Study for the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail,” on file at the NPS Chesapeake Bay Office. Here we describe ICL as used in this study.

*The 2010 Draft Comprehensive Management Plan and Environmental Assessment: Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail (CMP)* defines ICLs as reflecting “the context of the American Indian peoples in the Chesapeake Bay and their interaction with the landscape.” The concept “includes both cultural and natural resources and the wildlife therein associated with the historic lifestyle and settlement patterns and exhibiting the cultural or aesthetic values of American Indian peoples” (National Park Service 2010: 4.22). As such, a Nanticoke River watershed ICL reflects the context of American Indian peoples from the early 17th century to the present, in and nearby the Nanticoke River watershed. Further, the NPS Chesapeake Bay ICL team has expressed an interest in focusing on landscapes evocative of the historical Nanticoke River watershed, and so our study focuses heavily on areas with high concentrations of vegetation, scenic viewsheds, and land that might be benefitted by conservation.

It is important to note that some of the locations associated with the historic lifestyle and settlement patterns of the Nanticoke peoples are presently in developed areas such as Cambridge, Maryland and Laurel, Delaware. The historical significance of these places as relevant ICLs is not diminished by the presence of modern development. Nevertheless, it is beyond the scope of

the present study to focus attention on highly developed areas when the purposes associated with the Captain John Smith NHT, as indicated in the CMP and discussed with the NPS Chesapeake Bay ICL team, include conservation, as well as providing for recreational experiences on the land and water, but would seem not to include developed areas<sup>2</sup> (National Park Service 2010:1.23).



**Figure 2 Looking west over the Nanticoke River, near the mouth. Photo by Kristin Sullivan**

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<sup>2</sup> We do note that, while interest has been expressed by the NPS Chesapeake Bay ICL team in focusing on evocative landscapes that lend themselves to conservation, recreational experiences can be had in urban places as well. These spaces may be well utilized in the interpretation of ICLs that are no longer immediately evident in the present day landscape.

## **Introduction to the Nanticoke Indian Peoples, Relatives, and Landscapes**

Much has been written on the Nanticoke people, underscoring their indelible mark on the landscape that continues into the present, despite a history of European oppression. We refer the reader to the “Annotated Bibliography of Indigenous Peoples and Places in the Nanticoke River Watershed and Surrounding Areas” (Appendix C) and “Place Names” (Appendix A) for resources expanding upon the present discussion, offering a fuller picture of this rich history and cultural landscape.

### *Introduction to the Late Woodland Nanticoke Indians*

Captain John Smith reached the mouth of the Nanticoke River (which he referred to as “Kuskarawaok”) on June 8, 1608, and departed, passing nearby Fishing Bay, on June 11, 1608, although these dates are speculative (Rountree, Clark, and Mountford 2007: 86-89, 211; Smith 2007: 336). Those days of exploration provide a look into the lives of early-17th century Indian inhabitants of the Nanticoke River watershed, and mark a major turning point with respect to the future lives of the Nanticoke peoples (Smith 2007: 337-338). However, as C. A. Weslager (1942: 27) notes, Captain John Smith’s writings provide only a glimpse into the settlement—and much less the daily lives—of the Nanticoke at this time:

A very important Indian community was situated on the Nanticoke River, which Captain Smith called the Kuskarawaok. He recorded the names of five Nanticoke villages in existence in 1608; namely Nantaquack, Nause, Saropinagh, Arseek and Kuskarawaok—the latter village had the same name as the river. Smith stated that there were 200 warriors on the river which means that it was probably the most populous community on the Eastern Shore. In the Maryland Records of 1696, the Nanticoke were said to have ten towns, which would imply that Smith’s observations were not complete. There were doubtless small villages on the Nanticoke tributaries which he did not see.

Rountree, Clark, and Mountford (2007: 211-212) postulate the situation of the names of people and the locations of known towns:

This [Kuskarawaok/Nanticoke] group consisted of five towns with an estimated 850 people.... The name was Anglicized to Chicone and survives as the name of a creek near the old capital town. The people were known as Nanticoke after around 1640.... The paramount chiefdom, which included the peoples of the Manokin, Monie, and Wicomico waterways, was one of the oldest ones in the Chesapeake region.... The towns were: *Nause*, near the river's mouth, opposite and a little above Ragged Point, within Fishing Bay Wildlife Management Area...; *Soraphanigh*, mentioned only in Smith's text, not on his map (location uncertain); *Arsek*, mentioned only in Smith's text, not on his map (location uncertain); *Nantaquack*, near modern Lewis Wharf Road, opposite and above the mouth of Rewastico Creek; and *Kuskarawaok*, on Chicone Creek, north of modern Vienna (this was the chief's town in 1608, and it gave its name to the river at that time. Nantaquack was later Anglicized to Nanticoke. This town—moved upriver to the area between Chicone Creek and the town of Vienna—later became the chief's town and the tribe, and the river acquired the same name.

But what were the lives of these people like? How did they use their landscape?

The Late Woodland period, approximately 900CE - 1600CE, saw the emergence of Native life as would have been encountered by John Smith (Rountree and Davidson 1997:8). At this time the Nanticoke River watershed would have looked not wholly unfamiliar, with its lowland marshes, upland forests, emergent plants, and fertile fish-spawning areas. Food procurement at this time revolved mainly around hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering, relying heavily on the abundance of fertile grounds for these activities. Corn-growing, often associated with the Late Woodland period, was limited in much of the region due to the loss of alluvial farmlands in river valleys resulting from sea level rise (Rountree and Davidson 1997: 8). Loamy soils, particularly near the confluence of the Nanticoke River and Marshyhope Creek near Chicone (near present-day Vienna, Maryland), did provide fertile ground for corn, as well as sassafras and a variety of other crops (Rountree and Davidson 1997: 9). Food procurement

Months	Population Location	Wild Plants	Animals	Agricultural Activities
March, April	Village	Tuckahoe	Fish, anadromous fish, turkey, squirrel, migratory ducks and geese	
May, June	Dispersed hunting	Tuckahoe, acorns, walnuts, chestnuts, chinquapins, strawberries, mulberries	Fish, anadromous fish, crabs, tortoise, oyster	Planting fields
June – August	Foraging while crops ripening	Tuckahoe, ground nuts	Fish, snake	Green corn ready
July – September	Village	Tuckahoe, berries, nuts		Crops ripe, squash ripening
August – October	Village	Tuckahoe, berries, nuts		Crops to eat, passion fruit ripening
August – November (Times of Plenty)	Dispersed to hunt to store up for winter	Tuckahoe	Migratory ducks and geese	
November – January	In village, living off stored foods	Tuckahoe	Migratory ducks and geese	

**Table 1: Subsistence Model for Delmarva Native Groups (Petraglia et al. 2002: 5(16)).**

required seasonal settlement patterns involving regular movement on large areas of land and water (see Table 1), although this is not to imply a wandering hunter-gatherer lifestyle. Chicone, for example, appears to have had a defensive palisade around part of the site during the Late Woodland period, indicating a well-protected, permanent village (Rountree and Davidson 1997: 24).

Regular trade and familial relationships existed with neighboring tribes, members of whom were often counted as relatives, according to conversations we have had with descendent community members. “The Nanticoke,” for example, “had strong connections to the Choptank people with direct familial relationships attested in the seventeenth century” (Busby 2010: 30). According to one descendent community member, regular trade and settlement may have occurred in a large landscape ranging from Monie (cited as the “Great Monie,” about two miles north of the mouth of the Monie Creek, home to a tribe known as the Monie Indians (Weslager 1950: 63, 66)) and Deal Island at the southern end of the study area, all the way up to the Choptank River and into Delaware.

### *Post-Contact Change*

Smith's writings do not anticipate the impact his and other Europeans' explorations would have on the peoples and landscapes of the Nanticoke River watershed. These changes did not occur all at once. The following 400 years saw a steady transformation of the Nanticoke cultural landscape, with marked moments of upheaval.

Little is recorded about the Nanticoke immediately after Smith's departure, until the late 1650s, "when European settlers began to encroach on Nanticoke lands. From colonial records, it appears that the Nanticoke conducted regular trade with the Dutch and, possibly, the Swedes, in addition to trade with Virginia colonists" (Busby 2010: 40). "Indian land" was set aside for the Nanticoke and others in the mid-17th century, and in 1698 the Chicone reservation was created (Busby 2010: 121; see Fig. 11), and across from it, a short-lived reservation called Puckamee (1678-1698) (Rountree and Davidson 1997: 126). Thirty years earlier the Choptank (Waiwash) reservation had been created, but by the time of the Chicone reservation, western portions of the land were already being taken from the Indians there (Busby 2010: 390). The Broad Creek (Nanticoke) Reservation followed, in existence from 1711 to 1768 (Rountree and Davidson 1997: 126). For much of the mid-17th century, the chiefdoms in the Nanticoke watershed retained control of many trading activities (Rountree, Clark, and Mountford 2007: 217), and in some ways the reservations acted as buffer zones around important settlement areas, protecting the livelihoods and culture of the residents (Busby 2010: 472).

Each of the reservations in the Nanticoke River watershed ICL study area dissolved by the end of the 18th century. Speck (1915) notes that by 1748 most of the Nanticoke had moved up the Susquehanna River to Pennsylvania, either to settle there, or to eventually return to the

Eastern Shore and settle around the Indian River area of Delaware. In 1792 William Vans Murray collected ethnological notes and vocabulary “at the Nanticoke village of Locust Neck Town, Goose creek, Choctank [*sic*] river, Dorchester county, Maryland, at the insistence of Thomas Jefferson” (Speck 1915: 7). Notes on the vocabulary record the names of two Nanticoke villages at that time: *Ama namo quun* (translated as Locust Neck) and *Mattappenen* (translated as a Nanticoke Indian town) (Speck 1915: 8). To be sure, a large scale migration was underway, with many Nanticoke Indians and their relatives moving to new land. Studies conducted by Porter (e.g., 1977), Weslager (e.g., 1983), and others have traced the migration, settlement, traditions, and culture of the Nanticoke. Chief William Daisey (Nanticoke Indian Tribe) describes the centuries of challenges his people faced this way:

Well, going back to John Smith...during his travels...he was welcome when he came, and they, the Nanticoke and other tribes, supported him. Nanticoke were the largest tribe at that time in Maryland, here, that met John Smith. And, of course, they were friends for a while. Then after a while, some people came to that area who were not very friendly. ... They were interested in land. Well...owning land is an alien concept for the Native American. No one owns the land. So, they took advantage of that: ‘This is my land, this is my plot.’ They had deeds and all that. ... After a while Native Americans wised up to the fact that they were faced with an invasion. Europeans kept coming, kept coming. At some point they became a danger to the Native Americans. By the time they realized what was going on, and started fighting against it...a bow and arrow can’t compete with a rifle. ... They were placed on reservations, a couple of them in Maryland. Broad Creek Reservation was [another] one. ... So, after they were placed on the reservation, it may sound like a good idea, except for the fact that when you put someone on a reservation who’s used to hunting and fishing to survive, now you can’t do that. You see? ... So, let’s see if we can get away from here. And they left, and the migration started. They [colonists] restricted the migration to the point, because they were afraid that they [Nanticoke] would present a danger to them. At one time, the Nanticoke decided to get together in a swamp in Maryland. They decided to band together, but again, it was too late. They had a meeting, some of my ancestors were involved in that meeting in the swamp: Dickson Coursey, and there were others involved. ... That’s when the migration began, and that’s when they started settling in this area [Millsboro, Delaware], because it was similar to what they were used to [in Maryland]. (Interview 9 August 2013 by Kristin Sullivan and Cindy Chance)

### *Present Day Native Communities*

Today the Nanticoke Indian Association claims in its membership about “550 Nanticoke Indians in Sussex County [Delaware] and about 500 in other parts of Delaware,” as well as many additional members living in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, and Canada (Nanticoke Indian Association 2013). The Association is the official group of Nanticoke tribal members, although there are undoubtedly Nanticoke Indians who are not part of this Association. It is headquartered at the Nanticoke Indian Center in Millsboro, Delaware. This location, as well as the location of the Nanticoke Indian Museum, is the site of a former Indian school. These were elementary schools set-aside for American Indian children. The existence of segregated schools hints at the powerful and at times overwhelming history of oppression faced by the Nanticoke peoples since the colonial era<sup>3</sup>. Such forces led in part to the loss of traditional language, and discrimination against the traditional practices and beliefs of the Nanticoke. The difficulties to be faced today in identifying and interpreting cultural landscapes of the indigenous people of Delmarva have their roots in a systematic denial of Native heritage.

Little has been written about the Nanticoke Indians who chose to stay in the vicinity of the Nanticoke River. One group who today claim lineage to the Nanticoke of the Late Woodland period are the Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians, so named for two ancestral village sites in the vicinity of the Nanticoke River: *Nause*, on the Nanticoke south of Vienna, Maryland, and *Waiwash*, nearer to the Choptank River, east of Cambridge, Maryland. The Nause-Waiwash state that they are “descendants of the original Nanticoke Indians” who today count around 300 members (Nause-Waiwash 2013). According to Chief Sewell Fitzhugh of the Nause-Waiwash

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<sup>3</sup> According to Nanticoke informants, in addition to facing segregation at a young age, school children leaving Indian elementary schools were either forced to find work, which was limited according to race and ethnicity, or to continue schooling at high schools for Indian or black students as far away as Georgetown and Wilmington, Delaware. This often required relocation to live with relatives in those locations.

Band of Indians, in the centuries following the collapse of the reservations, the Nause-Waiwash lived throughout the areas surrounding Chicone, in what is now Vienna, Maryland, and south to Elliott Island, Maryland (see Fig. 9). They also had leaders who came from as far south as Monie, Maryland and moved as far north as Puckum Creek in Maryland. Chief Fitzhugh describes relatives far to the south on Deal and Little Deal Islands in Maryland, and Nause-Waiwash villages as far west as the western shores of Fishing Bay. The last Nause-Waiwash longhouse is said to have existed in Abbott Town, just northwest of Fishing Bay on the Blackwater River, where it lasted until 1945. The Nause-Waiwash are presently renovating an historical church at the corner of Maple Dam Road and Greenbriar Road, north of Fishing Bay, to use as their longhouse and headquarters.



**Figure 3 Chicone Creek, northeast of Vienna, Maryland. Photo by Kristin Sullivan**

## **Indigenous Cultural Landscapes in the Nanticoke River Area: Criteria, Methodology, and Process**

### *Criteria*

We expect that criteria for an ICL will vary to some degree from region to region, given the variety of uses and traditional life-ways dependent upon geographically specific natural and cultural resources. In order to determine appropriate criteria for the inclusion of particular landscapes within the Nanticoke River watershed ICL, we conducted text analysis of scholarly sources (e.g., Busby 2010; Griffith 2009; Rountree and Davidson 1997; Weslager 1983) and of transcripts of interviews we conducted with Chief Sewell Fitzhugh (Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians) and Chief William Daisey (Nanticoke Indian Tribe). This analysis involved coding, or highlighting, instances where the authors or speakers referenced resources necessary for Indian communities living nearby the Nanticoke River. For example, in an interview we conducted with Chief Daisey (9 August 2013, with Kristin Sullivan and Cindy Chance), he noted:

The Nanticoke are tidewater people, like to be near the water, fishing, clamming, all those things that relate to the water. And also, we have berries and stuff many times close to the water. To survive, that was the way we lived during the summer, basically. We used to hunt and trap. Hunting and trapping was basically a winter survival method. You moved into the woods for trapping. Some berries too, obviously - nuts, berries. You lived off the land.

In this passage we can see that the Nanticoke people required tidewater for fishing, plants nearby the water for food, and inland forest for wintertime hunting and trapping. As more sources corroborate these notes, anecdotes become data, and eventually supporting evidence or themes for criteria. From these themes we developed a list of ICL criteria specific to the Nanticoke River watershed. The Nanticoke River watershed ICL is likely to include all of the following features:

### **Natural Features**

- Navigable water for ease of travel, including a confluence of rivers in multiple locations
- Fresh water sources (e.g., springs) nearby for drinking
- Access to tidal salt and brackish water for a variety of fish and shellfish for food and trade goods materials (e.g., shells for jewelry)
- Good agricultural soil (e.g., corn-growing soil)
- Inland forest for supplies (e.g., trees, medicinal plants), food (i.e., forest animals and plants), and winter settlement
- High ground for village sites (noting that “high ground” may be only a few feet higher than nearby low ground)
- Marshes and brush areas for foraging and hunting small game

### **Cultural Features**

- Support from archaeology, ethnohistorical, and other scholarly accounts.
- Support from a descendent community’s oral history.

*Cultural features identified by scholarly sources and descendent communities include:*

- Known village or trading sites based on archaeological evidence
- Probable village and trading sites based on ethnohistorical data
- Culturally important natural features
- Landscapes known to have been used for spiritual or ceremonial purposes, or to have spiritual or cultural value.

Several locations within the ICL boundary fit multiple examples of these criteria area (see Fig.s 17 and 18). Some of these areas (e.g., the Burial Mound in Cambridge, Maryland; Broad Creek Reservation in Laurel, Delaware) are largely developed. However, a great number of important locations remain relatively undeveloped and evocative of the landscape that would have been

used by the Nanticoke people and their relatives. These areas best fit with the purposes and goals of the Captain John Smith NHT ICL designation, and meet criteria for an ICL as such. These include the Chicone and Puckamee Reservation areas in Maryland, surveyed sites along the Delaware portions of the Nanticoke River, and much of the land surrounding Fishing Bay in Maryland (see Fig.s 17 and 18).

### *Methodology*

Methodology employed in this study includes archival research, informational interviews and meetings with regional and topical experts (see Appendix B), site visits, driving tours and interviews with descendent community representatives, consultation with and assistance from geographic information system (GIS) specialists, consultation with and assistance from partner organizations at the state level, and mapping. Detailed steps taken follow:

**1. We identified the Nanticoke River watershed as our primary study area.**

Guided by advice from our NPS partners we identified the Nanticoke River watershed as our pilot mapping project location. Criteria helpful in making this decision included the Nanticoke River's recent status as a connector trail on the Captain John Smith NHT, interest in ICLs in the region on the part of partner organizations such as the Maryland Historical Trust and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, presence of descendent communities (the Nanticoke Indian Tribe, Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians), areas in which fruitful archaeological surveys have been conducted, and extensive public lands and landscape evocative of historical indigenous cultural landscapes.

- 2. We developed and maintained an annotated bibliography of sources related to the research focus and consulted historical maps and scholarly sources regarding the potential Nanticoke ICL.**

In an effort to best understand the people and cultural landscapes associated with the Nanticoke River and surrounding area we developed the annotated bibliography found in Appendix C. Materials from this bibliography have also been cited as supporting data for specific site and landscape inclusions in a Nanticoke River ICLs (see Appendix A). These supporting data illuminate important places, rivers, and landscapes as well as criteria for use by the indigenous peoples of the Nanticoke River watershed.

- 3. We defined ICL for the purposes of this pilot project, and refined the definition as the project progressed.**

Given the nature of this study, and the paucity of information regarding ICLs in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, we began with an understanding of ICLs based on the work of Deanna Beacham (2012) and others (e.g., Andrews and Buggy 2008, Carter 2010, Davidson-Hunt 2003). We then took into consideration the purposes and goals of the Captain John Smith NHT and the timeframe of importance—focusing on the early 17th century through the mid-20th century. Finally, we produced the working definition of an ICL provided in the introductory material. We realize that an ICL will mean different things to different organizations and for different projects, and encourage the NPS to acknowledge the Trail-specific usage of this intellectual frame.

**4. We engaged regional and topical experts with practical knowledge of the geographic area in question.**

Group meetings and informational interviews were conducted during the study. These meetings engaged regional and topical experts, including archaeologists, historians, geographers, and others with academic and practical knowledge of the Native peoples of the Nanticoke River watershed, with geographic areas adjacent to the watershed, and with the process of mapping or otherwise representing indigenous landscapes (see Fig. 4). In each of the group meetings experts were asked to identify potential ICLs on a large map of the study area, and indicate support for their identifications (e.g., archaeological or historical evidence). Experts were also engaged in identifying appropriate archival materials for consultation, and many were especially helpful in building relationships with descendent communities.



**Figure 4 Archaeologists John Seidel, Daniel Griffith, and Richard Hughes mark and discuss important locations on large maps of the study area as Ennis Barbery, Erve Chambers, and others observe and take notes. These markings would later be turned into GIS shapes supporting ICL probability areas. Photo by Kristin Sullivan**

The following is a list of activities in which our team participated, or which our team organized to engage with regional and topical experts. This list does not include internal meetings, which included our team and NPS staff only, or conference presentation:

- March 2013: Presentation in the Large Landscape Conservation Webinar hosted by the NPS and engaged with representatives from a variety of organizations at the community, state, and federal level working on landscape conservation.
- June 2013: Large experts meeting attended by Deanna Beacham (NPS), Tim Brower (Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR)), Virginia Busby (Captain John Smith NHT Advisory Council and Archaeologist), Cindy Chance (NPS), Jonathan Doherty (NPS), Daniel Griffith (Archaeologist), Doug Herman (National Museum of the American Indian), Elizabeth Hughes (Maryland Historical Trust (MHT)), Richard Hughes (MHT), Julie King (Professor of Anthropology, St. Mary's College of Maryland), and John Seidel (Director, Center for Environment and Society and Associate Professor of Anthropology, Washington College). In this meeting experts from the fields of archaeology, history, and geography were asked to demarcate sites and landscapes along the Nanticoke River used by and of value to indigenous communities in the late-16th and early-17th century. The criteria and methodology used to this end, and the maps created, served as a first stage in identifying ICLs along the Nanticoke River.
- September 2013: Follow-up experts meeting with Deanna Beacham, Virginia Busby, Cindy Chance, Jonathan Doherty, Chuck Hunt (NPS), and Daniel

Griffith. The goal of the meeting was to review and refine the Nanticoke ICL map-in-progress, and critique criteria and methodology developed.

- October 2013: Follow-up experts meeting with Christine Conn (MD DNR) and Richard Hughes. The goal of the meeting was to review and refine the Nanticoke ICL map-in-progress, to critique criteria and methodology developed at that point, and explore the ways in which an ICL team might work with state agencies such as the MHT and MD DNR.
- November 2013: Meeting with Jennifer Chadwick-Moore (MHT), Cindy Chance (NPS), Charles Hall (MHT), and Richard Hughes to review the ICL map-in-progress, discuss layers of information MHT may be able to provide, as well as discuss any concerns the MHT and Maryland State Archaeologist (Hall) have with the ICL study process.
- November 2013: We presented and participated in the Indigenous Cultural Landscapes Webinar hosted by the NPS and engaged with a variety of organizations at the community, state, and federal level working on landscape conservation

In addition to attending or hosting these meetings, we also observed two meetings of the Lower Susquehanna ICL Study group, which aided in developing and refining our methodology and representation of potential ICL features.

**5. We identified preliminary criteria for the Nanticoke River ICL, and refined these as the project progressed.**

Beginning with Beacham (2011) and incorporating scholarly and ethnohistorical data, as well as knowledge from descendent communities, we identified several features that could potentially be used as evidence supporting inclusion of specific locations in the Nanticoke River watershed ICL (see e.g., Griffith 2009; Hassrick 1943; Rountree and Davidson 1997). These are listed in the section above.

Those areas known to contain overlapping criteria (e.g., see the Chicone Reservation area on Fig.s. 17 and 18) may be understood as “hot spots” for an ICL—those places with the highest probability of constituting an ICL by the criteria applied, or providing the greatest evidence for inclusion as an ICL along the Captain John Smith NHT.

**6. We engaged Native communities related to the area of interest and consulted the appropriate representatives.**

During the course of our project we engaged members of the Nanticoke Indian Tribe, the Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians, and the Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware in our research (see Fig.s 5-7). This endeavor was conducted in cooperation with partners from the NPS and the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian, and under the direction of Deanna Beacham and others listed in Appendix B. Our objective was to ensure that indigenous communities affiliated with the study area would be part of the ICL identification process, and that we proceeded in a culturally sensitive and respectful manner. We encourage the NPS to continue working with descendent communities in the Nanticoke River watershed ICL, to more fully understand the distinct and possibly varied values different groups might place on their landscape, as well as to continue a relationship of respect with people to whom this landscape has special value. This work

may include collaborative identification of ICLs, engagement in interpretation of the landscape, and collaboration in developing plans for access to lands that might be conserved.



**Figure 5 Chief Sewell Fitzhugh (Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians) discusses the mapping process with members of the ICL team, giving pointers for corrections to an early iteration of a cultural data map. Photo by Kristin Sullivan**

The following are major research activities involving representatives of Native communities. Summaries and transcriptions of audio recordings from driving tours and meetings are on file with the NPS Chesapeake Bay Office.

- June 2013: Driving tour of landscapes important to the Nause-Waiwash people, with Chief Sewell Fitzhugh, Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians. Area covered included Vienna, MD, and the Chicone Reservation area south to the areas east of Fishing Bay and west of the Nanticoke River (e.g., Elliott Island).
- July 2013: Driving tour of landscapes important to the Nause-Waiwash people, with Chief Sewell Fitzhugh and Tribal Council Member Windsor Myers, Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians. Area covered includes Cambridge, MD, the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, and the areas west of Fishing Bay (e.g., Goose Creek, Chance Island).
- August 2013: Driving tour with Chief Sewell Fitzhugh and Tribal Council Member Windsor Myers, Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians. Area covered includes the land east of the Nanticoke River from approximately the Delaware border south to Deal Island, MD.
- August 2013: Meeting and driving tour with Chief Bill Daisey, Nanticoke Indian Tribe. Area covered includes Millsboro, DE and landscapes surrounding the Indian River in Delaware. Additionally, we spoke with two Nanticoke Indian Association members and received a tour of the Nanticoke Indian Museum in Millsboro, DE.
- September 2013: Nanticoke Indian Tribe Powwow (attended by Cindy Chance, NPS)

- September 2013: Nause-Waiwash Powwow
- October 2013: Meeting with Chief Dennis Coker, Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware



**Figure 6 Chief William Daisey (Nanticoke Indian Tribe) leading members of the ICL team through the Israel United Methodist Church cemetery in Lewes, DE. Photo by Kristin Sullivan**

It is important to note here that the Indian River and Millsboro areas in Delaware are not part of the Nanticoke River watershed ICL study area. Nevertheless, several locations important to Chief William Daisey and the Nanticoke people exist there and elsewhere in Delaware—for example, the Nanticoke Indian Center, a former school designated for American Indian children in Millsboro, and several churches and cemeteries founded by and comprised primarily of American Indians. Locations such as these help the story of Nanticoke

migration, persecution, and settlement post-European contact, and illuminate the lives of the Nanticoke people today.



Figure 7 Chief William Daisey discusses the Nanticoke Indian Nation flag with Cindy Chance (NPS). Photo by Kristin Sullivan

**7. We created a collection of maps representing features leading to the ICL probability map for the Nanticoke River watershed study area.**

Beginning with a large, unmarked map of the study area created by NSP GIS specialists, we filled in cultural and natural features important to determining an ICL. This was accomplished following the processes described above and with the aid of many of the people listed in Appendix B. We completed the following map layers, explained in greater detail in the following section regarding the proposed ICL probability map for the Nanticoke River watershed study area:

- Sites, waterways, paths, and locations of importance relayed by descendent community representatives
- Sites, waterways, paths, and locations of importance to the Nanticoke peoples' story as relayed by participating archaeologists with topical expertise
- Approximate 18th century reservation boundaries as mapped in Rountree and Davidson (1997:126)'s *Eastern Shore Indians of Virginia and Maryland*, and converted to GIS data by the Maryland Historical Trust.
- Areas thought to be high probability areas for indigenous occupation or use, and on which Phase I archaeological surveys were conducted by the Maryland Historical Trust
- Land-cover data (including vegetation, agricultural land, and developed spaces)
- Areas of probable historical corn-growing soil

### *Limitations and Challenges*

There are many challenges associated with developing criteria and methodology for identifying and mapping ICLs. Among these is human interpretation. There are multiple locations for some sites and landscapes on the maps that follow (e.g., the village of Nause), and much scholarly debate about the placement of villages such as Kuskarawaok and Nantaquack (e.g., see Davidson et al. 1985). These differences are reflective primarily of different interpretations of historical texts and maps, and interpretations of oral history. These challenges of interpretation are as persistent today as they were in John Smith's time. As Griffith (2009: 9) points out, "errors in mapping compound with distance, particularly those [distances Captain John] Smith obtained from Indian informants. Contemporary researchers observe that Smith's

longitude and latitude is inaccurate....” Modern maps based on Smith’s or other early historians’ and explorers’ maps are likely inaccurate to some degree. Further, village and site locations may have shifted over time, and rivers and other locations have been renamed for a variety of reasons. Some of these shifts and changes may have been lost in the record, and presently the best we can do is account for what information is available to us.

Representing sensitive information presents another challenge. We have been entrusted with locations of burial grounds, ceremonial grounds, and other locations of special value to the Nanticoke peoples. For the purposes of mapping we identified all these locations as the names provided without indication of cultural value, or as “Indian sites,” so as to not draw untoward attention. In most instances, we have placed generic shapes on the site locations that do not reveal specific points of sensitive information. It is a challenge, nevertheless, to present this information broadly while retaining the significance of a sacred location such as a burial ground in interpretation.

Furthermore, we realize that there are distinct limitations to mapping ICLs in GIS. In reality, there are no hard borders demarcating an ICL; boundaries surrounding indigenous landscapes were and continue to be porous, and likely shifted over time. For future representation we encourage the use of blurred boundary lines, as well as interpretation that evokes an understanding of dynamic and imprecise historical boundaries. We do recognize that demarcation of boundaries may be necessary for administrative purposes such as partnering with state agencies for acquiring conservation easements. On the other hand, an important part of the interpretive process regarding ICLs might well be providing explanations of cultural limitations and variation associated with representing and placing landscapes.



**Figure 8** Looking southwest from a single-lane bridge on Bestpitch Ferry Road near the confluence of the Chicamacomico and Transquaking Rivers, looking south toward Fishing Bay. Photo by Kristin Sullivan

## **High-Probability Indigenous Cultural Landscape Area: Maps for the Nanticoke River Watershed Study**

Armed with data gathered from ethnohistorical, scholarly, and descendent community sources, and with the criteria outlined above in mind, we created a collection of maps leading to the area of highest probability for a Nanticoke River watershed ICL. This was accomplished with the active involvement of the NPS Chesapeake Bay GIS team. While it is beyond the scope of our study to designate a specific ICL along the Captain John Smith NHT, the map shown as Figure 19 depicts that area we feel best encompasses those criteria that might contain Nanticoke River watershed ICLs. The following steps outline the ways in which we arrived at this conclusion, and the accompanying maps depict the features leading to a high-probability ICL area.

### **Step 1: Compile Cultural Data**

#### *Ia: Nanticoke River watershed ICL Study Map: Archaeologists' and Nause-Waiwash Notes*

Based on notes taken at meetings with regional experts, and areas drawn by archaeologists and Chief Sewell Fitzhugh (Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians), Figure 9 was developed. This map depicts town sites, trading sites, possible paths, important rivers, meaningful landscapes, areas subject to archaeological surveys, and reservation boundaries as described by our informants.

#### *Ib: Nanticoke River watershed ICL Study Map: MHT Archaeological Survey Data*

The Maryland Historical Trust provided us with several helpful images and map layers. Figure 10 depicts Phase I archaeological survey areas examined with an eye toward determining whether Indian artifacts and remains may be found. Complete Native Data Set reports are on file at the Maryland Historical Trust.

# Nanticoke River ICL Probability Map - Archaeologists' and Nause-Waiwash Notes

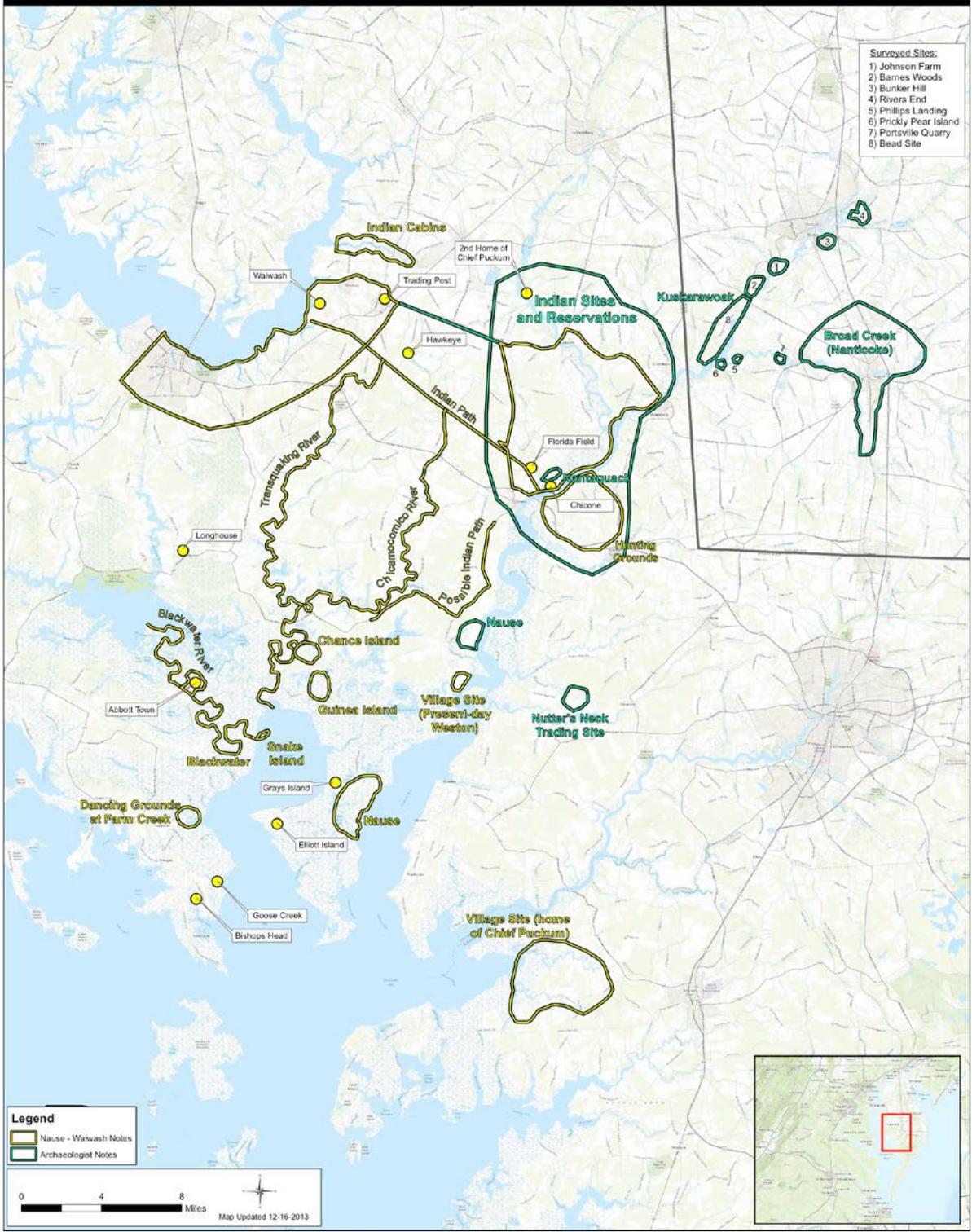


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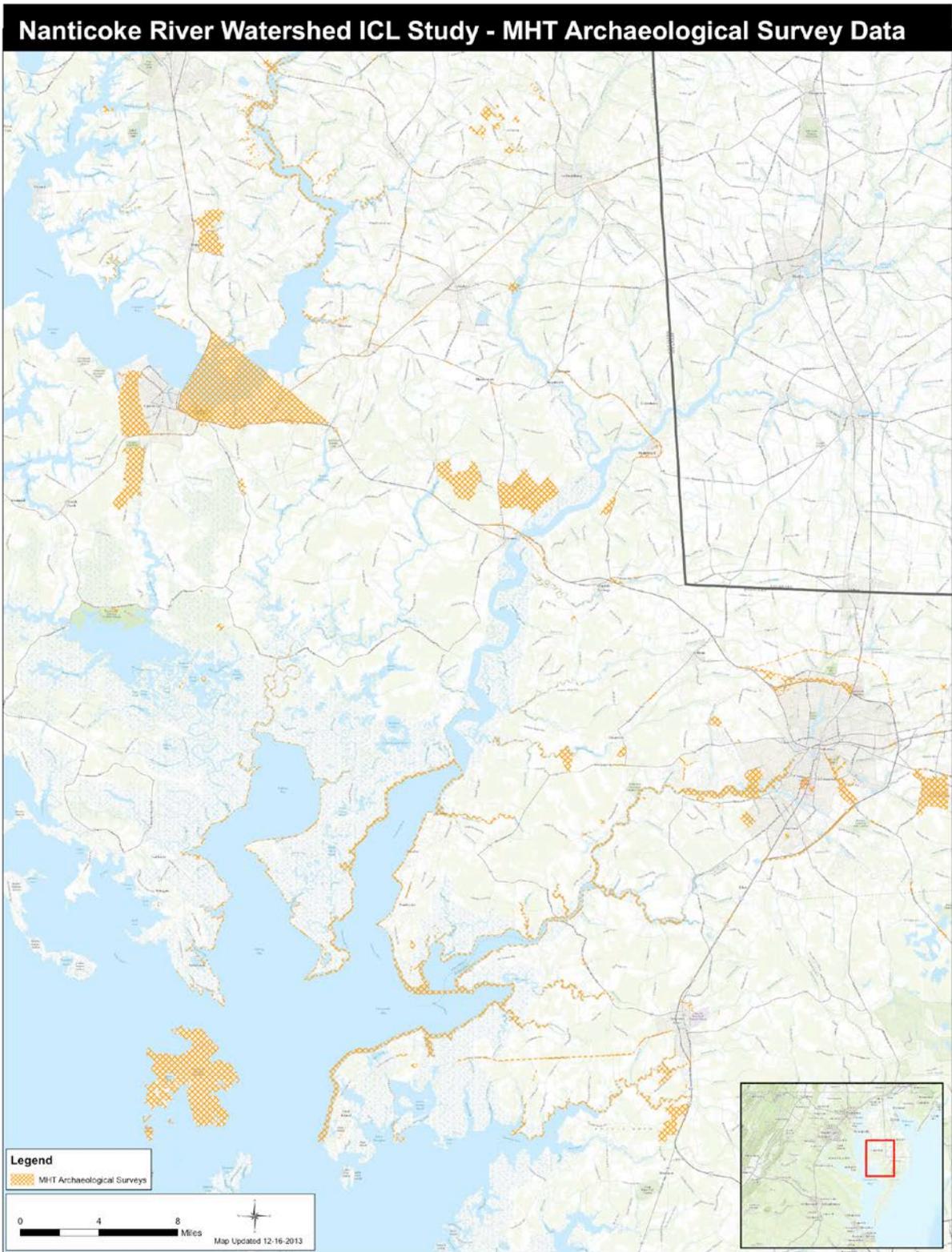


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*Ic: Nanticoke River watershed ICL Study: Reservations from Rountree and Davidson*

Reservation boundaries depicted in Helen Rountree and Thomas Davidson's (1997:126) *Eastern Shore Indians of Virginia and Maryland*, based on ethnohistorical data such as the map of Chicone in Figure 11, have been utilized to create the map in Figure 12. Maryland Historical Trust staff mapped Maryland reservation boundaries in GIS, which we show here: Chicone, Puckamee, Waiwash (Choptank), Cottingham's Creek, and Tundotank. This layer, together with the Broad Creek (Nanticoke) Reservation drawn by archaeologists at our experts' meetings, comprises the reservations of the eastern shore of Maryland and Delaware shown in the composite map, Figure 16. Of these, Chicone, Puckamee, Waiwash (Choptank), and Broad Creek (Nanticoke) are included in our focus.

It is worth noting that each of the Maryland reservations shown in Figure 12, along with others on Maryland's Eastern Shore and in southern Maryland, were successfully nominated by the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs to Preservation Maryland's 2013 Endangered Maryland List as "Endangered Indigenous Landscapes" (Preservation Maryland 2013). This adds another layer of significance to these locations, revealing the confidence of two major Maryland organizations in the validity of these locations, and a sense of urgency for their conservation.

*Id: Nanticoke River Watershed ICL Study: Indian Corn Soil*

A layer of soil quality data provided by the Maryland Historical Trust, and based on the work of Helen Rountree, depicts areas in which soil would have been fertile for corn around the time of European contact. This "Indian Corn Soil" layer is depicted in Figure 13. Indian corn soil is

considered cultural data here, as it is historical data that may be predictive of settlement based on traditional food-ways.

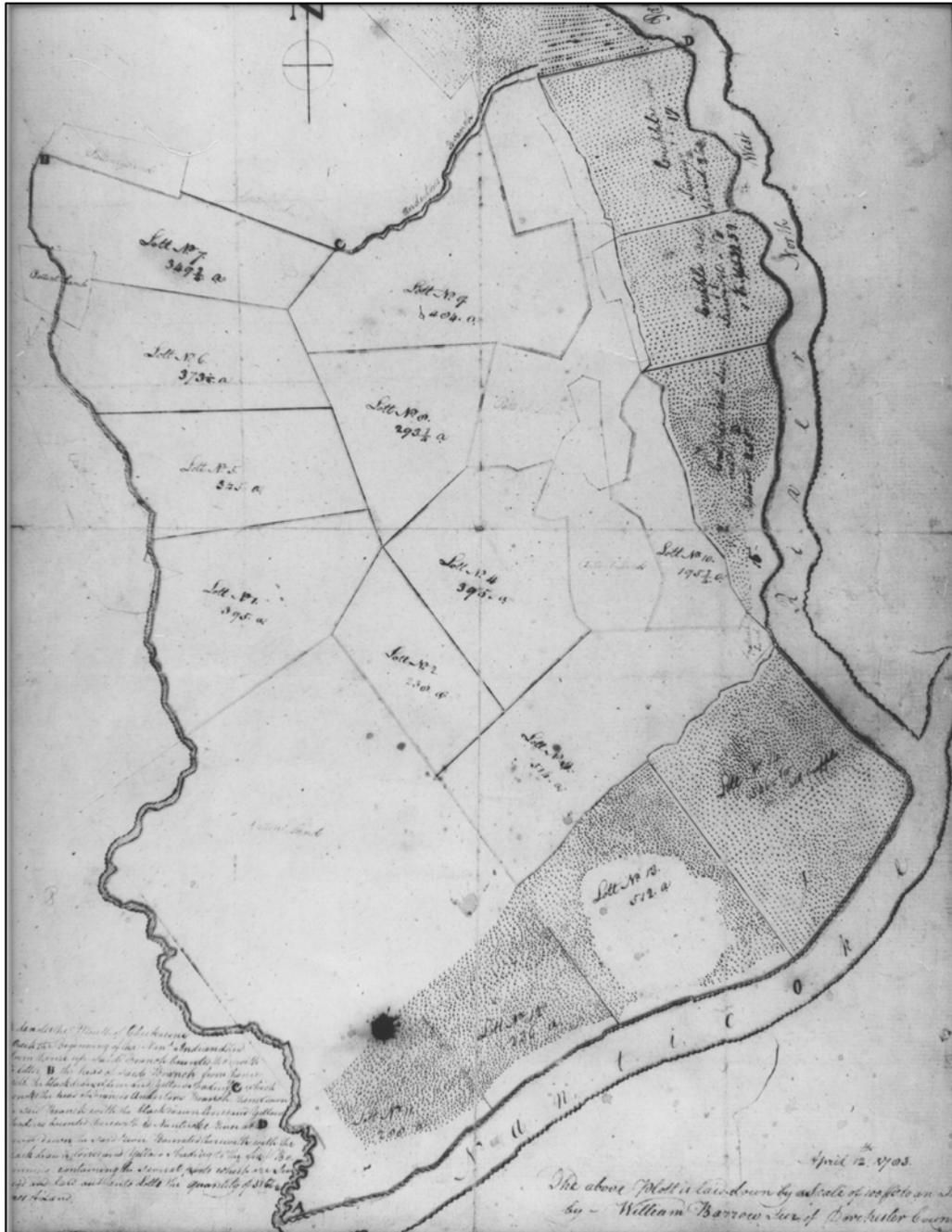


Figure 11 Historical map depicting "Chickacone" "Indian land" in 1703 at the approximate location of the Chicone Reservation, with the Nanticoke River south of the plotted land. Map courtesy of the Maryland Historical Trust.

# Nanticoke River Watershed ICL Study - Reservations from Rountree and Davidson

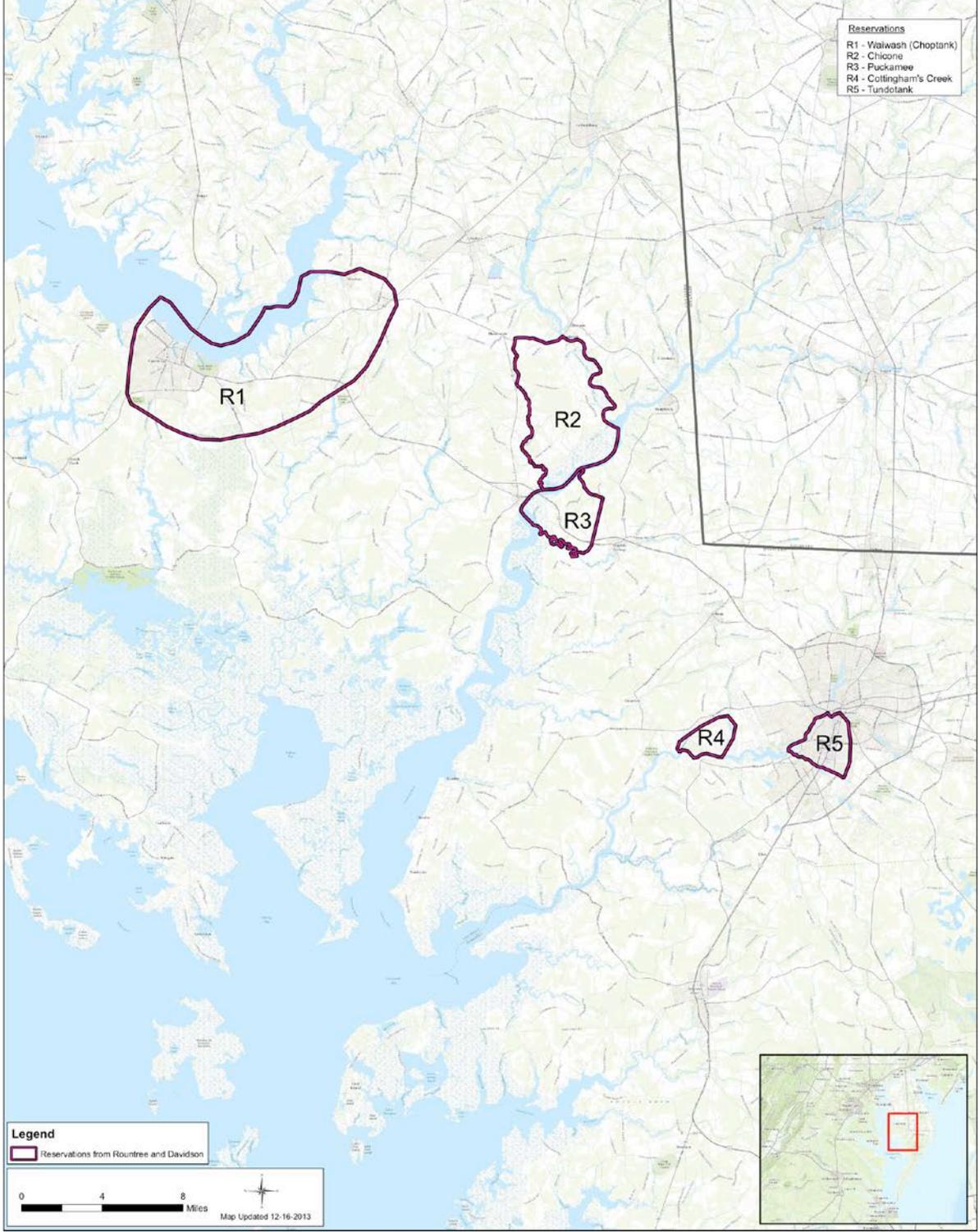


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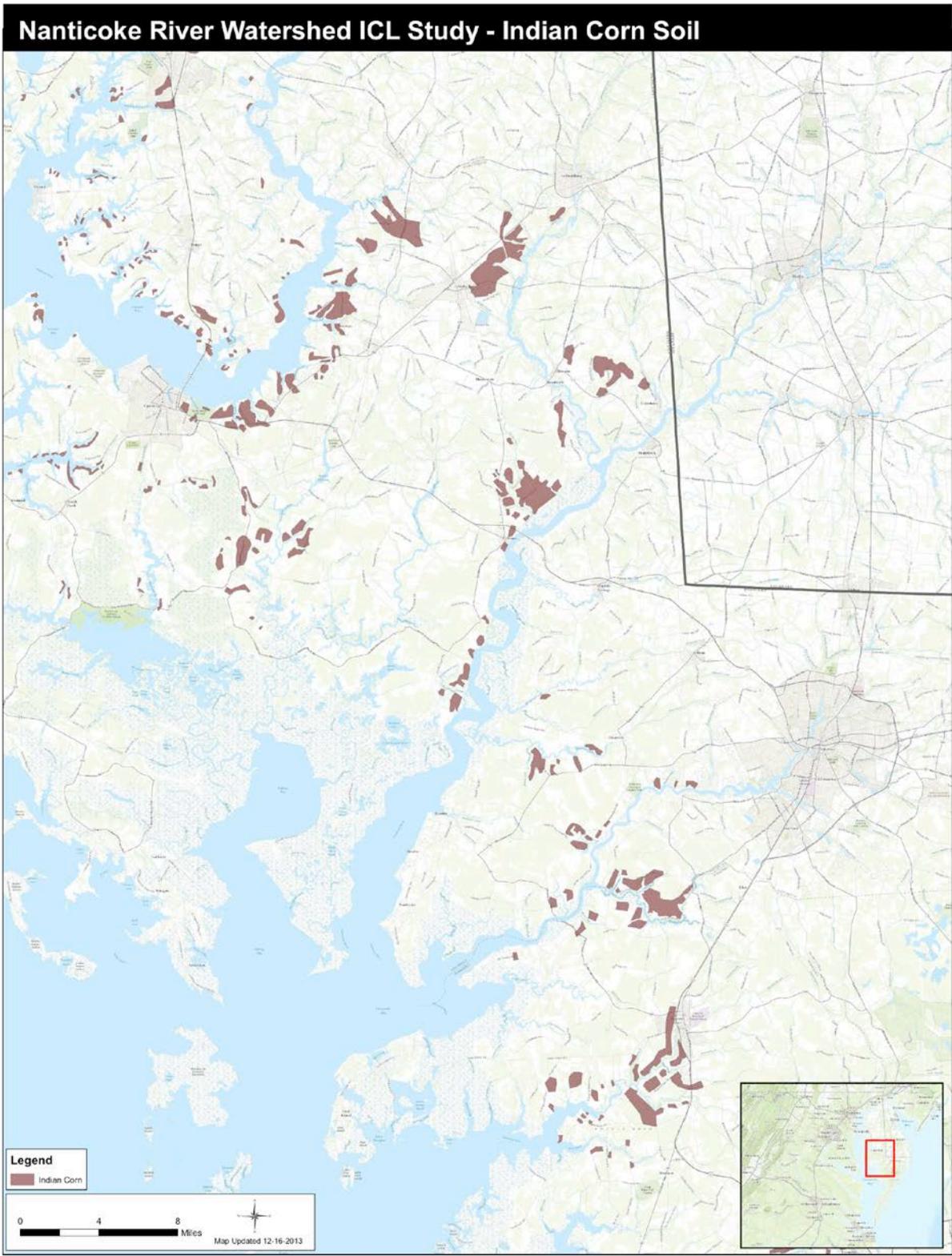


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## **Step 2: Compile Natural Resource Data**

### *2a: Nanticoke River Watershed ICL Study: Land cover*

Utilizing Chesapeake Bay Program resources we condensed several layers into three categories of land cover (see Fig. 14). These are: vegetation, agriculture, and developed lands. These categories depict the following elements:

#### Vegetation:

- Forests (deciduous, evergreen, and mixed)
- Shrub Scrub
- Grassland herbaceous cover
- Woody Wetlands
- Emergent Wetlands

#### Agriculture:

- Pasture and Hay
- Cultivated Crops

#### Developed Lands:

- Developed open space
- Low, medium, and high intensity urban space

These elements help build a picture of which landscapes may be most evocative of the early-17th century Nanticoke River watershed.

### *2b: Nanticoke River Watershed ICL Study: Protected Lands*

The Protected Lands map layer (see Fig 15) was created depicting the following:

- Protected Lands (Chesapeake Bay Program data)
- Maryland Historical Trust Easements
- Nanticoke Protected Lands (Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control data)
- Nanticoke Agricultural Easements (Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control data)

These elements reveal lands protected by state and federal agencies (e.g., the Fishing Bay Wildlife Management Area (MD DNR) and the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge (U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service), as well as conservation easements. Together they reveal a picture of lands currently enjoying some level of protection from development, although it is unclear to what extent natural or cultural resources are given priority for protection. It is foreseeable that an environmental restoration project would cause harm to artifacts in the ground. As such, we urge caution when conceiving of protected lands as fully or wholly protected.



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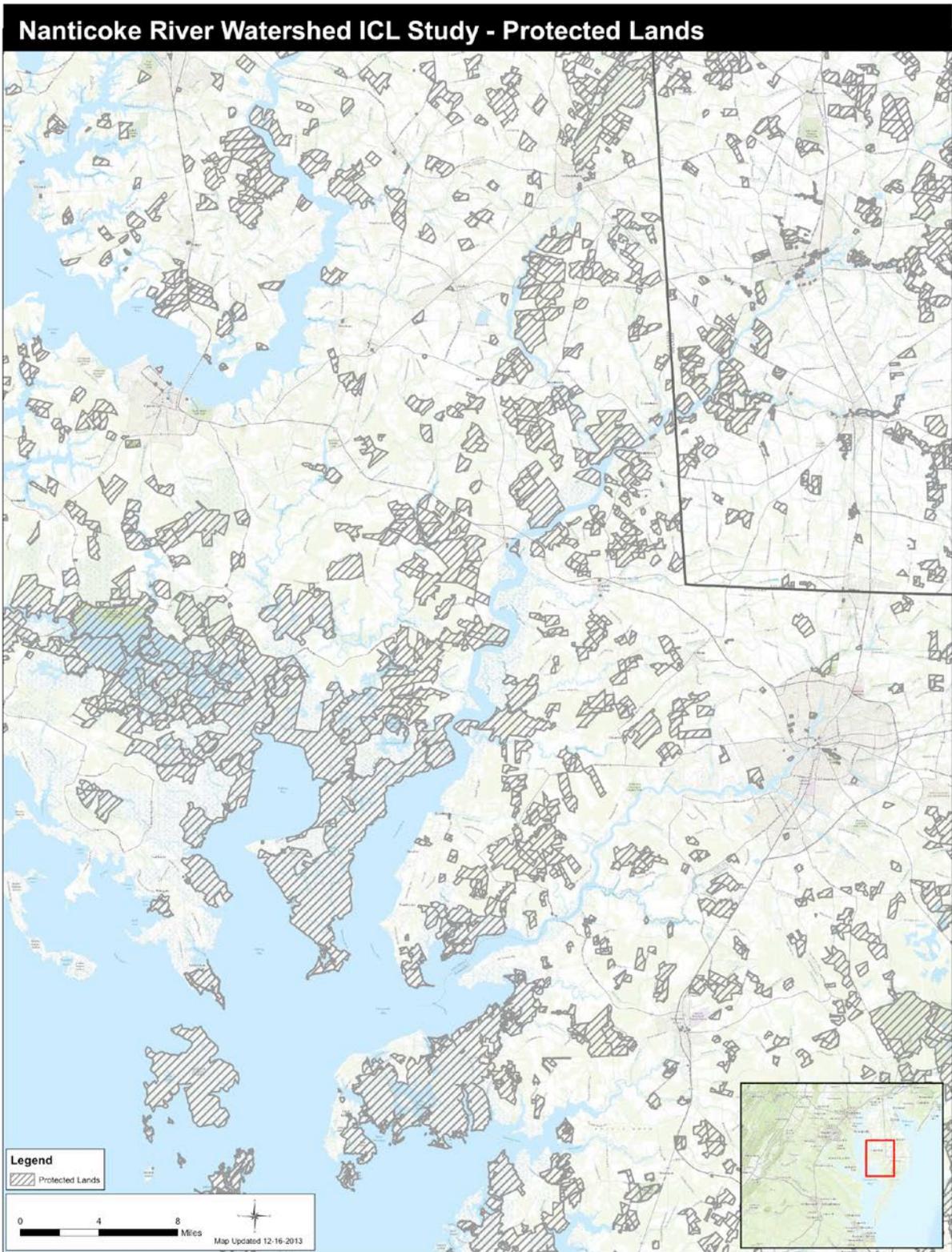


Figure 15

### **Step 3: Combine and Analyze Cultural and Natural Resource Data**

#### *3a: Nanticoke River Watershed ICL Study: Composite Data*

A composite map was created with all layers overlapping (see Fig. 16). This map reveals a rich picture that shows “hot spots” of cultural data, such as the area around the Chicone reservation. From this point, an outline was created around important data, leading to Figures 17 and 18.

#### *3b: Nanticoke River ICL Probability Map: ICL Probability Boundary*

Figure 19 depicts a boundary drawn around an area of high ICL probability. This line includes those areas of value to our experts and informants, and that would most likely be of high value to the indigenous people of this region in the Late Woodland, contact, and post-contact periods. These features include tidal waters, Indian corn soil, rivers, fresh water, and reservation boundaries. This shows support for the creation of the ICL high-probability area boundary drawn here.

#### *3c: Nanticoke River ICL Probability Map: Boundary, Land cover, and Protected Lands*

Figures 20-22 depict the boundary around the high ICL probability area overlaid on top of land cover and protected land data. It is perhaps these layers that will be most significant to the NPS in the near future. These layers show potentially evocative landscapes which are relatively undeveloped (vegetation) or which may be restored to approximate an undeveloped state (agriculture), and which are culturally meaningful for the purposes of this study (within the high-probability ICL area). Much of this area has high potential for meaningful interpretation, visitor experiences, and future conservation.



# Nanticoke River ICL Probability Map - Cultural Data and Indian Corn

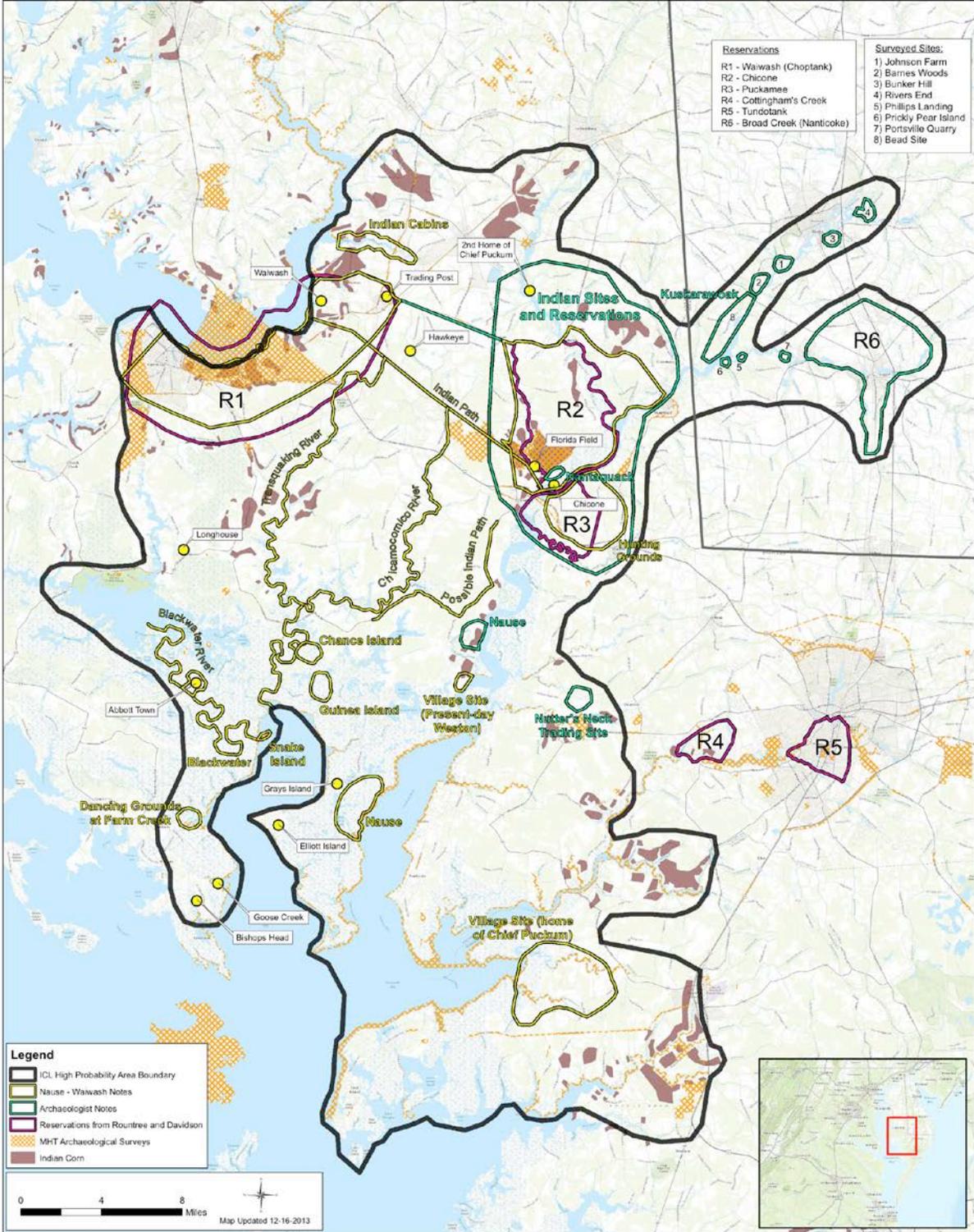


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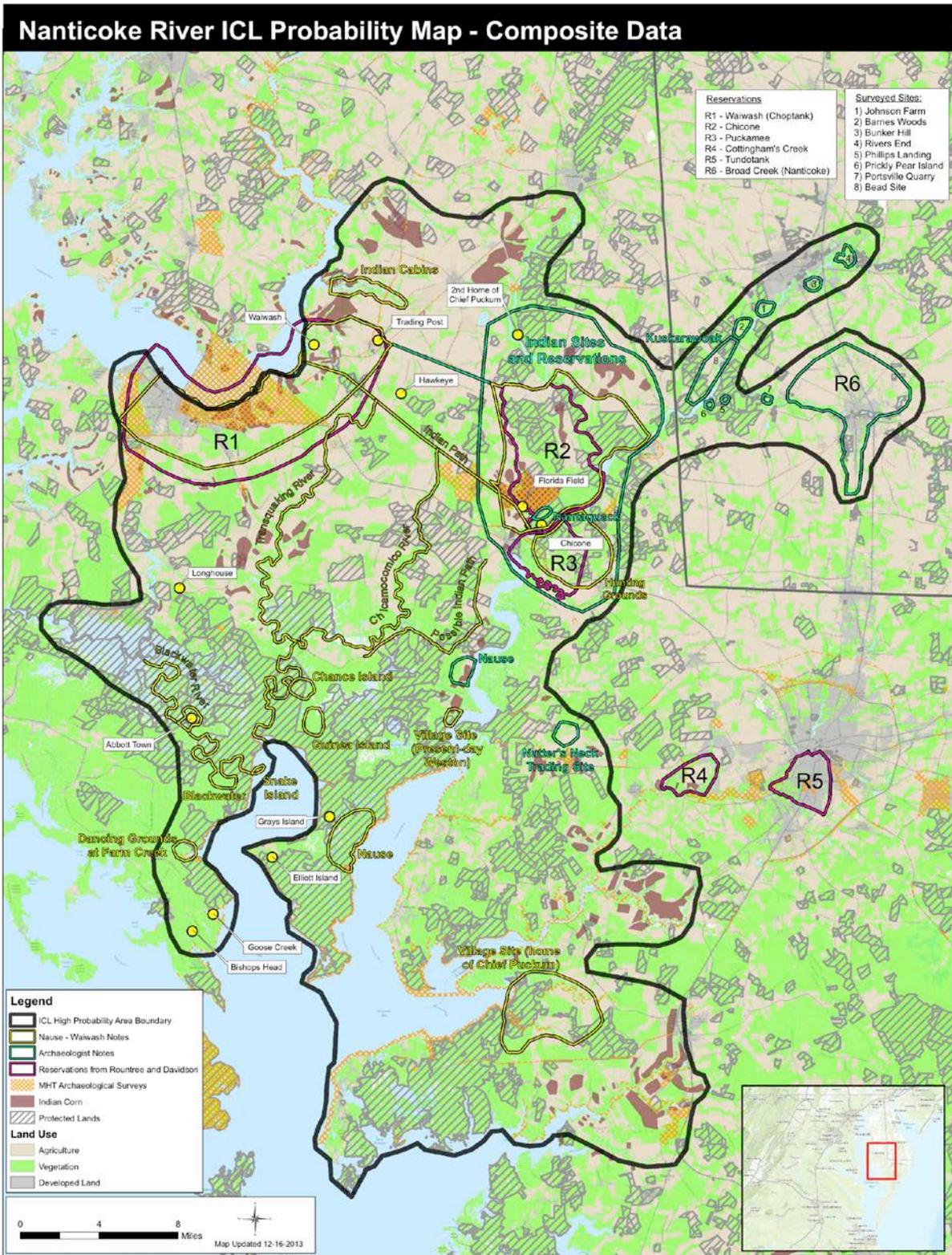


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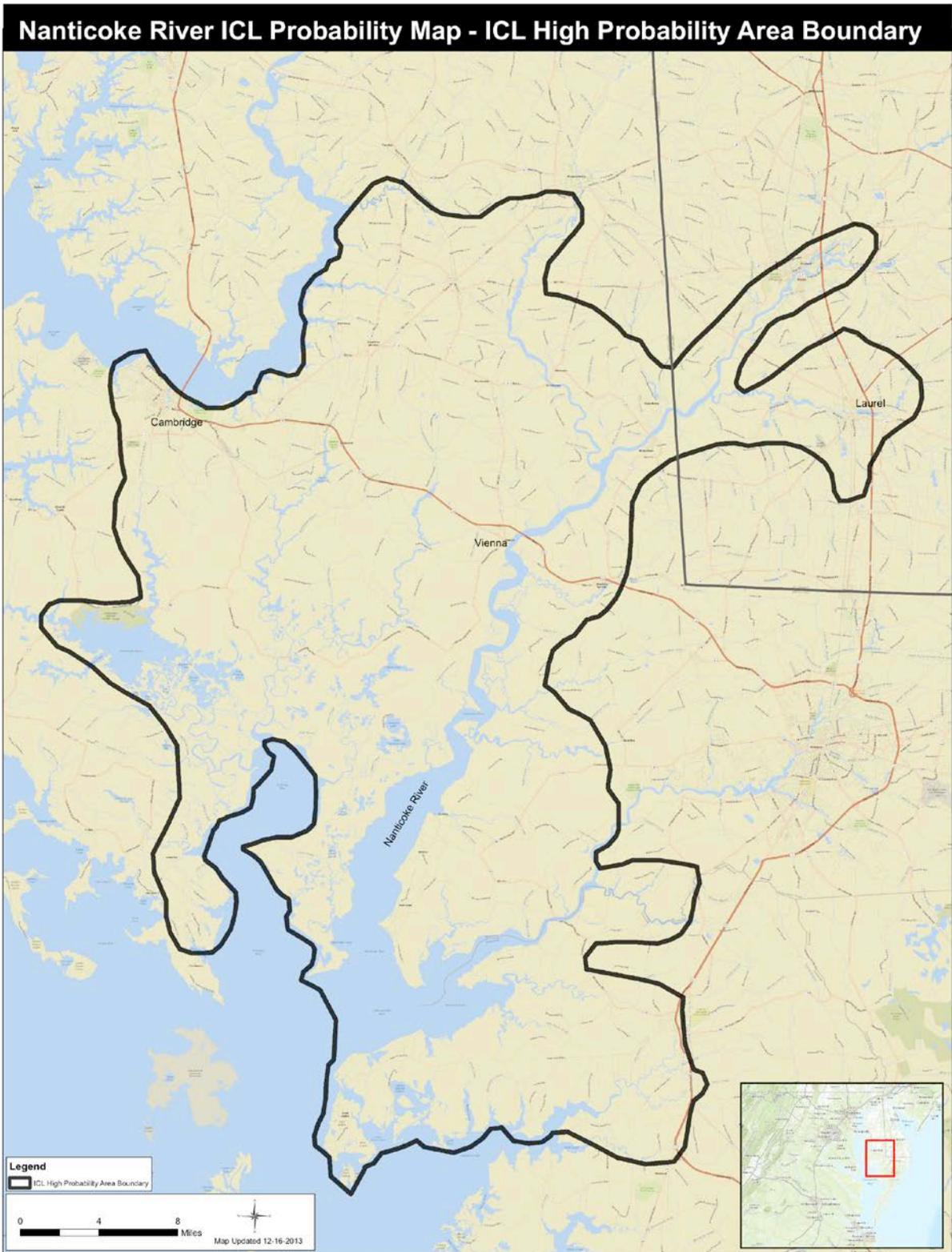


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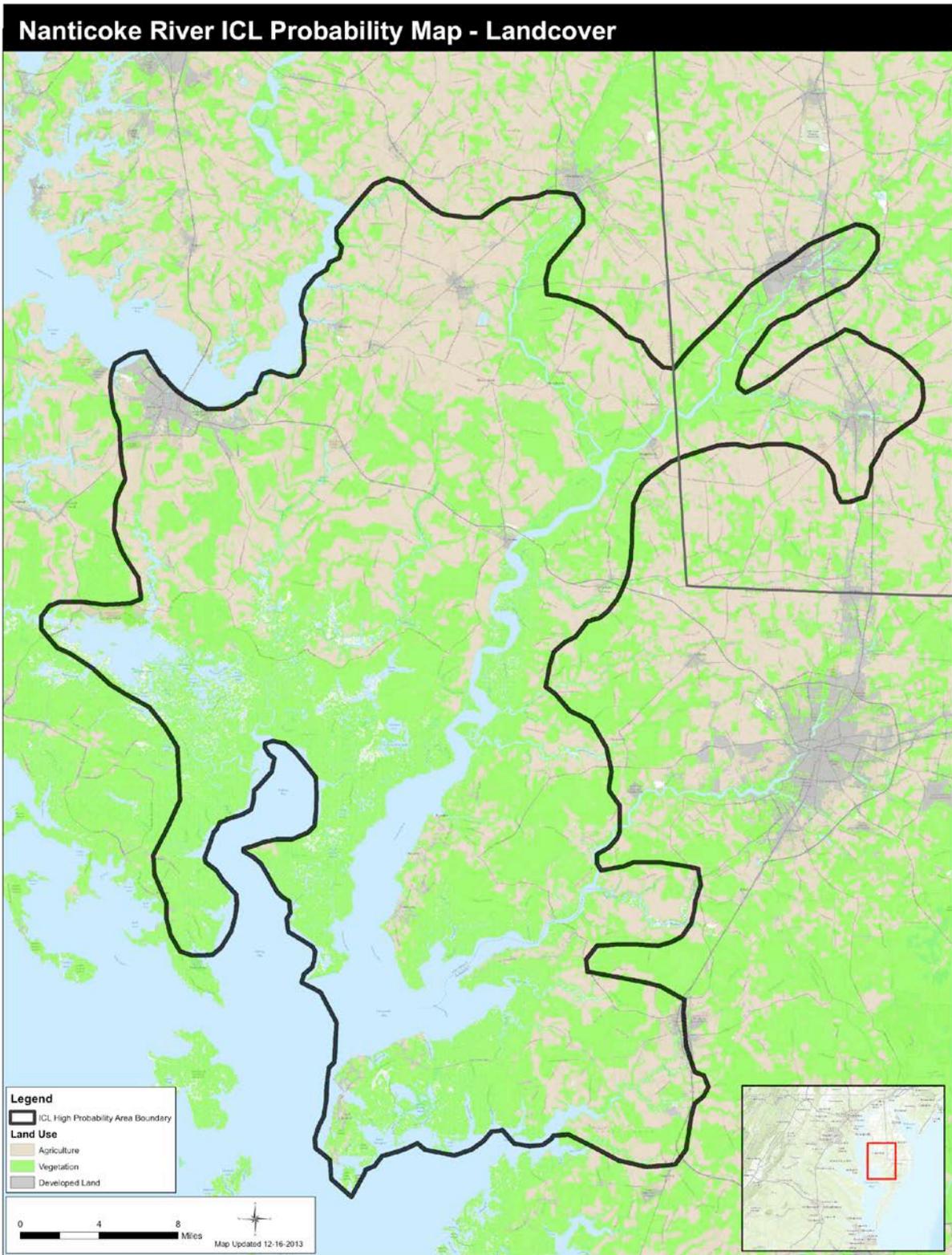


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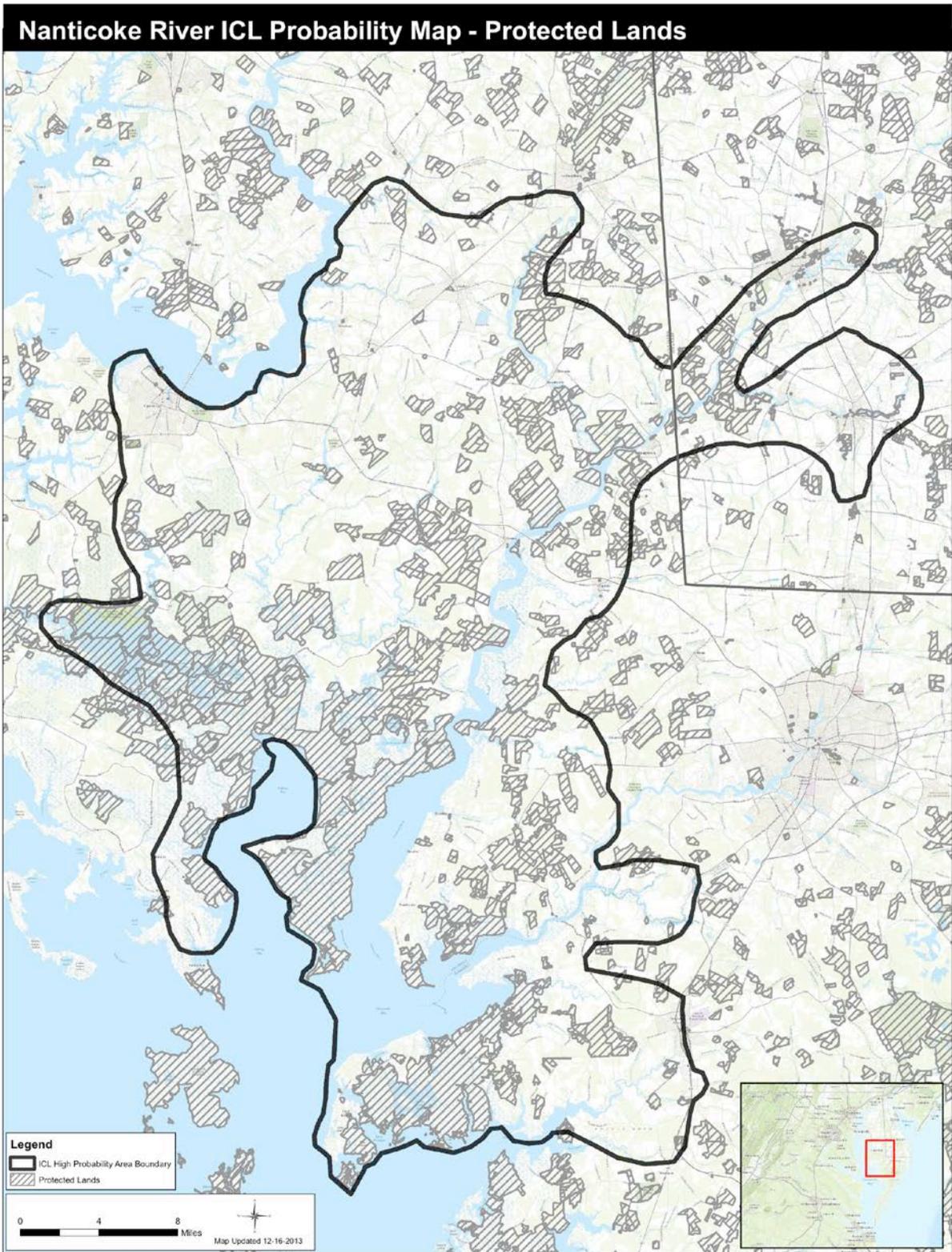


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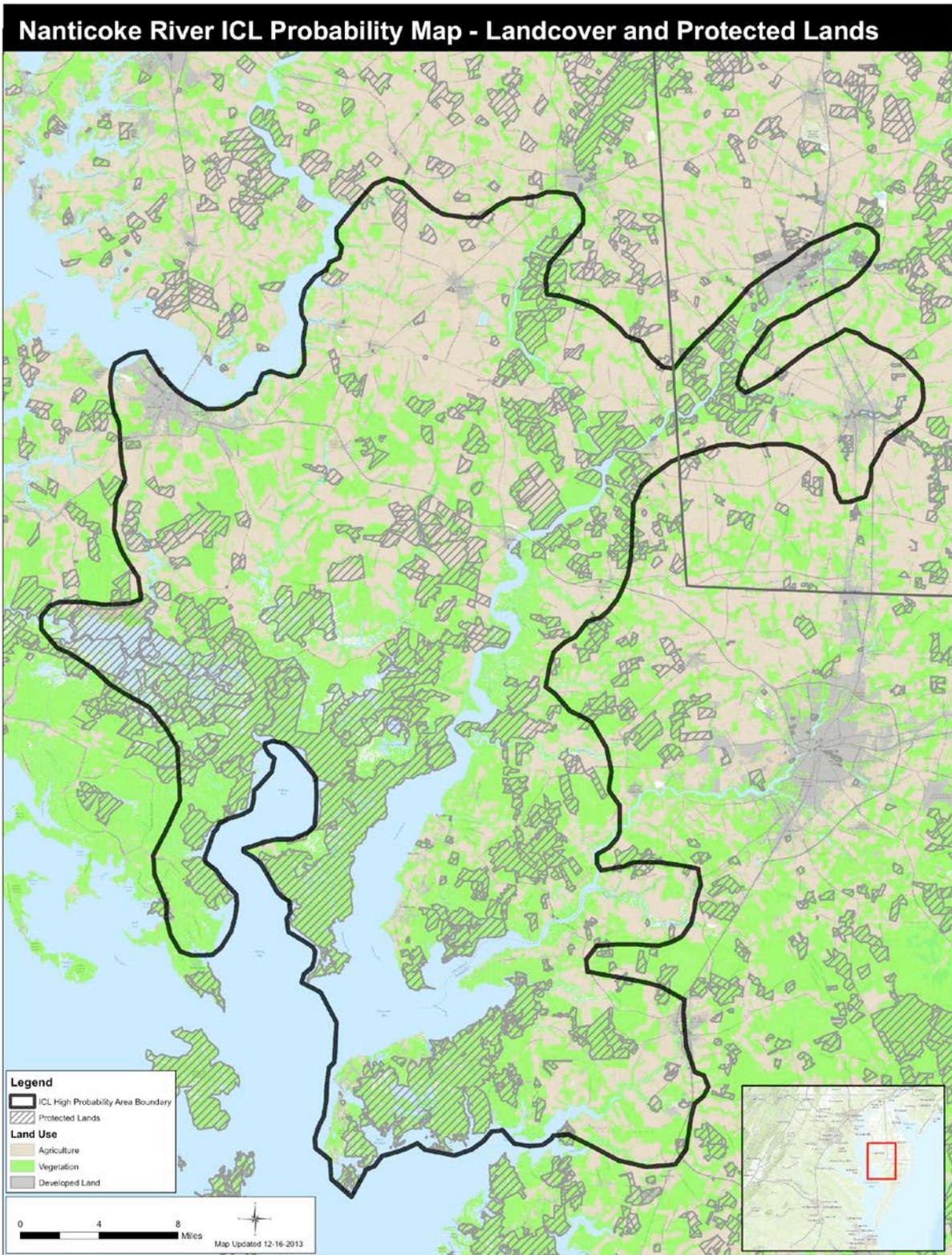


Figure 22



#### **Step 4: Future Mapping**

The NPS will likely explore future mapping options for more refined and project-specific applications, using these maps as building blocks. To this end, we make note of some of the data we were unable to obtain at the time of this report.

GIS-formatted topographical information will be an important layer for continued research. For future mapping of the Nanticoke River watershed ICL, it will be beneficial to know where points of higher ground exist, as we have come to understand that these “lumps,” as they are sometimes called locally, would have lent themselves to settlement or the development of paths, with footpaths connecting lumps through marshy areas (c.f., Hassrick 1943; interviews with Chief Sewell Fitzhugh). Additionally, with the threat of sea level rise, it may be beneficial to assess land acquisition priority with respect to elevation.

New information regarding cultural data will undoubtedly appear with new archaeological surveys, but also with the emergence of information from continued relationships with Native communities in the region. All of the Native participants in this study have expressed interest in remaining active participants in the ICL study process. Chief Fitzhugh has expressed interest in continuing tours and presentations of the Nause-Waiwash cultural landscape. Future Nause-Waiwash or Nanticoke driving tours, stories, and oral history may expand and fill out a picture of the Nanticoke River watershed ICL beyond what is known presently, for example, to include areas not presently included in this study, which are west of the present ICL high-probability area boundary shown in Figure 19. Future engagement with the Nanticoke Indian Tribe and related tribes will benefit all involved.

In addition to adding a layer of topographical information, and continuing to engage with Native communities to build a fuller picture of cultural data, there are options for working with

the information already collected that may benefit a more in-depth study of this high-probability ICL area. One such option is to create a heat map of the high-probability area. Such a map, created using GIS or other analytic software, depicts “hot spots” of information—those places designated as having more value, or where meaningful points or landscapes overlap—based on criteria decided upon in advance. If this technique is to be employed, we urge the NPS to consult with a range of experts and informants such as those engaged in this study, to determine values assigned to resources such as scholarly information, ethnohistorical data, archaeological evidence, natural resources, and oral history.

## Conclusions

Since early in 2013, our team has focused its efforts on identifying the Nanticoke River watershed ICL. Through scholarly and ethnohistorical accounts; meetings with regional experts such as archaeologists, historians, and geographers; and the accounts of descendent community members and their relatives in and nearby the Nanticoke River watershed, we have developed a sense of what this might be. We have developed a picture of sites, waterways, and landscapes of historical interest and of special value to the indigenous people of this region, and in collaboration with the NPS Chesapeake Bay, created a series of maps representing the high-probability ICL area, including relevant cultural and natural resources found therein.

As we have noted, this is an initial effort intended primarily to establish relevant ICL criteria and to develop and field test a methodology for identifying potentially useful ICLs on the basis of these criteria. Our decision to focus on the Nanticoke River watershed, made in collaboration with NPS Chesapeake Bay staff, was based on several factors, including interest by partner organizations in potential ICLs in the area, archaeological evidence and historical accounts, the presence of descendent communities, and abundance of evocative landscape. While we trust that the work and methodology described in this report will be useful in subsequent efforts to broaden our understanding of ICLs associated with the Captain John Smith NHT, it must also be recognized that each such potential landscape will present its unique characteristics and require adaptations of the approach described in this report.

We feel that it is important to note that procedures used to identify potentially useful ICLs during the course of our study are specific to the conservation and interpretive aims of the NPS Chesapeake Bay. It is to be expected that preferences for particular ICLs, and for the

features that are held to constitute an ICL, will vary with the needs and intentions of their authors.

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Dennis Coker	Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware	Chief
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Jacqueline Kramer	National Park Service	Outdoor Recreation Planner; Susquehanna River ICL Study
Michael Krumrine	Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control	GIS Coordinator
Windsor Myers	Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians	Tribal Council Member

John Seidel	Washington College	Director, Center for Environment and Society; Associate Professor of Anthropology
Gabi Tayac	Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian	Historian

## **APPENDIX C: ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND PLACES IN THE NANTICOKE RIVER WATERSHED AND SURROUNDING AREAS**

The following bibliography includes sources that discuss American Indian tribes related to the Nanticoke River watershed, as well places of importance in and nearby the same. These sources provide support for the inclusion of landscapes within the Nanticoke River watershed high-probability ICL area, and will be helpful for the interpretation of these landscapes. In a few cases we were unable to locate or obtain sources named, but nevertheless chose to leave these in the bibliography due to their potential usefulness.

### **Babcock, William H.**

**1899** *The Nanticoke Indians of Indian River, Delaware. American Anthropologist, New Series 1(2):277-282.*

Babcock describes a group of contemporary Nanticoke Indians living in the Indian River area of Delaware. He asserts that this group is made up of 50 or 60 individuals living in the “sandy pine-land country which lies between the northeastern shore of Indian river and the coastline, comprising approximately the two county subdivisions or ‘hundreds’ of Clear spring and Indian river” (277-78). Noting that the Nanticoke attend Methodist and Protestant churches, and that they have intermarried with both white and African American individuals, Babcock makes guesses about the birth and death rates of the Nanticoke community. He also describes an Indian mound that his Nanticoke informants showed him. Additionally, he asserts that the Nanticoke have lost many of their traditions and their language, noting that Lydia Clark—who was deceased at the time of his research—was thought to be the last community member who could speak the Nanticoke language.

### **Barbour, Phillip L.**

**1964** *The Three Worlds of Captain John Smith. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co.*

Barbour explains that he has written this narrative about Captain John Smith in order to contextualize Smith’s life and to expand on some of Smith’s competing and changing roles. With these roles in mind, Barbour has organized the narrative into three overarching sections: adventurer, colonist, and promoter. Barbour describes Smith’s bartering and other encounters with the Nanticoke briefly in the section that details Smith’s role as a colonist (e.g., see 203, 216, 256).

### **Barbour, Phillip L., ed.**

**1986** *The Complete Works of Captain John Smith, 3 Volumes. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.*

Three volumes, all edited by Barbour and published after his death, present the 17th century writings of Captain John Smith, including those writings Smith completed about his travels in

the Chesapeake Bay. Barbour has added notes to Smith's writings, drawing on the works of later scholars in order to make the texts more fully accessible to 20th century readers.

#### **Busby, Virginia Roche**

- 1995** An Ethnohistoric and Archaeological Examination of the Dynamic Cultural Landscape of Chicone Indian Town, Dorchester County, Maryland. Paper submitted to the Anthropology Department, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
- 1996a** Interim Report on Archaeological Research at Nicholas Farms (March). Archaeology Laboratory, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Prepared for the Office of Archaeology, Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.
- 1996b** Interim Report on Archaeological Research at Nicholas Farms (August). Archaeology Laboratory, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Prepared for the Office of Archaeology, Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.
- 1996c** Collections from Site 18DO11 at Island Field Curation Facility, Delaware State Museums. Manuscript on file at the Archaeology Laboratory, Department 589 of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
- 2000** The Chicone Indian Town Archaeological Research Project: Report on Investigations at Site 18DO11 (The Chicone Site #1), Dorchester County, Maryland, 1994-1995 seasons. Laboratory of Archaeology Survey Report #7, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.
- 2002** "An Coming from Our Mouths": traversing the social and physical landscape of Locust Neck Indian Town through the analysis of an eighteenth-century word list. Paper on file, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

#### **Busby, Virginia Roche**

- 2010** Transformation and Persistence: The Nanticoke Indians and Chicone Indian Town in the Context of European Contact and Colonization. Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia.

In this dissertation, Busby uses archaeological and ethnohistorical data to trace the history of the Nanticoke Indians in the Chesapeake Bay from 1600 to 1800. Her archaeological fieldwork focuses on the Chicone village site, adjacent to the Nanticoke River. This site reveals occupation from the Late Woodland period through the 18th century. Using evidence from site, related sites, and the historic record, Busby argues that the Nanticoke have transformed and sustained their distinct group identity throughout the contact era.

#### **Chesapeake Bay Foundation**

- 1996** Nanticoke River Watershed: Natural and Cultural Resources Atlas. Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Annapolis, MD.

This atlas includes 11 maps and accompanying text that, taken together, help to provide a picture of the Nanticoke River watershed's natural and cultural resources. The atlas includes mapped and textual information about major tributaries, general land use, land cover, agricultural lands, forests and riparian forest buffer, wetlands and submerged aquatic vegetation, wildlife and aquatic habitat areas, cultural resources, and several potential threats to water quality. Of

particular relevance to those interested in Nanticoke cultural landscapes, the cultural resources map (Map 8) includes over 300 documented archaeological sites present in the watershed.

**Clark, Wayne E.**

**1980 The Origins of the Piscataway and Related Indian Cultures. *Maryland Historical Magazine* 75(1):8-22.**

This article provides an overview of the a range of different archaeological complexes—artifact groups that archaeologists infer would have been associate with different cultural groups—found in the Chesapeake Bay region, with a focus on the Piscataway and other mainland groups. Clark makes inferences about relationships between Native groups, and about the processes by which groups were displaced, based on the distribution of artifacts. The Nanticoke are not mentioned specifically; nevertheless this article may be useful for those interested in Nanticoke history because it provides the author’s view on a larger context of intertribal relations in the Chesapeake Bay region around the contact-era.

**Custer, Jay F. and Daniel R. Griffith**

**1986 Late Woodland Cultures of the Middle and Lower Delmarva Peninsula. *In Late Woodland Cultures of the Middle Atlantic Region.* Jay F. Custer, ed. Pp. 29-57. Newark: University of Delaware Press.**

Custer and Griffith focus on American Indian groups living in the southern two-thirds of the Delmarva Peninsula and on the time period of 1000 CE to 1600 CE. They explain that the Late Woodland chronology for this part of the Delmarva Peninsula is based on seriation of Townsend ceramics and radiocarbon dates, and that archaeologists have categorized the artifacts found her as belonging to the “Slaughter Creek complex,” which is a grouping of artifacts thought to be associated with a particular cultural group. Using archaeological data, and also referencing ethnohistorical evidence, the authors conclude that a shift occurs between the Early/Middle Woodland era and the Late Woodland era. During this time the examined societies, including the Nanticoke, turn to “intensified use of stored resources, particularly plant resources, and shellfish resources” (55). They also note that the archaeological record suggests these societies remained relatively egalitarian, even as they began to practice more intensive agriculture (56).

**Davidson, Thomas E., Richard Hughes, Joseph M. McNamara**

**1985 Where Are the Indian Towns? Archeology, Ethnohistory, and Manifestations of Contact on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. *Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology* 1:43-50.**

The authors here explain how they used a combination of documentary research, color film and infra-red film aerial photography, and pedestrian surveys to locate the Chicone and Locust Neck sites in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Chicone is associated with the Nanticoke Indians, while Locust Neck is associated with the Choptank Indians. The authors note that these and other contact period Eastern Shore sites may have been overlooked as such, and mislabeled as exclusively Late Woodland sites previously, because they did not show obvious signs of European influence. They assert that the Eastern Shore’s indigenous groups were able to maintain their traditional practices and languages longer than mainland Chesapeake Bay indigenous groups because of the Eastern Shore groups’ relationships with relatively few European traders.

**Dent, Richard J. Jr.**

**1995 Chesapeake Prehistory: Old Traditions, New Directions. New York, NY: Plenum Press.**

Dent presents this book as an interdisciplinary look at the prehistory of the Chesapeake Bay region and as an interpretation of how that prehistory has shaped the region's present circumstances. He brings together archaeological evidence (pointing out how archaeological practice and human perspectives on the past have changed over time), accounts of natural history, and discussion of continuing cultural tradition. With regard to the Nanticoke, Dent includes them on a map of Native Chesapeake groups at the time of contact with Europeans and points out that they are reported to have had the largest population compared with the other six Native groups of the Eastern Shore (263-264).

**de Valinger, Leon**

**1941 Indian Land Sales in Delaware. Wilmington: Archaeological Society of Delaware.**

In this publication of the Archaeological Society of Delaware, de Valinger chronicles a history of land "sales" between Europeans and the Native groups in Delaware, beginning with a deal established between local Indians and the Dutch in 1631 (1). Throughout this text, he refers to American Indian groups only as the "Indians," neglecting to differentiate between the Lenape, the Nanticoke, and other groups. Discussing a series of instances in which multiple individuals or groups of European settlers claim to have made deals to buy the same pieces of land from American Indians, de Valinger suggests that the Indian negotiators believed they were only agreeing to use rights rather than selling parcels of land. He asserts that all Indians had migrated out of Delaware by 1753 (13).

**Dunlap, A. R. and C. A. Weslager**

**1947 Trends in the Naming of Tri-Racial Mixed-Blood Groups in the Eastern United States. American Speech 22(2):81-87.**

Dunlap and Weslager discuss the practice of naming groups of people whose members have a combination of African, Caucasian, and American Indian ancestry. The Nanticoke people are provided as one example of such a group, and the authors seem to regard the use of the group-name Nanticoke as misleading because perpetuates a solely American Indian name and identity, rather than a tri-racial identity. The authors also note that groups developing with this combination of ancestry are often geographically isolated. This writing exemplifies an era when Native identity was often discredited by white scholars because of interracial heritage.

**Feest, Christian F.**

**1978 Nanticoke and Neighboring Tribes. In Handbook of North American Indians, Vol. 15. Bruce G. Trigger, ed. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution.**

**Fenton, William N.**

**1944 Review: Delaware's Forgotten Folk: The Story of the Moors and Nanticokes by C. A. Weslager. American Anthropologist, New Series 46(2, Part 1): 245-248.**

The author reviews C. A. Weslager's 1943 monograph, *Delaware's Forgotten Folk: The Story of the Moors and Nanticokes*. He praises Weslager for his accessible writing style and contribution to knowledge about the Nanticoke and the Moors of Delaware. He also notes how

Weslager frames the earlier scholar Frank G. Speck as an advocate for the Nanticoke people, a role that is not communicated through Speck's own writings.

**Griffith, Daniel R.**

**1977 Townsend Ceramics and the Late Woodland of Southern Delaware. Master's thesis. Department of Anthropology, The American University.**

Griffith reports the results of excavations in Delaware taking place between 1974 and 1976. He introduces a system for differentiating between styles of Late Woodland period ceramics, paying particular attention to variations in space and time.

**Griffith, Daniel R.**

**2009 Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historical Trail Upper Nanticoke River, Delaware Feasibility Study. Frederica, DE: Griffith Archaeology Consulting.**

This report responds to questions regarding the feasibility of adding the upper Nanticoke River watershed in Delaware to the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, by determining whether the landscape is illustrative of the natural history of the 17th century, whether the watershed is significantly associated with the voyages of Captain John Smith, and whether the watershed is significantly associated with American Indian towns and cultures of the 17th century. Griffith and his team employ analysis of primarily archaeological and ethnohistorical data and find that the watershed does meet requirements, to varying degrees.

**Haile, Edward Wright**

**2008 John Smith in the Chesapeake. Champlain, VA: Round House.**

The author provides speculative context and interpretation for Captain John Smith's writings and maps from his 1607-1609 voyages in the Chesapeake Bay region. He briefly narrates Smith's life before this time, describes several maps attributed to Smith, and includes Smith's original writing accompanied by a series of summaries.

**Hassrick, Royal B.**

**1943 A Visit with the Nanticoke. Bulletin of Archaeological Society of Delaware 4(May):7-8.**

Hassrick describes his visit with residents of the Indian River district, which he specifies as being located 60 miles south of Wilmington, Delaware. He asserts that the Nanticoke people live like the other people of this area, farming and raising chickens. He also observes where the Nanticoke people have built their housing: "Their cottages and houses are placed upon the high ground near the fields of corn or hay. Gum swamps and tracts of pine separate the family communities" (7). Hassrick seems to be impressed with Nanticoke group identity, and he notes their physical characteristics, social autonomy, roles individuals play for the community, and fine cross bow crafting.

**Howard, James H.**

**1975 The Nanticoke-Delaware Skeleton Dance. American Indian Quarterly 2(Spring):1-13.**

The author briefly chronicles the histories of conflict and migration that the Nanticoke have experienced since the English colonized the areas now known as Delaware and Maryland. He provides a literature review, explaining how previous scholars have described the Nanticoke and

their practices. Focusing on the Nanticoke's fabled treatment of their deceased, he compares their practices to other groups of American Indians in the southeastern United States. He juxtaposes four accounts of a practice he calls the "Nanticoke-Delaware Skeleton dance" and traces each account back to members of the Oklahoma Delaware, or this subgroup's ancestors.

**Hughes, Richard B.**

**1980 A Cultural and Environmental Overview of the Prehistory of Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore Based Upon a Survey of Selected Artifact Collections from the Area. Prepared for the Maryland Historical Trust and Coastal Resource Division, Tidewater Administration, Department of Natural Resources, Annapolis, MD.**

This overview integrates data from artifact collections, environmental conditions, and previous archaeological studies in counties of Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester (Maryland). It provides an archaeological chronology for this study area based on phases, from the Paleoindian Period to Post-contact Period. Furthermore, it provides a model for environmental change in the study area, and identifies areas that may contain dense distributions of artifacts, based on a number of environmental factors and previous archaeological studies. Hughes recommends further archaeological investigation in the Pocomoke River drainage system.

**Hunter, William A.**

**1978 Documented Subdivisions of the Delaware Indians. Bulletin of Archaeological Society of New Jersey 35:20-40.**

Hunter discusses the various subgroups of American Indians in Delaware. He makes the point that the same Native individuals and groups were involved in land transactions on both sides of the Delaware River, showing that their lands were not divided, but rather connected, by this body of water (21). He specifically mentions the Ockanickon or "Crum Creek" Indians living on both sides of the Delaware River (21, 22). He also describes land transactions involving the "Brandywine Indians" and "Schuylkill Indians" and the migrations of these groups (22-27). When explaining the documentation of migrations, he asserts that these groups may have been known by different names after migrating to New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

**Hutchinson, H. H.**

**1961 Indian Reservations of the Maryland Provincial Assembly on the Middle Delmarva Peninsula. The Archeolog 13(October):1-5.**

**Hutchinson, H. H., Warren H. Callaway and Charles Bryant**

**1964 Report on the Chicone Site #1 (18-Dor-11) & Chicone Site #2 (18-Dor-10). The Archeolog 16(1): 14-19.**

**Jones, Elias**

**1925 Revised History of Dorchester County, Maryland. Baltimore, MD: Read-Taylor Press.**

The majority of this book chronicles the events and perspectives of Dorchester County's (Maryland) powerful, landowning families of European descent, from the 17th to 19th centuries. In the author's discussion of early European settlement on the land that was to become the Dorchester County, he refers to the Nanticoke as "treacherous" and explains that they were living "higher up the [Nanticoke] river" as compared with the early colonists; he also discusses a

treaty that was established between “Lord Proprietary and Vinnacokasimmon, Emperor of the Nanticokes, on May 1, 1668” and that reportedly allowed settlers to move further in Nanticoke territory without fear of attack (30). Jones lists the names of troops who were sent “against the Nanticoke Indians” and paid for their service in 1674 (40). He discusses the ownership history of a property called “Nanticoke Manor” in a part of the county called “East New Market” (97). He also includes a discussion of and selected text from the Act of 1704, which established reservation boundaries for both the Nanticoke and Choptank tribes (183-185).

**Jones, Elias**

**1966 New Revised History of Dorchester County, Maryland. Cambridge, MD: Tidewater Publishers.**

This book updates Jones’s 1925 book on the same topic. Jones’s 1966 edition has been corrected for factual errors, supplemented by 50 new illustrations, and supplemented by an introduction by the author’s daughter, Mary Ruth Jones.

**Kenny, Hamill**

**1961 The Origin and Meaning of Indian Place Names of Maryland. Baltimore, MD: Waverly Press.**

The author indicates that Maryland’s landscape is marked by about 315 Algonquian place names. He asserts that the American Indian groups whose languages contained these words have left the region or “dwindled into insignificance” by 1700 (1). In order to create this list, he has consulted the writings of Captain John Smith and Lord Baltimore, in addition to the early land records and maps. Providing a dictionary of place names and an introductory essay, he points out place name patterns; for example, he writes that group names correspond to the streams near which those groups lived. In his dictionary entry for *Nanticoke*, he concludes that this place name derives from Algonquian words meaning “Tidewater people” or “They who ply the tidewater stream” (97).

**Kinietz, Vernon and Maurice A. Mook**

**1944 Review of Delaware’s Forgotten Folk: The Story of the Moors and Nanticokes. The Journal of American Folklore 57(226): 293-295.**

Kinietz describes the book, *Delaware’s Forgotten Folk: The Story of the Moors and Nanticokes*, as interesting and entertaining reading for anthropologists and others. He emphasizes how the Moor and Nanticoke peoples have married into both white and “Negro” families, asserting his amazement that they have maintained Native identities over time (294). Mook writes a separate and complementary review of the same book. He includes descriptions of chapter topics and “facial type” illustrations that appear in the book (295). This work is another example of the era’s scholarly efforts by whites to discredit American Indian identity on the basis of mixed racial heritage.

**Marye, William B.**

**1936a Indian Paths of the Delmarva Peninsula. Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Delaware 2(3):5-22.**

The author draws on surveying records from the 17th and 18th centuries in Maryland to make predictions about where routes used by Native people on the Delmarva Peninsula may have existed. He suggests that roads used today may have first been Indian paths (6). Focusing on the

“Old Choptank or Delaware Path,” he provides a series of transcribed copies of Maryland land records that mention Indian paths.

**Marye, William B.**

**1936b Indian Paths of the Delmarva Peninsula. *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Delaware* 2(4):5-27.**

This essay is a continuation of Marye’s previous work on “Indian paths” for the same publication. While providing descriptions of two paths—“The Old Choptank or Delaware Path” and “The Indian Path from ‘Jones Creek to the Choptank’”—he qualifies that he is writing about the “probability” of where these paths may have existed (e.g., see p. 5, 7, 8).

**Marye, William B.**

**1937 Indian Paths of the Delmarva Peninsula. *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Delaware* 2(5):1-37.**

This essay is a continuation of Marye’s previous work on “Indian paths” for the same publication. He includes a hand-drawn map and descriptions of Nanticoke and Choptank towns.

**Marye, William B.**

**1938 Indian Paths of the Delmarva Peninsula. *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Delaware* 2(6):4-11.**

This essay is a continuation of Marye’s previous work on “Indian paths” for the same publication. As in previous essays, he builds on the topic of locating Indian paths on Maryland’s Eastern Shore and includes transcribed land records as evidence.

**McNamara, Joseph**

**1985 Excavations on Locust Neck: The Search for the Historic Indian settlement in the Choptank Indian Reservation. *Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology* 1:87-96.**

The author describes archaeological investigations of a shell midden located within the historical boundaries of the Choptank Indian Reservation near a site known as Locust Neck, in Maryland (87). The research from which he draws his findings took place between 1982 and 1984. Asserting that the site was occupied from the Middle Woodland period through the time of contact with European colonists, he establishes a history of sustained use of this site, although he qualifies that it would have been used seasonally—during the spring and fall.

**Parker, Arthur**

**1936a The Nanticoke. *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* 5:83-90.**

Parker begins this article by summarizing Captain John Smith’s writings about the Nanticoke, which Smith referred to as the Kuskarawaok or Cuskarawaock. He asserts that in the year 1642, the Nanticoke were particularly hostile to European settlers. Presenting quotations from several treaties, he explains how the colonists developed legislation that allowed “encroachments” by settlers into Nanticoke territory (89).

**Parker, Arthur**

**1936b The Nanticoke (second installment). *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* 6:3-12.**

Parker explains how the Nanticoke describe themselves as connected to other Native groups: they are said to see the Lenape as their “grandfathers” and the Mohegans as their “brethren”

(3). He mentions the Nanticoke's burial practices, dialect and language, occupations, chiefs, and migrations.

**Porter, Frank W., III**

**1977 Introductory Text. *In A Photographic Survey of Indian River Community. Nanticoke Indian Heritage Project. Nanticoke Indian Heritage Project. Millsboro, DE: Indian Mission Church.***

This publication is presented as a “case study in cultural change and survival which focuses on the Nanticoke Indians who originally resided on the Nanticoke River on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, but subsequently removed to Indian River Inlet in Delaware” (1). Porter includes descriptions of the ways in which the Nanticoke have both isolated themselves and assimilated into neighboring cultures, along with discussions of major events in the group's history from 1784—when they relocated to Indian River Inlet—to the time of this publication. The photographs provided include important places such as schools and churches, important individuals organized by family names, craftsmanship and material culture, changing architecture, agricultural activity, and revivalism. This last category includes documentation of building construction, individuals practicing traditional dancing, and making clothing.

**Porter, Frank W., III**

**1978a Anthropologists at Work: A Case Study of the Nanticoke Indian Community. *American Indian Quarterly* 4(1):1-18.**

Porter discusses the Nanticoke's interactions with anthropologists over time, beginning in 1898. He concludes that these interactions have contributed the Nanticoke people's successful maintenance of their Native identities, and provides examples of how the Nanticoke have reinforced their identities. For example, he writes that they refused to send their children to high schools for “Negroes,” at a time when high schools for whites refused to admit Nanticoke students. He explains, however, that these circumstances resulted in few Nanticoke graduating from high school in Delaware before 1965 (14).

**Porter, Frank W., III**

**1978b Quest for Identity: The Formation of the Nanticoke Indian Community at Indian River Inlet, Sussex County, Delaware. Ph. D. dissertation, Department of Geography, University of Maryland, College Park.**

In this dissertation, Porter writes to dispel the “Myth of the Vanishing Indian in the East” (3). He focuses on the Nanticoke Indians living at Indian River Inlet in Sussex County, Delaware as an example of a Native group maintaining its identity in the eastern part of the United States. He interrogates the roles of two previous scholars—Frank G. Speck and Clinton A. Weslager—in the Nanticoke's continued maintenance of their identities. He asserts that the Nanticoke's lifestyles at the time of this research closely resemble the lifestyles of their white neighbors, but that they have intentionally chosen to continue some cultural practices as part of the identity maintenance he describes.

**Porter, Frank W., III**

**1979 Indians in Maryland and Delaware: A Critical Bibliography. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.**

Porter provides a comprehensive list of sources about American Indian groups of Maryland and Delaware, and notes which of these sources he judges to be suitable for secondary school students (57-107). He also provides shorter lists of sources recommended for the “beginner” and for a “basic library collection” (xvii-xix). In order to introduce these lists, he crafts a series of topical introductory essays that list the Nanticoke as one of four principal tribes of the region, and he discusses the following topics: subsistence strategies, material culture, technology, language, population, demography, early voyages, missionaries, land tenure, reservations, migration, and survival strategies.

**Porter, Frank W., III**

**1983 Maryland Indians, Yesterday and Today. Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society.**

In this overview of American Indian groups in Maryland, Porter makes a clear effort to demonstrate the continued existence of these groups, explaining that the common belief that these groups became “extinct” by the end of the 18th century is not correct (15). Instead, he explains that they moved into more remote places—“usually swamps and marshes” (17). The Nanticoke are mentioned as a distinct group only briefly: once referring to an incident that illustrated the discrimination that one of the group’s members faced and once defining the word *Nanticoke* as “They who ply with the tidewater stream” (21-22, 25).

**Porter, Frank W., III**

**1986a In Pursuit of the Past: An Anthropological and Bibliographic Guide to Maryland and Delaware. Metuchen, NJ: Scarecrow Press.**

Porter presents an annotated bibliography of sources on American Indian groups in Delaware and Maryland, with a strong focus on archaeological contributions to his knowledge. He divides this bibliography into the following sections with accompanying introductions: the First Century (referring to the first century of archaeology in this region, which he defines as the 1800s), Salvaging the Past (covering archaeology conducted in the early late 19th and early 20th centuries), the Beginnings of an Organized Survey of Potomac River Village Sites, the Search for Indian Survivals, an Assessment (evaluating the methods and reliability of early archaeological investigations) and a general bibliography.

**Porter, Frank W., III**

**1986b The Nanticoke Indians in a Hostile World. In Strategies for Survival: American Indians in the Eastern United States. Frank W. Porter III, ed. Pp. 139-172. Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood Press.**

Porter discusses the Nanticoke Indians’ strategies for survival as a distinct group. He frames this discussion by listing all the challenges, including “disease, massacres, expulsion, and discrimination,” that American Indian groups living east of the Appalachian Mountains have had to contend with since the time of contact with European settlers (139). Porter points out two primary circumstances that contributed to group identity survival for the Nanticoke: 1.) “the Nanticoke purposefully selected a marginal environment as their habitat to prevent the continued encroachment of their land by Whites and to reduce the contact between the two cultures,” and 2.) “perceived as mixed bloods or mulattoes, the Nanticoke experienced the same cultural and spatial segregation an treatment accorded the Negroes, which resulted in the formation of a distinct community” (140). In order to provide evidence for these claims, Porter describes the Nanticoke negotiations for their reservation lands and presents two maps—one of “ethnic”

households in the Indian River Community in 1867 and one representing the same spatial data in 1985 (158-159).

**Roth, Hal**

**1997 You Can't Never Get to Puckum: Folks & Tales from Delmarva. Vienna, MD: Nanticoke Books.**

Roth defines Delmarva as a distinct region of Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, and explains that this collection of stories is his attempt to “preserve a few of the more obscure events of Delmarva’s history, its lore, its tales; a bit of flavor, if you will, of the times from John Smith to the [Chesapeake Bay] bridge and beyond” (viii). In the story that gives the book its title, “You Can’t Never Get to Puckum,” there are references to a man named John Puckum, who married Jone Puckum in 1682 and was a member of the “Monie Tribe whose town stood on the north side of Great Monie Creek two miles above its mouth” (15).

**Roth, Hal**

**2000 You Still Can't Get to Puckum: More Folks & Tales from Delmarva. Vienna, MD: Nanticoke Books.**

Roth introduces this collection as serving a similar purpose to his previous (1997) collection of stories. He attempts “to preserve a few of the more obscure events in Delmarva’s history, its lore, its characters—old and new—and to poke a little fun here and there at that political bunch on the other shore” (xiii). He includes an updated version of the story about finding Puckum, this time called “You Still Can’t Get to Puckum,” and—just as in the previous version—the name of this place is attributed to John Puckum, purported to be a “Monie Indian” (4).

**Rountree, Helen C**

**1996 A Guide to Late Woodland Indians’ Use of Ecological Zones in the Chesapeake Region. The Chesopiean, a Journal of Archaeology 34:2-3.**

**Rountree, Helen C., Wayne E. Clark, and Kent Mountford**

**2007 John Smith’s Chesapeake Voyages. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.**

Rountree, Clark, and Mountford trace Captain John Smith’s voyages in the Chesapeake Bay, providing insight into the places and peoples he encountered. The authors describe the Chesapeake environment of the early 17th century as well as details of daily life including Native customs, appearance, villages, transportation, and farming. Details are provided regarding Smith’s encounters on a day-by-day basis, as well as conditions of the lands and waters around his pathways, for example: salinity, soil types, pottery found in nearby lands, and limits of plant growth. Further, the authors explain many of the changes in landscape and population that have occurred in the Chesapeake Bay since Smith’s voyages, briefly noting archaeological resources of the area.

**Rountree, Helen C. and Thomas E. Davidson**

**1997 Eastern Shore Indians of Virginia and Maryland. Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press.**

The authors provide a description of tribal history, culture, and ecology from the eastern shore of Maryland and Virginia; they do not specifically describe tribes of Delaware. Rountree and Davidson focus on formally organized tribes through the late-18th and early 19th century,

including detailed accounts of interaction with colonists, and activity during the reservation period, including political disputes and treaties. In addition to a narrative recounting pre-contact, contact, and reservation period Eastern Shore Indian life, the authors provide appendixes listing Indian personal names, useful wild plants, and important fish and shellfish of the region.

**Seabrease, Wilsie G.**

**1969 The Nanticoke and Other Indians of Delmarva. Easton, MD: Easton Publishing.**

This brief account, describing the Nanticoke's and other Algonquian-speaking Native groups' practices before contact with European settlers, was written explicitly for elementary school students. It focuses on the last 300 years before contact with European settlers. Topics covered include subsistence practices, clothing, housing, social organization, tool use, tool craftsmanship, trade, art, games, and reasons for migration away from Delmarva. The author acknowledges that some Nanticoke and other Algonquian Indians still live on the Delmarva peninsula (27-28).

**Semmes, Raphael**

**1929 Aboriginal Maryland 1608, 1689. Part One: The Eastern Shore. Maryland Historical Magazine 24(June):157-72.**

Semmes combines the accounts of Captain John Smith with those of colonial officials in order to provide estimates of indigenous group populations at the time of contact. Drawing from Smith's account, Semmes reports that there were about 600 American Indians living on the Nanticoke River in the early 17th century (160). He summarizes Smith's writings about the series of towns located on the Nanticoke River and about how these villages had reputations as centers of trade (161-162). Drawing on archival records, he also mentions that the Nanticoke Indians are notable in that they were one of the few tribal groups on the eastern shore of Maryland to "boast a fort" (162).

**Smith, John**

**1910 Travels and Works of Captain John Smith: President of Virginia and Admiral of New England. Edward Arber, ed. Edinburgh: John Grant.**

Smith discusses his travels in 1608 and 1609 to the Virginia colony and through Chesapeake Bay waterways. He also provides maps of the regions he has explored, naming rivers and other place names, and groups of American Indians. He writes about interacting with and observing several tribes, including the ancestors of groups that later became known as the Nanticoke and others.

**Speck, Frank G.**

**1915a The Nanticoke Indians of Delaware. The Southern Workman 44:391-397.**

Speck describes the Nanticoke people as "mixed-blood" descendants of the Nanticoke Indians, living in two bands: those in Indian River Hundred (Sussex County, Delaware) and those in Cheswold (Kent County, Delaware) (391). He provides a brief history of the Nanticoke Indians, and then focuses on the early-20th century condition of the tribe with emphasis on phenotypical differences and claims to race, as well as tribal migration and settlement in Delaware. Speck reports that these community members number about 700 and they "form self-recognized communities, with their own schools and churches, and possess a decidedly endogamous tendency" (391). Further, he provides several photographs of Nanticoke community members.

**Speck, Frank G.**

**1915b The Nanticoke Community of Delaware. New York, NY: The Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation.**

Speck here provides a report on the customs and stories of the Nanticoke community of Delaware in the early 20th century, based on his own ethnologic work over several months during four years. His overview includes a brief history of the tribe, and detailed accounts of hunting, fishing, and other industrial pursuits, folklore, stories, and other customs. He includes photographs of tribal members, apparently to categorize types of people, as well as drawings of tools such as baskets and snares.

In the history section, Speck recounts Captain John Smith's report of the Nanticoke, and provides some account of encounter with colonists and eventual migration from the Chesapeake Bay into Pennsylvania and Delaware. Speck also includes some history as told by William Vans Murray, who conducted research on the Nanticoke communities of Locust Neck and Goose Creek near the Choptank River and in Dorchester County, Maryland, in the mid-18th century.

**Speck, Frank G.**

**1927 The Nanticoke and Conoy Indians, with a Review of Linguistic Material from Manuscript and Living Sources: An Historical Study. Wilmington: Historical Society of Delaware.**

The author brings together his own accounts of Nanticoke linguistic records written by Williams Vans Murray, John Heckewelder, and possibly Thomas Jefferson—records which had been stored in the archives of the American Philosophical Society since the time of their creation in the 1792 and 1785. The author includes his own more recent linguistic record titled "Nanticoke Vocabulary from Six Nations Reserve, Ontario, 1914." He also includes a series of photographs of individuals who he labels as Nanticoke and identifies by name. Some of the topics he covers are the migrations that different branches of the Nanticoke have undertaken and the Nanticoke's relationships with other Native groups of Delaware: the Conoy and the Delaware.

**Speck, Frank G.**

**1942 Back Again to Indian River, Its People and Their Games. Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Delaware 3:17-24.**

**Speck, Frank G.**

**1943 The Frolic Among the Nanticoke of Indian River Hundred, Delaware. Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Delaware 4(1):2-4.**

Speck describes a tradition known as "the Frolic" practiced among the Nanticoke of Delaware (2). He defines the Frolic as "a short period of voluntary cooperative work engaged in by a group of men whose objective is the completion of a specific task for the benefit of an associate who suffered a handicap through illness or misfortune" (2). He further explains that the Frolic often entails "seasonal rotation of farm demands, such as clearing the fields in March, plowing in April, sowing seed in May, thinning the corn hills late in June and July, 'saving fodder' in July and August, digging potatoes and stacking fodder in late September, husking corn and 'hog killin'" in November, cutting and hauling winter wood in December" (2-3). Speck sees the Frolic as illustrative of a long-standing tradition of communal activities reinforcing group identity among the Nanticoke.

**Speck, Frank G.**

**1946 Cudgelling Rabbits, An Old Nanticoke Hunting Tradition and its Significance. Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Delaware 4(3):9-12.**

**Tooker, William Wallace**

**1893 The Kuskarawaoks of Captain Smith. American Anthropologist 6(October):409-14.**

Tooker seeks to address the question of who the Kuskarawaok of John Smith's accounts might have been, and where the village of the same name would have been. He describes the Kuskarawaok as "busy workers in the hive of industry, and...their handiwork was eagerly sought after by far-distant tribes" (3). Tooker provides a detailed etymology of the tribe's name suggests the name Kuscauauanauock, which he relates to Kuskarawaok, means "a place of making white beads" (5). He notes that after Smith there is little record of these people, and suggests that the Kuskarawaok people were absorbed into neighboring tribes. Regarding the Nanticoke, he suggests that this group includes some of the Kuskarawaok, as well as descendants of the Massawomeck, Susquehannock, and other tribes.

**Vans Murray, William**

**1792a Letter to Thomas Jefferson [Sept. 18, 1792]. Manuscript on file, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.**

**1792b Vocabulary of the Nanticoke Indians. Manuscript on file, American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.**

**Vans Murray, William**

**1996[1893] A vocabulary of the Nanticoke dialect. Daniel G. Brinton, ed. Southampton, PA: Evolution Publishing.**

The 300 word vocabulary listed in this publication was recorded at the Locust Neck Indian Town on Goose Creek in Dorchester County, Maryland in 1792. Vans Murray claims to have recorded the words from conversations with a woman named Mrs. Mulberry, known as the "widow of the last chief of the Nanticoke" (1). The vocabulary is listed alphabetically in both Nanticoke to English and English to Nanticoke formats.

**Wallace, Anthony F. C.**

**1948a Recent Fieldwork Among the Nanticoke Indians of Delaware. Bulletin of the Philadelphia Anthropological Society 1(March 1948):2- 3.**

Wallace here presents information covered in a talk presented to an anthropology class at the University of Pennsylvania in 1948, which addressed the results of field trips taken by faculty at the University to the Nanticoke community at Indian River Hundred. Wallace provides a brief account of the pre-contact Nanticoke people, and then describes the situation of the 20th century Nanticoke people, including fishing practices, their status with regard to race, the lack of education opportunities, and the status of the Nanticoke Indian Association.

**Wallace, Anthony F. C.**

**1948b Recent Field Studies of the River Culture of the Nanticoke Indians. Bulletin of the Philadelphia Anthropological Society 1(May 1948):3.**

Here Wallace reports on a field trip undertaken by himself and others (including Dr. Frank G. Speck) to the Nanticoke Indian community at Indian River, Delaware. He states that the group's research has discovered "an unexpectedly large body of culture elements bearing the signs of aboriginal coastal Algonkian culture living vigorously as the basis of the modern, superficially westernized river culture" (3). He then briefly describes the strong "river-orientation of Nanticoke Culture," which includes territorialism along the river and fishing practices (3).

**Walsh, J.O.K.**

**2006 Historic Footsteps: Indian Paths through Caroline County, Maryland. Pamphlet prepared for the Annual Meeting of the Caroline County, Maryland Historical Society, April 1999. (not on file with MHS; possibly located at the Caroline County Historical Society)**

**Weslager, C.A.**

**1942a Indian Tribes of the Delmarva Peninsula. Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Delaware. 3(5): 25-36.**

The author here provides overview information regarding indigenous tribes of the Delmarva Peninsula. Weslager urges scholarly consideration of the entire Delmarva Peninsula when studying indigenous populations, rather than breaking groups up according to state, as populations moved around the entire peninsula at times.

The tribes detailed, as grouped by Weslager, include the Accomac and Accohannock, Pocomoke and Assateague, Nanticoke, Ozinies, Tockwogh, Choptank, Indian River Indians, The Lenni Lenape (Delaware), Minquas, and assorted others of the Iroquoian and Shawnee nations. Regarding the Nanticoke specifically, Weslager writes that they are a "very important Indian community...situated on the Nanticoke River, which Captain Smith called the Kuskarawaok" (27). Further, he states that Maryland records from 1696 suggest the Nanticoke had 10 towns, and they doubtless had small villages on Nanticoke tributaries that John Smith did not see.

Weslager discusses the application of the name "Nanticoke," burial practices, crafts and trade goods, leadership, and migration patterns post-contact.

**Weslager, C. A.**

**1942b Ossuaries on the Delmarva Peninsula and Exotic Influences of the Coastal Aspect of the Woodland Pattern. American Antiquity 8(2): 142-151.**

The author details burial practices common to Indians of the Delmarva Peninsula, including the Assateague, Pocomoke, Choptank, and Nanticoke tribes. Included in this account are places where burials were found by archaeologists, developers, and others in Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

**Weslager, C. A.**

**1943a Delaware's Forgotten Folk: The Story of the Moors & Nanticokes. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.**

Weslager explains that, spurred his own curiosity, he sought to learn the origins of the Nanticoke people, as well as another group he refers to as the Moors. The latter group is comprised of people who exhibit phenotypic similarities to American Indians, but who do not necessarily refer

to themselves as Nanticoke or Indians, nor do their neighbors consider them Indians (17). Weslager uses a mix of ethnohistorical data and evidence from oral history to write a history of these peoples, speculating about their origins as well as providing look into their early 20th century lives. In the process he comments extensively on previously conducted research, especially that of Frank G. Speck. He also provides an account of important flora and fauna, traditional medicines, traditional practices (e.g., the “frolic”), and the state of education for these people. He documents buildings such as churches and schools, and provides pictures of some of the individuals he discusses.

**Weslager, C. A.**

**1943b The Nanticoke Indians in Early Pennsylvania History. *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 67(4): 345-355.**

Here Weslager emphasizes the fact that American Indians, like Europeans, have a long history of moving to new locations after European contact. This contradicts then-popular opinions that Indian tribes were established in permanent locations. He provides an account of the introduction of southern Indian communities to Pennsylvania in the late 17th century, describing the movement of the Shawnee, Ganawese, Piscataway and Canoy, and Nanticoke tribes. The account of this movement includes details about relationships between tribes, especially the aforementioned tribes—focusing on the Nanticoke—with the Susquehannock and Iroquois tribes.

**Weslager, C. A.**

**1944 Wynecaco – A Choptank Chief. *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society* 87(5): 398-402.**

Weslager, starting with information from Dr. William Vans Murray’s linguistic study of Algonquian-speaking Indians in the vicinity of the Choptank and Nanticoke Rivers in Maryland, provides an historical account of leadership of the Nanticoke and related Indians. He focuses on the life of Wynecaco, who was proclaimed a Nanticoke Indian chief living on the Choptank River by Vans Murray in the 18th century. Weslager questions Vans Murray’s conclusions and suggests that Wynecaco, along with other Eastern Shore Indians in the vicinity of the Choptank and Nanticoke Rivers in the 18th century, were “remnants” of the Choptank Indians (401). Further, Weslager suggests that remaining Choptank Indians were “absorbed by the local Negro population” by the mid-19th century (402).

**Weslager, C. A.**

**1945 Nanticoke and the Buzzard Song. *Bulletin of the Archaeological Society of Delaware* 4(May):398-402.**

Weslager recounts a trip to Indian River, Delaware to visit the Nanticoke, accompanied by Lloyd Carr, L. T. Alexander, and Frank G. Speck. He recalls Speck teaching the group the “Buzzard Song,” which he had previously learned from Nanticoke individuals. Throughout this short article, Weslager focuses on this single visit, during which the group was hosted by Lincoln Harmon, Patience Harmon, Oscar Wright, and Winona Wright. He describes some “lore” surrounding the Buzzard Song and Nanticoke beliefs about buzzards.

**Weslager, C.A.**

**1963a[1953] A Brief Account of the Indians of Delaware. Newark: University of Delaware Press.**

This article is an overview of the customs, beliefs, and daily life of Delaware Indians, including the Lenni Lenape and Nanticoke tribes, with some attention paid to regional tribes elsewhere on the Delmarva Peninsula, including the Accohannock, Pocomoke, and others. Weslager includes descriptions of houses, villages, food, clothing, creation myths, and other aspects of traditional culture. Further, he includes many place names of importance to the Lenni Lenape and Nanticoke, as well as drawings of many described items, including common hunting devices and houses.

**Weslager, C.A.**

**1963b Folkways of the Nanticoke. Delaware Folklore Bulletin 1(10): 37-38.**

Here the author describes the ways in which the Nanticoke Indian communities of Delaware have incorporated modern American practices such as driving cars, as well as the ways in which the Nanticoke Indians of Indian River Hundred retain “strong ties with the flora and fauna” of the area (37). Weslager emphasizes traditional medicinal practices, interpretation of weather and seasonal signs (e.g., when rain is coming or winter is over), and lore related to animals such as osprey (fish hawks) and snakes.

**Weslager, C.A.**

**1967 The English on the Delaware: 1610-1682. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.**

This book focuses on English settlements in the Delaware Valley from 1610 to 1692. Although there is little mention of the Nanticoke, some interactions with the native groups in the Chesapeake region are described. Specifically, the English are described as having “Indian troubles,” especially with the Nanticoke (76).

**Weslager, C.A.**

**1968 Delaware’s Buried Past: A Story of Archaeological Adventure. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.**

Weslager frames this work as a popular science book and denies that it constitutes any contribution to the archaeological record. Herein he provides a firsthand account of excavating human remains, some of which were washed away before being either fully documented or reburied (e.g., see 55-57, 86, 96). He also provides brief accounts of talking with contemporary Nanticoke Indians—those living at the place known as the “Indian River Hundred” in Sussex County, Delaware, in the 1930s and 1940s. Drawing from these conversations, he reports that the Nanticoke called a blue-bellied lizard “a scorpion lizard” and comments on their practices of honoring the deceased. He explains that the Nanticoke moved the bones of their “honored dead” to Pennsylvania during a migration (56-57).

**Weslager, C.A.**

**1973 Magic Medicines of the Indians. Somerset, NJ: Middle Atlantic Press.**

The author discusses folklore and cures used by American Indian groups, specifically those with which he has done research in “Oklahoma, Canada, and elsewhere” (x). He includes both the Nanticoke of Maryland and the “Moors” of Delaware in his account, giving particular credit to

the Nanticoke for their influence on other groups' practices: "The Delaware, Shawnee, Seneca, Mahican, and other eastern Indians claimed that their forebears originally received their knowledge of *mah-tah-pah-see-kun* [roughly translated as *sorcery, healing, and poisons*] from a tribe called the Nanticoke" (105). While he writes that the Nanticoke homeland is in Maryland on the Nanticoke River, he asserts that they left this land beginning in 1743 (105). According to his account, the Nanticoke of Oak Orchard (Sussex County, Delaware) incorporated as a group under the name of the Nanticoke Indian Association in 1922 (107). He refers to an Indian school in this location that is now closed and gives examples of herbal and non-herbal cures used by Nanticoke informants and their relatives (107, 108).

**Weslager, C.A.**

**1978 *The Delawares: A Critical Bibliography*. Bloomington: Indiana University.**

Weslager lists 224 works about the Delaware Indians. He also includes a brief essay describing the group's history, and he narrows down his expansive bibliography into two sub-lists of sources: "For the Beginner" and "For a Basic Library Collection."

**Weslager, C.A.**

**1983 *The Nanticoke Indians Past and Present*. Newark: University of Delaware Press.**

This book provides an overview of the history and practices of the Nanticoke peoples, spanning the 1600s through the time of its publication. Using an interdisciplinary approach that combines history, sociology, ethnography, and folklore, Weslager creates a "tribal chronicle," while acknowledging that many of the sources he relies on give emphasis to white perspectives about the Nanticoke (9). Weslager brings together early accounts of the Nanticoke, such as the writings of Captain John Smith, with his own ethnographic accounts of the Nanticoke's activities in the 20th century.

**Weslager, C.A. and Lewis Cass**

**1978 *The Delaware Indian Westward Migration: With the Texts of Two Manuscripts, 1821-22, Responding to General Lewis Cass's Inquiries about Lenape Culture and Language*. Wallingford, PA: Middle Atlantic Press.**

Weslager presents the previously unpublished manuscripts of General Lewis Cass, who wrote about the Delaware Indians in 1821 and 1822. At the time of Cass's accounts, a group of the Delaware had migrated from the Chesapeake region to Indiana. Weslager contextualizes Cass's accounts by providing information about the events leading up to this migration as well as the events that followed this migration, including the process of some members of this group relocating from Indiana to Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma. The Nanticoke are mentioned several times in this work. They are described as one of the tribes related to the Delaware, specifically as "brothers" to the Delaware (e.g., see 89, 165). One of the Delaware chiefs, captains, and elders who signed a treaty in St. Mary's, Ohio in 1818—the treaty that granted the Delaware land rights in Indiana—signed his name as James Nanticoke.

**Williams, William H.**

**2008 *Man and Nature in Delaware: An Environmental History of Delaware*. Dover: Delaware Heritage Press.**

William Henry Williams narrates an environmental history of the state of Delaware, spanning from the "before the arrival of the Europeans" to the year 2000 (13). While recognizing that a

larger grouping of Nanticoke lived in the area now known as Maryland, he describes the Nanticoke as a smaller group of Native Americans in Delaware, as compared with the Lenape (later called the Delaware) (19). He identifies the Nanticoke's settlement as "Broad Creek in southwestern Sussex" and asserts that the Nanticoke were more dependent on agriculture than the Lenape, explaining that this dependence on agriculture likely corresponds with other societal characteristics: a higher birthrate, a more sedentary pattern of movement, and a less egalitarian social organization (19, 24). Williams confines his discussion of the Nanticoke to the chapters on Delaware's early history.