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Villamagna

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## Summary (English)

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During 2017, excavations began on the Roman villa situated in the locality of Villamagna (Urbisaglia), a site that lies within the territory of the ancient city of *Pollentia-Urbs\_Salvia*.

Two *sondages* were opened in a zone west of the site denominated Trench 1, to the south, and Trench 2 to the north.

In trench 1, a layer of collapse was reached below which two quadrangular rooms (Room 1 and Room 2) were identified.

In Room 1, a collapse was identified below which there was a mosaic floor of black, white, grey and red tesserae, with larger white tesserae bordered by a double band of black tesserae.

In the adjacent Room 2, levels formed by the collapse of the painted plaster decorating the walls were identified. The collapse seemed to cover a late occupation level.

Below the humus to the east of Room 2 a series of rooms were excavated, which developed to the east (Rooms 3, 4, and 5). The rooms were quadrangular in plan and opened, together with Rooms 1 and 2, onto a corridor (north corridor), which with a series of arches faced onto what was perhaps an open area, reached via two steps.

There was a staircase in Room 5, which led to an upper floor.

Trench 2 was opened beyond the north-western corner of Trench 1 and covered an area of 6 × 4 m. Below the humus a deep layer of fill was excavated that covered a gravel surface spread casually may perhaps be interpreted as a phase II floor surface. The excavation of this surface exposed a layer of clay and a wall that perhaps in phase I, defined by small columns delimited the open space north of the north corridor.

The excavations identified the monumental construction phase of a building that was part of the Roman villa, perhaps to be interpreted as a summer *triclinium*, which based on the analysis of the excavation data (ongoing) may have been built in the 1st century B.C.

Lastly, cleaning was undertaken prior to the recording and restoration of the system of vats identified in the *pars rustica* of the complex during the 2007-2010 campaigns.

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