

OFFICE OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS – Cultural Resource Management InfoSheet

Check “Project Footprint” against DNR’s “Historical and Archaeological Site Maps” website!

If a “hit”, contact Mark Dudzik, DNR Archaeologist with following information: County/T/R/Section info; copy of topographic map with project footprint superimposed; brief description of what project is about; note any known historic/archaeological sites

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT DEPENDS ON ...

is project FEDERAL or STATE?

FEDERAL (or mixed)

- under provisions of **Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**, investigations (to identify archaeological sites and/or historic buildings) may be required in advance of the project if known sites/buildings occur *even if no such sites are recorded for the parcel* to assess for their presence, and to determine if they meet National Register (NRHP) criteria;
- regional staff notify interested Indian Tribes of action and contact DNR Archaeologist if they indicate interest in action;
- if strictly an ACQUISITION, that is, *no development is presently planned for the parcel*, the project will likely proceed without additional investigations, but grant and other, similar documents must stipulate, and the grantee must be made aware, that plans for future developments will need to be submitted to DNR (and Wisconsin Historical Society [WHS]) for review before they are authorized;
- WHS reviews can take 30 days (and they may request more!)

STATE

- under provisions of **Section 44.40 of Wisconsin Statutes**, investigations will likely be required if *previously recorded* sites and/or historic structures occur within the parcel for which NRHP eligibility is unassessed; additional investigations may be required;
- if strictly an ACQUISITION, that is, *no development is presently planned for the parcel*, the project will likely proceed without additional investigations, but grant and other, similar documents must stipulate, and the grantee be made aware, that plans for future developments *will* need to be submitted to DNR for review before they are authorized;
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Archaeological and historic sites include, among many others: prehistoric villages and burial areas, rock art sites, fur trade era sites, sunken vessels, farmsteads, mining camps and quarries, WPA-era structures, ferries, and lighthouses. Buried or plowed over does not mean “destroyed”. Unattractive or run-down does not mean “not historic”. “Historic” is anything ≥ 50 years old, but ... *just because it is historic does not mean it is “significant”*.

The Wisconsin Historical Society maintains an inventory of *recorded* archaeological and historic structure sites - but many such sites are as yet unidentified and/or unrecorded!

The Department of Natural Resources is the State’s single-largest owner of archaeological sites, historic structures, and other cultural resources! We manage these sites and others (through permitting and other Departmental actions) on behalf of all of Wisconsin’s citizens.

PaleoIndian (10,000 - 8000 BC)
hunt “mega-fauna”, spears

Archaic (8000 BC - 500 BC)
hunt herd animals, atl-atl/dart

Woodland (500 BC - 1700 AD)
horticulture, pottery, mounds

Mississippian/Oneota (900 AD - historic contact)
agriculture, trade, ceremonialism, pyramidal mounds

Historic (1650 - present)
commerce, expansion

WISCONSIN'S PRINCIPLE HERITAGE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION

Section 44.40 of Wisconsin Statutes states that "Each state agency shall consider whether any proposed action of the state agency will affect any historic property ...", and directs each agency to cooperate with the Wisconsin Historical Society in its efforts to identify and protect the State's cultural resources.

DNR's actions to meet this directive are outlined in **MC 1810.1**.

For additional information on DNR's heritage resource program, contact Mark Dudzik, DNR Archaeologist, @ 608.266.3462 or mark.dudzik@wisconsin.gov

Section 157.70 of Wisconsin Statutes focuses on the identification and protection of human burial areas including those located on either public or private property and/or otherwise not associated with public cemeteries.

In the unlikely event that you should happen upon human remains, secure the area, and contact local law enforcement personnel and the state **Burial Sites Preservation Program** @ 800.342.7834 or 608.264.6507.

FEDERAL HERITAGE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION

The **National Historic Preservation Act of 1966**" (PL 89-665) established a national historic preservation policy; created the National Register of Historic Places and the Cabinet level Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; and established the Section 106 process, which requires a consideration of cultural resources for undertakings that are federally funded, licensed, or permitted.

The **National Environmental Policy Act of 1969** (PL 91-190) requires that archaeological and other historic resources be considered during the environmental assessment process and in environmental impact studies.

The **Archaeological Resource Protection Act of 1979** (PL 96-95) established criminal and civil

penalties for disturbing prehistoric and historic archaeological sites on Federal and Indian lands, and for sale, transport or receipt of archaeological resources excavated or removed from public lands or Indian lands or in violation of State or local law.

The **Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act** (PL101-601) mandates the repatriation (return) of Native American or Native Hawaiian human remains, associated funerary items, or items of cultural patrimony held by agencies receiving federal funds.

HERITAGE RESOURCE INFORMATION

Wisconsin Historical Society website:
<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/hp>

DNR, Bureau of Facilities & Land's "Historical and Archaeological Site Maps" website:
http://intranet.dnr.state.wi.us/int/land/facilities/facilities_management/arch/

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation website: <http://www.achp.gov/>

NPS Preservation Briefs (structures) website:
<http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm>

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES TO VISIT

Aztalan State Park, Lake Mills - the state's archaeological crown jewel, built by prehistoric Mississippian peoples (from the present-day St. Louis area).

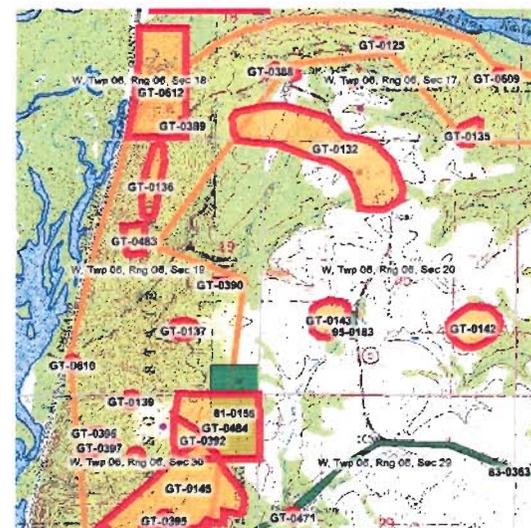
Roche-a-Cri State Park, Adams-Friendship - wonderful prehistoric rock art, *recently* vandalized.

Lizard Mound County Park, West Bend - fantastic effigy mounds including panthers, birds and, of course, a "lizard"!

Effigy Mounds National Monument, Marquette, IA - one of America's archaeological treasures.

See also: "Archaeological Parks in the US" @ <http://www.uark.edu/misc/aras/index.html>

HERITAGE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: OVERVIEW & ISSUES



Wyalusing State Park



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**MEAD WILDLIFE AREA
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