

SMALL PARCEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL TESTING

DO I NEED ARCHAEOLOGICAL TESTING?

If you receive assistance from the federal or state government, including a grant or an FSA-guaranteed loan, you may be advised that you need to complete a Section 106 review, which often involves archaeological testing.

WHY DO I NEED ARCHAEOLOGICAL TESTING ? WHAT IS A SECTION 106 REVIEW?

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires that projects which received federal assistance, such as a loan guarantee, identify any historic resources, such as ancient Native American settlements, that may be impacted by the project.

WHAT KINDS OF TESTING ARE NECESSARY?

It depends on your property, but it may include visually inspecting the site for above ground features, digging a grid of 1 ft x 1 ft holes and sifting the dirt to look for artifacts, and using metal detectors. The findings from the field work must be compiled in a report that is sent to the State Historic Preservation Office.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

Field work is usually completed in a single day with the report completed soon after, based on the results of the testing. However, the State Historic Preservation Office may take up to 30 days to review and comment on the report after it is submitted.

WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMETHING IS FOUND?

Any artifacts that are recovered will be analyzed and archived in a curation facility. If an archaeological site is discovered, the State Historic Preservation Office may require additional archaeological testing to recover more of the features.

IF SOMETHING IS FOUND, DOES THAT MEAN I CAN'T BUILD?

It's very unlikely. In the rare case that an archaeological site is discovered, a mitigation plan would be put together in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office that may involve excavating a small percentage of the site or finding a different location on the property for the building.

For more information on small parcel testing for your property, you can contact the professionals at Alexander Archaeology or see our website: www.alexanderconsultants.net.



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