

Applicants for grant assistance must provide responses to the categorical evaluation criteria AND the Administrative Priorities in their grant proposals. Both sets of evaluation criteria and the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant program guidelines are being provided for public review and comment. Please provide any comments to the DHPA Grants Staff by Monday, April 8, 2024. All public comments received will be presented at the meeting of the State Historic Preservation Review Board on April 17, 2024.

All public comments must be received in writing. Send comments by e-mail to skennedy@dnr.IN.gov, or by mail to DHPA Grants Staff, 402 W. Washington St., Room W274, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

DRAFT FY2025 ARCHAEOLOGY PRIORITIES
(Proposed changes are indicated in **bold type** or ~~strikethrough~~)

The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology continues to partner with land-owning divisions in the Department of Natural Resources to promote archaeological survey on state properties. To this purpose, the DHPA **will prioritize** grant proposals that will conduct Phase I archaeology in areas either identified specifically in the Archaeology Goals and Objectives, or that have been coordinated with the DNR division and property staff.

In addition, Phase I survey projects that address data deficiency priorities identified by the DHPA and projects that will nominate archaeology sites to the National Register will also be considered for funding.

FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECTS:

Eligible and Priority Activities:

- Reconnaissance Survey (Phase Ia: “archival research and a field visit to determine the identity and location of resources present in an area. Such surveys should be systematic and designed so that a determination can be made from the results as to when it is worthwhile to obtain the additional level of documentation (through an Intensive Level Survey) necessary for a National Register nomination.”)
- Intensive Survey (Phase Ib and Phase Ic: “the systematic, detailed field (and archival) inspection of an area designed to identify fully architectural, archaeological, and historic properties; and calculated to produce a level of documentation sufficient, without any further data, to evaluate National Register eligibility.” Intensive survey also includes “controlled surface or shallow subsurface investigations” and methods such as “grid collection or sampling; detailed mapping; piece-plotting; systematic probing, coring, or auguring; use of remote sensing techniques.”)
- Phase I Resurvey Activities **ONLY** to modify documented boundaries, identify resources not included in the property’s previous eligibility determination, establish a property’s relationship with other resources as part of historic context development, or upgrade existing inventory data.
- National Register nominations **ONLY** for archaeological sites on the Special Topics List that have already been determined eligible and that do not require further testing.

NOTE:

- Phase II and limited testing will not be considered for funding.
- Written permission **MUST** be obtained and submitted as part of the grant proposal for ALL landowners with control over the site(s) to be surveyed and/or nominated.
- Projects that include activities that will directly impact areas or sites where known human remains or burials exist are discouraged. **(Mounds or earthworks identified by the Preserve America initiative and listed as priorities under Part II are excepted).**

Ineligible Activities:

- Any archaeological activities that do not meet the eligibility criteria described above;
- Curation of archaeological collections beyond the project end date;
- Exhibition of archaeological collections beyond the project end date;

- Mitigation (Phase III) activities.

FUNDING RATIOS FOR ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECTS:

Phase I Survey Activities: 70% federal share / 30% local match

National Register Nomination (with or without Phase I activity) projects: 70% federal share / 30% local match

Instructions: Provide complete but concise answers for each of the priority statements below. Please be as specific as possible in your answers, and explain exactly how the proposed project will meet the priority issues. Most projects will adequately address one or more priorities, while only partially addressing others, and will be scored accordingly. If a proposed project does not address a specific priority, mark “NA” as the response.

Max.

Score: Priority will be given to:

- 30 pts 1. Provide a clear and detailed narrative description of the project’s research design and objectives, project goals, and data collection plans and methodologies (such as pedestrian survey, geophysical survey, magnetometry, ground penetrating radar, or shovel probes), if applicable. All archaeology projects must adhere to the standards and requirements contained in the *Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Identification, Evaluation, and Archaeological Documentation*, and the *Guidebook for Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory for Archaeological Sites* (<https://www.in.gov/dnr/historic-preservation/files/hp-archaeology-guidebook.pdf>). The narrative should include the following:
- *If the project includes a survey component, describe the project area(s) to be surveyed. Identify and quantify the survey area (number of acres, percentage of property acreage the survey covers, and an estimate of the number of archaeological sites likely to be identified by the survey).*
 - *Include topographic maps that clearly identify the survey areas and are keyed with the type of survey; additional maps, such as aerials, are encouraged. Maps should include legends, compass orientation, and legible color contrasts to allow for evaluation of the survey area, the types of survey proposed, and total acreage.*
 - *Identify the research objectives, project goals and methodology, data collection, analysis (include a breakdown of acres by types of survey: pedestrian, shovel probe, geophysical, etc.).*
 - *Indicate how the project methodology is appropriate and feasible for the topography or other property considerations, and include a breakdown of acres by types of survey.*
 - *Include the significance of the research, methodology, and project focus: Describe how it will benefit the DHPA and make a valuable or unique contribution to Indiana archaeological knowledge and any specific thematic, methodological, geographic or cultural area of data deficiency.*
 - *List and describe the products that will result from the project (e.g., technical report, public education materials, archaeological site forms, etc.).*
 - *Describe any communication or coordination with federally-recognized tribes.*
- 20 pts 2. Projects that will involve reconnaissance and/or intensive survey (Phase I) of previously unsurveyed areas or portions of Fish and Wildlife Areas, Nature Preserves, State Forests, or State Parks that have been specifically identified by the State (refer to the “Archaeological Goals and Objectives: Part I and Part II”), particularly areas that have a high probability for site locations, such as areas along major water courses, or that may need protection due to the possibility of increased visitation, use, erosion, or other potentially detrimental circumstances. *Specify the DNR property name and location and a description of the property. For DNR properties, scoring preference will be given to projects that propose to: survey the largest amount of acreage; survey the highest percentage of unsurveyed acreage within a property (allowing for topography considerations); complete all needed survey activities at a particular property.*
- 12 pts 3. Projects that will include field investigation of mounds or earthworks on DNR properties that were identified by the Preserve America Mounds Inventory Project and were recommended for field

verification (specified in “Archaeological Goals and Objectives: Part II: Priority Mounds or Earthworks on DNR Properties”). *Provide information from the Preserve America Mounds Inventory and describe how this project will pursue verification of reported sites that are located on DNR properties. Include the percentage of the overall project that will focus on mounds and earthworks.*

- 16 pts 4. Projects not on DNR-owned properties, that will involve reconnaissance and/or intensive survey (Phase I) of areas with data deficiencies specifically targeted by the State (refer to the “Archaeological Goals and Objectives, Part III”) OR are threatened or will be impacted by imminent, specific, near-future development, redevelopment, or construction projects, or projects that will survey areas that have already been damaged by development, construction, erosion, flooding, or other forces. *Specify the property or area to be surveyed. If applicable, describe the natural or development threats to the area, or the types of damage that have already occurred. Provide a description of the area and its topography (for example: farm fields, forests, watercourses, rockshelters, etc.), and an estimate of the number of sites to be recorded. The DHPA will assess and score projects based on the explanation of the data deficiency or threat and overall acreage to be surveyed.*
- 20 pts 5. Projects whose primary purpose is to prepare a National Register nomination for one or more of the “Special Topic Sites” (refer to the “Archaeological Goals and Objectives, Part IV”) or other site(s) already determined to be eligible for the National Register. Projects may include reconnaissance or intensive survey (Phase I) activities, if necessary as part of the nomination process. *Specify the sites for which a National Register nomination will be prepared and whether they are on the “Special Topic Sites” list. If the sites are not on the Special Topic Sites list, you MUST provide written verification that each site to be nominated has been determined eligible by the DHPA archaeological staff.*
- 12 pts 6. Projects that will contribute to meeting the State’s preservation goals and objectives. *Refer to the goal, objective, and strategy statements listed in the Indiana’s Cultural Resources Management Plan, which is available on-line at: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/historic-preservation/files/hp-indiana-cultural-resources-management-plan-2020-2026.pdf>. Describe how the proposed project will help meet the State’s identified goals, objectives, and strategies for preservation of cultural resources. Describe how it will benefit the DHPA and make a valuable or unique contribution to Indiana archaeological knowledge and any specific thematic, methodological, geographic or cultural area of data deficiency that will be addressed.*
- 12 pts 7. Projects that include a component to promote public awareness and knowledge of archaeology in Indiana by creating and implementing specific public education components. *Describe the plan for disseminating information and results of the project to public and professional communities. These may include: public education materials for use by the public and/or educators, scheduled public presentations in the county of the project, or proposals specifically geared toward work with avocational groups and volunteers. Describe the education component in detail, explain how it will promote public awareness and knowledge of archaeology in Indiana, and identify the target audience(s). Public education components that will coincide with Indiana Archaeology Month (September) and will be registered with the DHPA’s Archaeology Outreach Coordinator will receive higher points for this criterion. Note that products must be reviewed by DHPA for grant acknowledgement and issues of confidentiality.*

122 Points Possible

ARCHAEOLOGICAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Project proposals that will be conducted on DNR properties ~~must~~ **should** be coordinated with the DNR landholding division and specific property management staff. Project proposals for survey of non-DNR properties or to nominate sites to the National Register must provide landowner permission.

Projects should consist of reconnaissance and/or intensive survey (Phase I) of previously unsurveyed areas and focus particularly where there is a high probability for site locations, or that may need survey due to data deficiencies or the potential for increased visitation, use, erosion, or other potentially detrimental circumstances.

Part I: Targeted DNR Properties

DNR Divisions have provided the following list of priority properties for survey. DNR properties not listed below will also be considered.

State Parks:

- Brown County
- Clifty Falls (Jefferson County)
 - The Civilian Conservation Corps camp.
- ~~Falls of the Ohio (Floyd County)~~
 - ~~The George Rogers Clark home site could yield archaeological data; the site is currently threatened with erosion caused by the dam across the river.~~
- Lincoln (Spencer County)
- McCormick's Creek (Owen County)
 - The Peden Farm is a 19th century family farmstead with some extant features.
- Mississinewa Lake (Miami County) – *State/DNR-owned areas only*
 - Areas with potential for sites related to the Battle of Mississinewa, part of the War of 1812.
- Salamonie Lake (Wabash County) – *State/DNR-owned areas only*
- Turkey Run (Parke County)
 - The Lusk Home site was investigated in the early 1980s, but only in the immediate location of the house; further investigation of the family's homestead is warranted.

State Forests:

- Clark State Forest (Clark, Scott, and Washington counties)
 - Reconnaissance survey of portions of Clark State Forest. Parts of Clark State Forest fall within Scott and Washington Counties; both of these counties are under-represented in the archaeological record and additional surveys could expand the cultural history of the region.
- Harrison-Crawford State Forest (Harrison County ~~and Crawford Counties~~)
 - Reconnaissance or Intensive survey of **Cold Friday Hollow** ~~the limekiln industry located~~ within the current borders of this State Forest. **This area was home to the former community of Worth and further investigations to determine the extent of the settlement is warranted.**
- **Harrison-Crawford State Forest (Harrison County)**
 - **Reconnaissance or Intensive survey of Potato Run valley within the current borders of this State Forest. A post-contact tannery has been reported within this stream valley, but investigations are warranted to determine its location.**
- **Morgan-Monroe State Forest (Morgan County)**
 - **Reconnaissance or Intensive survey of Deadman Hollow located within the current borders of this State Forest. Secondary deposits recovered from the streambed indicates the potential for both pre- and post-contact period sites in the valley.**
- **Salamonie State Forest (Wabash County)**
 - **Reconnaissance or Intensive survey of the uplands that border the Salamonie River within the current borders of this State Forest.**
- **Frances Slocum State Forest (Miami County)**
 - **Reconnaissance or Intensive survey of the uplands that border the Mississinewa River within the current borders of this State Forest.**

Fish and Wildlife Areas:

- Goose Pond (Greene County)
- Hovey Lake (Posey County)

Nature Preserves:

- Bluffs of Beaver Bend (Martin County) – this property contains mounds or earthworks, see **Part II** below.
- Conrad Savanna (Newton County)
- Moraine (Porter County)
- Portland Arch (Fountain County)
- Stoutsburg Savanna (Jasper County)

Part II: Mounds and Earthworks on DNR Properties

Note: Site numbers below beginning with “PA” indicate mound or earthwork sites that were identified during the DHPA’s Preserve America grant, but which do not have state site numbers. Any questions about mounds and earthworks on DNR properties, and how they are to be incorporated into proposed projects, should be directed to the DHPA.

- Bluffs of Beaver Bend Nature Preserve (Martin County):
 - 12Mn2
- Charlestown State Park (Clark County):
 - PA-CI-023
- Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area (Sullivan County):
 - 12Su17
 - 12Su41
 - 12Su42
 - PA-Su-010
 - PA-Su-012
- Gray Pitcher Farm Fish & Wildlife Area (Posey County):
 - 12Po3
 - 12Po843
- Minnehaha Fish & Wildlife Area (Sullivan County):
 - 12Su503
- O’Bannon Woods State Park (Harrison County):
 - 12Hr13

PART III: Target Areas

Projects should seek to broaden the state’s archaeological database and assist our understanding of past human behavior and life ways. Consequently, the HPF Archaeology Category is keyed directly to prioritized target areas. The items listed below reflect data deficiencies in Indiana’s archaeological record as identified by the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

The Data Deficient Target Areas indicate those areas within the state for which we (a) have less archaeological data, and/or (b) are subject to some form of land-use impact (natural and/or mineral resource extraction, metropolitan and/or industrial development, natural impacts, and detrimental agricultural impacts) that may affect the known cultural resource database and/or destroy those resources that are yet to be discovered.

All of the geographic areas noted below require reconnaissance level surveys to locate, identify, and evaluate sites related to the entire cultural sequence and that of the subsequent Euro-American occupations.

Priority Areas:

A. Stratified survey of unsurveyed landforms anywhere in the following data deficient counties: Scott, Pulaski, Starke, Fountain, Steuben, Clinton, LaGrange, Ripley, Warren.

B. Unsurveyed areas threatened by development around the following communities: Whitestown and Zionsville, Boone Co.; Bargersville, Johnson Co.; Avon, Hendricks Co.; Winfield and St. John, Lake Co.; Elkhart, Elkhart Co.; Mishawka, St. Joseph Co.; and Evansville, Vanderburgh Co.

Part IV: Special Topic Sites

Special Topic Sites have been selected because the DHPA encourages nominating these eligible archaeological sites to the National Register of Historic Places.

Lockport Lock (12C76)
Carroll County
Wabash and Erie canal lock

Roll Site (12Cr175)
Crawford County
HNF Property petroglyph

State Line Site (Indiana property)
12D18
Dearborn County

Oberting Site 12D25
Dearborn County
Multicomponent site with mounds and earthworks

Cummings Mound Site (12D514)
Dearborn County
Mound

Site 12D486
Dearborn County
Habitation

Reid Site (12F11)
Floyd County
Shell mound/midden

Breeden Site (12Hr11)
Harrison County
Shell midden

Site 12Hr12
Harrison County
Shell midden

Ehler Site (12Hu1022)
Huntington County
Trade era

Car Ferry (12La642)
Lake County
Shipwreck

Cedar Bluff Rockshelter Site (12Mn72)
Martin County
Rockshelter

All Seasons Site (12Mi225)
Miami County
Habitation

Alton Site (12Pe171)
Perry County
Habitation

JD Marshall (12Pr723)
Porter County
Shipwreck

Cicott (12Wa59)
Warren County
Trading post

Little Pigeon Creek Site (12W340)
Warrick County
Village