



# Historic Preservation Fund Archaeology Grants

As described by the [National Park Service](#),

“... the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) is the funding source of the preservation awards to the States, Tribes, local governments, and non-profits... and the funding is provided by Outer Continental Shelf oil lease revenues, not tax dollars. The HPF uses revenues of a nonrenewable resource to benefit the preservation of other irreplaceable resources.”

Each year, the **Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology** (DHPA) receives funding under the HPF program administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. The HPF program promotes historic preservation and archaeology in Indiana and benefits the State in meeting its goals for cultural resource management.

Between 2000 and 2021, HPF subgrant assistance resulted in the archaeological survey of more than 20,198 acres and the identification and documentation of more than 3,689 archaeological sites across our state. To meet specific archaeological site identification needs since 2018, the archaeology grants have focused on the survey of Department of Natural Resources properties: Fish and Wildlife Areas, Nature Preserves, State Forests or State Parks.

HPF archaeology subgrants have covered a broad range of Indiana cultures, time periods, and site types, including, for example:

- African American and Quaker farmer sites
- Historic Potawatomi, Delaware, and Menominee villages and settlements
- French/French Canadian settlement patterns
- Paleoindian site inventories

The goals of a recent HPF archaeological investigation included delineating boundaries of two Civilian Conservation Corps camps recorded within one of the State Forests; one of which is #516 (shown below).

Knowing that the public would have an interest in these archaeological projects, the DHPA began requiring journal articles for Indiana archaeology HPF subgrants. This requirement has resulted in a number of articles featured in past *Indiana Archaeology journals*, beginning with Volume 4, that are easily accessible to the public. This is also a way to widely share summaries of these important projects. Another creative example of sharing archaeological information with the public, using products created using HPF funds, is a [publication](#) about the archaeology of Mounds State Park in Anderson, Indiana.



Historic photo from CCC Camp #516.  
*Photo taken by a CCC enrollee.*