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 Friday, April 8, 2022. All public comments received will be presented at the meeting of the State Historic Preservation Review Board on April 13, 2022.

All public comments must be received in writing. Send comments by fax to 317-232-0693, by e-mail to skennedy@dnr.IN.gov, or by mail to DHPA Grants Staff, 402 W. Washington St., Room W274, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

FY2023 ARCHAEOLOGY PRIORITIES (Draft)

The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology is partnering with land-owning divisions in the Department of Natural Resources to promote archaeological survey on state properties. To this purpose, the DHPA will only be accepting 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.

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.

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.

NOTE: Projects that include activities that will directly impact areas or sites where known human remains or burials exist are discouraged.

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 SURVEY:

Phase I Survey Activities: 70% federal share / 30% local match
Max. Score: Priority will be given to:

20 pts  1. 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: Priority DNR Properties”), 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. Provide the DNR property name and location, a description of the property, a map indicating the areas to be surveyed, and a general survey plan that identifies and quantifies the survey area (e.g., number of acres, percentage of property acreage that the survey covers, and an estimate of the number of sites likely to be recorded). List and describe the products that will result from the project (e.g., technical report, Indiana Archaeology feature, public education materials, archaeological site forms, etc.).

30 pts  2. Provide a clear narrative description of the 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). 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 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.

16 pts  3. Provide an explanation for the importance of the project. Describe how it will benefit the DHPA and/or the DNR property and make a valuable or unique contribution to Indiana archaeological knowledge. Describe any specific thematic, methodological, geographic or cultural area of data deficiency that will be addressed. Also, indicate how the project will address the Goals outlined in Indiana’s Cultural Resources Management Plan: https://www.in.gov/dnr/historic-preservation/files/hp-indiana-cultural-resources-management-plan-2020-2026.pdf.

10 pts  4. Projects with a primary focus, or a meaningful component, to assist in the resolution of one or both of the following:
- Data inconsistencies or discrepancies within current site information in SHAARD (such as multiple site numbers and locations for a single site). Specify the inconsistencies or discrepancies that will be addressed in the project.
- Field verify sites in the DHPA’s records which were reported but are otherwise unverified. List the sites that will verified because of the project. Explain the methodology that will be used to identify and address data inconsistencies or discrepancies. Estimate the percentage of the project that will address data reconciliation.

12 pts  5. 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.

12 pts  6. Projects that include a component to promote public awareness and knowledge of archaeology in Indiana through the creation or implementation of specific public education components. These may include: public education materials deposited at the DNR property or other public institutions 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.

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100 Points Possible
Changes to this section of the criteria include removal of “High, Middle, Low” priority designations. State properties that are named in the list, or specific areas, are targeted for the benefit of the respective DNR Divisions and the DHPA. These have been combined by Division and reorganized. Areas that have been surveyed and/or been the subject of previous HPF-assisted projects have been removed (strikethrough), and new additions to the list are indicated in bold. Further explanation of the goals of HPF archaeology projects (to obtain survey data on as much unsurveyed state property as possible) has been emphasized for clarification.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology is partnering with land-owning divisions in the Department of Natural Resources to promote archaeological survey on DNR state properties. To this purpose, the DHPA is only accepting grant proposals to conduct archaeology that will focus on Fish and Wildlife Areas, Nature Preserves, State Forests, or State Parks. Project proposals should be coordinated with the DNR landholding division and specific property management staff.

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, such as areas along major water courses, or that may need protection due to the potential for increased visitation, use, erosion, or other potentially detrimental circumstances.

Proposals may choose to focus on a specific property or areas of a property that are identified below, as suggested by the respective DNR divisions. DNR properties not listed below will also be considered.

Scoring preference will be given to:

- Projects that propose to survey the largest amount of acreage;
- Projects that propose to survey the highest percentage of unsurveyed acreage within a property (allowing for topography considerations);
- Projects that may “complete” all needed survey activities as a particular property.

Part I: Priority Targeted DNR Properties

HIGH PRIORITY

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.

- **Pokagon (Steuben County)**
  - The site of the park’s Civilian Conservation Corps camp barracks has been identified, but further investigation is warranted.

- **Spring Mill (Lawrence County)**
Unsurveyed areas of the 19th-century Pioneer Village recreated in the 1920s and 1930s to represent pioneer lifeways.
- Charlestown (Clark County)

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 counties are under-represented in the archaeological record and additional surveys could expand the cultural history of the region.
- Harrison-Crawford State Forest (Harrison and Crawford Counties)
  - Twin Chimney (12Hr793) in Harrison County is a 19th century homesite of a prominent settler and businessman of Scott Township. The site has been identified, but no systematic archaeological investigation has been performed.
  - Reconnaissance or Intensive survey of the limekiln industry located within the current borders of this State Forest.
  - Wolfpen Ridge survey (Harrison County) – Phase Ia archaeological survey of Wolfpen Ridge, a broad upland ridgetop near the Ohio River. The roughly 300 acre ridgeline is known to contain Archaic, Middle Woodland, Mississippian, and post-contact sites, but a systematic investigation of the entire ridgetop should be completed.

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)
- Limberlost Swamp Conservation Area (Adams & Jay Counties)
  - White Oak Cemetery (Jay County)
- Moraine (Porter County)
- Portland Arch (Fountain County)
- Stoutsburg Savanna (Jasper County)

MIDDLE PRIORITY

LOW PRIORITY

All other DNR properties:
Projects that propose Phase I survey on previously unsurveyed areas of Fish and Wildlife Areas, Nature Preserves, State Forests, and State Parks—particularly areas along major water courses, areas that have a high probability for site locations, or that may need protection due to the potential for increased visitation, use, erosion, or other potentially detrimental circumstances.
(This has been clarified in the instructions, regarding the need for large surveys of all DNR-owned property. Almost all DNR properties still have survey needs that the DHPA would like to see completed.)
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-Cl-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