

**Three Corners Solar Project**

MDEP Natural Resources Protection Act Permit Application

**APPENDIX B. MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND TRIBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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MHPC and Tribal Correspondence





## **Archaeological Survey Guidelines**

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This document is provided as background information to agencies, corporations, professional consultants or individuals needing contract archaeological services (also known as Cultural Resources Management archaeology) in Maine. These guidelines are based on state rules (94-089 Chapter 812).

### **Project Types**

The vast majority of contract archaeology survey work falls into one of three categories.

Phase I surveys are designed to determine whether or not archaeological sites exist on a particular piece of land. Such work involves checking records of previous archaeology in the area, walking over the landscape to inspect land forms and look for surface exposures of soil and possible archaeological material, and the excavation of shovel test pits in areas of high probability.

Phase II surveys are designed to focus on one or more sites that are already known to exist, find site limits by digging test pits, and determine site content and preservation. Information from Phase II survey work is used by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission (MHPC) to determine site significance (eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places). Phase III archaeological work, often called data recovery, is careful excavation of a significant archaeological site to recover the artifacts and information it contains in advance of construction or other disturbance.

Archaeological sites are further divided into two broad categories of culture, prehistoric (or Native American), and historic (or European-American). Different archaeological specialists are usually needed for prehistoric or historic sites because the nature of content and preservation and site locations are quite different.

### **Scope of Work**

In responding to a project submission, the MHPC may issue a letter specifying which type of archaeological survey is needed (prehistoric, historic or both) and at what level (Phase I, II, or III). Often the response letter contains further information, such as the suspected presence of an historic site of a certain age, or a statement that only a portion of the project parcel in question is sensitive for prehistoric sites and only that portion needs archaeological survey.

Once the project applicant has one or more scopes of work (proposals) from appropriate archaeologists (see below), the applicant should submit their preferred proposal (without attached financial information or bid total) to the MHPC for approval. MHPC will not comment upon cost, but will comment on the appropriateness of the scale and scope of the work. An approval from MHPC of the scope of work is the applicant's guarantee that, if the field and laboratory work are done according to the scope, and appropriately described in writing, the results will be accepted by MHPC.

The final written report on the project must also be submitted to MHPC for review and comment.

## **Finding an Archaeologist**

At the time that MHPC issues a letter requiring archaeological survey work, MHPC will also supply one (or more) lists of archaeologists (Levels 1 and/or 2, historic or prehistoric) appropriate to the type of work (Phase I, II, III, historic or prehistoric). Archaeologists on the Level 2 Approved Lists can do projects of any level, including Phase I archaeological survey projects. Level 1 archaeologists are restricted to doing Phase I surveys, and certain planning projects for municipal governments.

MHPC maintains lists of archaeologists interested in working in different geographic areas of Maine, and those who are qualified in different types of work. The archaeologists themselves indicate their availability (except for short-term absence) to MHPC on a periodic basis, so archaeologists on the list can be expected to respond to inquiries. The applicant should solicit proposals or bids for work from archaeologists whose names appear on the list supplied by MHPC.

These archaeologists' names are taken from lists of archaeologists approved for work in Maine by MHPC under a set of rules establishing minimal qualifications, such as previous supervisory experience in northern New England, and an appropriate graduate degree. However, the inclusion of an archaeologist on one of these lists should not be interpreted as an endorsement by the MHPC beyond these limited qualification criteria. Moreover, the MHPC cannot recommend the services of an individual archaeologist.

## **Project Final Report**

Whatever the archaeological survey result, a final report on the project should be submitted by the applicant to the MHPC. The MHPC will review the report, and issue further guidance or issue a "clearance" letter for the project.



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PROJECT NAME	Three-Corners Solar Project – Solar Array & Transmission Line
PROJECT SITE	Unity Township-Benton, ME
DATE OF REQUEST	November 20, 2018
DATE REVIEWED	December 7, 2018

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project. This project appears to have no impact on a structure or site of historic, architectural or archaeological significance to the Penobscot Nation as defined by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

If Native American cultural materials are encountered during the course of the project, please contact my office at (207) 817-7471. Thank you for consulting with the Penobscot Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office with this project.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Sockalexis".

Chris Sockalexis, THPO  
Penobscot Nation





**Tribal Historic Preservation Office**

**Mi'kmaq Nation** (Formerly known as the Aroostook Band of Micmac)

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Three Corners Solar LLC Project

Unity Township, Benton, and Clinton, Maine

January 5th, 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above-referenced project for compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), or other, requirements.

Based on the project description, we do not have knowledge of any specific sites or cultural features that exist at the proposed project location. However, this geographic area does constitute traditional areas that were historically utilized by members of the Mi'kmaq Nation and the other Wabanaki Tribes. Therefore, we respectfully request that if during the course of excavation/construction activities, human remains, artifacts, or any other evidence of Native American presence is discovered, that site activities in the vicinity of the discovery immediately cease, pending notification to us.

In addition, if this project results in wetland disturbances requiring mitigation, we are requesting that you utilize the black ash (*Fraginus nigra*) as the principal wetland species for wetland restoration activities. The black ash tree has special significance in the culture of the northeastern Tribes and is used extensively for weaving baskets and other Native American crafts. The black ash tree also provides valuable food and habitat for migratory waterfowl and other wildlife. Unfortunately, however, this species has been selected against by foresters and landowners who favor other tree species. As a result of this, and other environmental factors, the black ash tree is in serious decline in Maine. The Mi'kmaq Nation has completed several black ash wetland restoration projects and have a dependable source for highly-quality seedlings, and the experience and expertise to assist you with black ash wetland restoration projects.

On the subject of human remains, artifacts, or any other evidence of Native American presence is discovered. The human remains will be reburied with the appropriate respect for the remains that is required at a distinctive and respectable site. The artifacts and other evidence of Native American discovery will be documented with appropriate detail. The items will be analyzed for the precise period of the items' distinctive period and will be documented by the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Mi'kmaq Nation.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

# Tribal Historic Preservation Office

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**Re: Unity, Benton & Clinton \_ three corner Solar Project**

Dear Eben;

The Passamaquoddy THPO has reviewed the following applications regarding the historic properties and significant religious and cultural properties in accordance with NHPA, NEPA, AIRFA, NAGPRA, ARPA, Executive Order 13007 Indian Sacred Sites, Executive Order 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, and Executive Order 12898 Environmental Justice.

The Projects listed above will not have any impact on cultural and historical concerns of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, but if any archeological material is found please contact this office.

Sincerely;

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