



ARCHAEOLOGY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I know if my construction project requires an archaeological review?

An archaeological review is needed if your construction project involves significant digging or ground disturbance.

The review takes place when you submit your application to the Development Review Committee or Historic Preservation Board.

How much does the archaeological review cost?

- **Residential properties:** \$159 (for demolition and new construction only)
- **Commercial properties:** \$477

What's included in the review fee?

The fee covers a review by the City's archaeological consultant. You'll receive a letter that explains any required steps, such as archaeological testing, surveying, or on-site monitoring.

Who provides the archaeological testing, survey or monitoring?

The property owner is responsible for hiring a qualified archaeologist to fulfill any requirements or conditions associated with a development permit.

How do I find a professional archaeologist?

You can search the Register of Professional Archaeologists online at rpanet.org.

What kinds of things might be found?

Every site is different! Some typical discoveries include:

- Shell fragments
- Animal bones
- Artifacts
- Soil markings from old homes or trash pits

That's why documenting these findings is so important before building begins.

Who owns the artifacts?

Artifacts belong to the property owner. However, the City may temporarily hold them for analysis. We encourage owners to donate items to the City's collection so they can be preserved and studied by future generations.