

171-04 BAISLEY BLVD

SERVICES:

- *Phase IA/IB Archaeological Investigation*

REGULATIONS:

- *State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR)*
- *City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR)*
- *New York City Landmarks Law Regulatory Compliance*

LOCATION:

Jamaica, Borough of Queens, New York

CLIENT:

The D & F Development Group



Project Summary

AHRS conducted a Phase IA/IB Archaeological Survey for our client who proposed construction of a new 8-story residential building. The client had not anticipated cultural resource testing to be required for the project and requested assistance with regulatory compliance on an expedited schedule.

Scope of Work

AHRS prepared a Preliminary Cultural Resource Assessment memorandum (Phase IA survey) that concluded the project site retained a moderate to high sensitivity for prehistoric and nineteenth-century resources. AHRS conducted subsurface testing (Phase IB testing) to confirm the absence or presence of buried prehistoric or cultural resources and determined if there would be an impact from the proposed residential development.

Outcome

AHRS excavated a total 10 shovel tests for the Phase IB testing to determine if buried prehistoric archaeological materials and nineteenth-century foundations, features or historic artifacts concentrations existed within the project area. In addition, AHRS monitored the machine excavation of a 6-foot by 18-foot exploratory trench to determine the presence of nineteenth-century foundations, features or historic artifact concentrations.

Based on the absence of prehistoric artifacts and nineteenth-century foundations, features or artifact deposits during the Phase IB subsurface testing, it was concluded that there are no archaeological features or deposits and recommended no further archaeological testing. AHRS was able to conduct multiple phases of testing on an expedited timeframe, as requested. Due to AHRS's diligence, the project proceeded with no delays.