



ARCHAEOLOGY & HISTORIC RESOURCE SERVICES

27 EAST 4TH STREET

SERVICES:

- Phase IA Archaeological Survey

REGULATIONS:

- City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR)
- New York City Landmarks Law

LOCATION:

New York, NY

CLIENT:

Kalodop Park Corp



Project Summary

Kalodop Park Corp retained AHR S to conduct a Phase IA Archaeological Survey to determine archaeological sensitivity for a proposed hotel development located at 27 East 4th Street, New York, NY. The new construction plan called for an 8-story hotel with a basement. The project area is located next door to the Merchant House Museum, a nineteenth century structure recognized as a National Historic Landmark. The New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) required the archaeological investigation.

Scope of Work

AHR S assessed the area's archaeological sensitivity through extensive research of historic maps, aerial photographs, archaeological reports, site visits, and a review of geological boring logs. Evidence for the area's natural topography indicated natural wetlands and water located to the west of the project area, suggesting the site would have been favorable for prehistoric (Native American) occupation. Additionally, a historic context was compiled to chronicle the known changes to the project site and surrounding area.

Outcome

AHR S research indicated that there are no known prehistoric sites in the project's vicinity. It was determined that the project area had various stages of historic occupation which accounted for ground disturbance, also indicated in the geological borings. Based on the information collected, AHR S determined that there was a low sensitivity for prehistoric or historic archaeological materials and no further work was recommended for the development as designed.