

Nissim Avenue

SERVICES:

Phase IB/II Archaeological Investigation

REGULATIONS:

NJ Freshwater Wetlands Permit

LOCATION:

Bordentown, Mercer County, New Jersey

CLIENT:

Langan Engineering and Nissim Family Investments

Project Summary

AHRS conducted a Phase IB/II Archaeological Survey for our client who proposed construction of a new residential development. The property falls within the boundary of the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark, a known location for significant Late Archaic and Middle Woodland prehistoric occupation by indigenous American Indian groups.

Scope of Work

AHRS conducted subsurface testing (Phase IB testing) to confirm the absence or presence of buried prehistoric or cultural resources in areas of high sensitivity for buried prehistoric materials. After excavating over 325 40-cm diameter shovel tests, AHRS archaeologists identified five loci of prehistoric archaeological artifacts. Additional

Phase II subsurface testing was warranted to determine whether these archaeological loci retained the significance and integrity to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Outcome

AHRS identified over 750 prehistoric artifacts, mostly lithic artifacts, from 25 1x1 meter shovel test units. Diagnostic lithic artifacts date the site occupation from the Transitional Archaic period (3500–2500 years Before Present) to the Late Woodland period (1000–400 years Before Present).

SHPO determined that the site was eligible for the National Register as a contributing site to the Abbott Farm National Historic Monument. SHPO also concurred with AHRS's assessment that no additional archaeological work was necessary for development to proceed within the project area.

