



ARCHAEOLOGY & HISTORIC RESOURCE SERVICES

PSE&G FORMER FRONT STREET

SERVICES:

- *Archaeological Monitoring*
 - *National Register Eligibility Evaluation*
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REGULATIONS:

- *NJ State Regulatory Compliance*
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LOCATION:

Newark, Essex County, New Jersey

CLIENT:

Langan Engineering and the Public Service Electric & Gas Company (PSE&G)

Project Summary

AHRS served as the lead cultural resource consultants and archaeological monitors during a PSE&G environmental remediation project on the Passaic River. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Natural & Historic Resources and State Historic Preservation Office required archaeological testing during the remedial action due to the project's proximity to the former Citizens Gas-Light Company and Newark Lime and Cement Company complexes, two archaeological sites potentially eligible for the National and State Register of Historic Places.

Scope of Work

AHRS determined that excavation monitoring was the most efficient compliance strategy. With minimal project delay or disruption, archaeological monitors can identify archaeological artifacts or features associated with historic sites, including riverfront development (bulkhead, piers, docks, cribbing, or sunken vessels used as landfill during periods of waterfront development and expansion).

Outcome

Two small remnant sections of foundation, possibly associated with the former Citizens Gas-Light Company, were exposed during excavation. After investigating the demolished foundations, AHRS determined these were not archaeologically significant. However, an eighteenth-century timber dock was also investigated and determined to be archaeologically significant due to its association with the vitally important pre-revolutionary war period of the shipping trade conducted in Newark. Additionally, the dock was owned by Joseph Hedden Jr., a prominent merchant and Revolutionary War patriot. AHRS filed an archaeological site form with the New Jersey State Museum and state agencies cleared the project to continue development as planned.

