

Inadvertent Discovery Plan for Cultural Resources

The Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) should be followed if cultural materials including human remains are encountered during construction.

Protocol for coordination in the event of inadvertent discovery:

- In the event of an inadvertent discovery of possible cultural materials, including human remains, all work will stop immediately in the vicinity of the find. A 100 foot buffer will be placed around the discovery with work being able to proceed outside of this buffered area unless additional cultural materials are encountered.
- The area will be secured and protected.
- The project manager will be notified. The project manager will notify:
 - The City of Salem Historic Preservation Officer, Kimberli Fitzgerald at 503 540-2397 or 503 351-7578.
 - State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) shall be notified (Dennis Griffin, 503 986-0674).
- If possible human remains are encountered, the following agencies and Tribes must be notified:

Oregon State Police: Chris Allori 503-731-4717
Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS): Mitch Sparks, 503 986-1067
Appropriate Tribes:
 - Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde- Briece Edwards, 503 879-2084;
 - Confederated Tribes of Siletz-Robert Kentta; 541 444-8244;
 - Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs- Christian Nauer, 541 553-3464.SHPO: Dennis Griffin 503-986-0674 or John Pouley 503-986-0675
- No work may resume in the buffer area until consultation with the SHPO has occurred and a professional archaeologist is able to assess the discovery.
- If human remains are encountered, do not disturb them in any way. *Do not call 911*. Do not speak with the media. Secure the location. Do not take Photos. The location should be secured and work will not resume in the area of discovery until all parties involved agree upon a course of action.
- If the discovery is determined to not be associated with a crime scene, a professional archaeologist will be needed to assess the discovery, following this assessment, they will consult with the SHPO and the appropriate Tribal Governments to determine an appropriate course of action.
- Archaeological excavations may be required. All such discoveries are handled on a case by case basis by the professional archaeologist and project manager, in consultation with SHPO and appropriate Tribes.

When to stop work:

Construction work may uncover previously unidentified Native American or Euro-American artifacts. This may occur for a variety of reasons such as access restrictions during project development or impervious surfaces throughout most of the project area which would have prevented standard archaeological testing and site discovery methods. However, deeply buried cultural material may be present on the site, and uncovered during redevelopment. Therefore, **work must stop** when the following types of artifacts and/or features are encountered:

Native American artifacts may include (but are not limited to):

- Flaked stone tools (arrowheads, knives scrapers etc.);
- Waste flakes that resulted from the construction of flaked stone tools;
- Ground stone tools like mortars and pestles;
- Layers (strata) of discolored earth resulting from fire hearths. May be black, red or mottled brown and often contain discolored cracked rocks or dark soil with broken shell;
- Human remains;
- Structural remains- wooden beams, post holes, fish weirs.

Euro-American artifacts may include (but are not limited to):

- Glass (from bottles, vessels, windows etc.);
- Ceramic (from dinnerware, vessels etc.);
- Metal (nails, drink/food cans, tobacco tins, industrial parts etc.);
- Building materials (bricks, shingles etc.);
- Building remains (foundations, architectural components etc.);
- Old wooden posts, pilings, or planks (these may be encountered above or below water);
- Remains of ships or sea-going vessels, marine hardware etc.;
- Old farm equipment may indicate historic resources in the area.
- Even what looks to be old garbage could very well be an important archaeological resource;

When in doubt, call it in!

Proceeding with Construction

- Construction can proceed only after the proper archaeological inspections have occurred and environmental clearances are obtained. This requires close coordination with SHPO and the Tribes.
- After an inadvertent discovery, some areas may be specified for close monitoring or ‘no work zones.’ All such areas will be identified by the professional archaeologist to the Project Manager, and appropriate Contractor personnel.
- In coordination with the SHPO, the Project Manager will verify these identified areas and be sure that the areas are clearly demarcated in the field, as needed.