

1710.19 Archaeological Explorations on State Lands

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PURPOSE

To ensure that state property rights to prehistoric and historical period (i.e., post-European contact) artifacts on state lands, including state-owned aboriginal antiquities, are recognized and preserved. Recovery of artifacts and other archaeological materials from state lands is governed by state law and through a permit program administered jointly by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

APPLICATION

Executive Branch Departments and Sub-units.

CONTACT AGENCY

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SUMMARY

State agencies must obtain a permit for archaeological exploration or excavation of state-owned lands, except for lands owned or controlled by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission.

APPLICABLE FORMS

PR-6412 Application for Permit to Perform Archaeological Exploration on State-Owned Lands

See [DNR Application for Permit to Perform Archaeological Exploration on State-owned Lands webpage](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-31154_49535-236955--,00.html) (http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-31154_49535-236955--,00.html).

PROCEDURES

Applicant

- Obtains permit application from DNR Michigan Historical Center (MHC).
- Completes application and returns it to the MHC.

MHC

- Coordinates review by DNR divisions, State Archaeologist and federally recognized Indian Tribes in Michigan.
- Sends permit with conditions, if necessary, or denial of permit to the applicant.

Applicant

- Signs and returns the approved permit form to MHC.

MHC

- On receipt of the signed permit form, obtains signature of State Archaeologist and signs on behalf of DNR.
- Forwards copies of the permit to the applicant, the State Archaeologist, the land-administering division and federally recognized Indian Tribes in Michigan.

Applicant

- Upon completion of research, sends draft report to the State Archaeologist for review.

State Archaeologist

- Reviews report, requesting changes as needed and returns report to applicant.

Applicant

- Sends final report to State Archaeologist, who maintains the final report files.
