

SCREENING PROCESS FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES

INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE SCREENING REVIEW:

- COMPLETED [DT1030 FORM](#)
- PROJECT PLANS (IF AVAILABLE)
- PROJECT LOCATION MAP WITH TERMINI

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ARCHAEOLOGY

After WisDOT CRT receives the required screening review information indicated above, CRT instructs the contracted service provider to complete a literature search for recorded or listed archaeological/burial sites in the project Area of Potential Effect (APE). (8-12-week process.)

Screening documentation and findings are returned to CRT.

If no archaeological/burial sites are identified in the APE, the project is placed on the screening list for archaeology.

If archaeological/burial sites are identified in the APE, additional research will be conducted. The Region will be notified. (Additional 12-week process at minimum.)

Screening documentation and findings are returned to CRT.

CRT reviews project activities and identified archaeological/burial resources to determine if project qualifies for placement on the archaeology screening list.

- CRT determines if project:
1. Qualifies for archaeology*
 2. Qualifies for archaeology with commitments
 3. Does not qualify due to burial site in the APE. Follow 157.70, but no additional Section 106 is needed
 4. Does not qualify for archaeology and requires Non-Survey Archaeology Documentation**
 5. Does not qualify - field survey required

HISTORY

After WisDOT CRT receives the required screening review information indicated above, CRT instructs the contracted service provider to complete a literature search for properties that are listed, eligible, or have historic potential in the project APE. (8-12-week process.)

Screening documentation and findings are returned to CRT.

If no historic resources are identified in the APE, the project is placed on the screening list for history.

If historic resources are identified in the APE, CRT may reach out to the project team if additional information is needed to make a determination.

CRT reviews project activities and identified historic resources to determine if project qualifies for placement on history screening list.

- CRT determines if project:
1. Qualifies for history†
 2. Does not qualify for history and requires Non-Survey History Documentation††
 3. Does not qualify - full reconnaissance survey required

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) is the process by which federal agencies determine whether an undertaking will affect cultural resources. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT's) screening process for Cultural Resources (archaeological and historic structures), as outlined in [FDM 26-5-1 A1](#), allows the WisDOT Cultural Resources Team (CRT) to review undertakings and their potential to effect cultural resources and determine if they require full field survey prior to the completion of Section 106 documentation.



*The undertaking may qualify for archaeology screening if:

- The project acquires land and/or new ground disturbance is under ½ acre, or strips equal to less than 5 feet wide
- The project team can provide CRT information to show the project area is previously disturbed through written justification or As-Builts
- There are no identified burial sites within the project construction limits

**What is a Non-Survey Archaeology Documentation?

- If the project is located within the historic boundary of a National Register-listed or -eligible property and project activities are deemed unlikely to affect the archaeological site, the project may qualify for Non-Survey Archaeology Documentation in place of full archaeological survey.
- The Non-Survey Archaeology Documentation includes a letter report with exhibits depicting project activities. The project manager (PM) must provide updated plan sheets and a project narrative description to WisDOT CRT in order for completion.
- WisDOT CRT will have Non-Survey Archaeology Documentation completed for the Region. The documentation requires a Section 106 submittal for SHPO review/concurrence.

†The undertaking may qualify for history screening if:

- The project is located outside the historic boundary of National Register-listed or -eligible properties or districts
- Project activities do not encroach onto and/or do not require any right-of-way (ROW) from any properties that CRT determines may have historic potential

††What is a Non-Survey History Documentation?

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