

**SUBMIT TO:**  
City of Vancouver  
Development Review Services  
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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL PREDETERMINATION

The City requires investigation of areas which would be disturbed by proposed projects to determine whether archaeological resources are likely to exist. This preliminary investigation is known as a predetermination. A predetermination will be required of projects which meet at least one of the following criteria:

- When any item of archaeological interest is discovered during the course of a permitted ground-disturbing action or activity (20.710.090 VMC).
- When the Planning Official determines that reliable and credible information indicates the probable existence of an archaeological site in a disturbance area for which an application for a permit or approval for a ground-disturbing action or activity has been submitted to the Planning Official.
- Where any portion of the disturbance area is within Predictive Model Probability Level A as shown in Figure 20.710-1.
- Where the disturbance area is at least five acres in size and wholly within Predictive Model Probability Level B as shown in Figure 20.710-1.
- Regardless of disturbance area size or Predictive Model Probability Level, when the disturbance area is within ¼ mile of a known, recorded archaeological site as measured on a horizontal plane extending in all directions. See 20.710.020(C)(11) VMC for possible exemption.

The predetermination shall be performed by a qualified or professional archaeologist, as defined by the state [RCW 27.53.030(8), RCW 27.53.030(9), WAC 25-48-020(4)]. The State maintains a list of archaeologists who have asked to be included and have provided evidence that they meet the standards for a professional archaeologist. The State does not recommend or guarantee the work of any of the archaeologists on the list.

Upon completion of the predetermination, a Predetermination Report must be completed by the archaeologist using the attached form. The report must be submitted with project application materials. AN APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED COUNTER COMPLETE UNTIL THE PREDETERMINATION REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

When archaeological resources are determined likely to exist, an archaeological resource survey will be required. A survey shall be performed by a qualified or professional archaeologist. The survey report must be completed in accordance with state guidelines and submitted to the City. The report will indicate whether an archaeological site exists. Should a site exist, the City, together with the State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, will assess its potential significance. Generally, a state permit will be required for further evaluation, data recovery, or mitigation of potentially significant sites.

**Incomplete requests or reports will not be accepted**

# ARCHAEOLOGICAL PREDETERMINATION REPORT

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(No., City, State, ZIP)

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(No., City, State, ZIP)

Relationship to Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Number or Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal description: Lot(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Block(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Plat name \_\_\_\_\_

(If a Metes and Bounds description, check here , and attach narrative to this application.)

Parcel Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_ Disturbance Area Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

- Attach an 8½ x 11 site plan map drawn to scale and indicating the proposed disturbance area if significantly smaller than the parcel. Also indicate the locations of any artifacts found and the locations of subsurface probes.

General Physical Description of Site, including current uses: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of proposed activity: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Predetermination Trigger:

- Discovery principle.
- Planning Official option.
- Any portion of disturbance area within Predictive Model Probability Level A.
- 5 acre or greater disturbance area wholly within Predictive Model Probability Level B.
- Disturbance area within 1/4 mile of known archaeological site.

## Predetermination not necessary because:

- Ground-disturbing actions or activities where the Planning Official determines that the disturbance area was adequately investigated and documented (20.710.110(A) VMC) in the past and the existence of an archaeological site was determined not to be probable (prior predetermination) or not to be actual (prior survey)
- Ground-disturbing actions or activities where the provisions of this Chapter were previously applied to a related application for a larger, more comprehensive, ground-disturbing action or activity which encompasses the scope of the current application
- Ground-disturbing actions or activities where a prior application for a larger, more comprehensive ground-disturbing action or activity which encompasses the scope of the current application was exempt from the provisions of this Chapter pursuant to 20.710.110(C) VMC
- Ground-disturbing actions or activities where the disturbance area is within 1/4 mile of a known, recorded archaeological site as measured on a horizontal plane extending in all directions may be exempted by the Planning Official when appropriate due to the effects of a geographic barrier

**BACKGROUND RESEARCH**

Detail all background research, including review of records, documentation, maps, and other pertinent literature:

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**SURFACE INSPECTION**

Date of inspection: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of day: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather conditions at time of inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe soil visibility:     over 50% visible                       less than 50% visible

Describe the proposed project's locational characteristics including, but not limited to, topography, hydrology, wetlands, vegetation and any prominent features located on or near the proposed project:

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Describe surface investigation procedures:

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Describe any artifacts found. Show artifact locations on map (see page 2).

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**SUBSURFACE INSPECTION**

Describe and quantify amount of subsurface probing and manual surface exposing activities that were carried out, if any. Justify the locations of the subsurface probes. Describe the soils and stratigraphy. Describe the soil screening method. Describe any artifacts found. Show artifact locations on map (see page 2).

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**THIS SECTION RESERVED FOR OFFICIAL USE**

**REVIEWER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation:

- An archaeological resource survey is not necessary.
- An archaeological resource survey is necessary.
- Report is not complete and adequate (20.210.090). Request additional information or new report.

Additional Comments:

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Signature of Reviewing Archaeologist: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FINAL DETERMINATION**

Final Determination:

- An archaeological resource survey is not necessary.
- An archaeological resource survey is necessary.
- Report is not complete and adequate (20.210.090). Requesting additional information or new report.

Signature of Case Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CASE IDENTIFICATION**

FILE NUMBERS:

PROJECT (P or AU): \_\_\_\_\_ SA Initials: \_\_\_\_\_  
PREDETERMINATION (AR): \_\_\_\_\_ SA Initials: \_\_\_\_\_  
SURVEY (AS): \_\_\_\_\_ SA Initials: \_\_\_\_\_