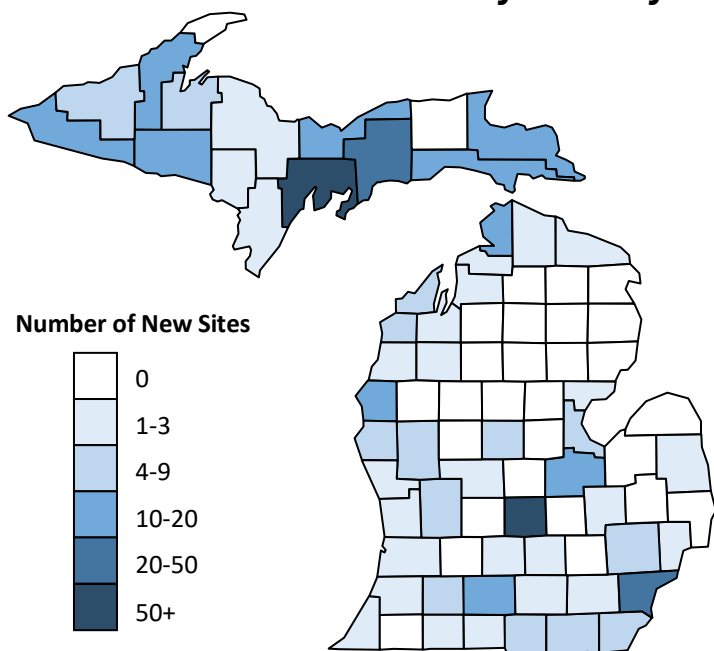


## Standards & Reporting

- As of September 2023, SHPO published [technical guidance documents](#) for Survey Methods, Reporting, Mapping, and Geophysics. Additional standards guides are in development and will be released this year.
- A fillable [Archaeological Site File form](#) has been available since summer of 2022 and is required for all new site number requests.
- SHPO released a [Traditional Cultural Property/Landscape form](#) in March 2024. This fillable form has been requested by consultants and Tribal Governments. The form is for reporting TCP/Ls that contain archaeological and/or architectural components, as well as ethnographically significant cultural landscapes.
- Forms and Standards documents are all available online at: [www.michigan.gov/archaeology](http://www.michigan.gov/archaeology)

## New Sites Identified by County



## Archaeological Site File & Database

Three major projects are occurring simultaneously to improve the State Archaeological Site File: 1) Database upgrade, 2) Records scanning, and 3) GIS integration.

- In June 2023, four contractors were hired to assist with data entry and processing documents for the records scanning project. Documents are currently out for scanning and we anticipate they will be returned by this fall. Scanned documents will be uploaded to the database this fall and winter and will likely be completed by next year.
- The new Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) database will go live for SHPO staff mid-May and the current, internal-use only MISHPO database is going offline at the end of May. Staff will work on documentation and training for the new system. Once this is ready, the beta-test version of CRIS will go live this summer. If you are interested in being a beta-tester, contact Diane Tuinstra at [tuinstrad@michigan.gov](mailto:tuinstrad@michigan.gov).

- The beta version of the database will be free, but once the full system is ready, access will be fee-based.
- Database access portals will differ based on security requirements for qualified professionals.
- Section 106 submissions will likely be mandatory through the new system by September, but we are looking for volunteers to test the 106 portal this summer. Contact Diane Tuinstra at [tuinstrad@michigan.gov](mailto:tuinstrad@michigan.gov) if you would like to volunteer.
- GIS integration is ongoing and will likely be completed by the start of 2025 following data quality work for archaeological sites. Once the QAQC is completed, the GIS data will be moved into the production environment and synced with the ARGUS database.
- GIS should be available starting spring 2025. Access to data layers is also securely determined by professional qualifications.
- The GIS system will provide hot-links to the CRIS database for access to records and scanned documents.

## Review & Survey Numbers

**3,900+** Federal projects reviewed for archaeological effects.

**4,500+** Acres in Michigan surveyed for archaeological sites.

**538** New archaeological sites recorded in **52** counties.

## SHPO Archaeology Contact Info

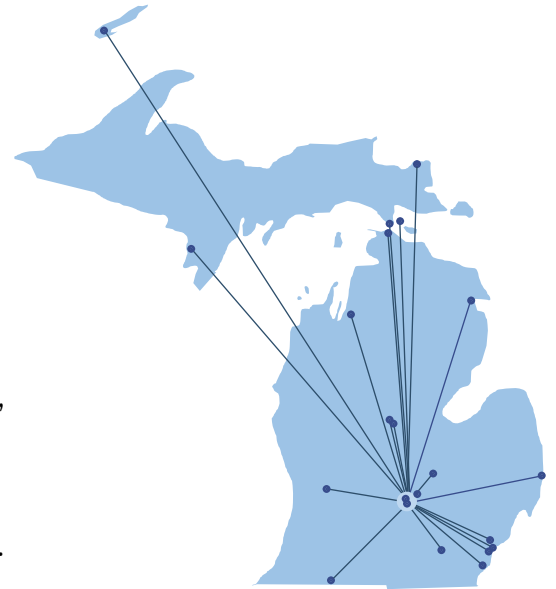
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# Outreach & Education

SHPO outreach & education has focused on several new initiatives, as well as building on existing efforts to reach diverse audiences.

- New for 2023, [ARCHAEOLOGY ANSWERS](#), is an online bulletin series that provides information for the public. We tackle commonly asked questions and provide information to help communities learn how protect archaeological sites and resources. We plan to release two bulletins annually. Contact us if you have a bulletin topic you want to see covered.
- In the last year, SHPO archaeology staff gave over 25 presentations and trainings throughout Michigan, serving many different communities and stakeholders. Contact us to request a presentation on our research, SHPO services & programs, Section 106 & preservation law, or other heritage & preservation topics.
- SHPO continues the tradition of annual Archaeology Month posters. The 2023 poster celebrated 25 years of archaeology at Fort St. Joseph. Vote for Michigan in the [SAA poster contest!](#)

# Map of Outreach Efforts



## State Collections & NAGPRA

The SHPO Archaeology Program manages the State archaeology collections in coordination with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). For fiscal year 2023, SHPO obtained funding to improve and update archaeological collections to archival quality boxes and packaging for long-term curation. This year, we have a summer internship to begin working on rehousing collections and assist with NAGPRA work.

In response to new NAGPRA regulations that went into effect on January 12, 2024, SHPO published a revised summary for Unassociated Funerary Objects and sent notices to 54 Tribal Nations. We are coordinating with the Michigan History Center for consultation on collections shared between the museum and archaeology. We are organizing a series of consultation meetings scheduled for this summer.

We continue to work through repatriation of the remaining ancestors in State collections. In the last year, ancestors from the White Rapids site were repatriated to the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin. Ancestors from Kerr, Bugai, Warner School, Leeson, Sterling Park Beach, and GL-539 sites were repatriated last November. Repatriation of ancestors from the Sun and Snow Mound site is pending this summer.

## Upcoming Events

### Governors Awards for Historic Preservation

- May 2 at 9am, Heritage Hall at the Michigan State Capitol—this year's winners include 2 archaeological projects!

### Michigan Historic Preservation Network 44th Annual Meeting, May 9th –12th in Kalamazoo

Join us for three SHPO Archaeology Sessions:

- *The Collaborative Spirit in Practice: Archaeology, Museums, Tribal Organizations*
- *Archaeology Standards & Guidelines for Fieldwork & Reporting*

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