

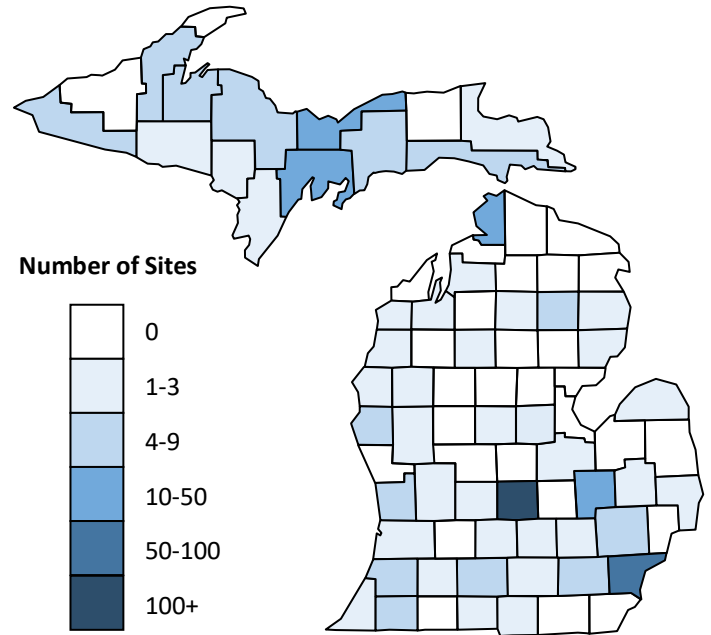
Compliance Review & Survey

The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office Archaeology Program records, investigates, interprets, and protects Michigan's archaeological sites. A large part of these responsibilities are fulfilled through environmental review required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Each year, SHPO reviews an average of over 4,000 federal undertakings. In 2024, 1,028 projects resulted in more than 13,500 acres surveyed for archaeological sites in Michigan. This work benefits communities throughout Michigan, with 421 new archaeological sites recorded in 52 counties (see map to the right).

SHPO continues to update the State Archaeological Site File, which will be soon accessible through the Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) database. CRIS went live in June for SHPO staff and state agencies and online access for consultants and research should be available in early 2025. The entire paper records of the site file were sent out for scanning at the end of last year. Scanned documents are now being uploaded into CRIS.

New Sites Distribution by County



Review & Survey Numbers

- 1,028** Federal projects reviewed for archaeological effects.
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Student Internships

This year, the SHPO was able to offer two internship opportunities in our office. The Archaeology Program offered a summer internship focused on Museum Studies. From June through July, Brittney Eastin, a graduate student at Wayne State University worked with the state archaeology collections, assisting SHPO with an audit of collections loans and digitizing our loan documentation.



Lilly Ebarra

SHPO also received an internship to assist the Section 106 program. Lilly Ebarra, is a trained archaeologist and a graduate student of the Historic Preservation Program at Ball State University. She joined us in May and will be with our office until December 2024. She is assisting us with research requests, data entry, and environmental review.



Brittney Eastin

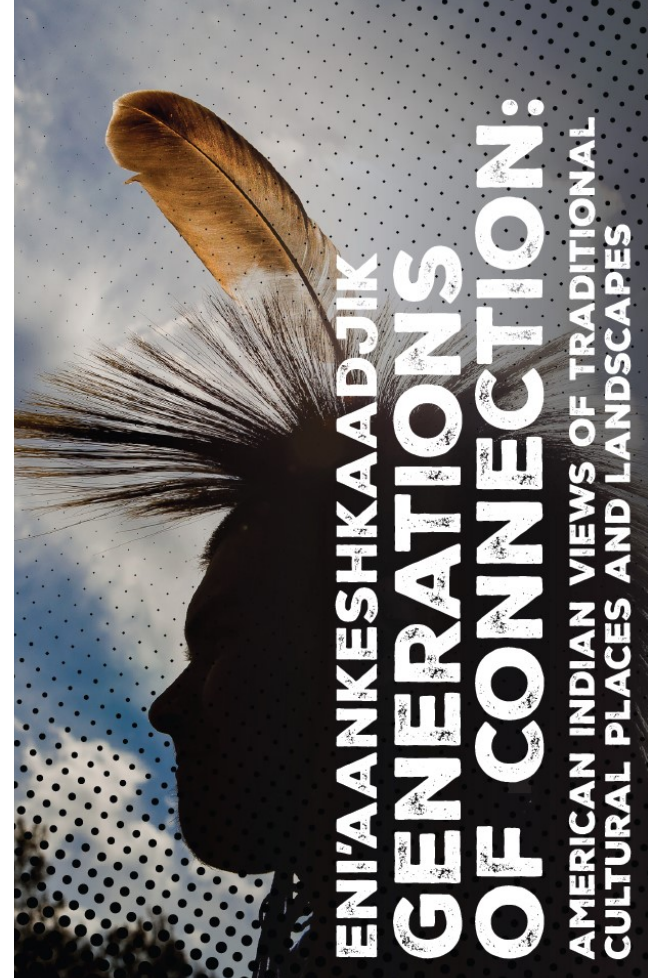
We had the opportunity to take both Brittney and Lilly on field visits with us. We appreciate all the contributions of both Brittney and Lilly, and congratulate them for completing their Master's degrees! It has been a pleasure working with both of them. We hope to continue to offer student internships in the future.

Outreach & Education

SHPO outreach & education has focused on several new initiatives, as well as building on existing efforts to reach diverse audiences. In fiscal year 2024, SHPO archaeology staff gave over two dozen presentations and trainings throughout Michigan, serving many different communities and stakeholders (see map below). SHPO archaeologists give presentations on our research, SHPO services & programs, Section 106 & preservation law, or other heritage & preservation topics. Contact us to arrange a guest lecture, training, or presentation.

SHPO released a [Traditional Cultural Place/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.

SHPO continues the tradition of annual Archaeology Month posters. The 2024 poster features Traditional Cultural Places and Landscapes. This poster was developed in collaboration with Tribal Historic Preservation Officers from several Tribal Nations. Scan the QR code to learn more and access additional content.



Map of Outreach Efforts



State Collections & NAGPRA

SHPO is coordinating with the Department of Natural Resources-Michigan History Center for Tribal consultation on NAGPRA eligible ancestors & objects in the State Archaeological Collections.

We continue to conduct repatriations of the remaining ancestors in the State Archaeological Collections. Ancestors from Kerr, Bugai, Warner School, Leeson, Sterling Park Beach, and GL-539 sites were repatriated in November 2023. Repatriation of ancestors from the Sun and Snow Mound site was completed in October 2024.

In January of 2024, we published a revised summary of Unassociated Funerary Objects and sent notices to 54 Tribal Nations. Tribal consultation on these objects is currently ongoing and we seek to ensure appropriate duty of care until repatriation.

Featured Successes for 2024

Congratulations to these awardees of [Governor's Awards for Historic Preservation](#) featuring archaeology and digital heritage!

- **Keweenaw Time Traveler project**, Michigan Technological University, Department of Social Sciences and Geospatial Research Facility; Michigan Technological University Archives; Monte Consulting; Carnegie Museum of the Keweenaw; Keweenaw County Historical Society; and Keweenaw National Historical Park Advisory Commission
- **Rehabilitation and archaeological documentation of the Malcolm X House**, Project We Hope, Dream, and Believe; Wayne State University, Department of Anthropology