

# SHPO Archaeology Program



## Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025



### *Compliance Review & Survey*

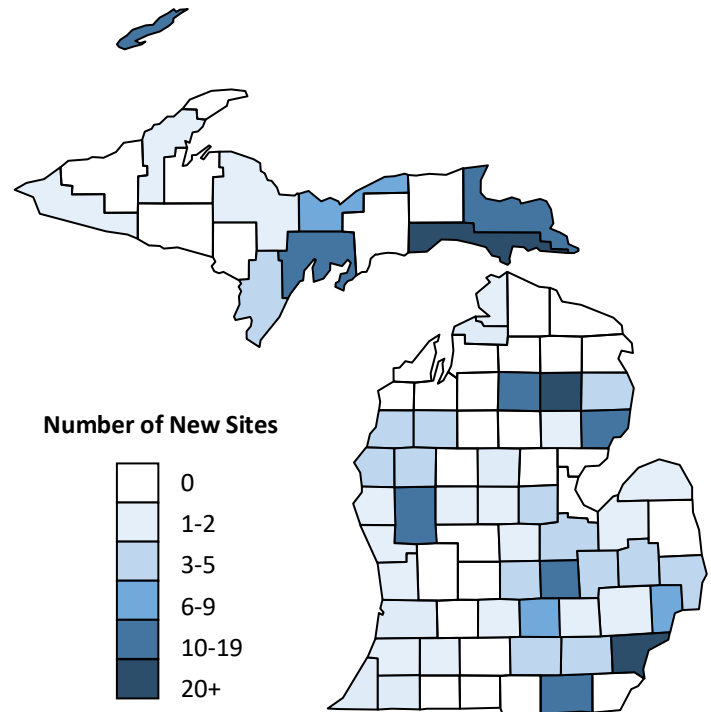
The Michigan State Historic Preservation Office Archaeology Program records, evaluates, interprets, and protects archaeological sites throughout the state. Many sites are identified and evaluated as a result of environmental review required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

In 2025, more than 40,125 acres were surveyed in Michigan as a result of Section 106 projects and 315 new archaeological sites were identified across 52 counties (see map to the right). One new archaeological District and new Traditional Cultural Landscape were also recognized this year.

SHPO continues to develop an integrated Geographic Information System (GIS) and database for statewide archaeological data. GIS digitization is complete and quality control of the final site and survey layers is ongoing. GIS data for archaeology should soon be available to those who meet the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Archaeology.

Archaeologists from SHPO and MDNR have been working with other upper Great Lakes states to protect submerged sites throughout the Great Lakes.

### *New Sites by County*



### *2025 Numbers*

**2,000+** Federal projects reviewed for archaeological effects.

**40,125** Acres in Michigan surveyed for archaeological sites.

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

**1** New Traditional Cultural Landscape recognized.

## Outreach & Education

This year SHPO archaeologists participated in and organized many events throughout the state. We provided training and information to Federal, State, and Local agencies, Tribal Nations, universities, schools, and members of the public. SHPO archaeologists presented at national, regional, and state-wide conferences. We also traveled around the state of Michigan in support of consultation for Section 106 projects, the State-wide Preservation Plan, and numerous outreach activities (see map to the right). We continue to work closely with our counterparts in Tribal governments, National Forests, and National Parks and visit them often.

SHPO continues to develop Michigan Archaeology Month posters and this year's theme is maritime archaeology and preservation. The 2025 poster honors the *Edmund Fitzgerald* as we remember the events that lead to its tragic loss 50 years ago.

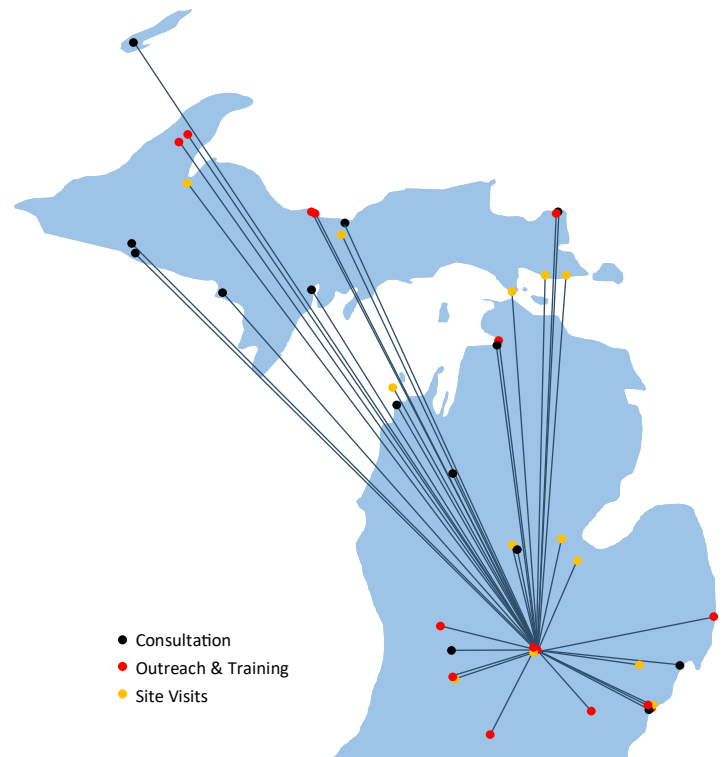
New for 2025, SHPO developed a webinar and online content to support the First Lego League international competition, which is archaeology themed this year! Scan the QR code to learn more.



## 2025 Outreach Impact

- 22,625** Public engaged via online & in-person outreach.
- 29** Outreach events & presentations.
- 26** Site visits & stakeholder consultation.
- 2** Publications by SHPO archaeologists.

## Map of SHPO Outreach



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