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Archaeological and Cemetery Sites

The following information was provided in December 2016 by John H. Broihahn, State Archaeologist, Historic Preservation-Public History Division, Wisconsin Historical Society.

Archaeological sites include places where people lived, where they worked, and where they worshiped. These sites were made by the people who lived at the village, farm, or logging camp located just down the road. Archaeological sites occur figuratively and literally under our feet. Archaeology is well suited for providing important information about the lives of people who are underrepresented in recorded history. Archaeological sites are non-renewable resources and once a site is destroyed, either by natural or human related activities, it cannot be reclaimed.

The Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) maintains a list of archaeological sites and cemeteries referred to as the Archaeological Site Inventory (ASI) a component of the Wisconsin Historic Preservation Database (WHPD). The Archaeological Site Inventory (ASI) is the most comprehensive list of archaeological sites, mounds, unmarked cemeteries, marked cemeteries, and cultural sites available. The ASI does not include all of the sites and cemeteries present in the state, however. It includes ONLY those sites that have been reported to the Wisconsin Historical Society. The information in the ASI is a compilation of reports covering a period of 150 years. The information for each entry varies widely and WHS has not been able to verify all of the entries. Few of these sites have been evaluated for their importance. The ASI is changed and updated on a daily basis and recommendations about site importance may change as new information becomes available. The attached site list will become quickly out of date and a procedure for updating the list should be developed.

This ASI information is confidential and is not subject to Wisconsin's open records law (Wis. Stats. §§ 44.48 and 157.70). This information is also protected by Federal law (Section 304 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 9(a) of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979). This caution not only helps protect archaeological sites but also protects landowners since private landowners own the majority of archaeological sites in the Town.

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Up to this point in time, 76 archaeological sites and cemeteries has been reported for the Town. The following types of sites have been identified:

Campsite and villages	Burial Mounds
Cabin/Homesteads	Cemeteries
Farmstead	

Clearly this sample of sites does not reflect the rich history of the area. Many more sites are present in the area. No sites are listed on the National and State Register of Historical Places, but many sites in the Town certainly may be eligible and are important.

Where are archaeological sites going to be located? Using the results of archaeological surveys, relevant historical and environmental data, the following high priority areas were designated:

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- higher, dryer areas adjacent to rivers, streams, creeks, lakes, wetlands
- higher, dryer areas adjacent to **older, abandoned** rivers, streams, creeks, lakes, wetland
- areas adjacent to rock outcrops
- areas adjacent to older historic features such as trails, early roads, rail corridors, and earlier communities

Cemeteries, Burial Mounds, and Other Burials. Cemeteries and burial areas have been set aside as special areas throughout Wisconsin history and they have been given special protection under Wisconsin law.

Under Wisconsin law, Native American burial mounds, unmarked burials, and all marked and unmarked cemeteries are protected from intentional disturbance. If anyone suspects that a Native American burial mound or an unmarked or marked burial is present in an area, the Burial Sites Preservation Office should be notified. If human bone is unearthed during any phase of a project, **all work must cease**, and the Burial Sites Preservation Office **must be contacted** at 1- 800-342-7834 to be in compliance with Wis. Stat. 157.70 which provides for the protection of all human burial sites. **Work cannot resume until the Burial Sites Preservation Office gives permission.** If you have any questions concerning the law, please contact Chip Brown at chip.brown@wisconsinhistory.org or 608-264-6508.

At the present time, 17 cemetery or burial sites have been identified in the Town. Since a systematic survey of the county has not been completed, cemeteries and burials may be present. As part of the planning process all cemeteries and burials in the Town should be cataloged under Wis. Stat. 157.70 to provide for the maximum protection of these important sites and to clearly define their boundaries.

How do we know which archaeological sites need preservation? Under Wisconsin law Native American burial mounds, unmarked burials, and all marked and unmarked cemeteries are protected. In addition to these, a wide variety of archaeological sites may be worthy of preservation. Through the use of the State and National Register of Historic Places a procedure for identifying important sites is available. The criteria include: a good local example of an architectural style and period; association with a person important in our past; represent an important period, movement or trend in local, state or national history; or have the potential to yield important information about our past through archaeological investigations.

Protecting Important Archaeological Sites. The wide variety of methods used to protect natural resources can also be used to protect archaeological sites. For example, land purchases, conservation easements, zoning, and the State operates a tax exemption program for property owners.

With the 1991 changes to Wis. Stats. 70.11 [see 70.11(13m)] it became possible to provide a property tax exemption for owners of archaeological sites listed in the National or State Register of Historic Places. To obtain the tax exemption, the landowner has to agree to place a permanent protective covenant for the site area in the deed for the property. The tax exemption program makes the landowner and subsequent owner's stewards of Wisconsin's past. The intent of the program is not to discourage all use of the property containing a site, but to encourage land use planning that protects sites.

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How are archaeological sites and cemeteries identified and evaluated? Archaeological identification and evaluations are required for a variety of projects that receive Federal or State funding, licenses, or permits. These projects are automatically forwarded to the Wisconsin Historical Society for review. Local residents frequently report sites and cemeteries.

Table 7.2.1. Archaeological Sites and Cemeteries in the Town of Verona, Dane County

State Site	Burial Code		Burial	own	Range		
	BDA-	Tigar	Not				
	BDA-	Walk					Unknown
DA-0356		Hertel 1			T6 R8E S34	Campsite/village	Unknown
DA-0357		Hertel 2				Campsite/village	Unknown
	BDA-						Late
DA-0359		Goth			T6 R8E S20	Campsite/village	Woodland;Unk Unknown
		Weissenb					
		Weissenb					
		Miller					
DA-0363		Duerst			T6 R8E S33	Campsite/village	Unknown
DA-0364		Wild			T6 R8E S28	Campsite/village	Unknown
DA-0365		Zink 1			T6 R8E S20	Campsite/village	Unknown
DA-0366		Zink 2			T6 R8E S20	Campsite/village	Unknown
							Historic Indian;Unkn
DA-0406		Goose Lake			T6 R8E S13	Campsite/village	Woodland
DA-0451					T6 R8E S34	Quarry	Unknown
DA-0452					T6 R8E S34	Campsite/village	Unknown
DA-0453					T6 R8E S34	Campsite/village	Unknown
		Badger					
DA-0689		Terrace			T6 R8E S20	Campsite/village	Unknown
DA-0690		Fish			T6 R8E S20	Campsite/village	Unknown
							Historic Euro- American; Late Archaic; Middle
							Historic Euro- American; Late
	BDA-						
	BDA-	Badger	Not				
		Marsh					
							Late Paleo-Indian; Late Archaic
DA-0852					T6 R8E S17	Campsite/village	Unknown

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DA-0853				T6 R8E S17		Historic Euro-
DA-0904		VE-7		T6 R8E S14	Campsite/village	Unknown
DA-0905		VE-8		T6 R8E S14	Campsite/village	Unknown
DA-0906		VE-9		T6 R8E S14	Campsite/village	Unknown
DA-0907		VE-10		T6 R8E S14	Campsite/village	Unknown
DA-0908		VE-11		T6 R8E S14	Campsite/village	Unknown
DA-0909		Nigh Farm		T6 R8E S14	Farmstead	Historic Euro-
		Warre			Campsite/village;F	Historic Euro-American;Unk