

***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR THE
PROPOSED PIERCE BROOK SUBDIVISION
TOWN OF CANANDAIGUA, ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK***

Deuel Archaeology & CRM (DACRM) has been retained by Marathon Engineering to conduct a Phase IA/IB Cultural Resource Investigation for the proposed Pierce Brook Subdivision to be located between NYS Route 21 and Parrish Street Extension in the Town of Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York. The area of potential effect (APE) consists of approximately 35 acres (14 hectares) of agricultural land, which will be impacted to the extent necessary for the construction of 92 townhome units, two stormwater management facilities, bio-retention areas, a roadway, parking lots, utilities, soil grading, and landscaping. The purpose of this investigation was to determine whether any cultural resources would be negatively impacted by the project. This was accomplished through Phase IA literature research, site file search, and sensitivity assessment; and Phase IB field investigation in the form of shovel testing. The following summary presents the results of the investigation.

Review of the environmental information indicated that the APE is situated in the Central Lowland physiographic province with no mapped units of alluvial soil. Based on the results of Phase IA background research, the APE was considered to have a high degree of sensitivity for Indigenous sites and a low to high degree of sensitivity for historic period sites depending on the proximity to historic period map-documented structures. During the Phase IB field investigation, shovel test pits were excavated at 15-meter intervals within the APE. As a result, three Indigenous artifacts were identified. Radial shovel testing at 1-meter and 3-meter intervals around each artifact failed to produce additional Indigenous cultural material. Therefore, the artifacts are interpreted to be stray finds with no further research potential. Photographs were taken to show general field conditions, field methodology, and the current conditions of the stray finds.

Since the stray finds lack further research potential, the site does not meet National Register criteria. Therefore, proposed development within the APE will have no impact upon archaeological resources in or eligible for inclusion in the State or National Registers of Historic Places. Deuel Archaeology & CRM recommends no further archaeological investigation for the proposed Pierce Brook Subdivision. If the scope of project is modified or expanded beyond the limits surveyed during this investigation, consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office would be recommended.

Field data are currently being incorporated into the report of the Phase IA/IB Cultural Resource Investigation. Upon completion, a digital copy of the report will be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for review and comment. Please feel free to contact the principal investigator should any questions arise.

Sincerely,



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