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INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the requirements of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation we are submitting this final report on the Stage IB testing of the proposed Victory Boulevard development project. The purpose of this Stage IB Archaeological Survey is to provide evidence of the presence or absence of archaeological sites within the project area. It was concluded in our Stage IA Sensitivity Study on this project (Roberts & Farkas 1988), that this location could potentially preserve evidence of both prehistoric and historic occupation.

The Victory Boulevard development project area is located in western Staten Island. The project area parcel is bounded to the southeast by Victory Boulevard, to the south by other properties fronting Cannon Avenue, to the southwest by Meredith Avenue, and to the northwest and northeast by other properties. The Victory Boulevard project area is located on the northern side of the village of Travis. See Figure 1 for the location of the project parcel.

This report is organized in the following manner: first, this introductory section describing the purpose of the survey and the location of the project area; second, a section describing the subsurface testing conducted; third, a section describing the stratigraphy encountered; fourth, a section on the analysis of artifacts recovered; and finally, the conclusions and recommendations. A quantified inventory of all artifacts recovered during this survey is included as an appendix.

FIELD TESTING

The subsurface testing of the Victory Boulevard development project area was conducted from the 4th of April to the 4th of May 1988. The subsurface testing was planned to include a maximum of 67 shovel tests arranged on a 100 foot grid pattern to cover all locations where testing was feasible, primarily the southeastern portion of the project area. If any potentially significant archaeological deposits were discovered during the 100 foot grid interval testing, then 50 grid interval tests were to be conducted in those locations.

The actual subsurface testing performed included 24 shovel tests. See Plate 1 and 2 for illustrations of the shovel testing. The decrease in

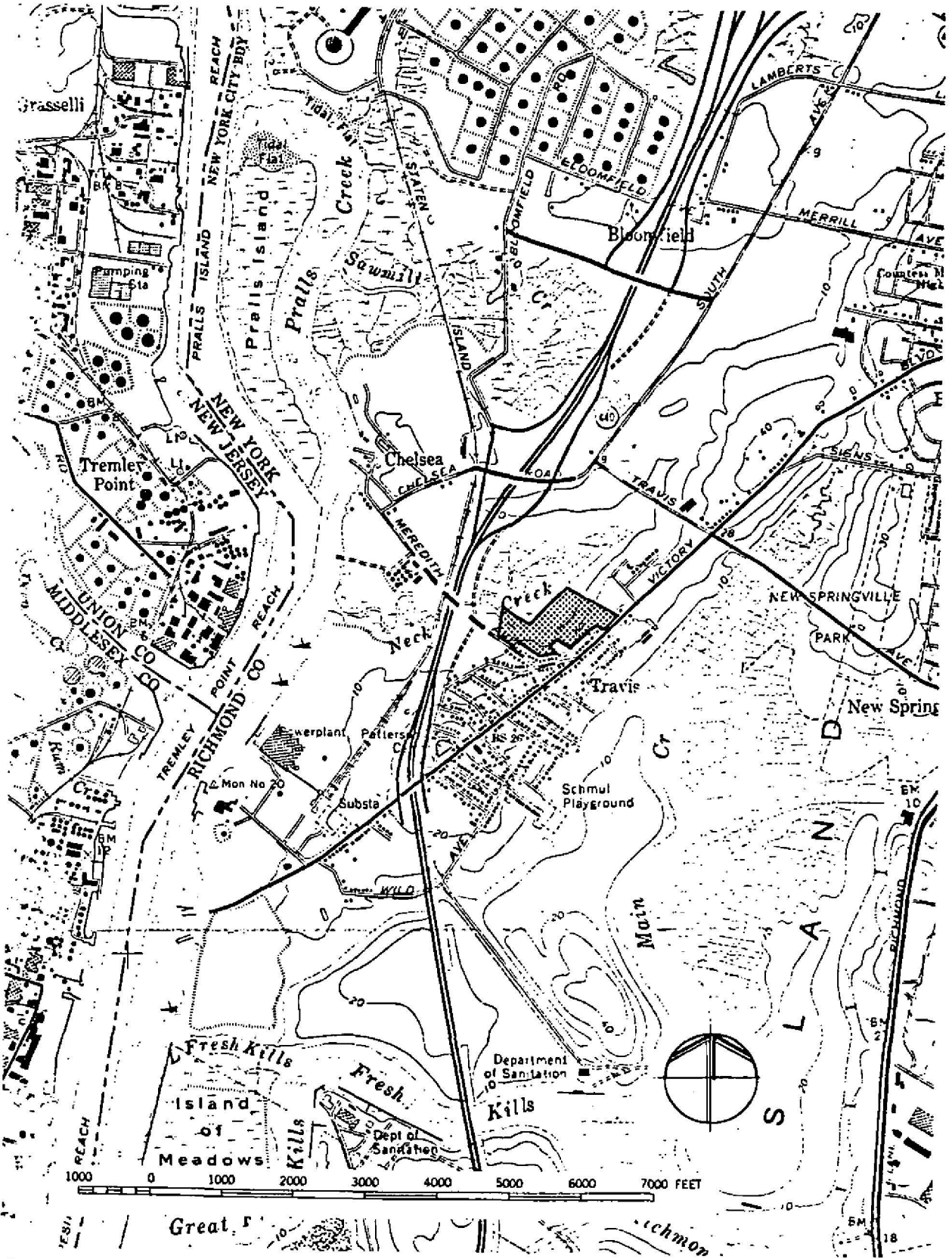


Figure 1: Project Area (indicated by dot pattern) shown on portion of U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute Arthur Kill Quadrangle, 1966, photorevised 1981.

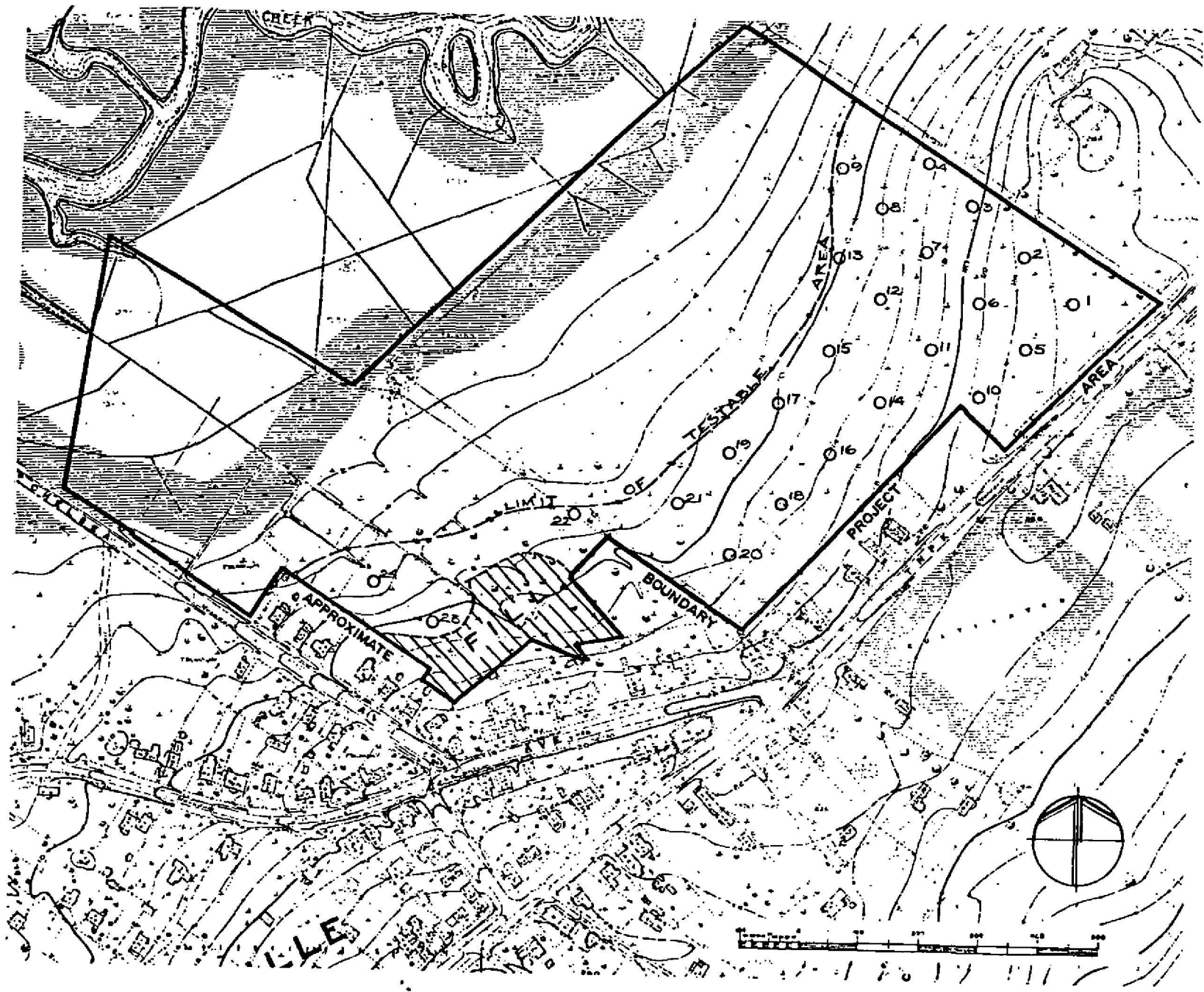


Figure 2: Locations of Shovel Tests within Project Area.





the number of shovel tests was due to the fact that the boundary of the marshy area covering the northwestern portion of the project area was found to be closer to Victory Boulevard than originally expected. This eliminated approximately 37 shovel test locations. In addition, fairly dense and heavy fill deposits were found near the southern boundary of the project area up to five or more feet in thickness, eliminating several additional shovel test locations. See Figure 2 for the locations of the 24 shovel tests completed within the project area. The methodology employed for the shovel testing was rather straightforward. Roughly square tests approximately 1.5 feet on a side were excavated to a depth of 2.0 to 3.0 feet, until the subsoil was exposed or until the test was impeded by excessive ground water or other obstacles. See figure 2 for the locations of the shovel tests. All soils from the shovel tests were screened through 1/4 inch mesh for the recovery of artifacts. Soils were excavated and recorded by natural stratigraphic deposits. For all of the shovel tests, the strata encountered were measured, described and recorded utilizing the Context System. See Appendix 3 for a description of this system, and Appendix 2 for the original survey record forms.

#### STRATIGRAPHIC SUMMARY

The stratigraphy encountered and recorded during the subsurface testing of the Victory Boulevard project area can be summarized as follows. From two to four layers were recorded in the 24 shovel tests excavated. The uppermost layer in most cases was a silty loam or humus with rootmat, usually from reeds. The loam and root mat ranged in color from dark reddish brown to very dark brown with dark brown predominating. Its thickness ranged from 0.2 to 1.6 feet and was usually approximately 0.6 feet thick. Below the loam layer in most cases was a second layer ranging in texture from a clay to a sand with silt the most commonly encountered. This second layer contained only a few shale and other lithic inclusions. Its color ranged from yellow brown to dark brown with dark red brown most common. The second layer ranged in thickness from 0.3 to 1.1 feet, averaging 0.7 feet. Due to the occasional presence of organic inclusions and historic artifacts this layer is being interpreted as a former plowzone. In approximately 45% of the shovel tests the second stratum was not present, and the subsoil was found directly underneath the topsoil, especially in the northwestern portions of the project area where the conditions were marshy. In the majority of cases three layers were observed. The third (and usually final) layer ranged in texture from sand to clay with silt most common. Its color ranged from yellow-brown through grey brown and strong brown to red brown and red with dark reddish brown predominating. Shale inclusions were fairly common. The upper surface of the third layer was found from 0.2 to 2.0 feet below the surface, averaging 1.0 feet below the surface. The third stratum was interpreted as natural subsoil. In only one of the shovel tests four layers were observed. This fourth stratum consisted of gravel with some sand, and contained cultural material. It



was interpreted as fill. The color was dark grey brown. This fill layer was found at 0.2 feet below the surface and was 0.2 feet thick.

#### ARTIFACT PROCESSING, ANALYSIS AND INVENTORY

Subsequent to all fieldwork, all recovered materials were washed, marked, stabilized, and catalogued in the Greenhouse laboratory. The majority of artifacts were washed in room temperature tap water with added ORVUS paste (modified sodium lauryl sulfate), which is a non-ionic detergent. Harsh detergents leave an alkali residue if not completely rinsed away, and will chemically attack certain artifacts (the overglazed decoration on porcelain, for instance). ORVUS is a mild and free-rinsing surface active agent with a low pH of 6.3. Metal artifacts were systematically dewatered by submersion in acetone immediately after rinsing. Bones recovered were usually dry brushed, unless recovered from a wet context. Lithic materials for analysis were cleaned using an ultra-sonic cleaner. This insures undamaged, clean edges to facilitate microscopic analysis. The drying procedure was dependent upon the condition of the artifact. The standard procedure employed was slow air drying on screens in the laboratory processing area.

All recovered materials were then catalogued according to the National Park Service Cultural Material Data Base taxonomy for artifacts (see Appendix 1). All historic artifacts were coded as to group, class, and material. All diagnostic historic artifacts such as glass and ceramics were dated based on the stylistic and technical criteria according to their TPQ (terminus post quem, or beginning date of manufacture). The TPQ provides a time frame for establishing the initial date after which the deposit had to have been laid down.

Subsequent to cataloging, all artifacts were then computer inventoried on the micro-computer data base system, which provided sorted catalogues with totals and dates for each excavated group of artifacts by units of stratigraphic association. The final inventory is reproduced on paper and appears as Appendix 1, and is available on any floppy disk format as an ASCII file on request.

#### Results of Artifact Analyses:

A total of 84 artifacts were recovered from the Stage IB testing of the Victory Boulevard development project area. Nearly all of the artifacts date to the historic period, including a number of rather modern items, and only one possible prehistoric artifact was recovered.

The only possible prehistoric artifact came from Cx. 14.03. It was identified as being a secondary quartz flake. A close examination of this artifact led to the conclusion that although it could have been produced during the prehistoric period, it could also have been knocked off a quartz cobble during plowing, and therefore could date to the



historic period. No other possible prehistoric artifacts were noted.

The historic artifacts recovered consist of modern debris such as plastics and aluminum cans, as well as older items. Overall, these items can be summarized as household and building construction/destruction debris from the late 19th and 20th centuries. Construction/destruction related materials included red brick fragments, window glass, iron nails, wire and fragments from linoleum flooring. See Plates 4 and 5 for examples. Household or occupation related debris included container glass, ceramics, slag and coal fragments. See Plate 3 for one of the 19th century occupation related artifacts. The most recent items recovered are most likely the plastic artifacts, such as the toy gun from Cx. 24.01. See Plate 6. The historic artifacts were interpreted as representing debris disposed of along the edge of the marsh at various times during the last century.



## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Despite the presence of 9 known prehistoric sites within a two mile radius, and the existence of some sandy soils on the project area, the Stage IB shovel testing failed to identify the presence of any prehistoric archaeological sites within the Victory Boulevard project area. The few historic remains encountered were interpreted as late 19th and 20th century debris dumped along the edge of the marsh. This debris included building destruction rubble and automobile parts that were observed but not collected. No historic structural remains or subsurface features were found. It is our opinion that no significant cultural resources from either period were present. The lack of potentially significant finds from either period combined with the nature of the soils seen within the project area, dense fill deposits of up to five feet thick near Victory Boulevard and Meredith Avenue as well as very spongy water saturated soils to the north and west, convinced us that any further testing of this location would be unlikely to yield additional evidence. Therefore the shovel testing completed represents a level of effort equivalent to a 100 foot grid pattern over the portions of the project area that could be tested.

This final report documents the procedures and results of the Stage IB archaeological survey of the Victory Boulevard development project in Staten Island, New York. Based on this objective subsurface testing and surface inspection, it can now be concluded that no potentially significant prehistoric or historic archaeological resources are present within the boundaries of the Victory Boulevard development project area. We can now confidently state that additional testing is not necessary and no Stage II or Stage III work is recommended.

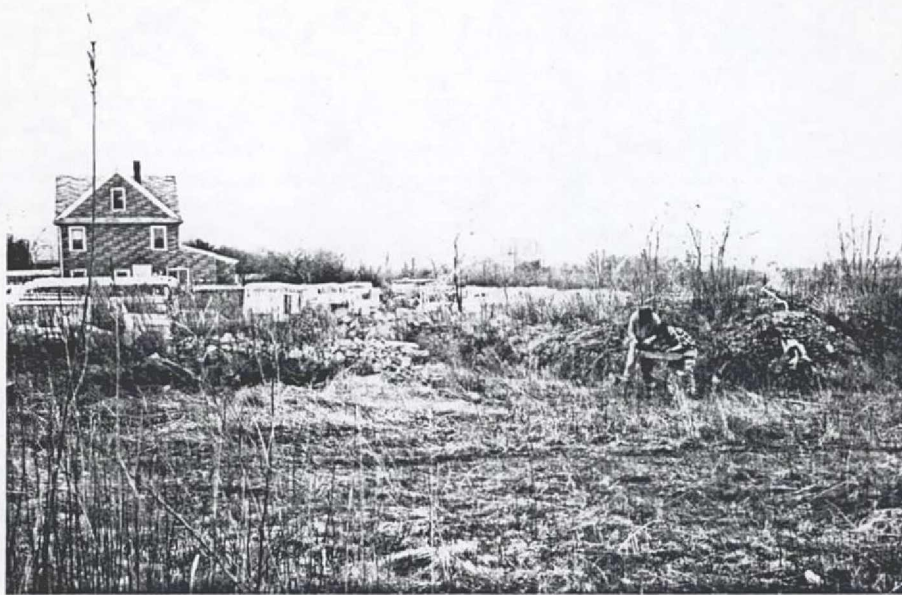


Plate 1: View of southeastern portion of the project area looking southeast towards Victory Boulevard.



Plate 2: Shovel Testing in progress.

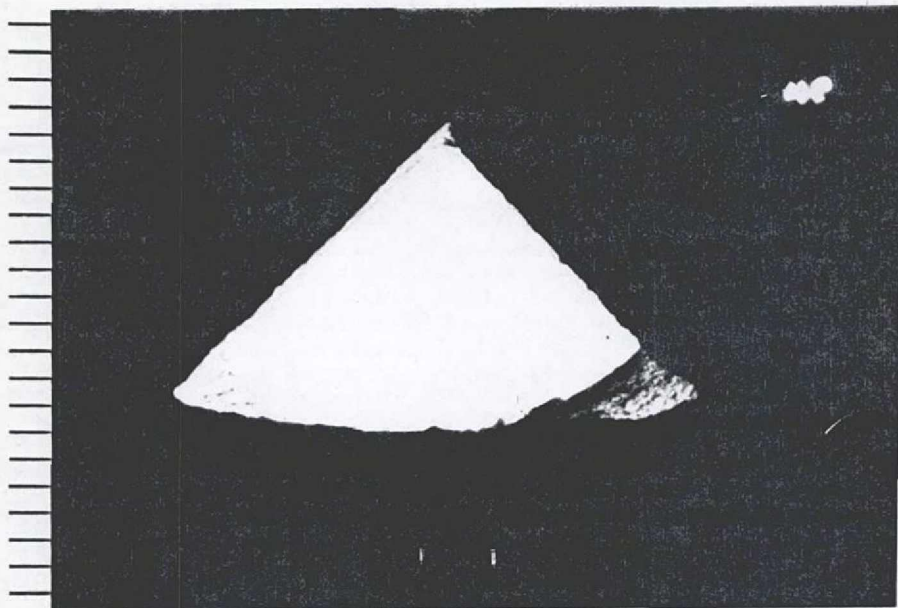


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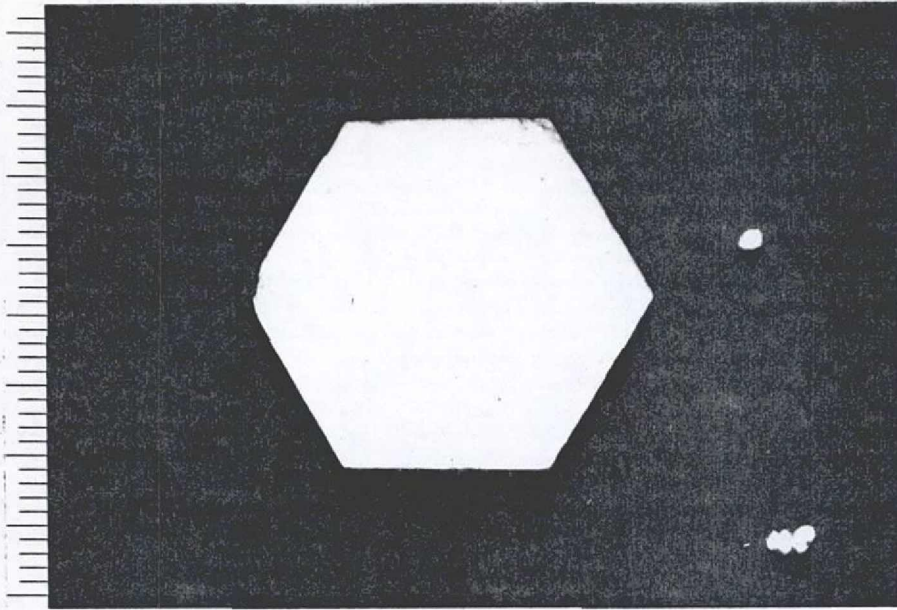


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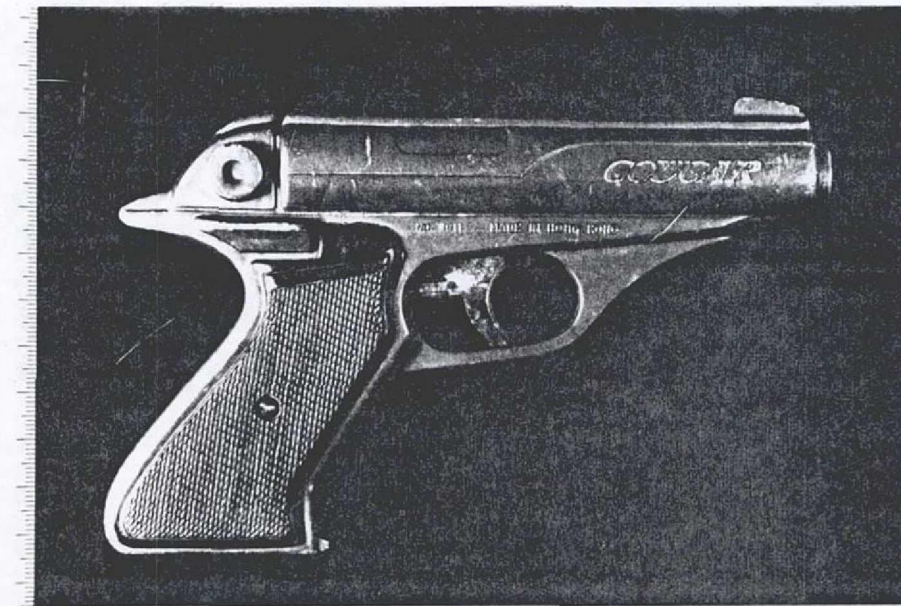


Plate 6: Cx. 24.01 Plastic Toy Gun, "Cougar" brand.



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APPENDIX I

THE COMPLETE ARTIFACT INVENTORY

including:

- Table 1: The National Park Service Material Culture Data Base Coding Chart (partial listing).
- Table 2: Coded examples from the Data Base.
- Table 3: Data Base Codes for Ambiguous Items.

APPENDIX 1

GROUPS AND CLASSES

MATERIALS - COMMON LIST (classified)

01	KITCHEN GROUP	09	ACTIVITIES GROUP		
01	Dishes	01	Construction Tools		
02	Containers	02	Farm Tools		
03	Tableware	03	Leisure Activities		
04	Kitchenware	04	Fishing Gear		
02	BONE GROUP	05	Montealtn Pipe		
01	Mammalia	06	Smoking Accessories		
02	Area	07	Pottery Class		
03	Reptilia	08	Storage Items		
04	Amphibia	09	Ethnofauna Zoological		
05	Pinces	10	Stable and Barn		
03	ARCHITECTURAL GROUP	11	Miscellaneous Hardware		
01	Window Glass	12	Specialized Activities		
02	Nails	13	Military Objects		
03	Spikes	14	Housekeeping		
04	Door & Window Hardware	15	Public Services		
05	Other Structural Hardware	16	Ethnobotanical		
06	Construction Materials	10	PREHISTORIC GROUP		
04	FURNITURE GROUP	01	Weapons		
01	Hardware	02	Domestic		
02	Materials	03	Stone Working		
03	Lighting Device	04	Wood Working		
04	Decorative Furnishings	05	Digging Tools		
05	ARMS GROUP	06	Other Fabricating or Processing Tools		
01	Projectiles	07	Other General Utility Tools		
02	Cartridge Case	08	Ceremonial & Ornamental		
03	Arm Accessories	09	Miscellaneous Artifacts		
04	Gun Parts	98	UNSPECIFIED GROUP		
06	CLOTHING GROUP				
01	Apparel				
02	Ornamentation				
03	Making and Repair				
04	Fasteners				
07	PERSONAL GROUP				
01	Coins				
02	Keys				
03	Writing Para-hermalia				
04	Grooming and Hygiene				
05	Personal Ornamentation				
06	Other Personal Items				
08	KAOLIN TOBACCO PIPE GROUP				
01	Kaolin Pipe Class				
				INORGANIC MATERIALS	ORGANIC MATERIALS
				CERAMIC	CELLULOSE
				003 earthenware	115 bark
				004 ironstone/granite/whiteware	108 burlap
				001 porcelain	128 charcoal
				002 stoneware	092 cork
				134 undifferentiated ceramic	087 cotton
				CLAY	131 fiberboard/maonite
				047 clay	085 hemp
				062 kaolin	011 paper
				079 red clay	006 wood
				CONSTRUCTION	121 cellulose seeds/seed covering
				069 brick	CONSTRUCTION
				071 cement	091 asphalt
				070 mortar	125 formica
				072 plaster	101 linoleum
				GLASS	102 tar paper
				078 glass	WAX
				013 glass, milk	076 wax
				112 slag and clinker	GUM/RESIN
				METALS	010 rubber, elastic
				029 aluminum	009 rubber, hard
				035 chrome	PETROCHEMICALS
				026 cuprous metal	073 carbon
				028 ferrous alloy	095 coal
				021 gold	048 graphite
				034 lead	116 tar
				096 mercury	PROTEIN
				019 silver	118 chitin (arthropod, exoskeleton)
				032 steel	106 felt
				003 tin	122 flesh
				136 undifferentiated metal	016 hair
				STONE	117 keratin (horn/fingernail/claw)
				129 agate	015 leather
				075 asbestos	107 silk
				133 chalk	090 sponge, natural
				052 chert	105 wool
				046 gravel	COMBINATION MATERIALS
				109 jet	017 bone
				038 limestone	132 ivory
				041 marble	067 pearl
				049 mica	089 shell
				058 obsidian	SYNTHETIC MATERIALS
				057 ochre	103 celluloid
				068 precious stone	088 nylon **
				053 quartz	008 plastic
				054 quartzite	077 soap
				039 sandstone	091 sponge, synthetic
				044 shale	104 synthetic
				040 slate	TEXTILE
				060 streatite	131 undifferentiated textile
				043 schist	
				126 undifferentiated stone	
				042 granite	

Table 1: Coding Chart with Group, Class and Material Common List (National Park Service Material Culture Data Base).

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GROUPS AND CLASSES

01	KITCHEN	SAMPLE ARTIFACTS
01	Dishes	Historic fragments, plate, cup, salt cellar
02	Containers	Bottle glass fragments
03	Tableware	Eating Utensils
04	Kitchenware	Cooking Utensils, pot, kettle
02	BONE GROUP	
01	Mammalia	Mammal Bones
02	Aves	Bird Bones
03	Reptilia	Reptile Bones
04	Amphibia	Amphibian Bones
05	Pisces	Fish Bones
03	ARCHITECTURAL GROUP	
01	Window Glass	Window pane glass
02	Nails	Copper nails, iron nails
03	Spikes	Railroad spikes
04	Door & Window Hardware	Doorknob, door hinge
05	Other Structural Hardware	Pipe, fireplace tiles
06	Construction Materials	Brick, mortar, metal roofing
04	FURNITURE GROUP	
01	Hardware	Handle, drawer pull, latch
02	Materials	Stove parts, chair part, bed frame
03	Lighting device	Candlestick, lamp base
04	Decorative Furnishings	Flower pot, clock parts, vase
05	ARMS GROUP	
01	Projectiles	Shot, bullets
02	Cartridge Case	Cartridge
03	Arm Accessories	Gun flints, bullet molds, powder horn
04	Gun Parts	Pistol barrel, flint lock assembly
06	CLOTHING GROUP	
01	Apparel	Hat, coat, scarves, glove, shoe
02	Ornamentation	Beads, sequin, hatpin, feather
03	Making & Repair	Thimble, straight pin, straight scissors
04	Fasteners	Buttons, snaps, buckles, cuff links
07	PERSONAL GROUP	
01	Coins	Silver coins, copper coins
02	Keys	Door lock keys, padlock keys
03	Writing Paraphernalia	Quill, fountain pen nib, graphite pencil
04	Grooming & Hygiene	Hair brush, razor, mirror, tweezers
05	Personal Ornamentation	Jewelry, ribbon, ornamental comb
06	Other Personal Items	Pocket watch, key chain, pocket knife
08	KAOLIN PIPE GROUP	
01	Kaolin Pipe Class	Kaolin pipe fragments

GROUPS AND CLASSES (cont'd)

09	ACTIVITIES GROUP	
01	Construction Tools	Axe head, drill bit, saw, paint brush
02	Farm Tools	Hoe, rake, plow blade
03	Leisure Activities	Marbles, Jew's harp, doll parts
04	Fishing Gear	Fish hooks, sinkers, crab trap
05	Nonkaolin Pipe	Corncob pipe
06	Smoking Accessories	Snuff tin, tobacco tin, pipe cleaner
07	Pottery Class	(Indian) water jar, effigy pot
08	Storage Item	Crock, barrel staves, sacks
09	Ethnofaunal Zoological	Oyster shells, crab shells
10	Stable and Barn	Stirrup, horse shoe, rein, harness belt
11	Miscellaneous Hardware	Rope, bolts, nuts, washers, chain
12	Specialized Activities	Button blanks, metallurgic debris, anggars
13	Military Objects	Insignia, bayonets
14	Housekeeping	Broom, coat hanger, washboard
15	Public Services	Sewer pipe, water pipe
16	Ethnobotanical	
10	PREHISTORIC GROUP	
01	Weapons	Projectile point, atlatl hook
02	Domestic	Vessel, mortar, pestle
03	Stone Working	Hammerstone, baton, flake, core
04	Wood Working	Celt, grooved axe
05	Digging Tools	Hoe
06	Other Fabricating or Processing Tools	Drill, chisel, needle
07	Other General Utility Tools	Knife, prismatic blade, chopper
08	Ceremonial and Ornamental	Sheet, gorget, bead
09	Miscellaneous Artifacts	Function unknown

Table 2: Coded Examples (National Park Service Material Culture Data Base).

## APPENDIX 1

THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW MAY BE AMBIGUOUS OR HARD TO PLACE IN A TAXONOMIC CATEGORY, BUT AS A CONVENTION, FOR INVENTORY PURPOSES, WILL BE CODED AS FOLLOWS:

Unident Wood Frag	98 00 006
Construction Wood, Wooden	
Pegs, Wood Planks	03 06 006
Twigs, Branches	09 16 006
Burned Wood (Partial)	Code as wood (above) and put "burnt wood" in the comments section.
Charcoal & all small frags of completely burnt wood	Code as charcoal
Coal	98 00 095
Slag, burned coal, vitrified metalworking or manufacturing by-products	98 00 112
Pantiles	03 06 003
Delft fireplace tiles, wall shirting, etc.	04 04 003
Porcelain bathroom tiles; other bathroom furniture (tub, toilet, etc)	03 05 001
Chamber Pot	04 02 ( )
Flower Pot	04 04 003
Teeth	02 ( ) 132
Fish scales	09 09 118
Coral	98 00 119
Eggshell	09 09 119
Seeds, Seed Covering	09 16 121
Schist (construction)	03 06 043
Schist (unident)	98 00 043
Red Brick	03 06 169
Yellow Brick	03 06 155
Linoeum	03 06 101
Metal Hardware (probably construction)	03 06 ( )
Furniture Hardware	04 01 ( )
Misc. hardware (other and unident), screws, car parts	09 11 ( )
Leather Shoe Parts	06 01 015
Unident Leather scraps	98 00 015
Leather Personal Items	07 ( ) 015

Table 3: National Park Service  
Material Culture Data Base Codes for Ambiguous Items

Victory Blvd., Staten Island, N.Y. Inventory

Context	Sp	Cl	Mat	Identity	Count	Weight	Comment	tpq	Reference
1.01	01	01	001	PORCELAIN FRAGMENT	1	0.0	HARD PASTE		
1.01	01	01	004	UNDEC WHITEWARE	1	0.0	BODY SHERD		1820 SOUTH:1972, N. HUME:1976
4.01	01	02	078	CONTAINER GLASS FRAGMENT	1	0.0	CLEAR, TINY		
4.01	98	00	008	UNIDENT PLASTIC FRAGMENT	1	0.0	BLUE		
5.01	01	02	078	CONTAINER GLASS FRAGMENT	1	0.0	CLEAR		
5.01	98	00	008	UNIDENT PLASTIC FRAGMENT	1	0.0	SILVER AND BLACK COATED		
5.02	03	06	069	RED BRICK FRAG	1	0.5	TINY		
5.02	09	11	028	UNIDENT METAL FRAGS	2	0.0	RUSTED		
5.02	98	00	095	COAL	1	0.3	TINY		
5.02	98	00	008	UNIDENT PLASTIC FRAGS	4	0.0	ORANGE		
6.01	01	02	078	CONTAINER GLASS FRAGMENT	1	0.0	BROWN		
6.03	03	01	078	WINDOW GLASS	1	0.0	PALE GREEN		
7.01	01	01	003	BUFF BODIED EARTHENWARE	1	0.0	CLEAR LEAD GLAZE		
7.01	04	02	088	LAWN CHAIR WEBBING	1	0.0	NYLON		
7.01	98	00	095	COAL	1	0.8	BURNED		
7.02	03	01	078	WINDOW GLASS	1	0.0	PALE AQUA		
7.02	03	01	078	WINDOW GLASS	1	0.0	RIMSHERD		
7.02	98	00	000	UNIDENT FRAGS	4	0.0	BLACK		
8.01	03	01	078	WINDOW GLASS	1	0.0	CLEAR		
8.02	01	01	004	UNDECORATED WHITEWARE	1	0.0	TINY, BODY SHERD		1820 SOUTH:1972, N. HUME:1976
10.01	01	02	078	VERY THIN CLEAR GLASS	1	0.0	POSS CHIMNEY LAMP GLASS		
10.01	01	02	078	CONTAINER GLASS FRAGMENT	1	0.0	VERY THICK		
10.01	03	01	078	FLAT GLASS FRAGS	2	0.0	WINDOW GLASS		
10.01	03	06	093	ASPHALT	5	0.0	SHINGLE		
10.01	98	00	029	ALUMINUM FRAGMENT	1	0.0	POSSIBLE CAN		
10.01	98	00	095	COAL	4	6.9	BURNED		
10.01	98	00	112	SLAG	2	12.6	CINDER-LIKE		
11.02	09	11	026	COPPER WIRE	1	0.0	PLASTIC COATED, POSS ALUMINUM		
11.02	98	00	095	COAL	2	3.0	POSS BURNED		
12.01	03	02	028	ROUND NAIL	1	0.0	RUSTED		
12.01	03	06	101	LINOLEUM	1	0.0	PLAIN		
12.01	09	11	028	MISC UNIDENT METAL	2	0.0	CORRODED		
12.01	98	00	095	COAL	1	0.3	TINY		
13.01	01	02	078	CLR CONTAINER GLASS FRAG	1	0.0	THICK		
13.01	03	06	075	ASPESTOS	2	0.0	TRANSITE BOARD		
13.01	03	06	069	BRICK FRAGMENTS	2	92.2	RED BRICK		
13.01	09	09	089	SHELL	1	1.9	CLAM		
14.02	03	01	078	WINDOW GLASS	1	0.0	CLEAR		
14.02	03	06	072	PLASTER	1	0.0	GROOVED		
14.02	09	09	089	SHELL FRAGMENT	1	0.4	PROBABLE OYSTER		
14.02	98	00	126	UNIDENT PEBBLE	1	0.0	POSS GRAVEL		
14.03	01	02	008	STYROFOAM FRAGMENT	1	0.0	20TH CENTURY, PROBABLE CUP		
14.03	03	02	028	ROUND NAILS	2	0.0	RUSTED		
14.03	03	06	070	MORTAR	1	0.0	PAINTED		
14.03	10	03	053	POSS FLAKE	1	0.0	QUARTZ		
14.03	98	00	112	SLAG	2	4.7	CINDER-LIKE		
14.03	98	00	095	COAL	1	4.2	BURNED		
15.01	03	06	001	PORCELAIN TILE	1	0.0	HEXAGONAL		
16.01	01	01	003	UNGLAZED RED EARTHENWARE	1	0.0	BODY SHERD		

Victory Blvd., Staten Island, N.Y. Inventory

Context	Gp	Cl	Mat	Identity	Count	Weight	Comment	tpq	Reference
16.01	01	02	078	CLR CONTAINER GLASS FRAG	1	0.0	RIMSHERD		
16.01	03	02	028	UNIDENT NAIL	1	0.0	CORRODED		
16.01	09	11	028	UNIDENT METAL FRAGMENT	1	0.0	CORRODED		
16.01	09	11	028	WIRE	1	0.0	RUSTED		
16.01	98	00	029	ALUMINUM FRAGMENT	1	0.0	CORRODED, POSS CAN FRAGMENT		
17.01	98	00	095	COAL	2	1.0	BURNED		
19.01	01	01	003	UNGLAZED RED EARTHENWARE	3	0.0	POSS FLOWER POT SHERDS		
20.01	03	01	078	WINDOW GLASS	1	0.0	WEATHER-WORN		
24.01	01	02	078	CLR CONTAINER GLASS FRAG	1	0.0	BODY SHERD		
24.01	09	03	008	PLASTIC TOY GUN	1	0.0	'COUGAR' BRAND		
*** Total ***					84	128.8			

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APPENDIX 2:  
SURVEY RECORD SHEETS  
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : <i>VICTORY BEAN</i>		COORDINATES : <i>100' SE of substation 100' NW of road</i>			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : <i>W.P.</i>	EXCAVATOR : <i>S.P. JR.</i>	SCREENED ? <i>1/4"</i>	DATE : <i>4/4</i>	TEST TYPE AND NO. : <i>ST #1</i>
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	<i>0-.4</i>	<i>silty humus</i>	<i>5YR 3/4 dk. red br.</i>	<i>ceramic</i>	
2	<i>.4-1.5</i>	<i>silty loam</i>	<i>2.5 YR 4/4 red</i>	—	
3	<i>1.5-1.7</i>	<i>silty loam</i>	<i>2.5 YR 3/4 dk. red br.</i>	—	
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* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.)					
Cross Refs :					
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : <i>VICTORY BEAN</i>		COORDINATES : <i>100' SE of substation 100' NW of road</i>			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR :	EXCAVATOR :	SCREENED ?	DATE :	TEST TYPE AND NO. : <i>ST 2</i>
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	<i>0-.04</i>	<i>silty humus</i>	<i>5 YR 3/5 Dark Reddish brown</i>	—	
2	<i>0.4-1.3</i>	<i>sandy loam</i>	<i>7.5 YR 4/4 Dark Brown</i>	—	<i>shale nodules</i>
3	<i>1.3-1.7</i>	<i>sandy loam</i>	<i>2.5 YR 3/6 Dark Red</i>	—	<i>shale nodules</i>
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7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.)					
Cross Refs :					
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : Victory Blvd		COORDINATES : 100' SE of substation 300' NW of road			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : W.E.	EXCAVATOR : S.P. GK	SCREENED ? 1/4"	DATE : 4/4	TEST TYPE AND NO. : S.T. 3
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH •	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0-4	ploughed mottled silty loam	5 YR 3/4 dk. red br.	—	w.k.
2	.7-1.3 9	not retained silty silt	2.5 YR 3/4 dk. red br.	—	not.
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8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.)					
Cross Refs :					
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : Victory Blvd		COORDINATES : 100' SE of substation 400' NW of road			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : W.R.	EXCAVATOR : S.P. W.K.	SCREENED ? 1/4"	DATE : 4/4	TEST TYPE AND NO. : ST. 4
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH •	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0-0.6 <del>0-0.6</del>	Mottled silty loam	5 YR 3/8 Dk reddish	Plastic & glass Break	Plough zone
2	0.6-1.1	silty clay	2.5 YR 3/6 Dark red	—	sub soil
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* Give depths rela to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.)					
Cross Refs :					
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : Victory Blvd		COORDINATES : 200' SE of substation (100' NW) of Road			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : W.R.	EXCAVATOR : S.P. Jk.	SCREENED ? 1/4"	DATE : 4/4/80	TEST TYPE AND NO. : ST. 5
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0-13	plowzone mottled clay loam	7.5 YR 5/4 brown	glass/ plastic	sheet metal (not collected)
2	-3-1.4	subsoil silt	6.5 YR 4/6 red *	plastic metal (toward top)	* become lighter toward bottom = 5YR 4/4 reddish brown
3					
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* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.)					
Cross Refs :					
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : Victory Blvd		COORDINATES : 200' SE of substation (100' NW) of Road			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : W.R.	EXCAVATOR : S.P. W.K.	SCREENED ? 1/4"	DATE : 4/4/80	TEST TYPE AND NO. : ST. 6
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0-4	<del>clay loam</del> silty loam	7.5 YR 4/6 dusky brown		soil not met
2	4-.7	clay loam	7.5 YR 3/4 dark brown		Plough zone
3	7-1.2	clay silt	2.5 YR 4/6 red		sub soil
4					
5					
6					
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8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.)					
Cross Refs :					
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : <i>Victory Blvd.</i>			COORDINATES :		
SITE :	SUPERVISOR :	EXCAVATOR :	SCREENED ?	DATE :	TEST TYPE AND NO. :
	NR	JP	1/4"	5 April 88	7
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0-0.2'	Turf w/ clayey hum	7.5 YR 3/4 Dk. Br.	Wk. pink, Ceramic Coal	
2	0.2-0.8'	clayey silt	5 YR 3/4 R. R. Br.	Glass, 70 paper (?)	P.Z.
3	0.8-?	Sandy silt	6 YR 4/4 L. Br.	—	Shovel
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) <i>Stopped @ 1.6' . Some water</i>					
Cross Refs :					
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : <i>Victory Blvd.</i>			COORDINATES :		
SITE :	SUPERVISOR :	EXCAVATOR :	SCREENED ?	DATE :	TEST TYPE AND NO. :
	WR	S.P.	1/2"	5/4/88	ST. 8
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0-3	silty loam	<del>5YR 7.5R</del> <del>3/5</del> Dk. Brown	glass	Turf root mat
2	3-1.2	<del>clay</del> silt	5YR 3/5 Dark red brown	ceramic	Plough zone (?)
3	1.2- <del>1.9</del>	clay silt	5YR 3/5 Dark red	—	sub soil
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) <del>Stopped</del> Stopped at 1.9					
Cross Refs :					
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : <i>Victory Blvd.</i>		COORDINATES : <i>20' S.W. of geod. pt.</i>			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : <i>WR</i>	EXCAVATOR : <i>SP</i>	SCREENED ? <i>1/4"</i>	DATE : <i>5 April 88</i>	TEST TYPE AND NO. : <i>S.T. 9</i>
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	<i>0-1.1'</i>	<i>Silty Loam</i>	<i>10 YR 2/2 Y. Br. Bl.</i>	—	<i>Many roots</i>
2	<i>1.1'-?</i>	<i>silt</i>	<i>10 YR 7/1 Dk. Yel. Br.</i>	—	<i>Subsoil</i>
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) <i>Stopped @ 2.2' Some water</i>					
Cross Refs :					
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : <i>Victory Blvd.</i>		COORDINATES :			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : <i>WR</i>	EXCAVATOR : <i>SP</i>	SCREENED ? <i>1/4"</i>	DATE : <i>5 April 88</i>	TEST TYPE AND NO. : <i>S.T. 10</i>
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	<i>0-.8'</i>	<i>Silty Loam w/ much gravel</i>	<i>7.5 YR 3/4 Dk. Br.</i>	—	<i>Plastic discarded, Raphan. Stems, Coal, Glass, Aluminum, etc.</i>
2	<i>0.8'-?</i>	<i>Compact silt</i>	<i>2.5 YR 3/4 Dk. Red Br.</i>	—	<i>Subsoil</i>
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) <i>Stopped @ 1.5'</i>					
Cross Refs :					
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : Victory Blvd.		COORDINATES :			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : WR.	EXCAVATOR : S.P.	SCREENED ? 1/4 "	DATE : 5/14/58	TEST TYPE AND NO. : ST. 11
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0-3	silly loam	10 YR 7.5 Dark brown	—	Turn red line
2	3-2.0	compact silt w/ refuse, gravel & some clay	7.5 YR 3/4 Dark brown	wire, con. l	mottled with reddish brown fill
3	2.0-(?)	compact silt	6.5 YR 3/6 Dark red	—	sub soil
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) stopped at 2.2 ft.					
Cross Refs :					
Plan			Photos		
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : Victory Blvd		COORDINATES :			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : W.R.	EXCAVATOR : S.P.	SCREENED ? 1/4	DATE : 5/11/58	TEST TYPE AND NO. : ST. 12
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0-8	silly loam	10 YR 7.5 YR 3/2 Dark Brown	—	refuse, mica, shell wire, coal probe notes from reads
2	8-1.4	sandy silt	7.5 YR 3/4 Dark Brown	—	
3	1.4 (?)	slightly clay silt	2.5 YR 3/4 Dark red brown	—	sub soil
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) stopped at 1.7 water seepage					
Cross Refs :					
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**SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests**

PROJECT : Victory Blvd.		COORDINATES : 15' NE of Grid Pt.			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : WR	EXCAVATOR : SP	SCREENED ? 1/4"	DATE : 5 April 88	TEST TYPE AND NO. : S.T. 13
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0 - ?	silt	7.5 YR 3/2 dk. br.	Brick, Tile, Glass, Shell	Pottery food knobs
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) Stopped @ 1.1' - standing water					
Cross Refs :					
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**SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests**

PROJECT : Victory Blvd		COORDINATES :			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : W.R.	EXCAVATOR : S.P.	SCREENED ? 1/4	DATE : 5/4/88	TEST TYPE AND NO. : ST. 14
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0 - 02	silty loam	10 YR 2/1 Black		Turf root mat
2	02 - 04	gravel + some sand	2.5 Y 4/2 dark grey brown	glass, shell, building material	fill
3	04 - 09	compact clay silt w/ some gravel	10 YR 2/3 dark brown	large platform with black, red glass obs, building material	fill
4	9 - ?	compact silt	5 YR 3/2 dark red brown		sub soil
5					
6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) stopped at 1.2 wood frags level 3 discarded in field					
Cross Refs :					
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Section			Notebook		

SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : Victory Blvd.		COORDINATES :			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : W.R.	EXCAVATOR : SP.	SCREENED ? b.n.s.	DATE : 5/4/88	TEST TYPE AND NO. : 15
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH •	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0-2	Silty loam	10 YR 3/8 Dark Brown	Tile	root mat reel roots
2	2-(?)	clay	4-5 YR 3/4 Dark red brown	—	sub soil(?)
3					
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5					
6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) stopped at .6 because of standing water					
Cross Refs :					
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PROJECT : Victory Blvd.		COORDINATES :			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : WR	EXCAVATOR : GS	SCREENED ? 1/4"	DATE : 1 May 88	TEST TYPE AND NO. : S.T. 16
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH •	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0-?	compacted silt w/ Red Birch logs, stems, weed, etc.	10 YR 7/3 Dk Gray Black	Grass, Brick, Nails, Wire, (Plastic & Wood discarded)	Fill
2					
3					
4					
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7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) stopped @ 1.1 ft. - soil impenetrable - rocks, etc.					
Cross Refs :					
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : <i>Victory Blvd.</i>			COORDINATES :		
SITE :	SUPERVISOR :	EXCAVATOR :	SCREENED ?	DATE :	TEST TYPE AND NO. :
	<i>WR</i>	<i>GS</i>	<i>1/4 inch</i>	<i>4 May 88</i>	<i>S.T. 17</i>

STRATIGRAPHY :

LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0 - 1.0'	Top of clayey silt	7.5 YR 4/2 Brown	Coal	Topsoil
2	1.0 - ?	Slightly silty clay	5 YR 5/2 x 1/2 in. Red	—	Subsoil
3					
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7					
8					

\* Give depths relative to ground surface

General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.)

*Stopped @ 1.4 ft. - standing H<sub>2</sub>O*

Cross Refs :

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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : <i>Victory Blvd.</i>			COORDINATES :		
SITE :	SUPERVISOR :	EXCAVATOR :	SCREENED ?	DATE :	TEST TYPE AND NO. :
	<i>WR</i>	<i>GS</i>	<i>1/4"</i>	<i>4 May 88</i>	<i>S.T. 18</i>

STRATIGRAPHY :

LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0 - 1.6'	Top of silty loam & many roots	7.5 YR 4/2 Brown	—	Topsoil
2	1.6' - ?	Slightly clayey silt	7.5 YR 4/2 Gray Brown	—	Subsoil
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7					
8					

\* Give depths relative to ground surface

General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.)

*Stopped @ 1.9 ft - some H<sub>2</sub>O*

Cross Refs :

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PROJECT : Victory Blvd.		COORDINATES :			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : WR	EXCAVATOR : GS	SCREENED ? 1/4"	DATE : 9 May 88	TEST TYPE AND NO. : S.T. 19
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0 - 0.6'	Sandy Loam w/ rust	7.5 YR 7/1 Strong Brown	Redstone	Topsoil
2	0.6' - 1.5'	Sandy Silt	7.5 YR 4/4 Brown w/ a little yellow	—	Mottled Zone
3	1.5' - ?	Silt	5 YR 4/6 Yellowish Red	—	Subsoil
4					
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6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) Stopped @ 1.8 ft - H <sub>2</sub> O					
Cross Refs :					
Plan		Photos			
Section		Notebook			

SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : Victory Blvd.		COORDINATES :			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : WR	EXCAVATOR : GS	SCREENED ? 1/4"	DATE : 9 May 88	TEST TYPE AND NO. : S.T. 20
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0 - 0.9	Silty Loam w/ rust + roots	7.5 YR 4/4 Strong Brown	Window Flairs	Topsoil
2	0.9' - ?	clay	5 YR 5/6 Yellow Brown	—	Subsoil
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* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) Stopped @ 1.6 ft. - little H <sub>2</sub> O					
Cross Refs :					
Plan		Photos			
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : Victory Blvd.		COORDINATES :			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : NR	EXCAVATOR : GS	SCREENED ? 1/4"	DATE : 1 May 88	TEST TYPE AND NO. : S.T. 21
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH •	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0 - 0.8'	Silty loam w/ Turf	10 YR 4/3 Dk. Br.	—	Topsoil
2	0.8' - ?	Silty Clay w/ Shale	5 YR 4/1 Red Br.	—	Subsoil
3					
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6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) Stopped @ 1.2 ft. Rock and H <sub>2</sub> O					
Cross Refs :					
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : VICTORY BLVD.		COORDINATES :			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : NR	EXCAVATOR : GS	SCREENED ? 1/4"	DATE : 1 May 88	TEST TYPE AND NO. : S.T. 22
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH •	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0 - 1.3'	Silty loam	10 YR 3/2 Dk. Gr. Br.	—	Topsoil
2	1.3' - ?	Silty Sand	2.5 Y 4/4 olive Brown	—	Subsoil
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) Stopped @ 1.9 ft. - H <sub>2</sub> O					
Cross Refs :					
Plan			Photos		
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : VICTORY BLVD.		COORDINATES :			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : WR	EXCAVATOR : GS	SCREENED ? 1/4"	DATE : 7 May 88	TEST TYPE AND NO. : S.T. 23
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0 - 0.5'	Silty Loam w/ Roots	10 YR 2/1 Black	—	Root Mat Topsoil
2	0.5' - 1.2'	Sand - Mottled	{ 10 YR 2/3 2.5 Y 4/4 10 YR 6/4	—	Plowzone
3	1.2' - ?	Sand	10 YR 6/4 Br. Yellow	—	Subsoil
4					
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6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) Stopped @ 1.7 ft. - H <sub>2</sub> O					
Cross Refs :					
Plan			Photos		
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SURVEY RECORD SHEET : Postholes, Auger holes, Shovel tests

PROJECT : VICTORY BLVD.		COORDINATES :			
SITE :	SUPERVISOR : WR	EXCAVATOR : GS	SCREENED ? 1/4"	DATE : 9 May 88	TEST TYPE AND NO. : S.T. 24
STRATIGRAPHY :					
LAYER	DEPTH *	DESCRIPTION	COLOR	CULT. MAT.	NOTES
1	0 - 0.3'	Silty Loam w/ Roots	(10 YR 2/1) Black	—	Topsoil
2	0.3' - 1.2'	Silt	10 YR 4/0 dk. G. Br.	—	Plowzone
3	1.2' - ?	Compact Silt	2.5 Y 5/2 Grey Brown	—	Subsoil
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
* Give depths relative to ground surface					
General Notes : (Note if cult. material retained, and if soil samples are taken.) Stopped @ 1.5 ft. - H <sub>2</sub> O					
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APPENDIX 3:  
THE CONTEXT SYSTEM



### APPENDIX 3 THE CONTEXT SYSTEM

Complex strata were a possibility within the project area, so a field recording system that could encompass this situation as well as the large number of finds expected, was required. Another requirement of the system was that it be compatible with computerized data management. It was with these requirements in mind that the field recording system used in this project was selected.

The stratigraphic recording system used at the site was derived from recent developments in British archaeological field methodology. In this system, the term Context is used to represent the minimal unit of stratification. On this project, this was the smallest observable natural stratigraphic deposit within a grid unit. A unique 3-digit Context number was used to identify each Context observed and described in the field. Contexts representing parts or all of strata are treated in exactly the same manner as those representing parts of all of the features. Each Context is given its own identifying Context number when initially described. It can then be interpreted as a feature or part of a stratum at any stage during the excavation or post-excavation stratigraphic analysis. In the case of deposits with a series of lenses or layers within a feature, decimal subdivisions of the Context number were employed (i.e. 397.02), to stress the relationship of these deposits as part of the same feature. This system can easily be used on a site where excavation by arbitrary stratigraphic units has been deemed necessary. The context was also used on this project to record the location of surface finds, both in relatively large areas and individually located artifacts.

The primary record of each Context is the Context or Survey Recording Sheet. Most of these forms should be self-explanatory. All the various slots and boxes were filled in immediately with the appropriate information by the excavator. Particular attention was paid to the accurate recording of the soil texture and inclusions, the Munsell color reading, and the various stratigraphic inter-relationships.

There are a number of advantages in the Context recording system. The use of only one number register to identify all varieties of soil deposits eliminates the premature interpretation of deposits that was necessary with many other recording systems. It is often difficult, if not impossible, to classify soil deposits when they are initially uncovered. Using the Context system, deposits are simply assigned Context numbers and excavated. They can be interpreted or re-interpreted at any time during or after their excavation without any need to change their identifying Context number. This leads directly to the Context system's second advantage. There is no possibility of confusing numbers issued from one register with these from any others if there is only one number register used to record and identify soil

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deposits. Another advantage is derived from using this single identifying number not only for the soil deposits and its description, but also for all the artifacts from the deposit during all stages of their processing, analysis and curation. One further advantage is the ability to expand the system. The Context numbers are a potentially infinite sequence, so any size site or survey can be encompassed. The final advantage present here is that the Context system is a digital recording system. As such, it is immediately adaptable for computer entry and numerical data sorting.