

**MARINE RESERVATION AREA AT
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD,
KITTERY, YORK COUNTY, MAINE**

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Command (NAVAC), Mid-Atlantic
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The Northeast Archaeology Research Center, Inc. (NEARC) as subconsultant to Southeastern Archaeology Research, Inc. (SEARCH) provided Section 106 and Section 110 cultural resource-related services to Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVAC), Mid-Atlantic at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) in Kittery, Maine. Logistics related to working on an active military air base including access schedules, security clearances, permits etc., were coordinated by NEARC.

NEARC completed an archaeological Phase I survey of six specific areas within the former Marine Reservation Area. The areas of Phase I survey were designated Areas 1–4 along with two areas referred to as the Burrows Avenue Electrical Duct Bank and the Rear of the Marine Barracks Water Line Improvements. These areas combined total approximately 1.17 ha (2.79 ac) in the Marine Reservation Area, which is included within the boundaries of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Historic District. Limited background research and three days of fieldwork (June 21–23, 2010) were conducted, including the excavation of 34 shovel tests.

Archaeological fill deposits with associated nineteenth- and twentieth-century historic Euroamerican remains that are variably related to the 200-year history of the Marine Reservation Area were identified within all six areas. Based on the recovered remains and background research, the six areas surveyed were evaluated in terms of high, moderate, and low archaeological sensitivity. Each surveyed area contains specific segments that are considered low for archaeological sensitivity, and no further cultural resource work is recommended in these areas.

Although no significant historic Euroamerican remains were recovered, the results of the field survey and background research indicate the potential for intact and potentially significant cultural resources to be present in identified portions of survey areas. These areas may contain archaeological deposits that represent contributing elements to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Historic District as well as earlier historic contexts. A single Native American quartz flake was recovered from a historic fill deposit; this likely represents an isolated find and is therefore not considered a significant cultural deposit.

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