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REPORT OF INVESTIGATIONS No. 24

Archaeological Survey of Proposed Sewage Treatment Facilities Site near the Village of Oakley, Michigan.

Personnel:

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Introduction:

An archaeological survey was conducted on September 22, 1977, at the request of Mr. Richard Kraft of Kraft Engineering, Inc., Flint, Michigan. A proposed sewage treatment plant site was surveyed in an attempt to locate any cultural resources in the area prior to construction.

Previous Research:

An inspection of the archaeological site files at the Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University, revealed that there were no known cultural resources in this particular area of Saginaw County.

Procedures:

As indicated above, the archaeological site files were inspected prior to actual fieldwork.

Field procedures consisted of systematic transect survey of the parcel with limited subsurface probing. The entire area is plowed fallow field and offered good to excellent surface visibility; probes when dug extended to the glacial subsoil. Transects were spaced about 50 yd apart.

Description of Survey Area:

The parcel surveyed covers 20 acres and lies in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 25, Brady Township, Saginaw County, Michigan. The area was evenly flat; the plowed fallow field fostered the growth of perennial weeds. The soil was very sandy with a huge amount of glacial till. The till ranged in size from small pebbles to rocks 2 ft across. Larger rocks have been cleared out of the field and were found all along the borders of the parcel. Topsoil coverage was about 9-12 in thick.

Sites Recorded:

No historic or prehistoric cultural material was found within the project area. No sites whatsoever were encountered.

Recommendations:

Since no sites were recovered within the project area, as outlined to me by Richard Kraft of Kraft Engineering, Inc., I can recommend that this project proceed as planned.

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