

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SUMMARY

PAL completed an intensive (locational) archaeological survey of the 4 State Road Redevelopment and Construction project in Tisbury, Massachusetts. The proposed project includes the renovation of an existing building on State Road and the construction of an approximately 4,000 square foot addition on footings to the rear of the existing building as well as associated infrastructure and parking. The previously identified Vincent archaeological site (19-DK-21) is located within and/or in proximity to the project area. The goal of the intensive (locational) archaeological survey was to determine the extent of previous disturbance to any portion of the Vincent Site within the project area, and to locate and identify any significant archaeological deposits that may be present within the project impact areas.

The intensive survey was designed to assess the extent of previous disturbance within the 4 State Road project area and to identify, if present, areas where intact/undisturbed archaeological deposits associated with the Vincent Site were present. The testing documented extensive soil filling across the entire project area, which was expected given the similar results during hand-testing in the two adjacent properties to the west. No potentially significant archaeological deposits were identified to the limits of the PAL hand testing in any portion of the project area.

The proponent's preliminary construction plans are currently under review by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, and the proponent has indicated that the project may be redesigned based on that review. **PAL recommends that, to the extent possible, the final design plans limit below grade disturbance to depths less than the fill depths noted in PAL's report. If any construction-related impacts are proposed below the level of the fill soils in any portion of the project area, then additional archaeological excavation is recommended in those specific areas.**

In order to assess the need for and scope of any of the additional archaeological investigations described above, PAL recommends that the final design plans be provided to PAL and to the MHC for review and comment. Any additional archaeological investigations would need to be conducted under an amendment to and extension of the State Archaeologist's permit issued for the intensive survey.