INADVERTENT DISCOVERY PLAN FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND HUMAN REMAINS

FOR THE PROPOSED

EXPANSION AND REMODEL OF BONNEY LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

SUMNER-BONNEY LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320

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INADVERTENT DISCOVERY PLAN FOR ARCHAOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND HUMAN REMAINS FOR THE BONNEY LAKE HIGH SCHOOL EXPANSION AND REMODEL PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES INVENTORY 10920 199TH AVENUE COURT EAST, BONNEY LAKE, WASHINGTON[1]

COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS PERTAINING TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES (RCW 27.53, 27.44 and WAC 25-48) AND WITH HUMAN REMAINS (RCW 68.50) IS REQUIRED. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS COULD RESULT IN A MISDEMEANOR AND POSSIBLE CIVIL PENALTIES AND/OR CONSTITUTE A CLASS C FELONY.

In the event that archaeological deposits or artifacts (including but not limited to the examples shown in Figures 1 through 10) are inadvertently discovered during construction in any portion of the proposed Area of Potential Effects (APE), ground-disturbing activities should be halted immediately. The Project Manager and the School District shall be contacted immediately. The School District will contact its archaeological consultant to confirm that the material constitutes a cultural artifact or deposit. The Project construction supervisor shall establish a buffer zone around the find to protect the location and archaeologists during this inspection. Work may continue in other portions of the proposed APE if it will not cause damage to the find.

If the find is archaeological as determined by the School District's archaeological consultant, the School District will contact the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) and the interested Tribes, as appropriate. The School District will arrange for the implementation of any treatment (or mitigation) measures agreed upon in consultation with DAHP and interested parties.

Cultural material that may be protected by law could include, but is not limited to:

- Buried layers of black soil with layers of shell, charcoal, and fish and mammal bones;
- Non-natural sediment or stone deposits that may be related to activity areas of people;

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- Stone, bone, shell, horn, or antler tools that may include projectile points (arrowheads), scrapers, cutting tools, wood working wedges or axes, and grinding stones;
- Stone tools or stone flakes;
- Buried cobbles that may indicate a hearth feature;
- Old ceramic pieces, metal pieces, tools, bottles, and shards/pieces of glass;
- Perennially damp areas, which may have preservation conditions that allow for remnants of wood and other plant fibers; in these locations, there may be remains including fragments of basketry, weaving, wood tools, or carved pieces; and
- Human remains. If ground-disturbing activities reveal human remains, the protocol detailed below must be followed.

INADVERTENT DISCOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS

Any human remains that are discovered during ground-disturbing activities shall be treated with dignity and respect.

If human remains are uncovered, the School District shall be notified. The School District will contact its archaeologist consultant. If it is unclear whether the bones are human or animal, the DAHP Physical Anthropologist Guy Tasa (360-790-1633) can be consulted to make a determination. All construction activity **must** cease that may cause further disturbance to those remains, and the area of the find must be secured and protected from further disturbance.

If the find is of human skeletal remains, this **must** be reported to the Pierce County Medical Examiner **and** local law enforcement in the most expeditious manner possible. The remains should not be touched, moved, or further disturbed. The Pierce County Medical Examiner will assume jurisdiction over the human skeletal remains and make a determination of whether those remains are forensic or non-forensic. If the coroner determines the remains are non-forensic, then they will report that finding to DAHP, who will then take jurisdiction over those remains and report them to the appropriate cemeteries and affected Tribes. The DAHP Physical Anthropologist will determine if the remains are Native American, and the School District will carry out consultation with DAHP and affected Tribes for the final disposition of the remains.

Examples of Archaeological Artifacts and Deposits that Require Treatment

Figure 1. Shell midden and layered stratigraphy of shell and blackened soil.

Figure 2.
Examples of stone tools.

Figure 3.
Examples of stone flake and tools.

Figure 4.
Examples of hearth (oven) and fire features.

Figure 5. Examples of perishable artifacts.

Figure 6. Example of a historic-period building foundation.

Figure 7. Example of a historic-period wooden/corduroy road.

Figure 8. Example of historic-period artifacts.

Figure 9. Example of bottles from historic-period debris dump.

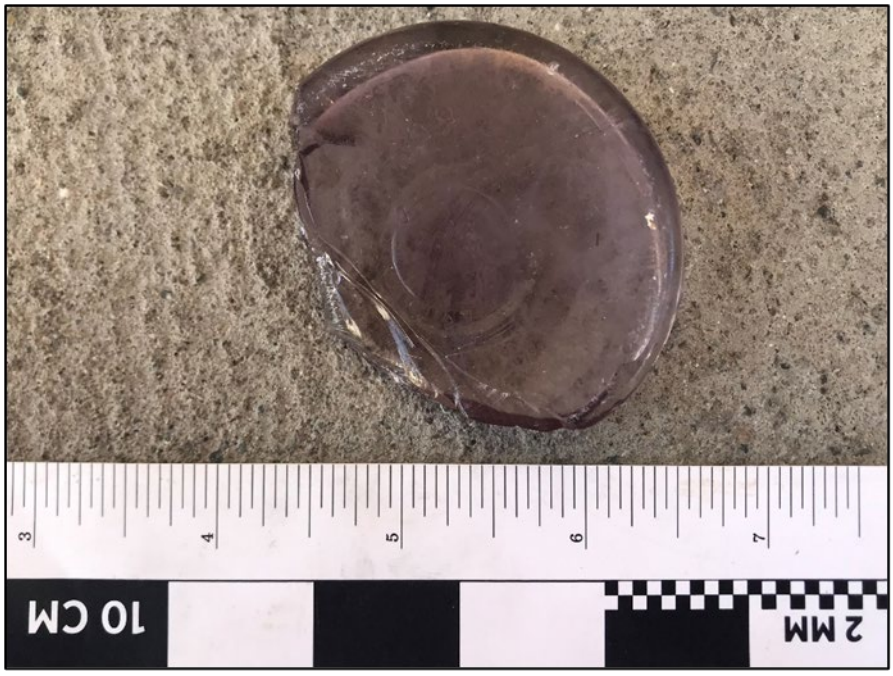

Figure 10. Example of an historic-period bottle base.

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