

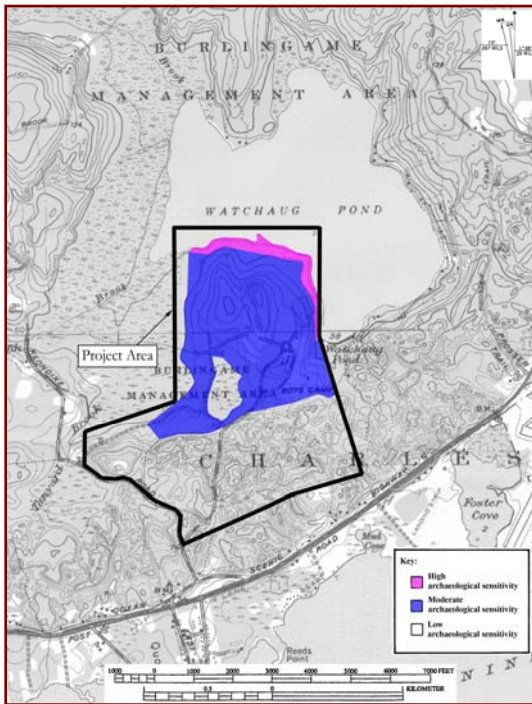


Burlingame State Park Water System Improvements Charlestown, Rhode Island

Date of Performance: 2003
Client: Pare Engineering, Inc.

In 2003, PAL was contracted by Pare Engineering Firm to assist the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) in addressing the potential for water system improvements to affect cultural resources within Burlingame State Park. The 700-acre property is situated in southern Rhode Island, spanning the near-interior region of the Pawcatuck River watershed and the coastal salt pond region. Historically the territory was part of the Narragansett Indian tribal lands, and Native use of the varied landscapes throughout this region has been demonstrated by the discovery of many archaeological sites spanning the past 10,000 to 12,000 years.

To address the concerns of RIDEM, PAL consulted with Narragansett Indian tribal authorities, conducted research, and developed cultural contexts in advance of a site walkover survey. The purpose of the survey was to collect environmental information that would be taken into consideration in the development of archaeological sensitivity maps, and to look for evidence of archaeological sites and historic land use. Based on the different cultural contexts that apply to that particular 700-acre landscape, specific areas were identified that are considered likely to contain certain types of archaeological sites. The resulting maps can be used in the planning stages of water system improvements to minimize potential damage to cultural resources.



*Archaeological Sensitivity Map
Burlingame State Park, RI*

During the walkover survey, the team identified the remains of one nineteenth-century farmstead and recorded a family cemetery associated with the site. The cemetery is subject to RIGL 23-18 and PAL recommended that the resource be taken into consideration in any planned improvements in its vicinity.

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