

# Historic Clearance Review- Archaeology

## What is Historic Clearance Review?

Below ground known archaeological resources on private and public lands are currently protected under the requirements of federal, state, and local regulations, and the administrative policies and procedures relating to the protection of archaeological resources within the City of Salem.



This Clearance Review involves the submittal of project plans with details about any ground disturbance to the City Archaeologist as well as any known information about the site, including the location of known archaeological resources and related soils analysis. If it can be demonstrated that no known archaeological resources will be adversely affected by the development, then Clearance will be granted. Archaeological monitoring may be recommended as a condition of the Clearance. If however, impacting a resource is unavoidable, avoidance alternatives will be discussed or mitigation for potential adverse effects. The City Archaeologist may recommend that the project be presented at the City of Salem's monthly archaeology roundtable for discussion with interested Tribes to discuss alternatives.

In order to ensure compliance with these applicable statutes within the City of Salem, Historic Clearance Review is required prior to obtaining a permit authorizing this activity within the City of Salem's Historic and Cultural Protection Zone. All required historic clearance review approvals must be in place prior to the issuance of any related permits. Additionally, the owner may be responsible for obtaining any required archaeological permits through the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office as required under ORS 390.235.

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