

# Archaeology

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation's (TDEC) Division of Archaeology (DOA) can answer questions and provide technical assistance or guidance pertaining to inquiries relating to pre-contact and historical archaeological sites. For complete information and services provided by the Division of Archaeology, visit [TDEC's DOA website](#).

## **What types of projects are suitable for consultation or review by TDEC –DOA?**

Any project involving earth-moving such as construction, demolition, grading, fill, and borrow activity.

## **What should I include in my request to TDEC – DOA?**

When submitting a request for information to the Division of Archaeology, the following information is helpful:

- Brief description of the proposed project and total acreage involved
- Property address
- Exact location and boundaries of the proposed project clearly marked on USGS topographic map and aerial image
- Photographs of the project area, if available
- Information about current and previous land-use in the project area
- Whether the proposed project involves federal funding, licensing, or permitting

## **What should I expect to receive from TDEC-DOA?**

TDOA staff will check the archaeological site files to see if there are archaeological sites recorded within the footprint of the proposed project. A response will be sent electronically within 15 business days. The response will include recommendations regarding the potential for the project to impact archaeological resources and whether additional archaeological investigation is recommended. This level of review is not intended to meet any regulatory requirements under the [National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\)](#) or [Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act](#).

## **Who should I contact for more information?**

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