MSU Campus Archaeology Program Project Summary

Report No. 82

Date of Survey: 6/17/2019-6/18/2019

Site Name: Student Services Sidewalk Survey 2019

Principal Investigator: Autumn Painter

IPF Project Name: N/A

IPF Capital Project Number: N/A

Project Justification: Sidewalks were being replaced and provided an opportunity for CAP to test for any archaeological materials related to the history of MSU.

Location: Sidewalks to the east of Student Services, near the corner of Farm Lane and East Circle Drive.

Campus Zone: East Circle

Survey Type: Shovel Testing

Methodology: Shovel Tests were placed in the areas that had sidewalk flags removed over two days. Four total STPs were placed. STP 2-1 was stopped at 30 cm below surface due to soil conditions. See map for STP locations.

Map shows locations of shovel test pit (STP) excavations in red near the Student Services Building. Map taken from MSU CAP KoBoToolbox.
Summary/Conclusions: No diagnostic artifacts were recovered. Artifacts found included brick fragments, colorless glass fragments, and one whiteware sherd (none collected).

Recommendations and Priority: This area is low priority. If possible before construction, the area of impact should be tested, and the construction monitored.

Notes from Campus Archaeology Field Book:

6/17/2019:
- Crew: Jeff P., Jack B., David M.
- Weather: 60s and sunny
- STP # 1-1:
  - Only non-diagnostic artifacts
  - 2 small brick fragments, 1 colorless vessel glass fragment
  - Not collected
- STP #1-2:
  - Only non-diagnostic artifacts
  - 1 colorless glass fragment and 1 whiteware sherd
  - Not collected

6/18/2019:
- Crew: Jeff P., Jack B., David M.
- Weather: 70s and sunny
- STP #2-1:
  - Stopped excavating STP due to mud and collapsing walls at 30 cm
- STP # 2-2:
  - No artifacts