

MSU Campus Archaeology Program Project Summary Sheet



Report No. 45

Date of Survey: 5/19/2014 thru 5/21/2014

Site Name: Munn Field

Principal Investigator: Kate Frederick

Physical Plant Project Name: Munn Field Turfing

Project Justification: Munn Field was being de-sodded and replaced with an AstroTurf surface. Though nothing was in danger of being destroyed, surveying while the field was being stripped allows for data collection



Location: East end of Munn Field

Campus Zone: West

Survey Type: Shovel Testing

Methodology: Excavated 89 shovel tests in total. A shovel test pit was placed every 5m for sweep/transect 1, then 10m for sweeps/transects 2-5, along a north-south survey direction.

Summary/Conclusions: Decades of tailgating created an extremely compact soil matrix, making it difficult to shovel test deeply. Only a few artifacts were discovered (nails, glass, pull tabs). STP 4-2-2 found a small wooden plank (80cm x 4cm). Several shovel test pits uncovered a layer of older asphalt about 15-20cm below surface.

Recommendations and Priority: This area has been heavily disturbed and will unlikely yield any in-situ archaeology. Area should be monitored during future construction.