MSU Campus Archaeology Program Project Summary Sheet

Report No: 34

Date of Survey: 3/14/13

Site Name: Beal St Entrance Survey

Principal Investigator: Katy Meyers

Physical Plant Project Name: MDOT Project

Project Justification: MDOT was changing the entrance to campus via Beal Street that changed the layout of the roads and would turn green space to road, which required survey.

Location: Beal Street Entrance and Michigan Ave

Campus Zone: West Circle

Survey Type: Shovel Test Survey

Methodology: Single sweep and row of STPs to sample the green space affected

Summary/Conclusions: Due to the frozen ground, only a small number of shovel test pits were excavated, however no artifacts were found, and soil was clean fill suggesting the area was highly disturbed.

Recommendations and Priority: Construction is allowed to proceed and further investigation in the area will not be possible due to the roadways. However, any area to the northeast should be investigated as this area is likely historic.