

MSU Campus Archaeology Program Project Summary Sheet

Report No. 5

Date of Survey: Spring 2008

Site Name: People's Park

Principal Investigator: Terry Brock

Physical Plant Project Name: Emergency Rain Basin Construction

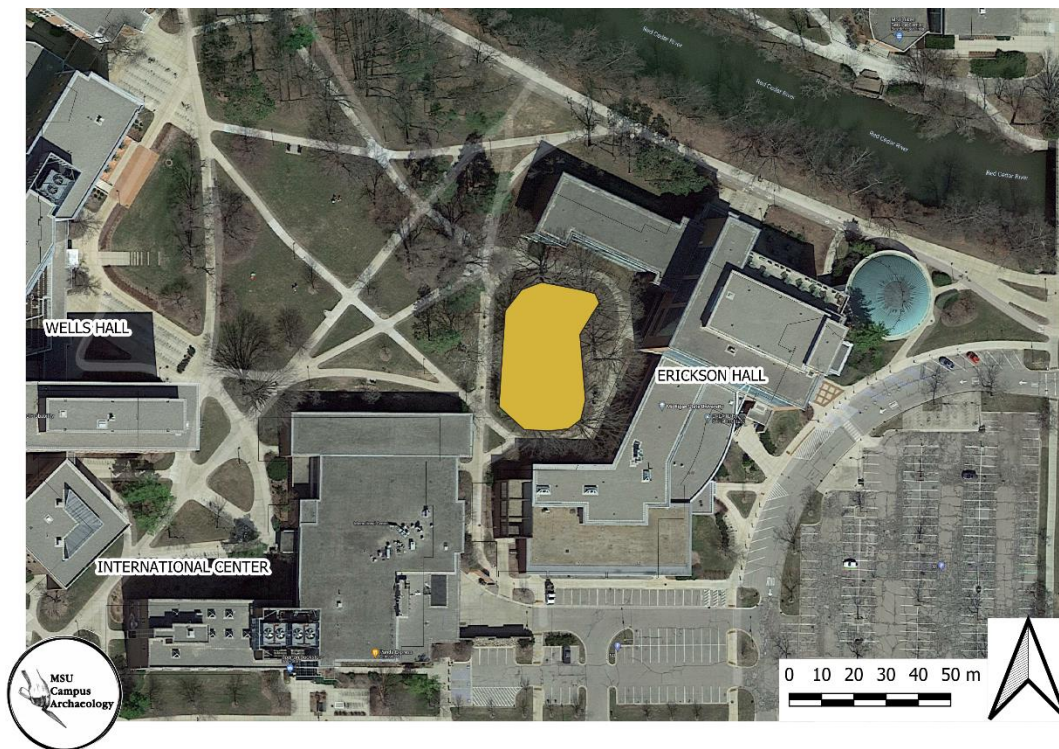


Figure 1: Map of People's Park Rescue

Project Justification: CAP was called in while construction of a rain basin was being done in the park. Historic artifacts were found in the area, and CAP was asked to collect these.

Location: People's Park between Wells Hall and Erickson

Campus Zone: Central Academic

Survey Type: Excavation

Methodology: There were no STPs or formal survey done, this was a rescue of artifacts from the site.

Summary/Conclusions: Historic records showed that this was likely a trash pit related to the Experimental Animal Lab built in 1940 and Short Course Dorms built in 1941 due to types of artifacts and location.

Recommendations and Priority: It is unknown what other sites and artifacts may be found in this area, but due to this find all construction projects should have survey done previously if they occur here. It is a high priority site due to this find. Further, this portion of campus was the site of the 19th century Anishinaabe settlement noted on the MSU opening day map and in Kuhn 1955. A plaque mentioning this settlement stands in the area.

Results of Survey:		
Artifact	Count	Weight (g)
Bone- Faunal	1	6.3
Brick	5	N/A
Ceramic	59	4319.8
Glass	80	5332
Metal	34	1316.3