

Inadvertent Discovery Plan- Archaeology

What is an Inadvertent Discovery Plan?

An Inadvertent Discovery Plan (IDP) provides instructions for contractors and property owners regarding what to do should any archaeological resources be inadvertently discovered during construction. Below ground known archaeological resources on private and public lands are currently protected under the requirements of federal, state, and local regulations, and the administrative policies and procedures relating to the protection of archaeological resources within the City of Salem therefore any discovery of these resources must be reported.



The City of Salem has adopted Citywide Inadvertent Discovery Plans for the inadvertent discovery of Cultural Resources and the inadvertent discovery of human remains. If your property is within Salem's Historic and Cultural Protection Zone and you are completing work that involves ground disturbing activity, your building or grading plans may have been stamped with "IDP Required". Your contractors will be required to ensure that the Salem IDP is on site (with other related permits) and available for staff to access so that they will know who to call and what is to should any archaeological resources or human remains be inadvertently discovered during ground disturbing activity.

Should your project team wish to utilize a different or modified IDP, please submit the proposed Inadvertent Discovery Plan to the City Archaeologist for review and approval.

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