**Phase I Archaeological Survey and Historic Review**

**Location:**
Ross County, Ohio

**Client Information:**
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**Present Status:**
Complete

**Project Type:**
Phase I Archeological Investigation

**Project Management:**
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**Team Members:**
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**Major Project Elements:**
Phase I Archaeological Survey
Research/Historic Review
Artifact Analysis
Report Writing per DOI Guidelines

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**Phase I Hopeton Earthworks Trail Study**

In fall of 2014 the National Parks Service contracted Jackson Group to conduct a Phase I archaeological survey on the Hopeton Earthworks National Historic Park (33-RO-26) a Hopewell mound complex near Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio as part of a larger management plan in preparation for the installation of a trail survey. As part of this project a Historic Review was deemed necessary to achieve the objectives of the project.

As part of the survey, six (6) survey areas were investigated for presence of archaeological materials to determine artifact density surrounding large ceremonial site. During the course of the survey dozens of artifacts dating to the Hopewellian occupation of the site were identified, cleaned, and recorded in accordance to guidelines established by the Department of the Interior. A final report of the fieldwork, research, and findings was written and submitted to the National Parks Service (NPS) and the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO).

Jackson Group was the sole awardee of this project, oversaw the completion of fieldwork, lab work and writing of final reports and documents. National Parks Service, on the time estimated and on budget.

**The Objectives of the Client:**
Have an archaeological investigation, and a historic review conducted on an existing site complex

**Outcome of Objective:**
Project was conducted to the satisfaction of the National Parks Service, On-time and On Budget.

**Comments/ Issues/ Reviews of Project:**
Only issue was with invoicing, no issues occurred in regards to the quality or timeliness of the work performed. When asked the COR offered to provide a review.