

Executive Summary

Phase I Archaeological Survey

(revised 11/14/14)

**Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA),
Queen Lane Apartments Project, City of Philadelphia
ER# 2011-0018-101**

This report is a revised Phase I archaeological survey report associated with the Queen Lane Apartments Project. The Queen Lane Apartments Project encompasses the city block bounded by West Queen Lane, Pulaski Avenue, Penn Street and Priscilla Street. The proposed project consists of the demolition of the extant 16-story Queen Lane Apartments and Wissahickon Playground and the construction of 55 affordable rental housing units along Pulaski Avenue, Penn Street and Priscilla Street.

Initial Phase I archaeological excavations for the Queen Lane Apartments Project were performed in February and March of 2013. The purpose of these excavations was twofold: to ensure that no areas of archaeological concern would be disturbed during the planned soil percolation tests and borings, and to identify burials that may have been placed outside of the known boundaries of the historic potter's field. In addition to archaeologically testing the areas where soil borings and percolation tests would be placed, areas that had been identified as "anomalous" during a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) scan of the block were also tested at this time. While no burials were encountered, the backyard areas of the historic house lots were identified as having the potential for shaft and other cultural features. A Phase I archaeological survey report was prepared (dated May 2013). At that time, since the soil borings and percolation tests had not been performed, details of the project design had not yet been completed.

Subsequent to the submission of the May 2013 report, the soil borings and percolation tests were performed and the project design has been completed. The Phase I Archaeological Survey was revised to include this additional information. The revisions to the May 2013 report are limited to:

1. The inclusion of a map which illustrates the planned project impacts overlaid with areas of archaeological potential (Figure 29),
2. Revisions to the recommendations section of the report that reflect the completed project design (pages 42-43), and
3. Project engineering (Appendix H).