

**RECORDS AND LITERATURE SEARCH FOR A PROPOSED PROJECT AT THE
CITY OF BLACK RIVER FALLS INDUSTRIAL PARK, JACKSON COUNTY,
WISCONSIN**

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INTRODUCTION

The following report outlines the results of a records and literature search conducted by the author for Cedar Corporation. The purpose of the search was to determine if any archaeological sites or historic structures had been reported within, or adjacent to, the area to be impacted by proposed developments in a portion of the City of Black River Falls Industrial Park, Jackson County, Wisconsin.

SOURCES EXAMINED

During the course of the investigation, a number of unpublished and published data sources were consulted. Unpublished data sources included; The Archaeological Site Inventory (ASI), the Archaeological Report Inventory (ARI), the Architecture and History Inventory (AHI), the Charles E. Brown Archaeological Atlas and Manuscripts, and the Wisconsin Land Economic Survey. Published data sources included: *The Wisconsin Archeologist*, a county history (Lewis Publishing Company 1891), and atlases and plat maps (Cloud Cartographics, Inc. 2003; Geo. A. Ogle & Company 1901?, Lapham 1868?, Rockford Map Publishers 1946, 1953, 1964, 1968, 1972, 1974, 1985, 1994, 2014; Tucker 1879, W.W. Hixson & Co. 1924, and Webb Publishing Company 1914, 1931).

RESULTS

The search of the above-mentioned sources indicated that no archaeological sites had been reported within the limits of the study area. Nine archaeological sites had been reported within a mile of the project area (Table). Seven of these sites date to the historic period, while the other two are pre-contact. No historic structures were reported within one mile of the study area. None of the plat maps and atlases indicated the presence of a residence in the project area. The Wisconsin Land Economic Inventory map for T21N, R3W, created in 1938, describes the eastern part of the study area as “poor land previously cultivated”. This land was owned for most of the last century by the Jackson County Iron Company. The map for T21N, R4W, created the same year, describes the western part of the study area as “open land”. By at least 1931, this area had been platted as part of the community of Vaudreuil. While the Wisconsin Land Economic Inventory maps, like the plat maps, do not indicate any residences within the project area, the map for T21N, R4W does indicate the presence of an active school, either within the western part of the project area or immediately adjacent to it.

TABLE: Reported Sites Located Within One Mile of the Project Area.

Site Number	Site Type	Culture
47-JA-66	Farmstead/ HCM* Concentration	Historic Euro-American
47-JA-173	Campsite/Village	Unknown Pre-Contact
47-JA-190	HCM Concentration	Unknown Historic
47-JA-191	Logging Camp	Unknown Historic
47-JA-192	Logging Camp	Unknown Historic
47-JA-193	Foundation/Depression HCM Concentration	Unknown Historic
47-JA-194	Cabin/Homestead	Historic Euro-American
47-JA-204	Cemetery/Burials	Historic Indian
47-JA-301	Isolated Find	Unknown Pre-Contact

*Historic Cultural Material

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