

APPENDIX A11

HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

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Sanford/Springvale is blanketed with historic and archaeological resources. Native Americans hunted in the area's woods and fished in its water bodies. European settlers and Sanford/Springvale's role in the early industrial development create an entirely different set of historic resources. Historic resources add to the community's character, and should be identified and protected for future generations.

A. Existing Historical and Archaeological Resources

1. Prehistoric Archaeological Resources

Prehistoric archaeological resources are those sites relating to Native American settlement, ending around 1740. According to the Maine Historic Preservation Office, one prehistoric campsite is located on the North Berwick/Sanford border. There are many areas in Sanford that are potential archaeological sites and could be identified by a prehistoric archaeological survey. These sensitive areas tend to be associated with water bodies, such as Bauneg Beg Pond, the Great Works River, Blanchard Brook, the upper and lower Mousam River, Estes Lake, and Perkins Marsh (Figure A11-1).

2. Historic Archaeological Resources

Historic archaeological resources refer to sites relating to the earliest period of the town's settlement by Anglo-Americans, beginning around 1740. The Maine Historic Preservation Commission notes that no historic archaeological survey has been conducted in Sanford.

3. National Register of Historic Places

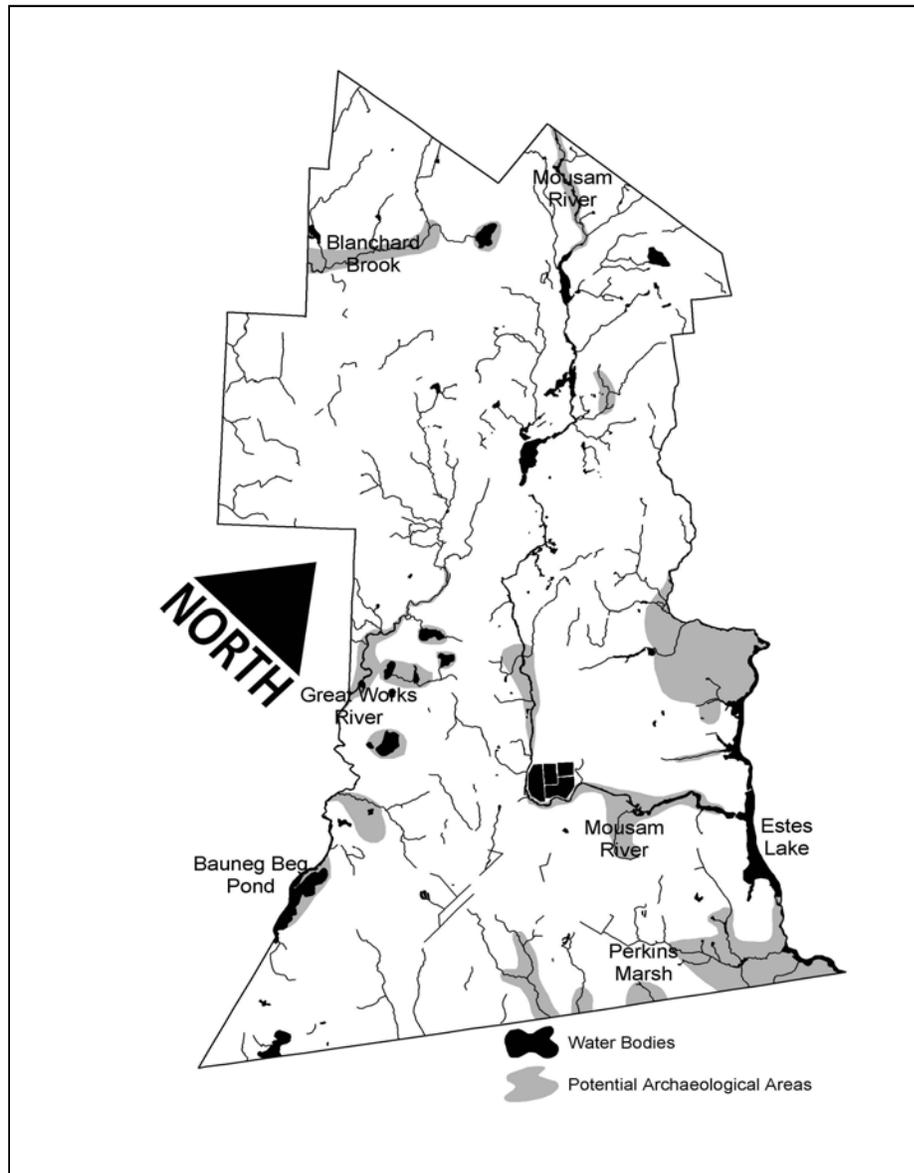
The Maine Historic Preservation Commission indicates that there are five structures in Sanford which are listed in the National Register of Historic Places:

1. Thomas Goodall House, 232 Main Street
2. Emery Homestead, 1 and 3 Lebanon Street
3. U.S. Post Office, School Street
4. Sanford Naval Air Station Administration Building-Control Tower, Sanford Regional Airport
5. Smith-Emery House, 253 Main Street

Given the town's older housing stock and rich history, other structures may well be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. A comprehensive survey of

Sanford's historical structures and other resources needs to be conducted in order to identify other eligible properties.

Figure A11-1. Sensitive Prehistoric Archaeological Resource Areas



Source: Maine Historic Preservation Commission

B. Historical Committee

Sanford/Springvale's Historic Committee was founded in 1926. The primary function of the Committee is to archive items of historical interest to the town. The Committee currently has 11 members who serve three-year terms and who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Last year's appropriation was \$4,000.

The Committee's collection ranges broadly, although most of it is in the form of photographs, documents, and other written materials. Efforts to catalogue the collection and make it more easily accessible are underway. A sample of items in the collection includes:

- X hundreds of glass negatives and historic photographs,
- X copies of the Sanford Tribune from 1895 - 1977,
- X Goodall family items (awards, letters, memorabilia),
- X civil war items,
- X model of a mohair plush loom and textile samples,
- X items from famous town residents,
- X records from civil groups (for example the women's club, VFW),
- X portraits,
- X maps,
- X Town records, and
- X ledgers from early businesses.

The Committee's headquarters are located in the corner of the Town Hall Annex. This space has display windows that are visible from Main Street, and items are on display 24 hours a day (on occasion, this display space is lent to other community organizations). In addition, the Committee has storage space on the 4th floor of the Town Hall Annex. The Committee's collection completely fills its allocated space, thereby hampering other preservation efforts.

In addition to archiving, the Committee engages the community to increase awareness of the community's history and landmarks. The Committee sponsors exhibits, tours, and publications that are all relevant to the area's history. In addition, the Committee has been an increasingly vocal voice calling for the protection of the character of Sanford/Springvale.

B. Issues and Implications

§ There has never been a comprehensive inventory of the town's prehistoric and historic archaeological resources. As the development pattern in Sanford/Springvale focuses more on the town's rural areas, these prehistoric and historic resources could be harmed.

§ The Historic Committee's collection has filled the space it has available in the Town Hall Annex. If efforts aren't made to increase the amount of storage space or to find a dedicated facility, the Committee will have to cease collecting and archiving Sanford/Springvale artifacts.

§ In addition to protecting community artifacts, the Committee is interested in efforts to protect the character of the Sanford/Springvale.