

Ravenna Training & Logistics Site

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In 2004, The Mannik & Smith Group (MSG) conducted a Phase I archaeological reconnaissance survey of over 2,000 acres and Phase II evaluative testing of 10 previously identified sites for the Ravenna Training and Logistics Site (RTLS).

The first step of the Phase I investigation was to develop a predictive model for archaeological sites. MSG developed this model using data collected during the literature review including the locations of previously recorded sites, information from previous surveys, environmental data, and archival information such as historic plat maps and aerial photographs. The model assigned areas of high, low, and no potential for historic and prehistoric archaeological sites. MSG then developed a testing strategy to investigate each area. Three prehistoric sites were identified, all of which were in areas of high probability for prehistoric sites. Thirteen historic sites were identified, 12 of which were in areas of high probability for historic sites.

MSG also conducted Phase II evaluative testing on 10 previously recorded archaeological sites. Five of the sites were small prehistoric lithic scatters and the other five represented former historic structure locations. MSG used GPS technology and previous mapping to identify the sites, conducted shovel test surveys to redefine site boundaries, and conducted small unit excavations to investigate artifact concentrations and structural features. Based on the artifacts recovered, spatial analysis, and archival records, MSG explored the function of each site and how they each fit into a larger regional framework. Each of these sites was also evaluated to clarify its eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. None of the 10 sites were determined to meet the eligibility criteria.



LOCATION

Ravenna Training & Logistics Site,
Portage & Trumbull Counties, Ohio

CLIENT

MWH Americas, Inc.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- ◆ Archival Research
- ◆ Predictive Modeling
- ◆ Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey
- ◆ Phase II Evaluative Testing
- ◆ Artifact Analysis
- ◆ Significance Evaluation/Report of Investigations



Historic Archeological Site



Phase I Reconnaissance Survey