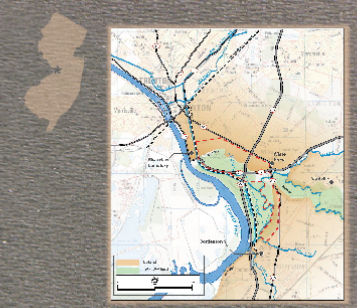




ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE TULPEHAKING NATURE CENTER



The Tulpehaking Nature Center is situated in the very heart of the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark, one of the largest and most prolific Native American sites in the eastern United States.



Properties in the neighborhood of the Nature Center routinely yield archaeological materials – stone tools, pottery and other more exotic items of material culture.



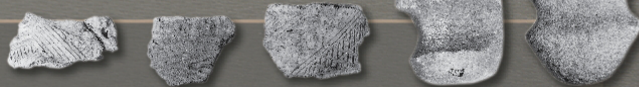
Archaeological investigations have taken place here for more than a century, most notably those conducted around the turn of the 20th century by Dr. Charles Conrad Abbott (for whom the landmark is named) and by the New Jersey State Museum and Works Progress Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.



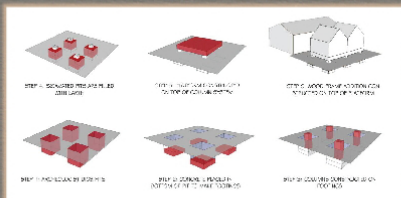
Parts of the Nature Center property were excavated by Dr. Dorothy Cross of the State Museum in 1936-38. The immediate area was thus known to be archaeologically sensitive when Mercer County began planning and designing the Nature Center building.



Archaeological survey work was completed prior to construction to assess the potential for buried remains.



New construction was designed to make use of piers to reduce the area of impact on archaeological resources.



The pier locations were "pre-dug" by archaeologists prior to construction to recover artifacts and document evidence of Native American occupation.

