

Sustainability: Archaeological Monitoring



- Construction activities include cultural resources monitoring (i.e., observation during excavation activities) to identify, recover, protect, and/or document archaeological finds and culturally sensitive materials
- Monitoring is being conducted by monitors assigned by the Onondaga Nation and by archaeologists on behalf of NYSDOT
- The need and scope for monitoring was determined as a result of consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act between NYSDOT, the Federal Highway Administration, the Onondaga Nation, the New York State Historic Preservation Office, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and other consulting parties, which is memorialized in the programmatic agreement executed for the project on May 24, 2022
- If cultural materials are identified during construction, the programmatic agreement identifies protocols that will be followed to ensure appropriate protection or recovery of significant or sensitive cultural resources

