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PROTECTING INDIGENOUS CEREMONIAL STONE LANDSCAPES WITH TRIBAL NATIONS
FROM PERSPECTIVE OF A LAND TRUST

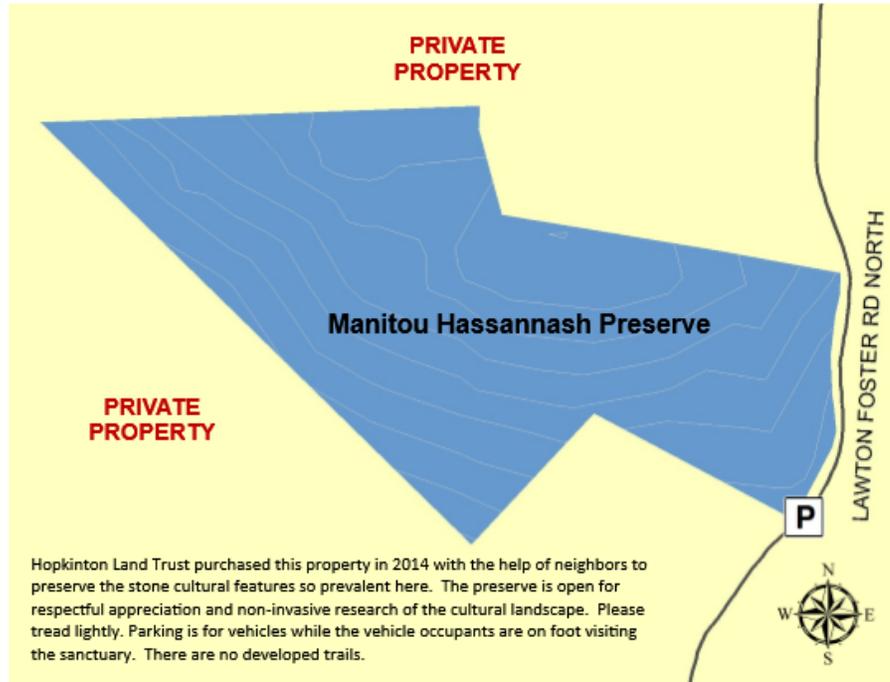




FARMER'S PILE? WHAT IS IT?

Manitou Hassannash Preserve

Hopkinton Land Trust 145 Lawton Foster Road North



Hopkinton Land Trust purchased this property in 2014 with the help of neighbors to preserve the stone cultural features so prevalent here. The preserve is open for respectful appreciation and non-invasive research of the cultural landscape. Please tread lightly. Parking is for vehicles while the vehicle occupants are on foot visiting the sanctuary. There are no developed trails.

RULES FOR VISITORS

- Preserve and parking are closed sunset to sunrise - POLICE TAKE NOTICE
- Observe boundary signs. Do not trespass on the surrounding private properties

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- Disturbing archaeological and sacred sites, stone walls, cellar foundations, dams, mill sites, grave sites, and stone constructions
- Metal detecting, digging or removing objects, minerals, trees, shrubs, and vegetation
- Motorized vehicles, bicycles, horses, hunting, dumping and trash disposal, fires and camping, alcoholic beverages, dogs unless leashed or under immediate voice command of handler

INCIDENT REPORTING

Report incidents, trespassers, or rule violators to the Hopkinton Police (401) 377-7750.
Take photos and get names if possible.

Subdivision proposed March 2014

P & S August 2014

Closing November 2014



WORKING WITH FEDS

An Overview of Municipal and Tribal Powers Under the National Historic Preservation Act

Anne Marie Garti, Esq.
June 17, 2017



Cultural Bias: No CSLs on National Register of Historic Places in the 26 states east of Mississippi River

STATE AND LOCAL LAW AND POLITICS



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and Ordinances**

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Chairman, Massachusetts Historical Commission
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**NARRAGANSETT LONG HOUSE
MOU, NATIONAL REGISTER AND CSL DAY PLANNING SESSION**



JUNE 2017

**REQUEST FOR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
HOPKINTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION AND FOUR TRIBES**







Hopkinton
CSL Day







PRESENTATIONS



OCTOBER 27 NATIONAL REGISTER VISIT







“My ancestors were New England farmers and they didn't build these structures. Who is left if you don't believe it was Irish monks?” Paul Loether, Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places



Memorandum of Understanding for Manitou Hassannash Preserve DEC 2017

Tribal Historic Research of CSL, RISHPO MPL Submission, Joint Management Plan



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HOPKINTON LAND TRUST,
NARRAGANSETT TRIBE, WAMPANOAG TRIBE OF GAY HEAD (AQUINNAH),
MOHEGAN TRIBE, AND MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL NATION REGARDING
IDENTIFICATION AND PROTECTION OF CEREMONIAL STONE LANDSCAPES (CSLS)
WITHIN THE MANITOU HASSANNASH PRESERVE IN HOPKINTON, RI**

The Hopkinton Land Trust (HLT), an entity of the Town of Hopkinton, RI, and landholder of Manitou Hassannash Preserve identified by the Hopkinton Assessor as Plat 11, Lots 2 and 2E, retains an historic preservation relationship with the Narragansett Tribe, as specified in the Hopkinton Comprehensive Plan. For purposes of historic preservation, and further acting under its stewardship requirements, the HLT seeks to further define said relationship to additionally include a collaborative relationship with the Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), the Mohegan Tribe, and the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. The purpose of this relationship is to identify and protect the ceremonial stone landscape (CSL) which may exist within Manitou Hassannash Preserve.

Pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800.4(c)(1)¹ of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the federal government acknowledges that Indian Tribes possess special expertise in assessing the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility of historic properties that may be of religious and cultural significance to Tribes. It is hereby acknowledged that federally recognized THPOs are official National Park Service (NPS) tribal historic preservation instruments that are certified and authorized by the Department of the Interior (DOI) to assist federal, state, and local agencies in carrying out their historic preservation duties.

Collaboratively, the THPOs of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), the Mohegan Tribe, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and the Narragansett Indian Tribe offer a survey and certification service for identification and avoidance planning to help ensure the protection and preservation of tribally significant CSLs, sites, and features.

¹ (c) Evaluate historic significance -

(1) Apply National Register criteria. In consultation with the SHPO/THPO and any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that attaches religious and cultural significance to identified properties and guided by the Secretary's standards and guidelines for evaluation, the agency official shall apply the National Register criteria (36 CFR part 63) to properties identified within the area of potential effects that have not been previously evaluated for National Register eligibility. The passage of time, changing perceptions of significance, or incomplete prior evaluations may require the agency official to reevaluate properties previously determined eligible or ineligible. The agency official shall acknowledge that Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations possess special expertise in assessing the eligibility of historic properties that may possess religious and cultural significance to them.



By this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) the Hopkinton Land Trust, the above referenced THPOs and their designated survey associates shall activate a collaborative stewardship relationship for the fourteen (14) acre Manitou Hassannash Preserve upon certification as a ceremonial stone landscape by the THPOs. Further, under this MOU, the Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office (NITHPO) shall remain the main point of contact.

SCOPE:

Task #1 of this Understanding shall be the completion of tribal historic research to confirm Indigenous land use and to define and certify the episodes and character of "Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscape" features within the 14 acre Manitou Hassannash Preserve.

Task #2 of this Understanding shall be to assist the Hopkinton Land Trust prepare for submission to the RI SHPO its National Register of Historic Places - Multiple Property Listing under the category "Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes of the Northeast".

Task #3 of this Understanding shall be to collaboratively develop a management plan for Manitou Hassannash Preserve.

WHEREAS, the four Tribal Historic Preservation Offices have preliminarily confirmed the presence of ceremonial stone landscape elements within the Manitou Hassannash Preserve;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Hopkinton Land Trust hereby enters a collaborative relationship with the THPOs of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), the Mohegan Tribe, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and the Narragansett Indian Tribe to survey and certify the CSL, if present, to assist with the application process for the National Register of Historic Places and to develop a management plan that honors and preserves the CSL;

NOW, THEREFORE, by their signatures and date of signing herein below, the Hopkinton Land Trust and the THPOs hereby agree to detail and complete by future Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) the Tasks 1, 2 and 3, as cited above.

..... Hopkinton Land Trust
 Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
 Mashantucket Pequot
 Mohegan
 Narragansett

Multiple Property Listing

“Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes of the Northeast”

NPS Form 10-900-a
 United States Department of the Interior
 National Park Service

OMB No. 1024-0018

National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form
 New Submission

A. Name of Multiple Property Listing
 Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes of the Northeast

B. Associated Historic Contexts
 Traditional Cultural Places throughout the Northeast, 12000 BP – 300 BP

C. Form Prepared by:
 Doug Harris, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Narragansett Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Office, and Preservationist for Ceremonial Landscapes, with Timothy Fohl, Eva Gibavic, Kenneth Leonard, Alexandra Martin, Catherine Taylor, Rebecca Wetzel, and Paul Ziobro
 Narragansett Indian Tribe, 4425 S County Trail, Charlestown, RI 02813

dlnthpo@gmail.com 401-474-5907

Date:

D. Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this documentation form meets the National Register documentation standards and sets forth requirements for the listing of related properties consistent with the National Register criteria. This submission meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR 60 and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation.

 Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
 John Brydwn III
 Narragansett Indian Tribe

Date: 9/19/15

 Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
 Marissa Turnbull
 Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Nation

Date: 9/19/15

 Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
 Bettina Washington
 Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)

Date: 9/19/15

 Tribal Historic Preservation Officer
 James Quinn
 Mohegan Tribe

Date: 9/19/15

I hereby certify that this multiple property documentation form has been approved by the National Register as a basis for evaluating related properties for listing in the National Register.

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

NPS Form 10-900-a
 United States Department of the Interior
 National Park Service

OMB No. 1024-0018

Indigenous American Ceremonial
 Landscapes of the Northeast
 Name of multiple listing

**National Register of Historic Places
 Continuation Sheet**

Section number E Page 1

E. Statement of Historical Contexts

Statement of Tribal Context

We, beings of Earth, exist in the balance and harmony formed by Great Spirit/Creator and our Mother, the Earth. Within the ancestral territories of the Northeast, there exist sacred ceremonial stone landscapes and stone structures which are of particular cultural value to many federally recognized Tribes. The contents of this Multiple Property Listing shall serve as a guide for National Register of Historic Places dialogues with federally recognized Tribes who seek to protect and preserve their ancestral Tribal ceremonial stone landscapes under 36 CFR 800.4 (c)(1), which states that in undertakings by federal agencies, "...Agency officials shall acknowledge that Indian Tribes... possess special expertise in assessing the eligibility of historic properties that may possess religious and cultural significance to them." Nominations under this Multiple Property Listing shall therefore be made by or with one or more federally recognized Tribes.

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET),¹ is a non-profit, inter-tribal organization of 26 Federally Recognized member Tribes from Maine to Texas. On October 31, 2002, the USET tribes informed the public that, "for thousands of years before the immigration of Europeans, the *pawuwas* or medicine people of the USET Tribal ancestors used these sacred landscapes to sustain the people's reliance on Mother Earth and the spirit energies of balance and harmony."² "During and following the Colonial oppression of Southern and Eastern Tribes, many cultural and ceremonial practices, including ceremonial use of stones and stone landscapes, were suppressed."³ Today, "the properties which comprise these sacred landscapes are threatened by the encroachments of imminent development and... whether these stone structures are massive or small structures, stacked, stone rows or effigies, these prayers in stone are often mistaken by archaeologists and State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) as the efforts of farmers clearing stones for agricultural or wall building purposes."⁴ "These sacred sites of

¹ Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida; Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians; Seminole Tribe of Florida; Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana; Seneca Nation of Indians; Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana; Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe; Penobscot Indian Nation; Passamaquoddy Tribe – Pleasant Point; Passamaquoddy Tribe – Indian Township; Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians; Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana; Poarch Band of Creek Indians; Narragansett Indian Tribe; Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation; Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah); Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas; Oneida Indian Nation; Aroostook Band of Micmacs; Catawba Indian Nation; Jena Band of Choctaw Indians; The Mohegan Tribe; Cayuga Nation; Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe; and Shinnecock Indian Nation.

² USET Resolution No. 2003:022

³ USET Resolution No. 2007:057.

⁴ *Ibid.*

CLG GRANT APPLICATION TO RIHPHC DEC 2017

Survey and historically document MHP



Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission
GRANTS-IN-AID APPLICATION/FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2018
HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROJECTS FOR CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



Section A. Applicant Information and Application Summary					
1. Project title	Manitou Hassannash Preserve Survey and Historical Documentation Project				
2. Name of Certified Local Government (CLG)	Hopkinton				
3. City/Town Hall street address	1 Town House Road	4. City/Town	Hopkinton	5. ZIP	02833
6. Chief local elected official or administrative officer	Frank T. Landolfi (President, Town Council)				
7. Office address	1 Town House Road	8. City/Town	Hopkinton	9. ZIP	02833
10. Phone number	(401) 524-2759	11. E-mail address	flandolfi@gmail.com		
11. Name of CLG contact person	James Lamphere (Building Official)				
12. Office address	Post Office Building, 482 Main Street	13. City/Town	Hopkinton	14. ZIP	02833
15. Phone number	401-377-7720	16. E-mail address	planner@hopkintouri.org		
17. One-sentence summary of grant project	We propose to survey and historically document of a property in Hopkinton.				
18. Amount of grant request	\$ 5,000.00	19. Non-federal matching share	\$ 5,000.00	20. Total project cost	\$ 10,000.00
Section B. Historic District Information					
1. Name of Local Historic District Zoning Area(s) (list)	Hopkinton City Historic District				
2. Location	Map of Historic District (Attachment #1)				
3. Name of Historic District Commission Chair	Richard G. Prescott				
4. Mailing address	124 Woodville Road	5. City/Town	Hopkinton	6. ZIP	02833
7. Phone number	401-364-0271	8. E-mail address	hopkintonhistorical@gmail.com		
Section C. Project Identification and Description					
1. Location of project area. (Identify the districts if the project area is in a National Register/local historic district zoning area.)	Map of Project Area (Attachment #2)				
2. Congressional district	2	3. If the project is a survey or NR nomination, provide the approximate number of resources (buildings, sites, structures, and/or objects).			
4. Project personnel:					
Indicate who the principal PROJECT PERSONNEL will be and whether they meet the professional qualification standards detailed in 36 CFR Part 61 (see instructions). If you are proposing a location for the STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE, or a training workshop, state whether the proposed building for the conference will be accessible to the disabled.					

<p>5. Project description. Describe the project in detail, identifying the project and its purpose. Describe all work products that will be produced.</p> <p>(NOTE: If the CLG is delegating this project to a third party organization which will act on the CLG's behalf as subgrantee and receive funds directly from RIHPHC, this must be explicitly stated here.</p>	<p>The Manitou Hassannash Preserve encompasses 14 acres of rural upland forest distinguished by a remarkable abundance of piled stone features, recognized by local Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) as being of indigenous ceremonial significance, while viewed by some professional archaeologists within agricultural contexts. The Hopkinton Land Trust (HLT) purchased this property in 2014, honoring the interests of multiple stakeholders and signaling local commitment to preserving cultural resources that have long been under recognized by historic preservation initiatives. Now, management concerns have turned to research, documentation, and commemoration. During a recent on-site meeting (10/27/2017), regional THPOs (Narragansett, Mohegan, Mashantucket, and Wampanoag of Gay Head (Aquinnah)), the HLT, the Hopkinton Historical Association (HHA), and the RIHPHC agreed to pursue development of an NRHP nomination under the "Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes" of the Northeast multiple properties cover, acknowledging that multiple lines of research are needed to inform an evaluation of this property's eligibility, one that will address the significance(s) of its stone features. Pursuant to the fact that this is a project that will be submitted under the "Indigenous American Ceremonial Stone Landscapes of the Northeast" multiple properties cover, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers from the Wampanoag of Gay Head (Aquinnah), Narragansett, Mashantucket (Western) Pequot, and Mohegan Tribes will be consulting in order to confirm that this stone landscape meets the criteria for being included under that Indigenous cover.</p> <p>This project will document oral Tribal histories and Tribal stewardship history, if available. The project will further the colonial and post-colonial ownership and use of the property through archival review, produce historical and contemporary property maps, and assess existing conditions. Richard Prescott, HHA President, provides an excellent foundation with his publication "Along Lawton Foster Road: A History of the Area's Farms and Families." He will be a key consultant for locating relevant archival sources, such as day books, census records, court records; ecclesiastical records, photographs, probate records, tax records, town minutes, and vital records.</p> <p>Research tasks include production of a baseline GIS map that locates stone features in addition to other cultural features already known to exist on or immediately adjacent to the property, including Lawton Foster Road, a historic cart path, stone walls, and the Thomas Brightman Lot burial ground (HP052). Then, a title search will be conducted to reconstruct the property's chain of ownership. Current boundaries will be compared against that information to reconstruct the property's position in historical context. This information will be used to produce a series of Indigenous cultural maps documenting ceremonial stone features as well as historical maps that will depict landscape features (e.g. cart paths, houses, mills) on immediately surrounding properties as verifiable through historic maps and bare-earth LiDAR. Biographical sketches of the Manitou Hassannash Preserve property's past owners, occupants, and users will be assembled, which may further help reconstruct changing land uses through time. A local and regional context will be developed to articulate the property within a dynamically evolving ceremonial uses and historical economy where common pursuits included farming, quarrying, forest product management, and industrial production. An environmental overview of the property, as it currently exists, will be included because it is presumed to reflect past land uses.</p> <p>Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding with the four partner THPOs, the project will work with the partner THPOs to evaluate the property's historical or cultural significance of the piled stone features thereon. This project is being conducted with full respect to the partner THPOs, who plan to contribute additional documentation drawing upon Tribal knowledge and epistemologies. The results of this project will be synthesized in a report that meets The Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation as well as NHPA 36 CFR Part 800.4(c)(1). A draft will be submitted to Tribal and non-Tribal partners for a 60 day review and comment period. After accounting for those reviews and editing the document accordingly, the report will be finalized and redistributed to the partner organizations. In the short term, the report will provide the Hopkinton Land Trust with historic context that is useful for developing of a management plan. In the long term, it will offer ready documentation for the preparation of an NRHP nomination that may acknowledge and promote appreciation of this landscape according to multiple dimensions of historical, ceremonial, and cultural significance.</p>
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