

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The nature of the Bridge 362 at Chipman's Pond archaeological APE along an existing transportation and utilities corridor with extensive historic and modern period disturbances to the stratigraphic profile, as well as the constricted areal size of the project APE outside of old wetlands, preclude the potential for pre-contact period archaeological resources within it. Therefore, no testing specifically for pre-contact period archaeological resources is recommended.

Based on the presence of several previously identified significant historic structures adjacent to and within the archaeological APE, the indications that this area has been inhabited by Euro-Americans since the eighteenth century, and the long association of the project APE as a religious, milling, and recreation center and as a transportation corridor, the Bridge 362 archaeological APE contains identified historic period archaeological resources as well as has the potential to contain as-yet unidentified historic period archaeological resources. Therefore, limited and focused Phase I archaeological testing for historic resources is recommended in portions of the archaeological APE.