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INTENSIVE (LOCATIONAL) ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYS
MANSFIELD HOLLOW LAKE AND WEST THOMPSON LAKE, CT AND
CHARLES RIVER VALLEY NATURAL STORAGE AREA AND EAST BRIMFIELD LAKE, MA

CLIENT:

Hardlines Design Company

PROJECT SPONSOR:

United States Army Corps of
Engineers, New England
District

REVIEW AGENCIES:

USACE New England District;
Massachusetts Historical
Commission;
Connecticut Commission on
Culture & Tourism

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Reedville Dam, West Thompson, Conn.

RGA conducted intensive (locational) archaeological surveys within four discrete flood control areas owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, New England District as part of a requirement for compliance with Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The project included surveys of 4,041 acres within the flood control areas previously identified as containing high and moderate sensitivity for historic and prehistoric archaeological resources.

Tasks performed included closely reviewing previously completed Archaeological Overview and Assessment reports and re-assessing the areas identified as having a moderate to high archaeological sensitivity based on current conditions. In several cases, fieldwork strategies were modified based on the re-assessment.

Over 300 prehistoric (pre-contact) and historic (post-contact) sites were identified, and registration forms prepared for submission to the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism. Several of the sites were assessed as potentially eligible for the National Register under Criterion D. These sites provided information on prehistoric and historic settlement patterning in the New England region.