

Location:

Armstrong County,
Pennsylvania

Client:

PDOT

Dates:

December 2012

Present Status:

Complete

Project Type:

Phase II Archaeological Survey

Major Project Elements:

Phase II
Early Woodland Village Site

36AR535 & 36AR536 Road Expansion



In 2012, a Jackson Group team member conducted work on a Road Expansion project for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in Armstrong County, PA. The project was previously investigated by another company and the Pennsylvania Historical and

Museum Commission (PHMC) requested further testing to determine the potential for prehistoric settlement. Previous findings uncovered enough evidence at two sites sitting on two adjacent knolls separated by a first order stream. Testing occurred in late fall and it was determined that due to the significance of the material discovered during survey that sites are eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Excavations revealed on one site, a large intact hearth. Within the hearth several fragments of lithic materials were recovered as well as ceramic fragments, all indicating early woodland period in date. In one test unit a ceramic vessel was found in situ well into the B horizon. In addition to the Early Woodland site, a house foundation was investigated. Materials recovered included utilitarian objects, along with a coin dating to the late 1840's.

