

# Antrex Site

Heritage Advisory Committee

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# The Archaeology Of the Site

- The Antrex Site was first documented in 1990 and excavated over four years.
- Archaeology is a provincial interest under the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and is required in advance of land development and alteration.
- Archaeology is a regulated industry, requiring licensing and standards similar to other professional industries.
- Interpretation of archaeological sites is rare, yet it provides access to past lives in a way that building preservation connects new communities with their heritage.
- The City has over 300 known archaeological sites.

## What was Found?

- Excavation spanned three quarters of a hectare (2 acres).
- Nine longhouses, a double row palisade, two middens, sweat lodges and burials.
- Over 41,000 artifacts, including tools, ceramic sherds, bone and vegetable remains

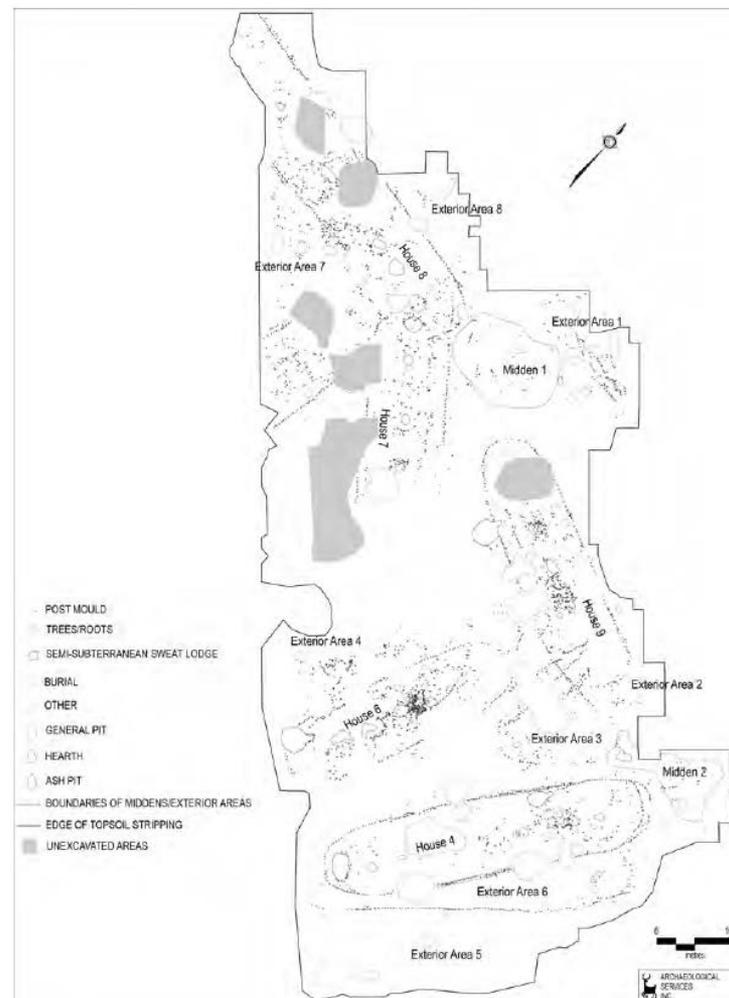


Figure 1. Antres site settlement patterns (courtesy of Archaeological Services Inc.).

# What was Found?

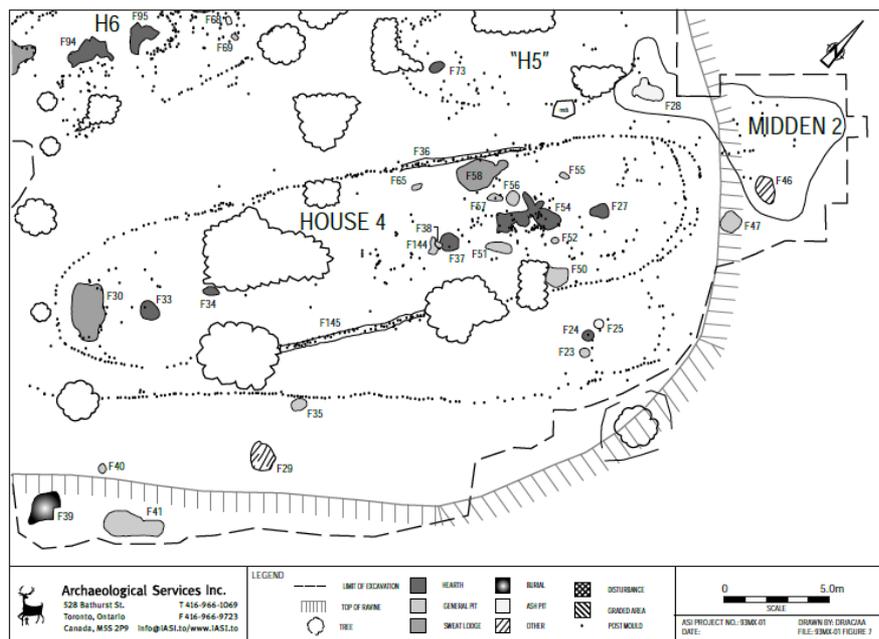


Figure 7: Detail of the House 4 and Midden 2 settlement patterns.



Plate 25: Selected Late Woodland points (Dewaele/side notched forms).

## The Village

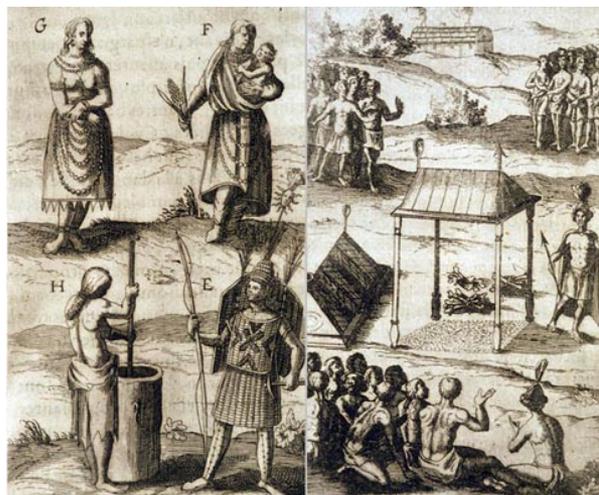
- The village was occupied in 1200-1300s- a precise date is unknown.
- The village would have been occupied by ~400-500 individuals.
- Highly ordered and organized settlement, complete with waster management, streets and public areas.



Artistic interpretation of a longhouse village

# The People

- Ancestors of present-day Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Wyandot Nations.
- Anishinaabe peoples did visit the village and live there seasonally.



# Reconciliation and Interpretation

- The City of Mississauga is committed to reconciliation with our Indigenous partners.
- Reconciliation can take the form of reversing erasure of Indigenous history through interpretation.
- Interpretation is supported through a meaningful engagement with the descendant communities.



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