



REQUEST: Archaeological Site Designation of Rivermont at 1016 Waverly Road

Case Number	UDP-HPD20004	FMSF#	
Owner	City of Fort Lauderdale		
Address	1016 Waverly Road		
General Location	Located on the south side of Waverly Road approximately 140 feet east of the intersection of SW 11th Avenue and Waverly Road		
Legal Description	WAVERLY PLACE 2-19 D LOT 1 TO 6 BLK 101		
Existing Use	Vacant Lot		
Zoning	RS-8		
Applicable ULDR Sections	47-24.11.C.		
Landmark/Historic District	Rivermont		
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This staff memorandum was prepared using excerpts from the attached designation report that was prepared by Robert S. Carr, AHC, which provides further information on the history and significance of this property.

Property Background:

Rivermont is part of the Loesch/Rivermount Site, a large archaeological site that is located between SW 9th Avenue and SW 12th Avenue in the Sailboat Bend Historic District. This site was locally known since the late 19th century and may have been visited by archaeologist Mark Harrington in 1908. The Rivermont site was first documented with the Florida Master Site File as 8BD87 in 1974, and subsequently documented during various site inventories (Carr 1980, 1995; Adams 1989, 1993; Carr and Beriault 2000; DeFelice 2011; Handley and Gorman 2014).

A 1910s structure previously existed on this site which was an early residence within the Waverly Place subdivision. In 2015, a Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition was approved by the City Commission.

Request for Archaeological Site Designation

Archaeological Site designation is requested for the property located at 1016 Waverly Place in the Sailboat Bend Historic District. This property is situated on the north bank of the New River and is currently a vacant lot with the intent to use the space as a public park. Specific plans for the public park have not been developed, but it is recommended to by the author of the designation report to implement a passive park with minimal ground disturbance, provide interpretive signage for the archaeological site, and to maintain the gate posts and lower level of the existing wall to retain a physical historic archaeological feature on the site.



Photo of Existing Site – 1016 Waverly Road



Criteria for Historic Designation

Pursuant Section 47-24.11.C.7 of the ULDR, the criteria for the designation of property as a landmark, landmark site or historic district shall be based on one (1) or more of the criteria and evaluated in conjunction with guidance provided within the National Register Bulletin series published by the National Park Service.

ULDR, Section 47-24.11.C.7

a. Its value as a significant reminder of the Cultural or archeological heritage of the city, state, or nation;

Response

Intact prehistoric deposits, artifacts, and features associated with the indigenous Tequesta culture occur across the Rivermont parcel, except in areas of fill abutting the New River. Although the site's upper horizons have been disturbed by historic clearing activities and limited residential development, these disturbances are relatively modest in regard to the overall site. Underlying intact deposits occur to depths of over 1.2 meters. This site represents the most intact and deepest surviving black earth midden along the New River, with at least 2000 years of prehistoric occupation. It likely is the best preserved prehistoric site in eastern Broward County.

Rivermont is eligible for local designation as an archaeological site under Criterion (a) of Section 47-24.11.C.7 of the Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) for "its value as a significant reminder of the cultural or archeological heritage of the city, state, or nation." Rivermont is also eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places based on Criterion D: applicable to sites "that have yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory." Rivermont's assemblage of Tequesta material can allow for the reconstruction of prehistoric diet, technology, settlement patterns, as well as environmental information on prehistoric ecology, fauna, flora, and possibly climate changes through time.

Application meets this criterion.

Summary Conclusion:

In accordance with Section 47-24.11.C of the ULDR, staff finds that the application for Archaeological Site Designation of Rivermont located at 1016 Waverly Road under case number UDP-HPD20004 meets criterion (a) as outlined in Section 47-24.11.C.7 of the ULDR.

Historic Preservation Board Suggested Motion:

I move to recommend to **(approve) (deny) (approve with conditions) (continue)** the request for Archaeological Site Designation of Rivermont located at 1016 Waverly Road to the City Commission under case number UDP-HPD20004 based on a finding this request **(meets) (does not meet)** criterion (a) as outlined in Section 47-24.11.C.7. of the ULDR.