MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

**Inventory Data for Municipal Growth Management Plans**

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Municipality:  **Howland**

Inventory data as of  **September 2022** :

Forty-three (43) sites known, ranging in age from 7400 years to 19th century A.D. Fifteen (15) of these sites are or may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Most of these sites are on the banks of the Piscataquis River. Intensive work done for relicensing of Howland Dam.

A “Red Paint” or Moorehead Burial Tradition cemetery (site 91-6) existed at one time in “downtown” Howland. But it was excavated and destroyed before 1930 without any records being made.

The primary archaeological surveys to date has been focused on the Howland dam impoundment (and the fish passage project). The Piscataquis River banks can be considered surveyed.

Needs for further survey, inventory, and analysis:

Backwater (old) channels of Piscataquis River need survey. The banks of the Penobscot, as well as alluvium along the Penobscot River and its back channels (*i.e.*, Merrill Branch need survey). Seboeis streambanks and the “horseback” or esker that parallels Seboeis Stream need survey.