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1. INTRODUCTION

The archeological survey of Dade County, Florida, is but one element of an ongoing effort by the Metro-Dade County Historic Preservation Division (MDHPD) to locate and assess the County's historic resources. The MDHPD has attempted to systematically identify, document and evaluate sites of architectural, historical, and archeological significance. This report describes the results of the archeological survey that began in August, 1978. This survey is funded by a community development block grant and H.C.R.S. grants through Florida's Division of Archives, History and Records Management, and is currently sponsored by Dade County's Office of Community and Economic Development.

It is anticipated that the information gathered from this survey will serve to provide a data bank of site information that will contribute towards the effective management and conservation of Dade County's dwindling population of archeological sites. The historic remains, whether they are presented by the built environment or by clusters of artifacts resulting from prehistoric or historic activities, are tangible evidence of this area's heritage which began at least 6,000 years ago. The county's built environment provides a material body of "artifacts" that are no older than 150 years, a span of time that represents only two and one half percent of this area's history. It is thus important to record and preserve a representative sample of the full spectrum of the human history of Dade County, a history that includes the "invisible" sites; those sites which are buried beneath the ground.