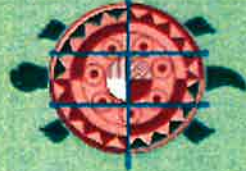




Historic Fort Wayne



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A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT



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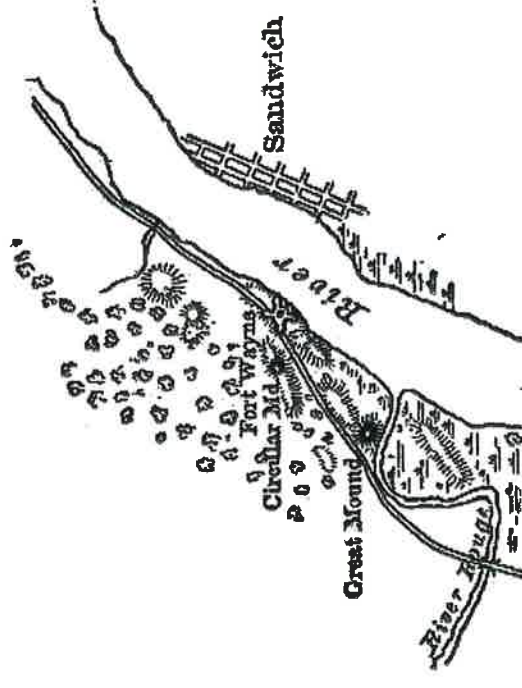
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4-15-25 - Read @ the table - Formal Session

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Fort Wayne Burial Mound Background

- Dating from ~AD 750 to 1200, the Fort Wayne Burial Mound was once part of a larger Native American burial complex known as the Springwells Mound Group.
- There were five or six mounds that were located within a mile radius of the Fort, including the Central Mound or Great Mound, which was demolished to construct the Star Fort. The Star Fort itself is treated as sacred by Tribal partners.
- As late as the early 1800s, numerous Native Americans were known to have buried their ancestors in the mounds at Fort Wayne and other surrounding mounds.



Section 106 consultation



Priorities

Priorities for mound management:



Respectful care

Regular and respectful
maintenance and
upkeep



Cultural access

Access for Tribal
programming,
including ceremony



Education and interpretation

Collaborative interpretive
elements

"We believe it is vital to inform the larger non-Native public of our ongoing connection to the Historic Fort Wayne and Detroit region and that we are the living descendants of those Ancestors."

- Historic Fort Wayne Strategic Plan, Appendix B: Tribal Consultation



City management of Historic Fort Wayne

Historic Fort Wayne is registered as a National Historic Site.

In 2006, ownership responsibility was transferred from the Detroit Historical Department to Detroit Parks and Recreation (GSD).

Accomplishments:

- 2024: Save America's Treasures restoration support; US Fish and Wildlife Service and Detroit Bird Alliance native bird meadow; Greening of Detroit tree planting
- 2022: Interpretive plan
- 2021: Stabilization and mothballing plan
- 2020: Strategic Plan, National Park Service deed abrogation and site rezoning



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