**MAINE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**Inventory Data for Municipal Growth Management Plans**

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Municipality:  **Yarmouth**

Inventory data as of  **SEPTEMBER 2022** :

Thirty-eight (38) sites known, most of them on the Casco Bay shoreline. Two sites are on the banks of the Royal River. Many of the sites along the marine (Casco Bay) shoreline are shell middens, and most of these are eroding. The oldest site in Casco Bay, with a basal layer of about 4000 years old, is located on Mosher Island.

Reconnaissance archaeological survey is nearly complete for the Yarmouth shoreline of Casco Bay. Recent survey of Lane’s Island located a half-dozen sites. Survey of the Royal River has been limited to small areas of proposed development, but those surveys demonstrate small sites along the River. Multiple subdivision and other development-focused survey, including for a gas pipeline to Cousins Island, have been completed.

Needs for further survey, inventory, and analysis:

The banks of the Royal River need systematic, professional reconnaissance survey. Many sites on islands in Casco Bay need intensive-level survey and data recovery before they erode (from sea level rise).