

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**National Register of Historic Places Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

**1. Name of Property**Historic name: N/AOther names/site number: Indian Springs Farm Site 44HE1065Name of related multiple property listing:  
N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

**2. Location**Street & number: [REDACTED]City or town: [REDACTED] State: VA County: HenricoNot For Publication: ☒ Vicinity: ☒**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination     request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.In my opinion, the property X meets     does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:    national     statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

    A     B     C X D  
Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property     meets     does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Date

Title :

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#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register  
☐ determined eligible for the National Register  
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register  
☐ removed from the National Register  
☐ other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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#### 5. Classification

##### Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private: ☒
- Public – Local ☐
- Public – State ☐
- Public – Federal ☐

##### Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s) ☐
- District ☐
- Site ☒
- Structure ☐
- Object ☐

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### Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing

0

Noncontributing

0

buildings

1

0

sites

0

0

## structures

0

0

objects

1

0

Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

## 6. Function or Use

## Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: camp

COMMERCE/TRADE: trade (archeology)

DEFENSE: fortification

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## Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LANDSCAPE: unoccupied land

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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

N/A  
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**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: N/A

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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#### Summary Paragraph

The Indian Springs Farm Archaeological Site (44HE1065) is a multi-component Virginia Indian site within the inner Coastal Plain, on the braided and meandering south bank of the Chickahominy River in Henrico County, Virginia. The site is covered by a combination of brush and young forest with the northernmost portion of the site within designated wetland. Indian Springs Farm has been documented through Phase II archaeological investigations in 2009 with additional survey and testing completed in 2019. Limited ground disturbance in the vicinity of the site occurred in 2006 due to logging activity and again in 2009 during construction of a tower for a Dominion Energy transmission line (archaeological mitigation occurred prior to the 2009 disturbance); future threats to the integrity of the archaeological site include erosion and public utility expansion. Archaeological excavations have recovered diagnostic artifacts from the Paleo-Indian through Late Woodland periods. Research indicates that the Indian Springs Farm Archaeological Site is contemporary with the Late Woodland component of the village of Orapax. The Virginia Indian village of Orapax is noted in the historical record as the residence of Paramount Chief Powhatan following his departure from the village of Werowocomoco in Gloucester County in the early 17<sup>th</sup> century. Orapax has yet to be identified, however, Turner and Opperman's (1995:9-10-9-11) research suggests it is "near the Henrico-New Kent County line, just east of Site 44HE1065, on the north (opposite) bank of the river." Site 44HE1065 is significant, with few artifacts dating definitively to the contact period, but substantial evidence of

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occupation during the Late Woodland and earlier periods. The dominant Late Woodland period occupation has demonstrated potential to yield information important to the histories of Indigenous people in Virginia. The material culture and intact cultural deposits at Indian Springs Farm, including significant quantities of Virginia Indian ceramics and intact post mold and trench features, contain information that contributes to a broader understanding of Late Woodland settlement patterns in eastern Virginia.

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**Narrative Description**

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activity with some ground disturbance due to heavy machinery. Since then, archaeological















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## 8. Statement of Significance

### Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☐ C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☒ D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

### Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- ☐ B. Removed from its original location
- ☐ C. A birthplace or grave
- ☐ D. A cemetery
- ☐ E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- ☐ F. A commemorative property
- ☐ G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHEOLOGY: PREHISTORIC

ETHNIC HERITAGE: NATIVE AMERICAN

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**Period of Significance**

1200 BCE – 1600 CE

**Significant Dates**

N/A

**Significant Person**

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

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**Cultural Affiliation**

Woodland

**Architect/Builder**

N/A

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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Indian Springs Farm is significant as a site that includes occupations by Native American people from the Early Woodland through the Late Woodland/early Contact periods that could contribute to the field of archaeology by revealing patterns in site location and formation and Woodland period life leading up to the decades prior to European contact. The breadth of material culture recovered through archaeological excavation at Indian Springs Farm is significant because it provides information that cannot be found in the written record - evidence of the daily activities of individuals whose only "documents" exist in the form of physical objects deposited in the soil. Indian Springs Farm is significant according to the following criteria:

Criterion D. The site has yielded, or is likely to yield, information, important in history, namely:

The site contains well preserved archaeological deposits and cultural material that can provide insight into Indigenous life through the Woodland period, including changes in settlement patterns and food procurement strategies at one location over time. The site, being the likely location of a Late Woodland period satellite village within a dispersed village model, with archaeologically identified cultural features, is likely to contain significant information about Indigenous lifeways during the Late Woodland period, including societal changes associated with the rise of chiefdoms and interactions between smaller satellite villages (like Indian Springs Farm) and larger more central villages (like Orapax) within the Chickahominy River drainage, and Indigenous responses to seasonally available foodstuffs, changing river levels, and shifting power structures among Native tribes within the region.

**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

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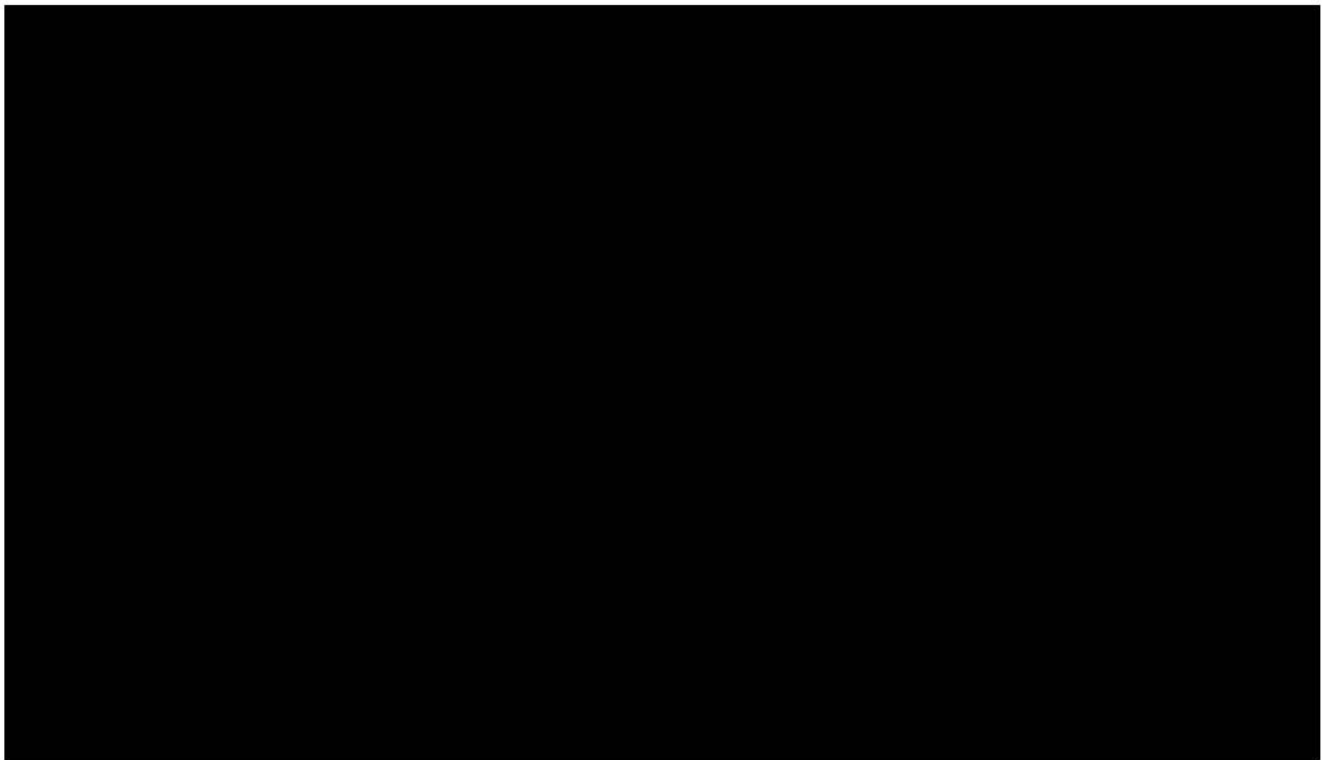
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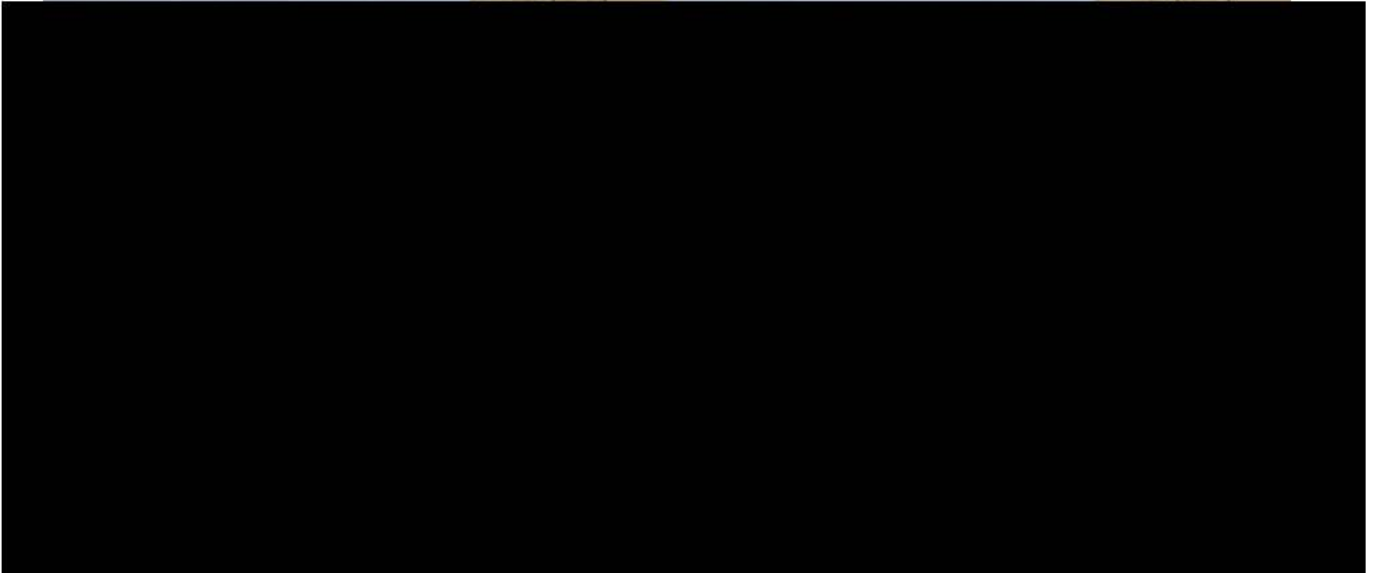
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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond, Virginia

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** 043-6408 / 44HE1065

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Or**  
**UTM References**

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Datum (indicated on USGS map):

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NAD 1927

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NAD 1983

1. Zone:

Easting:

Northing:

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**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

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**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

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## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

## Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

## Photo Log

Name of Property: Indian Springs Farm Site

City or Vicinity: Sandston

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County: Henrico

State: VA

Photographer: Irvine Wilson

Date Photographed: 5/13/2019

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 12: 44HE1065 Beginning of TU 3 excavation
- 2 of 12: 44HE1065 Staff and volunteers excavating STPs, facing north
- 3 of 12: 44HE1065 Feature 18, TU 6, base of excavation
- 4 of 12: 44HE1065 Excavating TU3
- 5 of 12: 44HE1065 Projectile point found on first day of test unit excavation
- 6 of 12: 44HE1065 Property owners and volunteers excavating STPs
- 7 of 12: 44HE1065 Cleaning Feature 18, TU6
- 8 of 12: 44HE1065 TU3 Base of B, 1
- 9 of 12: 44HE1065 TU4 Base of B, 1
- 10 of 12: 44HE1065 TU5 Base of A
- 11 of 12: 44HE1065 TU6 Base of B, 2
- 12 of 12: 44HE1065 TU6 Base of C2

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Tier 1 – 60-100 hours

Tier 2 – 120 hours

Tier 3 – 230 hours

Tier 4 – 280 hours

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