

## Summary of Extra Housepit Excavation 2

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The test trench for EHPE 2 is located 70 m south by 86 m to 90 m east of the site datum. The trench was dug on an east-west axis, approximately 3 m north of the rim of HP 7 (this Volume, Preface, **Fig. 1**).

The test trench (**Fig. 1**) indicates a least one occupation, as indicated by the hearth feature found in Subsquare A. However, considering the location of the test trench (just below a steep embankment to the east and the rim of the housepit to the south), many of the flakes found in the upper layers may be a result of slopewash.

### **Stratigraphy**

#### **Stratum I**

Stratum I consists of a dark humus layer. Charcoal and basalt flakes were present in both test Squares A and B. Fire cracked rock is scattered throughout this stratum.

#### **Stratum II**

Stratum II represents slopewash from the embankment to the east. The sediments are a light sandy loam. A few bones and stones are located in the western test trench (Sq. A).

#### **Stratum III**

Stratum III has dark moist fine grain sediments. The majority of the lithics were found in this stratum. Moreover, large ungulate bones were found primarily within this stratum. Thus, cultural activity is quite obviously

present here. Unfortunately no diagnostic projectile points were in the test trenches.

#### **Stratum IV**

Stratum IV is a tan fine grain silt. No artifacts or bones are present, thus this stratum can be considered to be part of the sterile till.

#### **Summary and Conclusions**

In sum, the top stratum is more than likely slopewash. The lower stratum (III) indicates cultural activity. This activity can be assumed to be associated with HP 7 in the form of either a hearth or a small roasting pit.

#### **Figures**

Figure 1: Extra-Housepit Excavation 2 stratigraphic profile.

