



## What is The Archaeological Conservancy (TAC)?

- The only national nonprofit organization dedicated to the acquisition and preservation of archaeological sites
- Current membership of nearly 20,000
- Since 1980 the Conservancy has acquired more than 550 endangered sites across America. These include Native American and Historic sites.
- These properties are maintained as open-space research preserves that are open for approved research and educational opportunities.



Foundation ruins on Egg Mountain

# Why is TAC involved with Egg Mountain?

- Archival deed research shows Daniel Shays, a leader of Shays' Rebellion, bought land in Sandgate. This research and oral tradition suggests he and his family lived on Egg Mountain after fleeing Massachusetts.
- It's difficult to prove Shays' lived the site, but in either case the archaeological deposits contain tremendous research potential for understanding a remote subsistence economy of New England. The site is a time capsule with minimal disturbance.
- To protect these resources, TAC acquired 89 acres at the heart of the site in 2022 from The Conservation Fund with funding from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board.
- Plans for management and educational outreach are underway. The land will be maintained as an open-space research preserve.



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# Why TAC supports state acquisition of the remaining Egg Mountain Property

- While the 89 acres owned by TAC contains the core of the site, there are foundation ruins and other feature that extend onto the surrounding land. State ownership would ensure these are also protected.
- TAC has worked with the State on a number of projects, and views them as a good management partner, which is essential because of the shared access road. The State would involve TAC in management planning for the surrounding property.
- The State will be able to assist in protection and monitoring of the archaeological resources.
- In short, the state poses less potential risk for protection and management of archaeological resources than a private buyer would.



Foundation ruins beyond TAC's ownership

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