Cultural Assets Assessment

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Assessment Team

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Assessment Steps:

- Identify/compile cultural assets from existing documents and sources
- Organize existing data by:
  - County
  - Topical Themes
Resources Identified

- National Register of Historic Places (National Park Service)
- State Register of Historic Sites (MDHAL State Historic Preservation Office)
- Huron Greenways (NEMCOG)
- U.S. 23 Heritage Route (MDOT)
- Non-motorized Trail Maps (NEMCOG, MDOT)
- Maritime Heritage Initiative (MDHAL, Travel Michigan)
- TBNMS Inventory of Shipwrecks (TBNMS)
- “Preliminary Comparative and Theme Study of National Historic Landmark Potential for Thunder Bay, MI” (Martin, J.C., NOAA NMS, 1996)
- “The Distribution and Abundance of Archaeological Sites in the Coastal Zone of Michigan (Presque Isle, 1976) (Peebles and Black, 1976)
- Web searches (ACC Students)
- Other NEMIA working group contributions

Organizing Data:

- By County (Presque Isle, Alpena, Alcona)
- By Topical Themes:
  - Lighthouses (developed via Travel Michigan)
  - Shipwrecks
  - Commerce: Blue Water Highway
  - People Power of the G.L. (Maritime People)
  - Harbor Towns & Ports

Questions of you today:

- Does this organization (mainly topical themes) still make sense?
- Filling Gaps – what are we missing?
  - Data Sources?
  - Specific Assets?
  - Documents?
  - Contacts?
Next Steps:
- Identify gaps -> continue to add and develop data (as possible)
- TBNMS survey work
- ACC students, supported by MDHAL
- Compiling assets in MDHAL Database
  (e.g., NLI, Register of Historic Places criteria)
- Developing GIS data layers for use by NEMIA working group and policy option development