

ROOTS IN THE TEST UNIT – CART FIELD

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Field, Colchester, Northern Virginia



*At Old Colchester Park & Preserve
Jonathan digs out a root.*

It is beautiful in Northern Virginia today. The weather is perfect. In the field at Old Colchester Park & Preserve, Jonathan Brisendine digs around a small root that invades his test unit. The area of the park that the CART field crew is currently working has mainly yielded scatters of lithics and prehistoric ceramics. Most of what has been found is flake scatters from making stone tools thousands of years ago. Even the tiny flakes provide information that will be analyzed to assess the type of activities that occurred in the distant past.

Right now, though, Jonathan concentrates on not allowing roots to disturb the archaeological test unit too much. It is common for archaeologists to figure ways to work around or with bioturbation such as roots or rodent burrows.