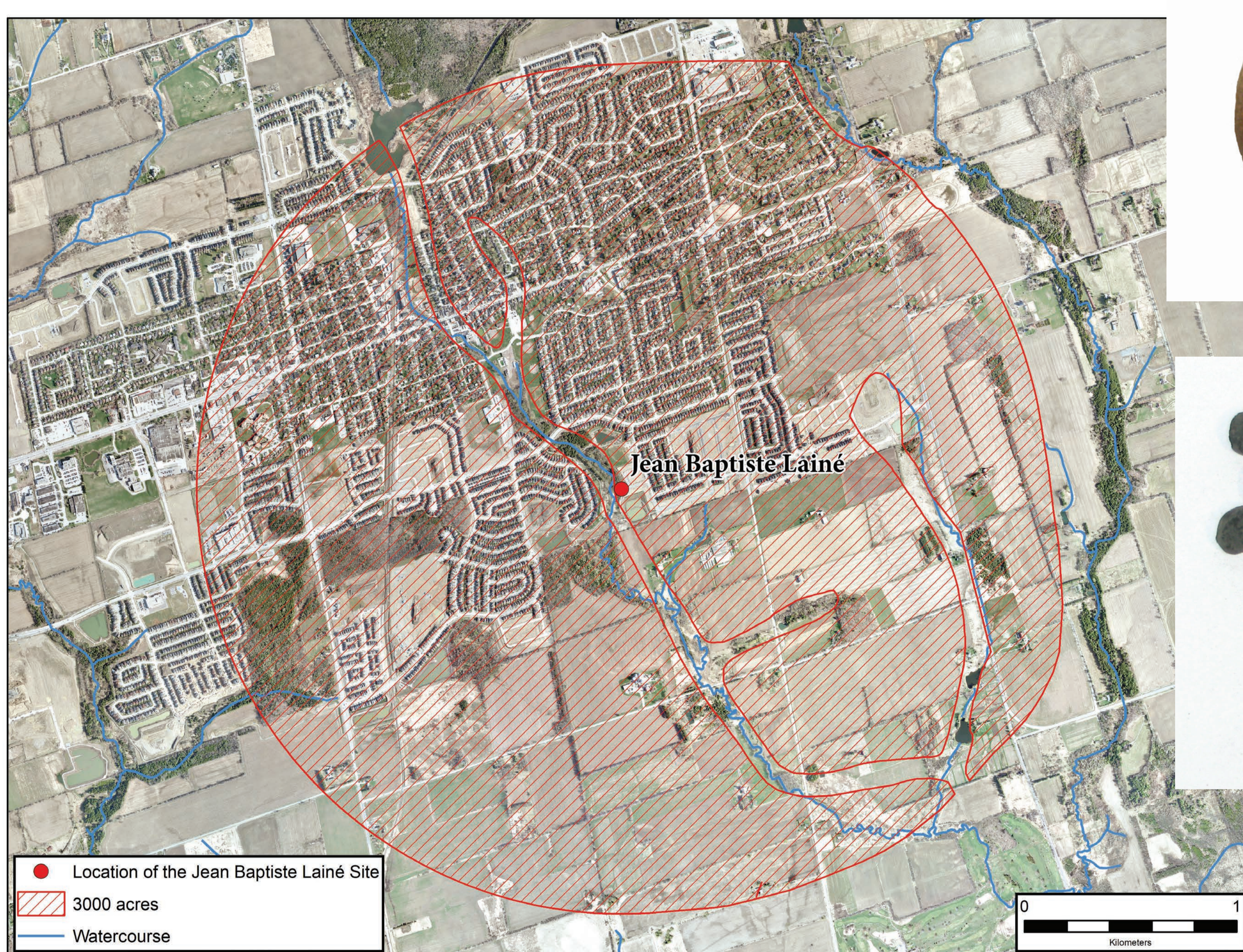


Archaeology Alive!

Did you know Stouffville was once completely covered in corn fields?

- The staple food of the Huron-Wendat was corn, supplemented by beans and squash. These three plants were called “The Three Sisters.”
- The women of the community took care of this enormous farming task and would have done everything by hand.
- The corn cob fragments found on the Jean-Baptiste Lainé archaeological site were much smaller than our corn today. The corn cobs were between 5-6 inches long and had at most eight rows of kernels.
- When harvested, the corn was dried and stored in pits below the ground. It was usually prepared by grinding it with a stone and then cooking it with water to make a porridge, along with other preparations.
- Over 50% of the community’s diet would have been corn!



Carbonized corn kernels and a ceramic vessel uncovered at the site.

An exhibition developed with artifacts on loan from the collection of the Canadian Museum of History.