



Northeast Region

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Assistance to DHR: Fieldwork at Shell Bluff Landing



Staff and volunteers from the Northeast Region assisted the BAR with a short survey to better document Shell Bluff Landing in the face of coastal erosion.

The Northeast Region assisted archaeologists from BAR in a short field project at Shell Bluff Landing at the GTM Research Reserve. The fieldwork was conducted in response to documented impacts at the site since the HMS Florida pilot program kicked off in September 2016. The project aimed to better document the site's dense coastal shell midden, as well as re-establish a 1988 baseline for monitoring erosion at the shoreline. In addition to staff, HMS Florida Scout Marvin volunteered with the work.

Heritage Tourism: Guided Hike and Site Monitoring at Ponce Preserve

The Northeast Region partnered with the City of Ponce Inlet to host a guided hike and monitoring day at Ponce Preserve. Ten participants learned about the archaeology of Green Mound, and how they can help protect the site through monitoring with Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS Florida). Staff led a hike through the Preserve to see the mound and helped participants complete a scout report.



Robbie Boggs describes the stratigraphy of Green Mound during a guided hike and monitoring day at Ponce Inlet's Ponce Preserve.

FPAN in the Media

- “St. Augustine Pastor says it’s no surprise city officials want to keep monument,” St. Augustine Record, print article
 - <http://staugustine.com/local-news/news/2017-10-18/st-augustine-pastor-says-it-s-no-surprise-city-officials-want-keep>
- “Archaeologists monitor sea level rise and erosion at historic sites,” First Coast News, TV news story
 - <http://www.firstcoastnews.com/news/local/st-augustine/archaeologists-monitor-sea-level-rise-and-erosion-at-historic-sites/497122041>
- “Rising seas: Coastal waters threaten Florida’s historic resources,” The St. Augustine Record, print article
 - <http://staugustine.com/news/local-news/2017-12-23/rising-seas-coastal-waters-threaten-florida-s-historic-resources>
- “Reshuffling of grant priorities favor Volusia, Flagler museums,” The Daytona Beach News-Journal, print article
 - <http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/20171224/reshuffling-of-grant-priorities-favor-volusia-flagler-museums>
- “Downtown column: Historic neighborhoods must deal with threats of flooding, storm surge and sea level rise,” The Florida Times Union, print article
 - <http://jacksonville.com/opinion/columnists/2017-12-26/downtown-column-historic-neighborhoods-must-deal-threats-flooding>

Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives

- Goal 1: Thinking Like a Network by Delivery of Standardized Programs
 - Staff celebrated International Archaeology Day by partnering with the St. Augustine Archaeological Association by co-hosting the annual Pub Crawl and the Archaeological Institute of America Jacksonville Society by participating in their archaeology fair.
 - Staff continued to support HMS Florida through new partnerships with local governments, Florida State Parks and Wildlife Management areas.
 - The Northeast Region continued to offer an Archaeology Works series at the Environmental Discovery Center in Ormond Beach.
- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources by Working at the Local Level
 - Staff provided comments to the City of St. Augustine on the issue of local Confederate Monuments.
 - Staff offered the first GOPHR local government training in the Northeast Region, in partnership with Clay County and the North Central Region.
 - Staff partnered with the North Florida Land Trust as a featured speaker for their quarterly preservation lecture series. Emily Jane spoke about climate change impacts on archaeology and HMS Florida as a response.
- Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
 - Staff from the Northeast Region co-hosted a CRPT workshop in Melrose with the Central Region.
 - Emily Jane and Sarah represented FPAN at SEAC in Tulsa, OK, where they presented a paper on the HMS Florida pilot program at the GTM Research Reserve.
 - Sarah Miller traveled to Tallahassee to stand up in support of the HMS Florida Department of State special category grant. Complications arose at the end of the quarter that threaten viability of the funds. This work will continue into next quarter.