



## Southwest Region

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### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Viability: SW Coordinator Rachael Kangas Moves to Tampa Office

In August of 2021, Rachael Kangas, Public Archaeology Coordinator for FPAN SW announced she would be leaving FPAN SW to take on new challenges as the Public Archaeology Coordinator with FPAN's West Central Region based out of USF. In her six years at FPAN SW, Rachael successfully completed hundreds of in person and virtual programs, in addition to assisting partners like the National Park Service, Pineland at the University of Florida's Randell Research Center, Collier County Museums, the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves, state parks within the region and countless others. Rachael brings considerable expertise to the Tampa Office. Good luck, Rachael!



Photo 1: Collage of Rachael Kangas at work

## **Address Impact of Climate Change on Archaeological Resources: Kangas presents at Tidally United Summit**

As part of FPAN's Tidally United Conference, Rachael Kangas co-authored a paper on her work with Johan Aspiolea, Park Manager for Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park. The paper detailed the pair's efforts over the past two years to visit all 41 archaeological sites within the Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park. The extensive archaeological record of Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park is unique in the region and Kangas' efforts have not only furthered the goals of the HMS program but will also provide valuable insight for park management into prioritizing efforts in the future.



**Photo 2: Conducting Site Assessments in CHPSP**

### **Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives**

- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level
  - FPAN SW staff including Sara Ayers-Rigsby coordinated site visits to vulnerable archaeological sites during September's King Tides with FGCU professor, Dr. Michael Savarese. Read more about their visits [here](#).