



**East Central Region**  
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**Assistance to DHR: Archaeological Resource Management (ARM) Training**

The East Central Region partnered with the Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science to assist the DHR/BAR for ARM training in early August. This training brings public lands managers together to discuss best practices for cultural resource protection on properties throughout the state of Florida. Sarah Miller and Kevin Gidusko both presented components of the training and were on hand for field visits to local sites where participants learned first-hand about identifying archaeological resources.



**Image 1: Sarah Miller discusses historic ceramics with ARM participants at a historic homestead site in Brevard County.**



**Image 2: CLAASP participants show off their artifact sorting skills.**

## **Volunteer Opportunities: CLAASP Open Lab Days**

The Communities of Lake Apopka Artifact Survey Project (CLAASP) held a series of open lab days at the Oakland Nature Preserve in Orange County. This project works to utilize unprovenanced artifact collections at local museums and nature centers around Lake Apopka to teach the public about the process of archaeological lab work. Participants help to sort, count, and analyze the collections of mostly prehistoric artifacts. Results from the lab work will be incorporated into displays at each museum which will be produced with the public's assistance.

## **Progress on Work Plan Objectives**

- Goal 1: Thinking Like a Network By Delivery of Standardized Programs
  - Utilization of Archaeology Works templates and material for training in the EC Region.
  - CLAASP program developed through inter-region collaboration (EC, C, WC).
  - Implementation of HMS Florida Program in EC, developed by NE Region.
- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level
  - CLAASP program seeks to raise awareness about the importance of preserving context at archaeological sites through hands-on engagement.
  - HMS Florida program will help leverage public interest in archaeological resources by empowering them to assist in the stewardship of these resources.
  - The EC continues to provide lecture topics that discuss the need for archaeological resource protection.
- Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
  - Standardization and sharing of programming helps create a coordinated message across the state which demonstrates value and purpose to the public.
  - Implementation of the HMS Florida program in the EC has long-term goals that require public involvement at each step along the way; this is a solid path towards the integration of FPAN programming in the public mindset when considering cultural resources.