



**Northeast Region**  
Quarterly Report – October/November/December 2021  
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**HMS Florida: People of the Guana Peninsula Project kick off**

The National Estuarine Research Reserve System Science Collaborative awarded the Northeast Region funding for a 3-year project, From Past to Present: People and Ecosystem Services of the Guana Peninsula. The project, which official started October 1, 2021, will explore how people have used the vast natural resources of the Guana Peninsula through time, using archaeological investigations to study the past and applied anthropological methods for current communities, given that many of these sites and resources are threatened by the climate crisis. The team will apply the NAHAR research pipeline (model, monitor, meet, methodize, mitigate), and work closely with Flagler College through field schools and community excavations. The project team held a public day to kick off the project on December 7, 2021. Attendees included project partners, GTM staff, and interested members of the public.



**Attendees of the public meeting enjoyed a coastal walk out to sites on the Guana Peninsula.**

## **Outreach: Flinders University symposium on heritages responses to the IPCC**

Northeast Region staff Sarah Miller and Emily Jane Murray participated virtually in Flinders University's symposium, "Archaeology, History, Indigenous & Heritage Responses to the IPCC 6<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report and agendas for climate research and adaptation." They were one of 14 international speakers, presenting on HMS Florida, the Guana Peninsula project, and other FPAN initiatives as ways to track and mitigate coastal impacts.



**Sarah and Emily Jane participated virtually in a climate change symposium sponsored by Flinders University.**

### **FPAN in the Media:**

- "A Victory for the West Side at the Pinehurst & San Sebastian Cemeteries Restoration Day," West Augustine News Connection
  - <https://www.westaugustinenewsconnection.com/2021/10/san-sebastian-cemeteries-restoration-day.html>
- "Flagler College receives a \$600k grant for Guana peninsula project," Ponte Vedra Recorder
  - <https://pontevedrarecorder.com/stories/flagler-college-receives-a-600k-grant-for-guana-peninsula-project,14154>

- “Digital tools can preserve historic sites threatened by the effects of climate change,” NPR Morning Edition
  - <https://www.npr.org/2021/12/08/1062320033/digital-tools-can-preserve-historic-sites-threatened-by-climate-change-effects>
- “Florida study documents condition, existence of endangered coastal archaeological sites” WUWF Sandra Averhart December 29, 2021.
  - [https://www.wuwf.org/2021-12-29/florida-study-documents-condition-existence-of-endangered-coastal-archaeological-sites?fbclid=IwAR1hioxc9\\_6RI4-vmTNIFxh0wLn4IC\\_GGFribgS4OJRwXTvyH34-AR5fHek](https://www.wuwf.org/2021-12-29/florida-study-documents-condition-existence-of-endangered-coastal-archaeological-sites?fbclid=IwAR1hioxc9_6RI4-vmTNIFxh0wLn4IC_GGFribgS4OJRwXTvyH34-AR5fHek)
- “Race Against Time.” Nautilus by Ramin Skibba December 1, 2021.
  - <https://nautil.us/race-against-time-13429/?fbclid=IwAR1Kptz5jvhWYhRiXwi8qwT-FQyWdvvSeUQSyF7UAJJuGkYfIzcIsz0EJg>
- “A Heritage and Ecosystem at Risk” by Danielle Filjon for Gargoyle Magazine, November 29, 2021.
  - <https://gargoyle.flagler.edu/2021/11/a-heritage-and-ecosystem-at-risk/?fbclid=IwAR1ci9nAPk87so8LgkxISvoc96w7e5gYZDTz2WFbZLIdCAiIpy3mLgkR5gw>
- “Rising seas swamp Black, Spanish and Indigenous history in St. Johns County,” Adapt Florida
  - <https://adaptflorida.org/rising-seas-swamp-black-spanish-and-indigenous-history-in-st-johns-county/>