Assisting the State: Resiliency Study of the St. Johns River Proposed

During the last quarter Sarah Miller worked with NE/EC staff and the St. Johns River Water Management District to develop the St. Johns River Coastal Zone Survey and Resiliency Project. This project builds on the 2018-2021 HMS Florida Special Category grant results where 18 archaeological sites were part of this study. The proposed project aims to monitor 100 archaeological sites, many not revisited since first recorded. Three of the sites are on the National Register, 30 are potentially eligible and three more are listed as potentially eligible. The sites range from Early Archaic to 20th century Georgia-Pacific worker camps. SJRWMD is unique as an agency of the state but not a state agency. FPAN East Central and Northeast Regions have assisted the SJRWMD in the interim using the Heritage Monitoring Scout program to assess 35 previously recorded sites and 7 new site form submissions. The proposal brought to light 20 rural historic cemeteries also in need of site visits and assessments that are adjacent to SJRWMD managed lands that volunteer could potentially help monitor pending landowner permission. The proposal was submitted in May and is eligible if funded for the 2024-2026 fiscal year.

Jon Endonino (Eastern Kentucky University) volunteering for the HMS Florida program and assisting SJRWMD and FPAN staff to relocate, document, assess, and recommend management strategies for state land with no staff archaeologist.
Assisting Host Institution: Flagler College Interns

Onboarded for the National Esturine Research Reserve Science Collaborative grant, Summer Brown and Jillyann Corrales assisted East Central in monitoring sites, updating Florida Master Site File forms, tabling, and library programs. They also developed the StoryMap and audio tour for the People of Guana project. Summer Brown departed this quarter for her next opportunity as an intern at Crow Canyon. Jillyann Corrales was hired by both the St. Augustine City Archaeology lab and Flagler College’s Fort Mose field school lab. We wish them both the best in their careers and are grateful for their collaborative efforts and enthusiasm for Florida archaeology.

FPAN Interns Summer Brown and Jillyan Corrales learn from Emily Jane Murray how to identify and document a shell midden on state land.