

West Central Region
Quarterly Report – Oct/Nov/Dec 2012
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Highlight of the Quarter

This quarter WCRC Staff conducted a Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT) in Downtown Tampa. While this is not the first standardized cemetery training conducted by WCRC staff it is important for us in many ways. First, staff organized the training in partnership with a wonderful new partner in preservation, Tampa Preservation, Inc. (TPI). TPI offered to co-sponsor the effort and helped in many ways. TPI worked to coordinate and reserve the classroom location as well as provided lunch and snacks for the participants. Second, staff worked with the City of Tampa and received permission from them to perform the in-field portion of the training at the Oaklawn Cemetery located in downtown Tampa. Oaklawn is an important historic resource in the city and highly recognizable. Lastly, City of Tampa historic preservation and planning employees as well as Parks and Rec Dept. managers participated in the training. City of Tampa currently manages 3 historic cemeteries. We are very fortunate to have had their participation and the involvement and new partnership of TPI in the training.

Progress on Work Plan Objectives

- Partnerships in outreach: cont. to coordinate mini-workshops with NCPAL; Forensics, Prehistoric Ceramics, Education Outreach
- Teacher In-Service workshop: Pinellas County
- Public events: in partnership with USF Humanities Inst – conducted Archaeology Day in Downtown Tampa focusing on the Hillsborough River and Human Connections.
- Training: Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT): Downtown Tampa at Oaklawn Cemetery – cosponsored by Tampa Preservation, Inc.
- Assist DHR:
 - Began documentation of all cemetery sites in Hillsborough County – working with Lee Hutchinson. WCRC Staff completed 20 cemetery site file forms
 - Completed SSEAS training in Pinellas County with Bay Area Reef Runners dive group
 - Completed/submitted to SHPO a proposal for online LGPPD pilot study and long term plan
- Quarterly Newsletter: produced on time



Tampa CRPT participants work to clean a headstone at Oaklawn Cemetery in downtown Tampa.



Ryan Harke, Outreach Assistant, speaks to Osceola Middle School students about archaeology in Florida.



Becky O'Sullivan, Outreach Coordinator, discusses shell tool technology during the Great American Teach In to a roomful of 3rd and 4th graders in Pinellas County.