



Northeast/East Central Region Quarterly Report – July/August/September 2024

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East Central Update: Robbie Boggs steps in as the Public Archaeology Coordinator GPR and Monitoring

The East Central Region hired Robbie Boggs as the new Public Archaeology Coordinator. Robbie has worked for FPAN in a variety of roles but started in the new position this quarter.



Robbie Boggs was hired as the new Public Archaeology Coordinator for FPAN's East Central Region

Outreach: GPR with local cemetery organizations

Staff from the Northeast and East Central Regional Centers have partnered with local cemetery organizations across the region to provide GPR surveys for sites in need. These surveys have been limited to preliminary results to help the groups understand the potential for unmarked

burials at the sites. In Duval County, staff worked with the Jacksonville Gullah/Geechee Nation CDC to investigate Reedy Cemetery, and they partnered with members of the St. Nicholas Bethel Baptist Church to take a look at areas in the similarly named cemetery in preparation for a formal survey through grant funds the church received. In Volusia County, staff continued to work with volunteers at Saints and Sinners Cemeteries to better understand the landscape of these sites. And in Seminole County, staff worked with the Central Florida Cemetery Project to if old surveys and plot maps of Lakeview and Page Jackson Cemeteries could reflect what is under the ground.



A local volunteer is given a turn to push the GPR in Lakeview Cemetery in Seminole County

Assisting DHR: St. Johns Resiliency Grant Kick-off

The Northeast and East Central Regional Center kicked off the St. Johns River Coastal Zone Survey and Resiliency Project, funded through a grant from the Florida Department of State. The two-year project is a continuation and expansion of a partnership with the St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD) to monitor sites on their properties, updating and adding new Florida Master Site File forms as needed. In the first quarter, staff monitored 11 sites throughout St. Johns, Volusia, Orange, and Brevard Counties. They also scanned 2 sites and collected photogrammetric data of artifacts from one.



Outreach Assists Caroline Amein and Maria Fortune taking notes while scanning Murat's Point in St. Johns County.

Volunteer Opportunities: HMS Database Management Activities

Kassie worked closely with FPAN staff to complete site file updates for archaeological sites and cemeteries in the Northeast and East Central regions. Kassie and HMS Scout Chris Nolan worked together to complete updated and new FMSF forms for cemeteries in the Northeast Region visited by FPAN staff and cemeteries Chris visited while in Florida.

Kassie worked on QRQC and updates for the HMS Florida Monitoring Database. She collaborated with Adam Cox at Legion GIS to fix bugs and glitches and clean up Scout Report entries in the Database. Kassie completed an FMSF update to the Database that added 209 archaeological sites and 20 cemeteries to the Database. Kassie continued to work with Rachael Kangas to revamp the HMS Florida Course Portal in Canvas. Rachael and Kassie continued Beta testing of the training with members of the public and continued editing and creating new content for the Portal based on the feedback received from Beta testing. Kassie and Rachael officially launched the Portal on August 16th during the virtual Inter-Tidally United Summit. We presented to the group about the Portal and began accepting sign ups for new Scouts to take the training. Kassie and Rachael then began managing new Scout sign-ups and helping volunteers navigate the portal.



Thank you for your commitment to HMS Florida and monitoring cultural sites in Florida. The data you gather is helping to make more informed decisions about how to manage our sites!



This page is only for Scouts who have **completed** their HMS Florida Training. If you have not completed your training please click [here](#) to begin or continue where you left off.

Resources for more information:

- [Property Appraiser Website List](#)
- [Identifying Historic Ceramics](#)
- [Identifying Glass Bottles](#)
- [Identifying Pre-contact Ceramics](#)
- [Identifying Stone Tools](#)

[Tidally United Summit](#)

Biennial meeting about cultural sites and climate change! Next meeting is in 2025, check back for updates!

Finished training?

- You are ready to visit cemeteries and structures you can see in the Database! Make sure to use your training to ensure you can legally access a site before your visit. Let us know if you have any questions.
- A great way to get started is to visit sites in your area. We encourage you to identify 5 sites near you and use the process you learned in training to plan your visits, monitor the sites, and enter the info and photos in the Database!
- FPAN staff around the state will schedule occasional in-person HMS events. As a trained Scout, we'll email you to let you know about upcoming events in your area!

Need help?

- For Portal help, email HMSFlorida@fpan.us
- [To connect with staff around the state and in your area, see our contact list here.](#)

Click here to go to the HMS Database!



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Having an issue with the Database? Let us know here

The Trained Scout Home Page for the HMS Florida Scout Portal is the first page new Scouts see after they complete their training This page is the hub that Scouts can use to revisit modules and additional resources and provides them instructions on what to do next after training is completed.

Date	Event Type	Region	Goal(s)	County	City	Event Name	# of People	Staff	# of Vols	Total Vols Hours	Other notes - partners, location, etc.
7/9/24	Site Visit	NE	DHR	Out-of-Region	Hawthorne	St John's Resilience project monitoring at Lake Lochloosa	4	Sarah Miller, Emily Jane Murray	4	24	At Lake Lochloosa with SJRWMD
7/10/24	Site Visit	NE	DHR	St. Johns	St Augustine	St John's Resilience project monitoring at Moses Creek	3	Sarah Miller, Emily Jane Murray, Maria Fortune, Caroline Amein	2	12	Monitoring with SJRWMD
7/11/24	Meeting	EC	Outreach	St. Lucie	Fort Pierce	Underrepresented History: Living Footpaths of Zora Neale Hurston in Fort Pearce	22	Robbie Boggs			Florida Trust Conference zoom session
7/12/24	Adult Training/ Workshop	NE	Outreach	Out-of-Region	Tallahassee	Preservation on Main Street conference	10	Emily Jane Murray			Presentation with Natalie de la Salas Torre - Collaborative Approaches to Heritage at Risk
7/19/24	Site Visit	EC	Outreach	Seminole	Sanford	GPR and Monitoring at Lakeview and Paige Jackson Cemeteries	8	Sarah Miller, Emily Jane Murray, Robbie Boggs, Maria Fortune, Caroline Amein			Met Jennifer Eve of the Central Florida Cemetery Project who showed us the places where she wanted to GPR done and gave us a tour of work done and current challenges
7/25/24	School/Youth Program/ Workshop	EC	Outreach	Orange	Oakland	Oakland nature preserve summer camp guest	18	Caroline Amein			

7/31/24	Site Visit	HMS	Local Government	Out-of-Region	Lee, FL in Madison County	HMS Florida/FMSF cemetery work	1	Chris Nolan	1	23	Worked on appraisal info and maps for future HCF input
8/3/24	Presentation/Lecture	NE	Outreach	Out-of-Region	West Palm Beach	NAPC Forum	35	Emily Jane Murray			Climate change and vulnerability assessments: considering cultural and archaeological sites panel
8/14/24	Site Visit	EC	DHR	Orange	Mims	Monitoring and scanning at Orange Mound	3	Sarah Miller, Emily Jane Murray	1	6	Part of St Johns Resiliency grant
8/16/24	Presentation/Lecture	NE	Outreach	Out-of-Region	Pensacola	Inter-Tidally United	40	Sarah Miller, Emily Jane Murray, Kassie Kemp			Sarah presented general HMS Florida Update and Kassie spoke with Rachael about the re-launch and online training through Canvas
8/22/24	Presentation/Lecture	NE	Outreach	Nassau	Hilliard	Fantastic Archaeology	10	Emily Jane Murray			At Hilliard Public Library
8/31/24	Site Visit	HMS	Local Government	Out-of-Region	Sanderson	HMS Florida/FMSF cemetery work	1	Chris Nolan	1	6.5	ARCHES Reports
9/3/24	Site Visit	EC	DHR	Brevard	Cape Canaveral land	Scanning and Monitoring Possum Bluff	4	Emily Jane Murray, Robbie Boggs			Part SJRWM Grant
9/4/24	School/Youth Program/Workshop	NE	Outreach	St. Johns	Switzerland	People and Pots	34	Robbie Boggs			Homeschool group located in Swiss Cove Church, all ages
9/19/24	Presentation/Lecture	NE	Outreach	Clay	Middleburg	Ask me about the lasers	6	Emily Jane Murray			At the Middleburg Clay Hill Library
9/30/24	Other - please explain in notes section	HMS	Local Government	Out-of-Region	Naples	HMS Florida/FMSF cemetery work	1	Chris Nolan	1	47.5	Primarily updated ARCHES thru spreadsheet for photos; update spreadsheets for Historical Cemeteries Program; worked some Historical Cemetery Reports; HMS Final Exam; discuss

