



East Central Region
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Assistance to DHR

The East Central Region staff responded to two requests from DHR for assistance with Chapter 872 cases. In the first case, Hurricane Dorian disturbed a burial mound site in Stuart. Staff contacted the local Sheriff's department and coordinated with Linda Geary of the House of Refuge Museum on a plan to record and re-inter the remains. The second case, District 19 Medical Examiner's office collected human remains from a construction site in June but jurisdiction remained in question as the remains were incomplete and no associated artifacts were recovered. East Central staff assisted the University of Florida Pound Lab with excavations per DHR request to identify any associated cultural items.



FPAN helps document erosion of the mound in Stuart where human remains were exposed.

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The East Central and Northeast Region staff assisted the DHR with an Archaeological Resource Monitoring (ARM) training in Wekiwa Springs State Park. Staff presented the historic materials identification section and an introduction to HMS Florida/ARCHES database. Over 50 Park Service, Forest Service, and Fish and Wildlife staff attended the training from across the state and monitored two historic archaeological sites.



Northeast staff introducing ARM trainees to HMS Florida.

FPAN in the Media:

Scientists hunt for remains, artifacts at luxury condo site where skeleton was found in Indian River Shores, <https://www.tcpalm.com/story/news/local/indian-river-county/2019/09/20/scientists-hunt-more-remains-artifacts-luxury-condo-site-where-skeleton-found-indian-river-shores/2373336001/>