



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chairman and Members
Park Authority Board

VIA: Kirk W. Kincannon, Executive Director

FROM: Cindy Walsh, Director
Park Operations Division

DATE: February 16, 2017

Agenda

**Resource Management Committee
Wednesday, February 22, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
or immediately following the Administration and Board Management Committee
Boardroom – Herrity Building
Chairman: Frank Vajda
Vice Chair: Linwood Gorham
Members: Mary Cortina, Maggie Godbold, Tony Vellucci**

1. Scope Approval – Old Colchester Archaeological Investigations – Action*

*Enclosures



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ACTION

Scope Approval - Old Colchester Park and Preserve Archaeological Investigations (Mount Vernon District)

ISSUE:

Approval of the project scope for archaeological investigations at Old Colchester Park and Preserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Authority Director recommends approval of the project scope for archaeological investigations at Old Colchester Park and Preserve.

TIMING:

Board action is requested on March 8, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

Old Colchester Park and Preserve, a 140-acre site, is a significant cultural and natural resource asset for the Park Authority. The property known today as the Old Colchester Park and Preserve was acquired by the Fairfax County Park Authority through a series of interrelated land transactions. In November 1999 the Park Authority submitted an application to the Federal Lands to Parks Program operated by the National Park Service (NPS) for the transfer of the surplus 115-acre quarry site operated by Vulcan Materials Company (Vulcan Quarry Property) to the Park Authority. NPS approved the Park Authority's application for the Vulcan Quarry Property with the expectation that the Park Authority would be exchanging these parcels for other property which would be suitable for park purposes. The deed of transfer for the Vulcan Quarry Property specified that any rents and royalties generated by the quarry operation had to be utilized for the development of park facilities in accordance with the terms of a proposed Program of Utilization. The Park Authority acquired the 140-acre Old Colchester Park and Preserve in March 2007 and proposed this acquisition as the exchange property for the out sale of the Vulcan Quarry Property. On December 10, 2008, the Board approved the reallocation of the Vulcan Quarry Property sale proceeds to reimburse land acquisition funds expended in the purchase of Old Colchester Park and Preserve, and reallocation of the rents and royalties collected from Vulcan to satisfy NPS Federal Land to Parks development requirements for the transfer property. In October 2009 NPS consented to the transfer of the deed restrictions, including the specifications on

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the expenditure of the rents and royalties, from the Vulcan Quarry Property to Old Colchester Park and Preserve.

Archaeological studies were conducted to support future master planning efforts. In addition, a Cultural Resources Management Plan was developed.

Archaeology Scope of Work

The cultural resources present on the Old Colchester Park and Preserve allow for a nearly limitless range of opportunities for public outreach to the community and educational organizations. Archaeological investigations conducted since the inception of this program have allowed us to gain baseline information about the site and prepare a Cultural Resource Management Plan.

Funds will be used for archaeological investigations of eighteenth century structural and landscape features associated with the town of Colchester. Particular attention will be paid to deposits identified on the Hannah P. Clark/Enyedi property. Choice of this location offers several benefits including expanded outreach potential, expanded interpretive potential, and support of the Resident Curator program. The total amount of the request is \$350,000 which includes labor, supplies, and incidentals. See Attachment 1 for detailed costs and descriptions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Based on the scope cost estimates, funding in the amount of \$350,000 is necessary to conduct the archaeological investigations at Old Colchester Park and Preserve described in this Board Item.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Attachment 1: Project Scope and Estimate

STAFF:

Kirk W. Kincannon, Director
Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director/COO
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Todd Brown, Director, Park Operations Division
David Bowden, Director, Planning and Development Division
Janet Burns, Director, Administration Division
Cindy Walsh, Director, Resource Management Division
Liz Crowell, Manager, Archaeology and Collections Branch
Chris Sperling, Archaeologist, Resource Management Division

**Old Colchester Park and Preserve Archaeological Investigations
Project Scope and Estimate**

Limited Term Employee Staff

Active Field Investigation

Laboratory Funding

Analysis, Interpretation, Reporting \$334,848

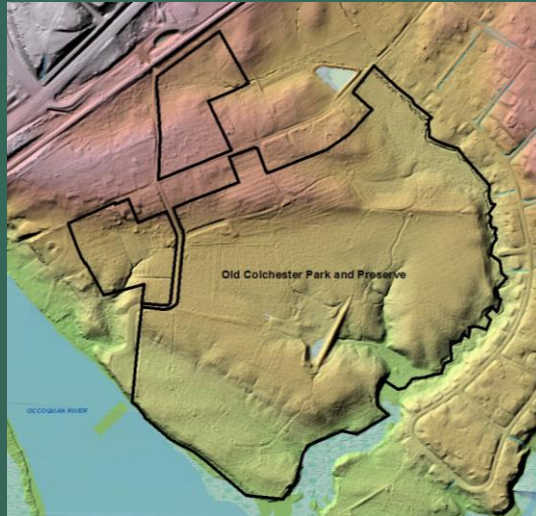
Supplies and Equipment for Labs, Field, Analysis and Reports \$9,500

Incidentals \$5,652

Total: \$350,000

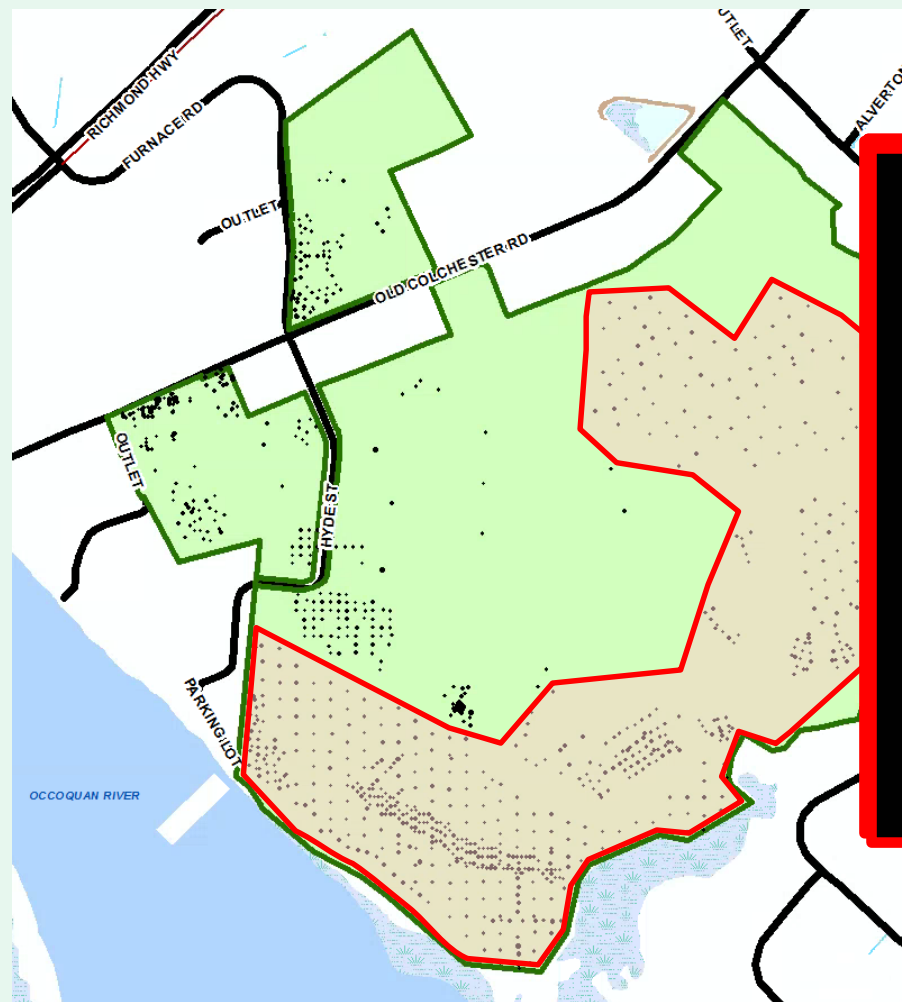
OLD COLCHESTER PARK AND PRESERVE

UPDATE AND FUNDING REQUEST

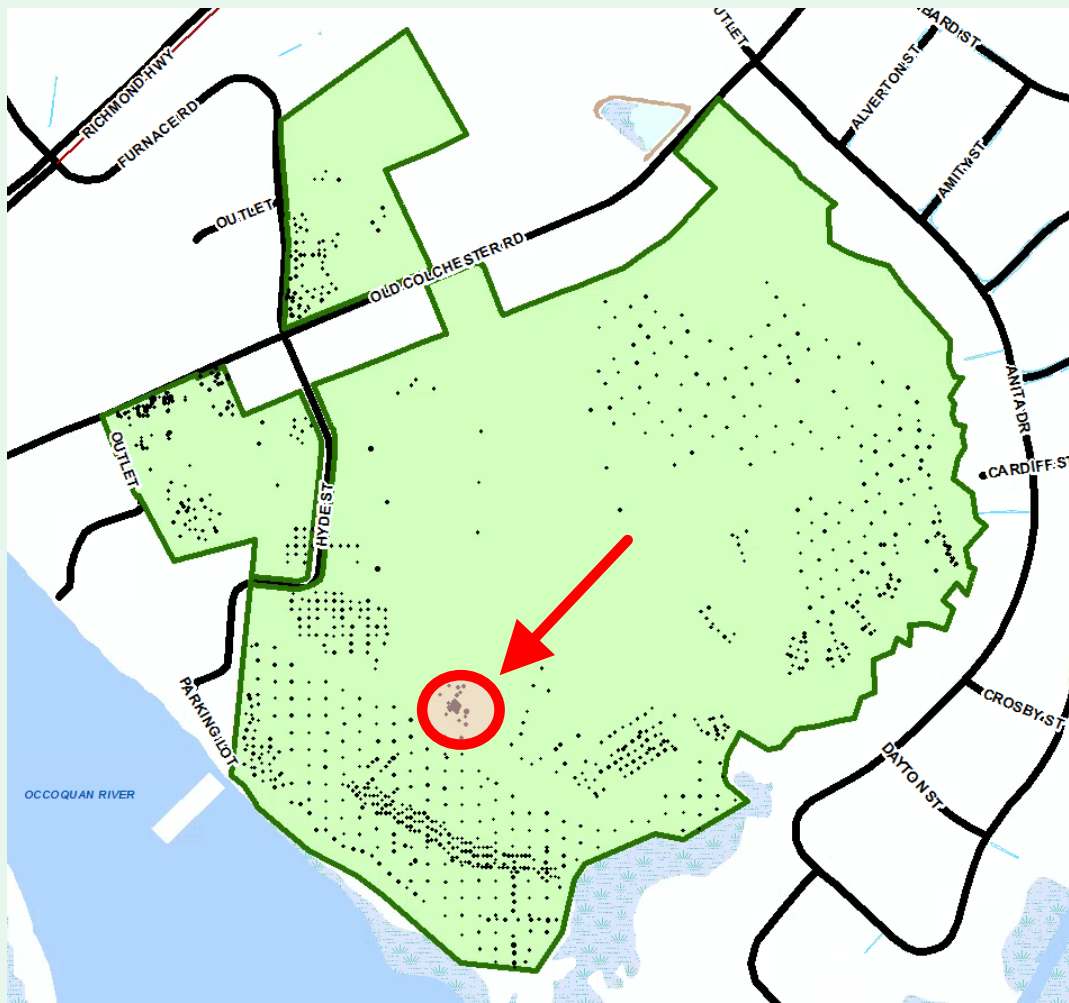


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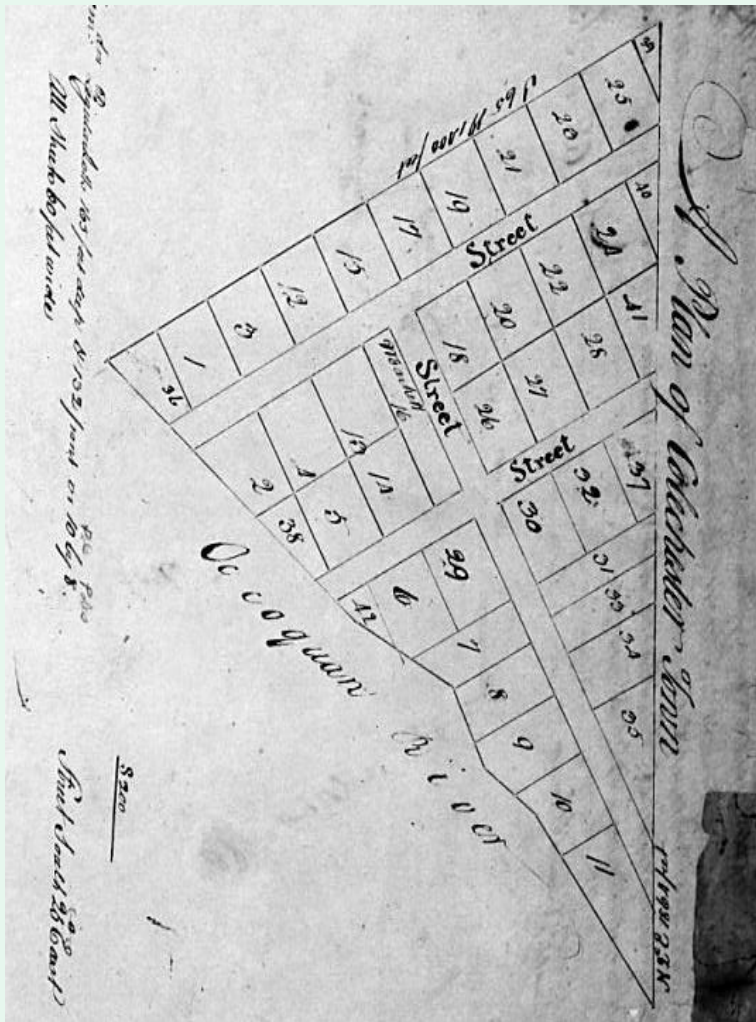
WEALTH OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES 10,000 YEARS OF NATIVE AMERICAN OCCUPATIONS



COLONIAL HOUSE SITE AND CEMETERY, CA. 1740 – 1775



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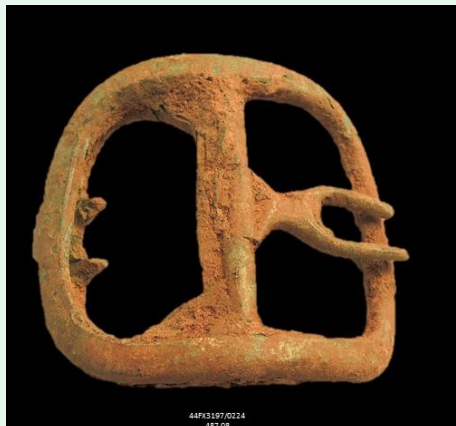
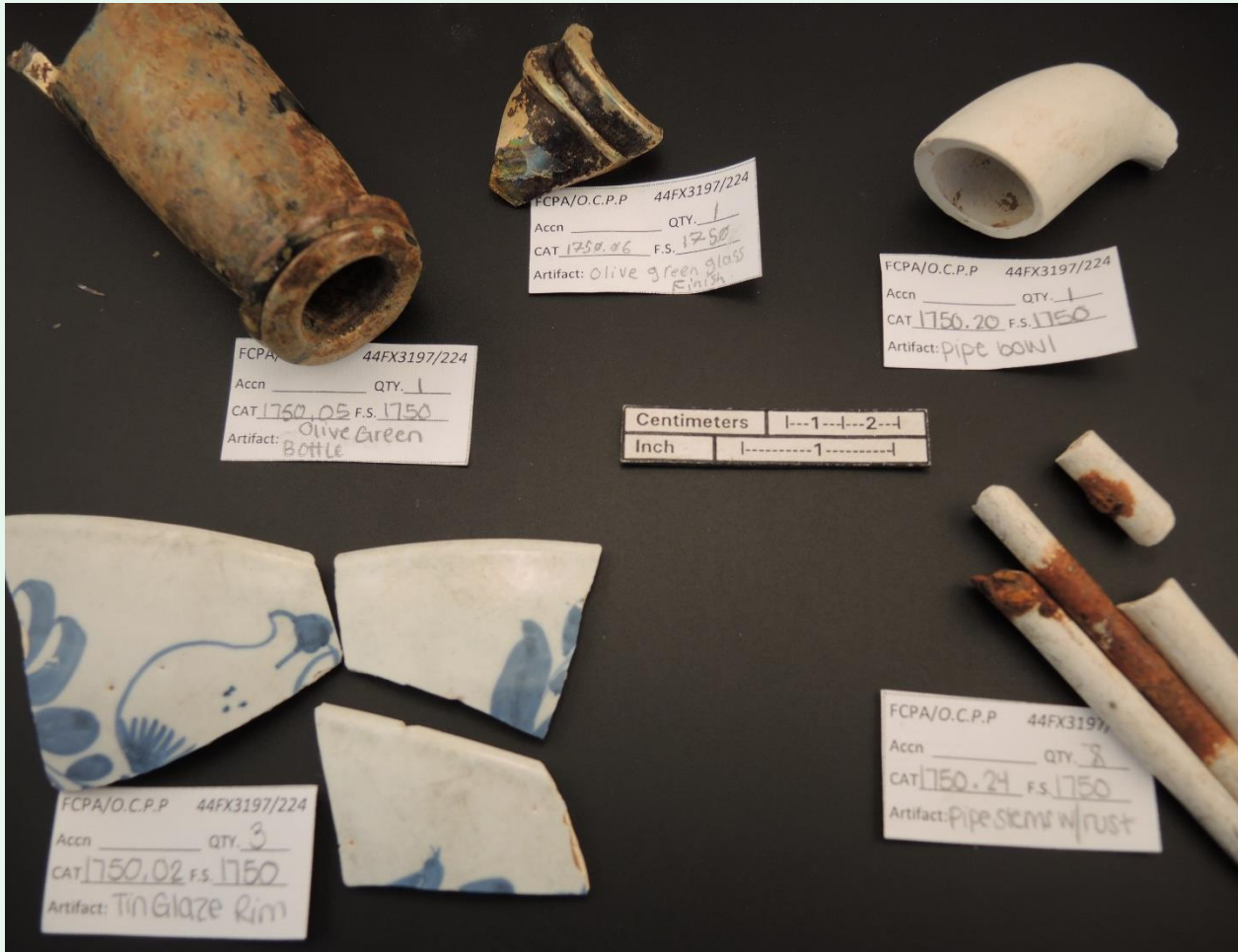
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FCPA EXCAVATIONS, 2010 - 2016



SITES INVESTIGATED = 13

AREA EXCAVATED = 375.5 m²

ARTIFACTS = 175,000+ (And Counting)

VOLUNTEER HOURS = 6,000+ (And Counting)

CONFERENCE PAPERS = 14

HIGH SCHOOL INTERNS

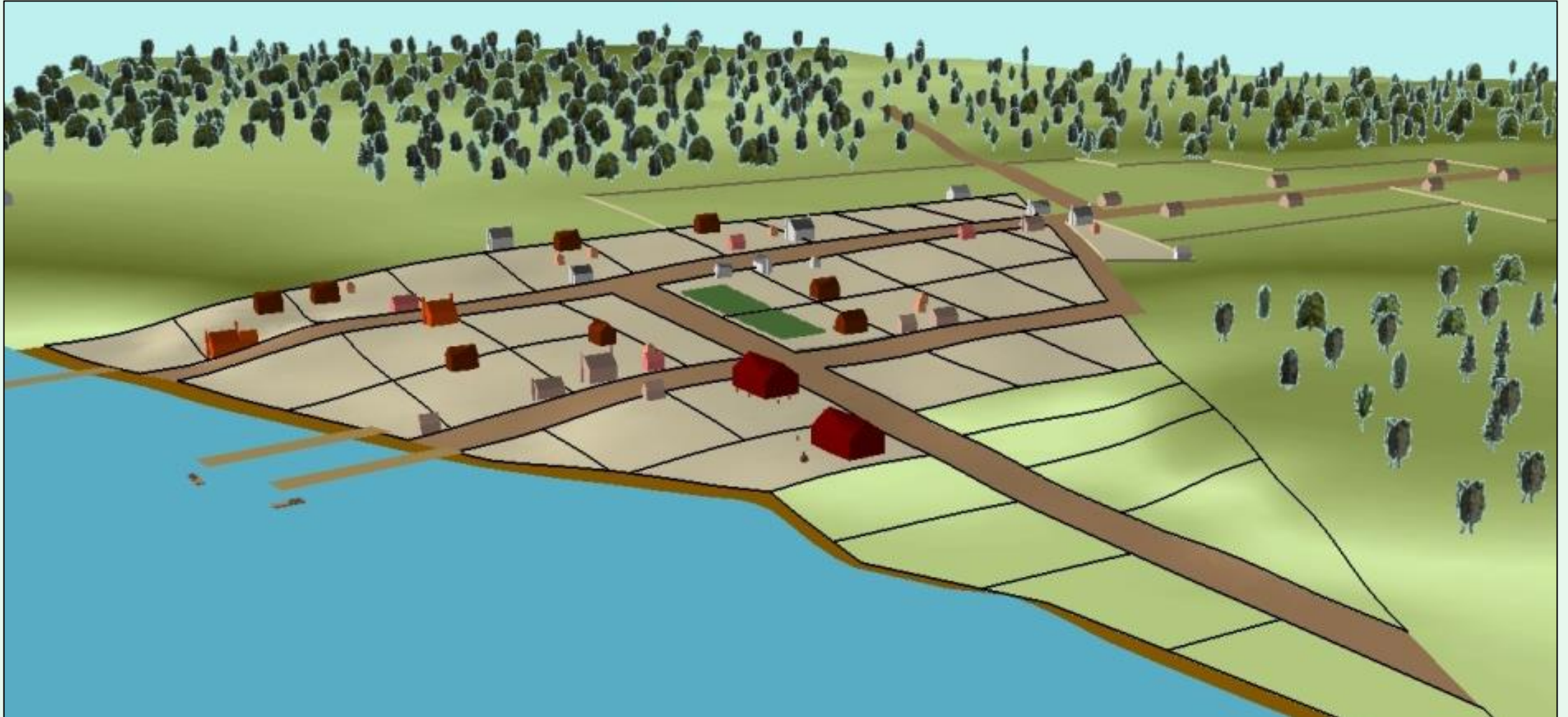
UNIVERSITY INTERNS

INTERACTIVE ONLINE STORY MAP

BLOG = 30,000 Views (Approx.)



INTERACTIVE 3D COLCHESTER ON MAP TOUR



TOWN OF COLCHESTER – ENYEDI PROPERTY

Camp a Colchestev Le 16 Juillet 10 Miles de Dunphtria



TOWN OF COLCHESTER – ENYEDI PROPERTY



PROPOSED FCPA EXCAVATIONS – ENYEDI PROPERTY

- Expose and Define Known Structure
- Test to West and Northwest
- Expose Additional Structures
- Identify and Follow Landscape Features

