

NOKOMIS CENTER REVITALIZATION

Project: Archaeological District Designation (HR-2)

Project Type: County and Community

Project and Background Description:

Nominate an area containing multiple known archaeological resources along Shakett Creek as a local Archaeological District pursuant to County Ordinance No. 97-133. This area contains multiple archaeological sites, some of which contain information important to better understanding the pre-history of the Nokomis area as well as the coastal region of Sarasota County. The Manasota Culture, a prehistoric culture unique to the Sarasota County area, hunted, gathered wild plants, and harvested the abundant shellfish and fish along the Southwest Florida Gulf Coast. The Manasota Culture created unique clothes, tools, vessels, and ornaments from the surrounding natural environment. They were fully adapted to a coastal environment and their artifacts reflect this. Some of these sites of the Manasota Culture have been found in the Shakett Creek area and nomination as an Archaeological District would aid in their preservation.

Preliminary Cost Estimates:

Variable, depending on strategies employed
Consultant Fee

Soft Costs Only (In House Staff Project)

Potential Funding Source(s):

Florida Department of State, Division of
Historical Resources

Implementation Time Frame:

Mid term, one to five years

Responsible Parties:

County Historical Resources

Steps Required to Implement:

- Contact the owner of the parcels and determine their interest in having their properties included within the respective archeological district.
- Prepare Archaeological District Nomination for National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)
- Develop guidelines for new development within and adjacent to the Archaeological District.

Issues Requiring Further Analysis/Action:

1. Encourage the preservation of other known archeological sites, both prehistoric and historic, within the Nokomis Center including sites in Lyons Bay and in the Venice Cemetery.
2. Conduct further archaeological research within the Nokomis Archaeological District with the permission of the property owners. Archaeological research may include surveys, background research, excavation, artifact analysis, and report production.
3. Determine the potential for installing a historical marker within the Nokomis Archaeological District.

