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**Archaeologists Unveil Revolutionary War Sites
Seek Public Input for Savannah Plan**

SAVANNAH – On February 1, 2011, archaeologists with Coastal Heritage Society will reveal Revolutionary War discoveries in Savannah stemming from the two “Savannah Under Fire” projects conducted from 2007-2011. The projects uncovered startling discoveries, including trenches, fortifications, and battle debris. The research also showed that residents and tourists are interested in these sites. Archaeologists will describe the findings and explore ways to generate economic income and increase the quality of life of area residents. Following the presentation the public will be invited to offer input, comments, and suggestions about such resources.

Project Director Rita Elliott, Curator of Exhibits and Archaeology at Coastal Heritage Society stated, “Most people are unaware of the significant archaeological resources in the Savannah area and how they can be beneficial to the economic and cultural climate of the community. This meeting allows us to showcase examples of Revolutionary War archaeological sites while enabling stakeholders to offer feedback regarding their interest in the ways these resources can be managed.”

The research projects were funded by two grants from the American Battlefield Protection Program of the National Park Service. The first project report is available for free download at http://www.chsgeorgia.org/assets/final_report.zip

The February 1, 2011 meeting will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the theater of the Savannah History Museum. The theater is located in the lobby of the Visitors’ Center/Savannah History Museum at 303 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd. Please enter at the History Museum awning door adjacent to the parking lot. Admission is free and open to the public. For additional information contact Rita Elliott at relliott@chsgeorgia.org or (912) 651-6850.