



THPO



Tribal Historic Preservation
Office



Catawba Indian Nation THPO

- Was formed in 2000
- Created through an agreement between the Catawba Indian Nation and the U. S. Secretary of the Interior
- At that time it was one of only 8 THPOs east of the Mississippi River
- As of April 15, 2008, there are 76 THPOs in 24 states

Tribal Historic Preservation Offices Nationwide





Why establish a THPO?

- Tribes are uniquely suited to make decisions about resources on tribal lands.
- THPOs enhance the role of Indian Tribes in the National Preservation Partnership. Federally recognized Indian Tribes hold a government to government relationship with the Federal government
- Resulting in a better national effort to identify and protect historic and cultural resources.



What does a THPO do?

- THPOs assume all or any part of the functions of the State Historic Preservation Office on Tribal lands.
- These duties may include:
 - Directing and conducting comprehensive survey of cultural resources on Tribal lands.
 - Identify properties eligible for the National Register
 - Develop a comprehensive cultural resource management plan for Tribal Lands
 - Provide public information, education and training
 - Assist other agencies in carrying out their preservation responsibilities.



Federal Legislation

Archaeological Resources Protection Act

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act

National Historic Preservation Act

National Environmental Protection Act

American Indian Freedom of Religion Act

Executive Order 13007

Executive Order 13084

Protection of Sites on Private Property

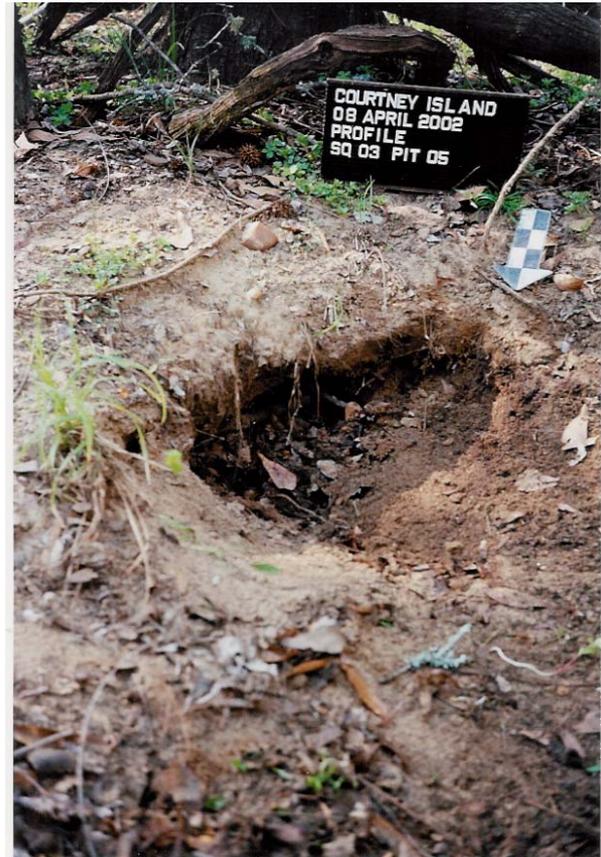


Looters



What the looters left behind

- Desecration of burials
- Theft of artifacts
- Damage to the environment



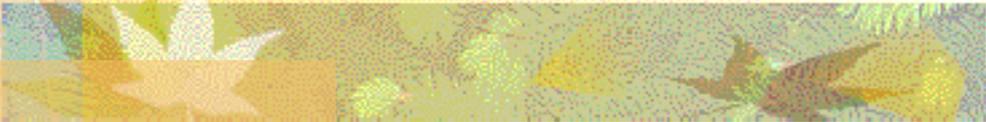
Two years to repair and stabilized the looters damage





Burial Policy

- No research designs will be considered for the sole purpose of the location and excavation of pre-contact burials.
- Ongoing and open dialogue between the THPO, and Catawba Indian nation executive committee.
- A tract of ground will be set aside for re-interment of burials.



Options for Action

- No action. Burial/s left in place.
- Burial/s left in place but protected (avoidance).
- Burial pit excavated but remains not removed from the burial pit. Burial, including the remains will be mapped, recorded, and back filled.
- Burial/s will be exhumed and reburied (mitigation).



Consultation with representatives from the U. S. Army at Fort Jackson and the South Carolina National Guard



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What The THPO Needs

- A topographic map, with the site clearly marked.
- A previous land use history.
- A list of all archaeological sites within a half-mile radius of the project area.
- A copy of any archaeological surveys done within a half-mile of the project area.
- Color photographs of the project area.



What the THPO does not need

- Detailed information or photographs of historic structures in the project area.
- Vitae
- Information on projects that do not involve ground disturbance.
- Blueprints, Flood Insurance maps, Copies of Deeds.