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Today in the Southeast region of the Florida Public Archaeology Network offices, we are hard at work creating a new exhibit that focuses on 10,000 years of human history along the New River in Fort Lauderdale. Recently our office was awarded a Florida Humanities Council mini grant to work on the exhibit! Exciting! Our meeting today centered on the various ways we will display different watercrafts for the November 2011 exhibit, called "Then and Now: Life Along the New River." The plan is to show how different groups of people have used the river at various times to fit very different needs. The exhibit will educate the public about Florida's rich cultural history and the importance of preserving the past. Central to the exhibit is a prehistoric dugout canoe of the Tequesta Indians. The canoe will be showcased alongside both a historic watercraft and a modern stand up paddle board demonstrating change over time. What's great about this project is that we are able to work with all sorts of interesting people as we put the exhibit together. The community has been involved from the beginning, including students, history centers, and even our local paddle board shop. To learn more about the Florida Public Archaeology Network visit flpublicarchaeology.org!

