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Highlight of the Quarter: Eagle Scout Project at Historic St. Luke's Cemetery

Previous Cemetery Resource Protection Training (CRPT) site, St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Merritt Island, recently gave permission to Eagle Scout candidate Sage Cason to conduct some rehabilitation at the cemetery. This included the rebuilding of signage along the road, decorative planting, and a full cleaning of markers in the historic cemetery. This cemetery is one of the oldest on Merritt Island, containing the interments of many of the first settlers to the area. Father Peter Roberts, former CRPT course attendee, ensured that the cemetery cleaning did not occur before first consulting with the Florida Public Archaeology Network's East Central Office. Kevin Gidusko from the EC provided cleaning materials and D2 solution to the group. Prior to cleaning, Kevin met with Sage to discuss best practices and plan the group's efforts. Thanks to the work put in by the Scouts the markers are looking better than they have in decades and an extra layer of protection has been granted to this significant cultural resource.

