

A SURVEY AND ASSESSMENT  
OF  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES ON  
MARCO ISLAND, COLLIER COUNTY  
FLORIDA

performed under contract by the  
Bureau of Historic Sites and Properties  
Division of Archives, History and Records Management  
Florida Department of State  
for the  
Marco Island Development Corporation.

Randolph J. Widmer  
Survey Archaeologist  
November, 1974

Miscellaneous Project Report Series Number 19

#### INTRODUCTION

The following survey report and recommendations are submitted in fulfillment of the 1974 contract between the Deltona Corporation and the Department of State, Division of Archives, History and Records Management. The combined archaeological survey and cultural resources assessment was designed to provide the Deltona Corporation with a comprehensive guide to the location of all known prehistoric archaeological sites on Marco Island, a description of the significance of each site, and Division staff recommendations as to the disposition of each site on Marco Island.

Prior to the present archaeological research, which began in 1967, archaeological attention to Marco Island had been sporadic, but intense (Cockrell, 1970, pp21-34); however, no general, well integrated, problem-oriented research had been undertaken. As a result of the 1967 and 1968 excavations, a previously unsuspected cultural stage dating from ca. 500 BC to ca. 3000 BC, was discovered (Morrell, 1969; Cockrell, 1970). This Archaic Stage is characterized by small, but extremely significant campsites containing fiber tempered ceramics, and Marco Island seems to be unique in southern Florida due to the high concentration of such sites. Materials collected from 1967 through the 1974 field seasons are undergoing analysis in the Department's Tallahassee laboratory, and will provide a comprehensive framework for interpreting the cultural history of Marco Island.

It should be particularly noted that, from the first field season in 1967 through the 1974 survey reported herein, the Deltona Corporation has voluntarily furnished enthusiastic support of the research; such cooperation, while more frequent in this decade,