

GOVERNORS ISLAND



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Linda Stone has conducted over 50 archaeological projects on Governors Island since it was sold by the U.S. Coast Guard to New York in 2003, as task orders and as individual contracts. These include work in both the Governors Island National Historic Monument and the Governors Island Historic District. Therefore the projects have been subject to Section 106 review as well as city and state environmental quality review.

Governors Island contains archaeological traces of prehistory, Dutch and English occupation and American military use.

Ms. Stone's projects on Governors Island include the full range of archaeological services from site specific documentary research to field testing and reporting. She has monitored construction excavations at multiple locations throughout the Island, as well as conducted numerous types of archaeological methodologies to identify, evaluate and recover data. These include pre-construction excavations, shovel testing, mechanically-assisted trenching and hand-excavated trenching. Archaeological evidence abounds on Governors Island, as does evidence of the modification to the Island's shoreline. In addition to unearthing evidence of the Island's prehistoric past, Ms. Stone has also identified several historic archaeological features and deposits. These include a nineteenth century well, remains of multiple historic buildings that no longer stand, several brick features, former cemeteries and numerous loci of historic artifact concentrations. Her research projects have included assessment of historic changes to the topography of the Island as they relate to archaeological potential and identifying and mapping all historic archaeological data. In addition to the results of Ms. Stone's work on Governors Island presented in the many individual archaeological reports, they are also incorporated into preservation planning for the Island's future.