

Project Overview

In March 2014 the Fort Pierce Lion's Board of Directors agreed to donate to the City of Ft Pierce \$30,000 to renovate a park in the city that needed improvements. After discussions it was decided that Old Fort Park was in great need of investment and community support, especially due to the erosion issues with the preserved Ais mound on site. This project was planned in two phases, with many adjustments and accommodations along the way, due to the historic and sensitive nature of the site.

The first phase encompassed the installation of curbing around the existing parking lot, and resurfacing of the parking lot, addition of a handicap parking, and the placement of a wooden fence along Indian River Drive.

The second phase entailed the assessment and strategic stabilization of the Ais mound to ensure sensitive care to this significant archaeological site, and preservation as it was incurring substantial erosion.

The work began in October 2015 with approximately 600 yards of clean dirt being applied to the mound, adding at least six inches of dirt onto a natural Coir Mat. Over six hundred Dune Daisy plants were then placed onto the mound to cover up the dirt and stabilize the mound. This project has taken two years, in coordination between the Lion's Club and the City, and is truly a great accomplishment for both.