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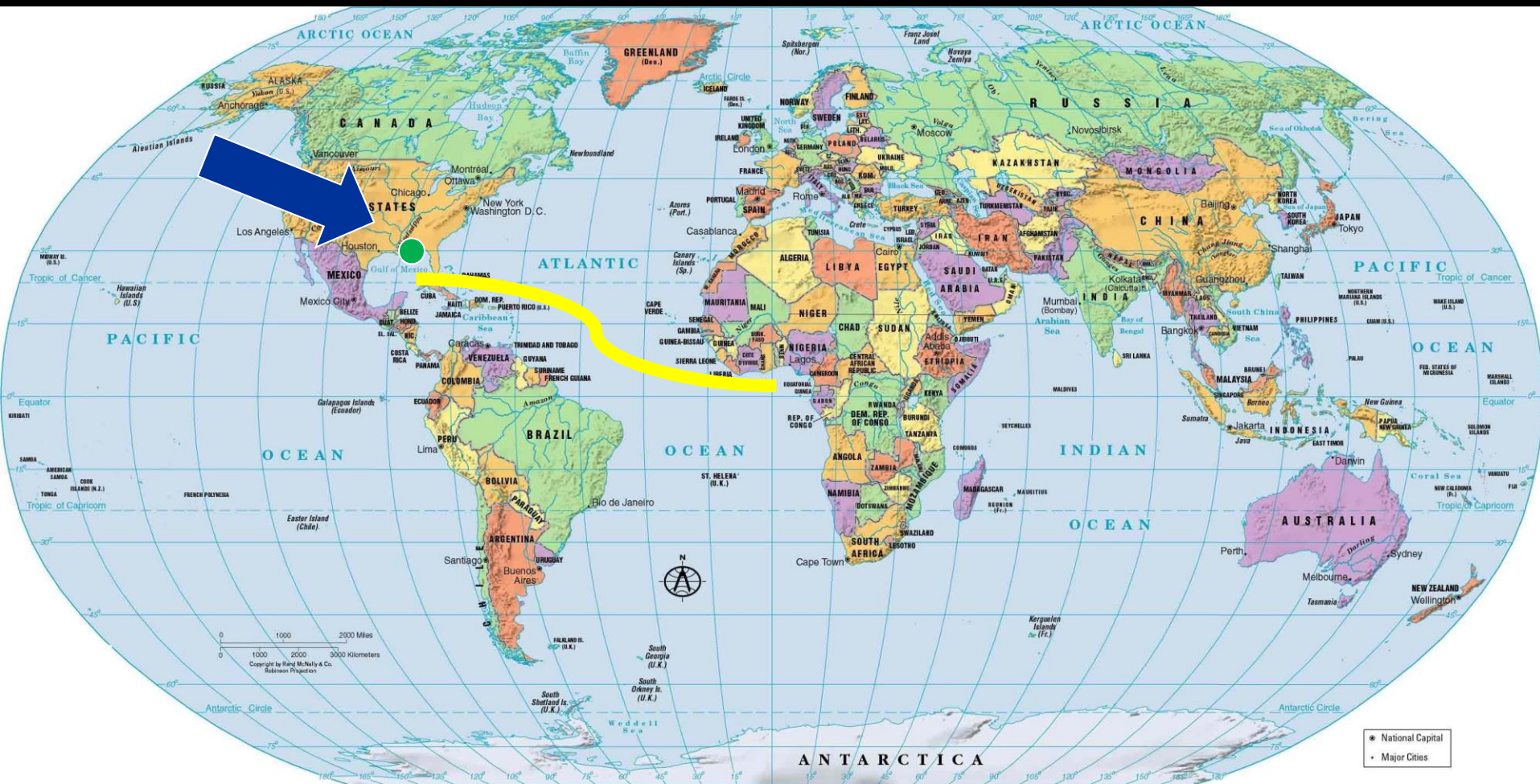
**Africatown Connections Blueway:
Healing Begins by Reclaiming Our
Heritage & Happiness**



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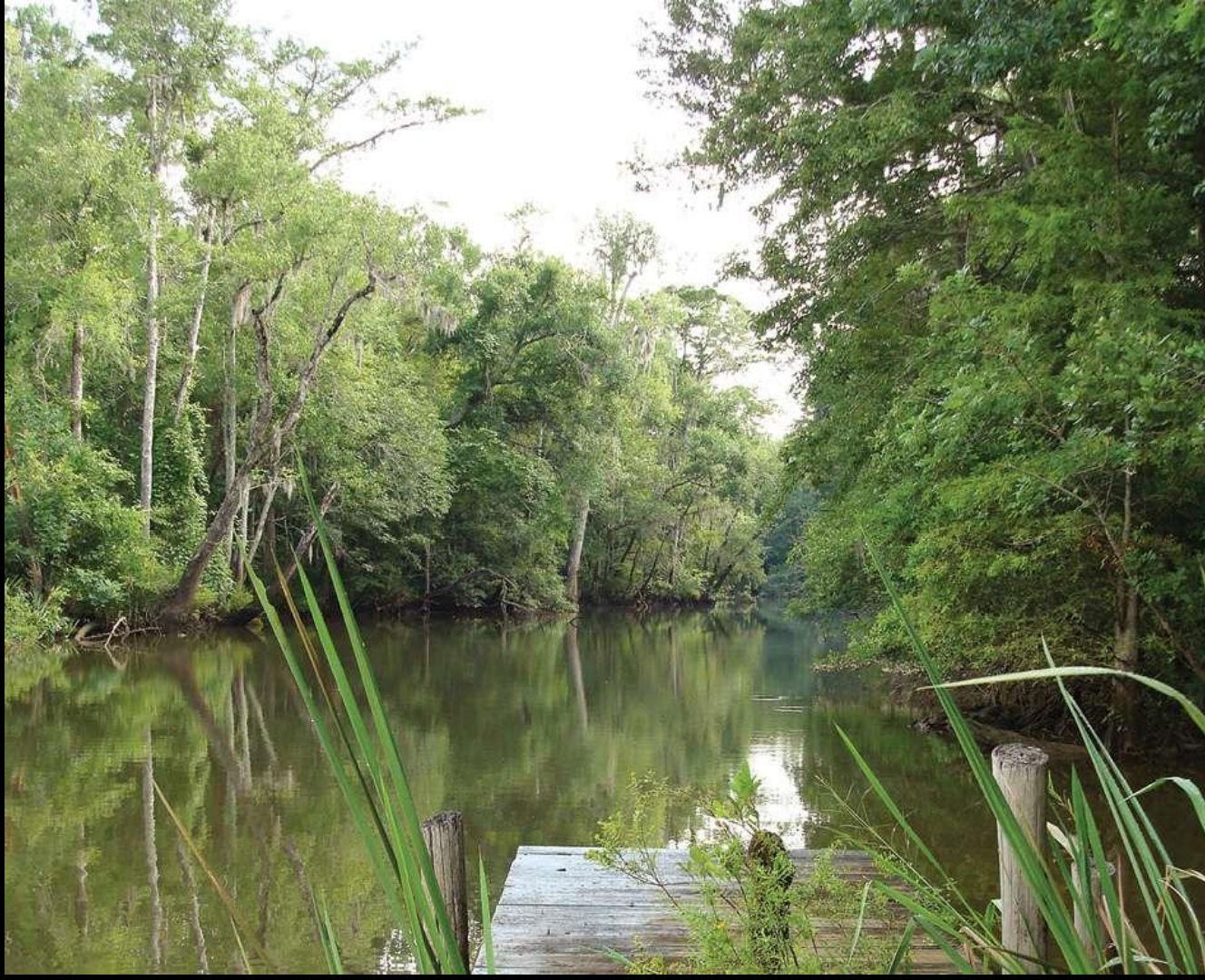




WELCOME
To
Africatown
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Africatown
Mobile, Alabama







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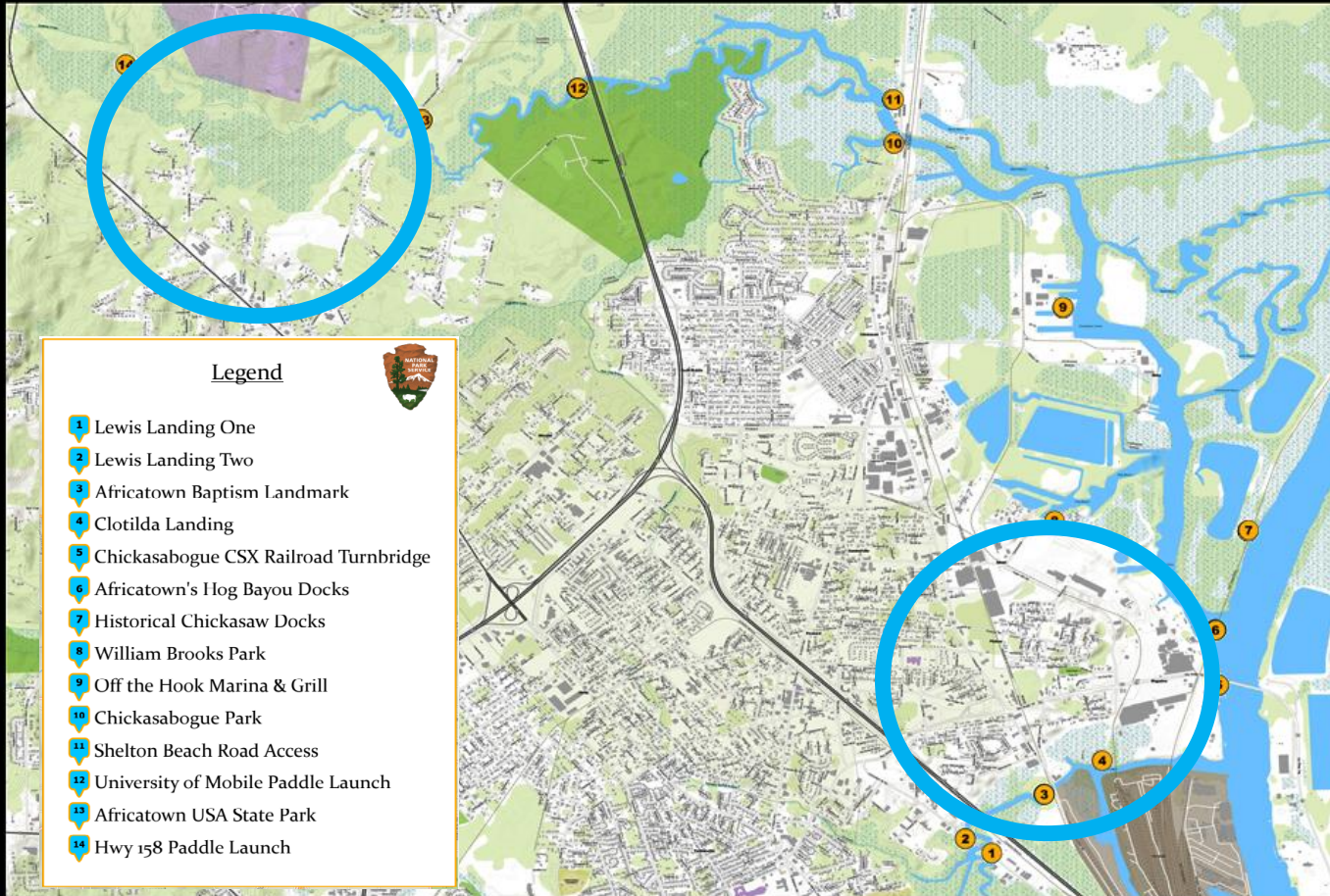


Begins providing technical assistance for trail development to community of Africatown in 2016

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Points of Interest

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



AT THE SMITHSONIAN

The 'Clotilda,' the Last Known Slave Ship to Arrive in the U.S., Is Found

The discovery carries intense personal meaning for an Alabama community of descendants of the ship's survivors

CULTURE | RACE IN AMERICA

Last American slave ship is discovered in Alabama

The schooner Clotilda smuggled African captives into the U.S. in 1860, more than 50 years after importing slaves was outlawed.

**NATIONAL
GEOGRAPHIC**

1860 SLAVE SHIP ROUTE



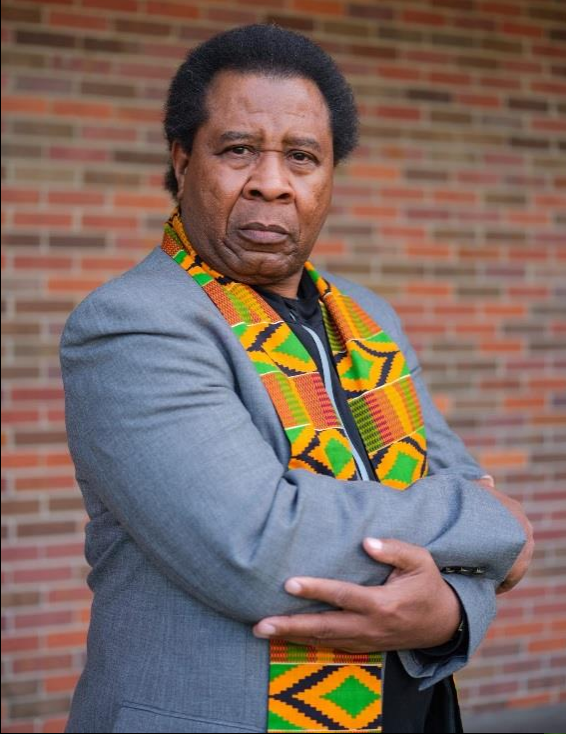
RESEARCHERS:

LAST KNOWN SLAVE SHIP TO ARRIVE IN U.S. FOUND

WRECKAGE FROM CLOTILDA DISCOVERED IN ALABAMA; SAILED TO U.S. WITH 110 PEOPLE IN 1860

CBSN

The Story Tellers



Joe Womack



Lorna Woods



Anderson Flen

Released
2022





Africatown

Connections Blueway

Embracing the natural spaces, habitat, and waterways

A photograph of a group of people, including an adult and several children, fishing along a riverbank. The adult is standing on the left, facing away from the camera, holding a fishing rod. A group of children are sitting on the ground to the right, also holding fishing rods. In the background, a large concrete bridge spans the river. The sky is blue and the water is calm.

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Connecting to the **Water** all around us
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Public Lab Balloon Mapping

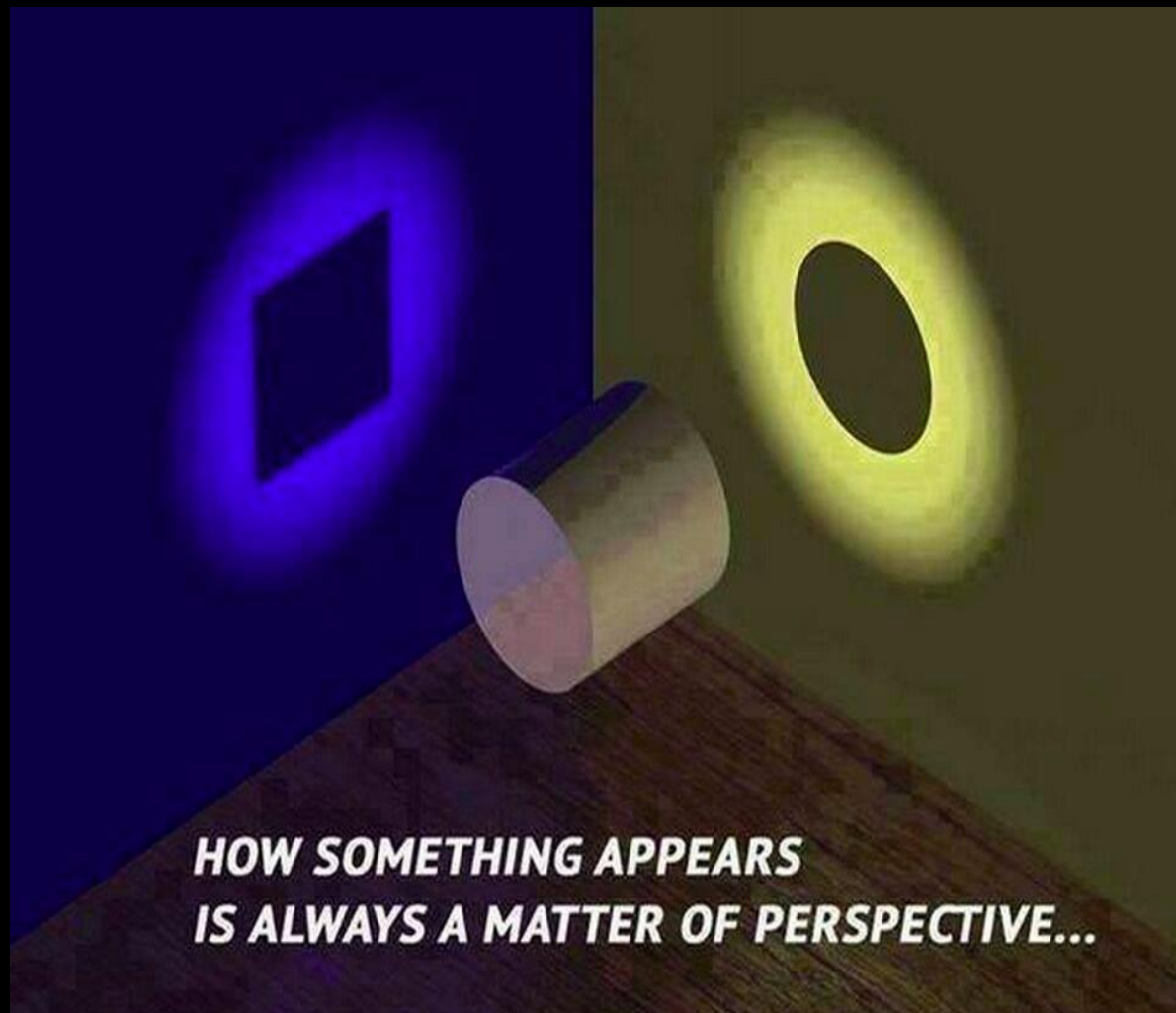


Mississippi State University Students Visit

Effective Communication Is Important



They had a tendency to talk past one another.

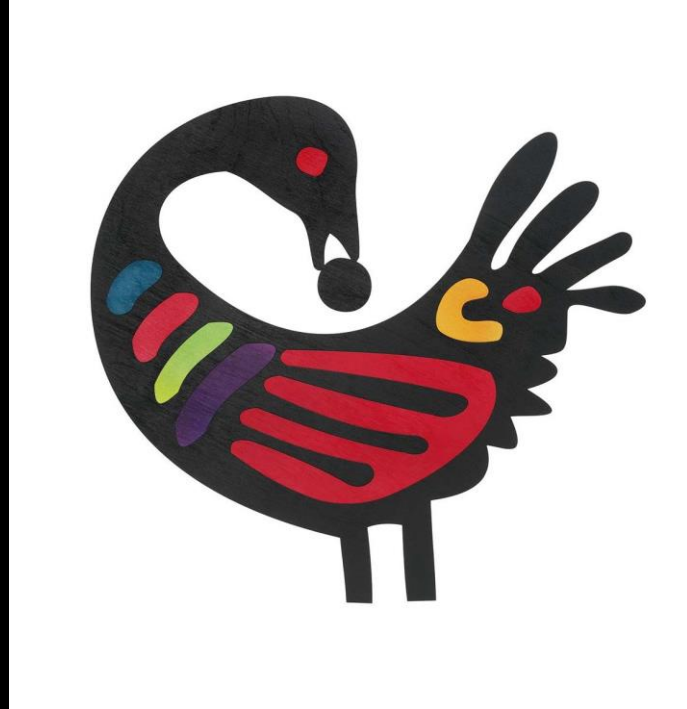
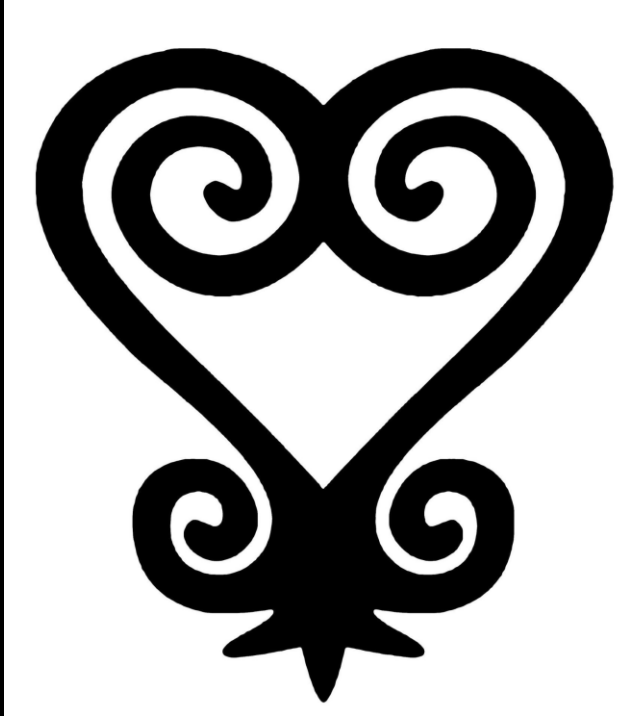


**HOW SOMETHING APPEARS
IS ALWAYS A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE...**

Building Connection & Trust

Sankofa

African concept to reach back into ancient history for traditions and customs that have been left behind.





Day of Healing | Nationwide Bell Ringing Ceremony



August 25, 2019 marked the 400th anniversary of the first landing of enslaved Africans in English-occupied North America at Point Comfort in Hampton, Virginia, now part of Fort Monroe National Monument, a unit of the National Park System.

Africatown Lantern Walk

Begins at Mobile
County Training
School with
ringing of the Bell



Celebrating with Music & Dance



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We honor the
wisdom, love,
and legacy of our
ancestors and
esteemed living
elders.

Libations



Getting Ready to Enter the Circle of Elders





Sharing
knowledge



4 Jurisdictions Together in One Vessel



Ritual Activities are Shared with Youth





Africatown Kite Day

Finding
Balance &
Expressing
Yourself



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The Clotilda Landing

(Before)







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Present: Healing Shoreline

Sara Peppers

LA 3654/LA 8523 SPRING 2018



Aerial perspective of restorative shoreline, facing northwest into the site, with the meadow and lawn space in the background.



Thank you!



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