

# **“Proposal for a St. George Archaeological Park”**

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Greg and his colleagues are currently excavating an Anasazi ruin located between I-15 and the Santa Clara and the Virgin Rivers in St. George. This work is being done on private property that is bounded by the existing St. George trail system and The Crosby Family Park that contains full services. Greg has a vision, that DAS supports, to have the city purchase this land and create an archaeological park.

A proposal / presentation outlining this idea has been given to city leaders and meetings have been held to promote this idea. Much work remains to move Greg's idea forward.

Greg's presentation summarized his work on the project to date. The main points in are summarized in the attachment -

<http://dixierockart.webs.com/Archaeological%20Park/Proposal%20for%20St.%20George%20Archaeological%20&%20Historical%20Park.pdf>.

Some other points:

- Corn found in Kanab (Jackson Fats) was dated to 1300 BC – indicating over 2000 years of occupation at that site.
- The Confluence ruin had multiple levels (at least 4 levels) indicating multiple (3-4) occupation periods.
- Multiple types of pottery were found, including corrugated. Corrugated pottery is generally indicative of occupation after 1100 AD.
- Greg indicated that at least one corn kernel was found at Confluence site. Dating has not yet begun.

Greg also showed and discussed some of the artifacts found on the site including an almost complete corrugated pot (see presentation).

Examples of the artifacts are shown in the attached figures – notice the variety of designs on the painted pot shards.



Pottery Shards



Decorated pottery piece with 2 holes drilled. Probably used as a pendant (front and back shown)



Pottery Shards – some decorated.



Detail of one decorated piece.





Pottery shard with many decorated pieces.



Detail of the inside of a bowl.



Another decorated piece.



Projectile points.