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The North Carolina Office of State Archaeology (OSA) is a section of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and works to protect North Carolina’s cultural resources, such as Native American villages, colonial towns, and historic shipwrecks.
Archaeology is the study of the past through the things people leave behind. Archaeologists learn about past lifeways by excavating, or digging, where people lived and worked.
The NC OSA preserves and protects THOUSANDS of sites and MILLIONS of artifacts from across the state!
Archaeologists use many tools to help them carefully excavate, or remove, dirt from around artifacts. Shovels and trowels (small flat hand shovels) help with digging. The dirt is sifted through a screen to discover smaller artifacts missed during excavation!
UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY

Underwater archaeologists study anything that is submerged by water, like shipwrecks, harbors, and ancient villages. They have to use SCUBA gear to get to their sites and remove the sand with a big vacuum called a dredge!