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**INSIGHTS AND UPDATES ON
GREATER CAHOKIA
FROM EXCAVATIONS AT EAST ST. LOUIS**

Approximately one-thousand years ago, the fertile Mississippi River floodplain adjacent to modern day St. Louis was home to the largest pre-Columbian civilization in Eastern North America: Cahokia. This vibrant and multi-ethnic city was composed of several large and interconnected mound precincts, one of which was East St. Louis.



years of excavations there resulted in the recovery of over 10 metric tons of artifacts from approximately 6,000 pre-Columbian pits, houses, and other features. The analysis and interpretation of these spectacular finds adds great insight into what we know about the people who once lived in this ancient city, and why its flourishing

Recent and extensive excavations by the Illinois State Archaeological Survey at East St. Louis were prompted by IDOT's role in the construction of a New Mississippi River Bridge. Nearly five

society declined and ultimately disappeared just four hundred years later, leaving a multitude of large earthen mounds and buried features as the only evidence of its existence.

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