

PRIOR PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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Battery Park – New York, New York

Ms. Stone was the Principal Archaeologist for the MTA New York City Transit excavations for the new South Ferry Subway station in lower Manhattan. The property was described at the time by the MTA Chief of Environment and Sustainability as “the most



Part of the Battery Wall

important archaeological site in North America.” Ms. Stone spent the entire year and a half of contractor excavations leading the team of archaeologists on site in one of the largest archaeological projects ever conducted in New York City. In order to properly conduct all archaeological work and not interfere with the construction schedule, Ms. Stone worked closely with members of the MTA Environmental Compliance Unit and Construction Management Teams, as well as with the construction contractor.

Two National Register of Historic Places eligible sites were identified during the project. One was part of a pre-Revolutionary War era battery wall that protected the fort of New York. The other was remains of Whitehall Slip, which was later filled to create the current Whitehall Street. The Battery Wall discovery generated a lot of publicity, not only in New York City, but throughout the country as it made the national news. The discovery was even covered by the worldwide press too. Parts of the “Wall” are on display in the new subway station and in Battery Park itself. Click [“A View of Colonial New York”](#) for more information (p.3 - 6).



With Governor Pataki and MTA officials

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