

Gray's Reef helps 'Preserve America' in Savannah

Research Coordinator Greg McFall represented Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Department of Commerce on September 10, 2007 at a City of Savannah press conference acknowledging the city's new 'Preserve America' designation.

As a White House initiative, [*Preserve America*](#) acknowledges communities that use their historic resources to enliven their present and build their futures. Gray's Reef acted as the federal partner together with community organizations the Coastal Heritage Society and the Historic Savannah Foundation in pursuing the designation.

It is a natural fit for Gray's Reef and the National Marine Sanctuary Program due to Savannah's rich maritime history and coastal cultural heritage.



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Gray's Reef Research Coordinator Greg McFall (center) notes the importance of the National Marine Sanctuary Program to the Preserve America effort while Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson (left) and Chamber of Commerce Vice President Trip Tollison (right) look on.