Nearly a thousand years ago, Cox Mound, Bell Site, Hiwassee Island, Ledford Island, Long Island, and Bussell Island were all complex villages including combinations of mounds, plazas, palisades, ditches, and houses. The damming of the Tennessee River dramatically changed the landscape where these sites were located, and these villages are now under rivers and agricultural fields sitting on lands owned by the Tennessee Valley Authority. Archaeological investigations using geophysical tools have helped us to understand this rich archaeological record and shown just how much more we have to learn.