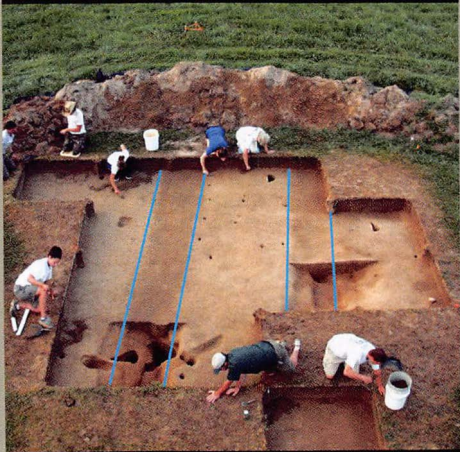


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In 2003, archeologists found two parallel trenches at Werowocomoco. They are 3-5 feet wide, 1-3 feet deep, and longer than two football fields. The trenches were dug between the years 1200 and 1560. Archeologists also found a large 75-foot longhouse inside the trenches. This longhouse would have been an important place where religion and politics took place. It is thought that the ditches were dug to separate the everyday life of the town outside from the religious space inside. These trenches are some of the most impressive examples of American Indian architecture on the east coast.