

# Dominion Energy Welcomes *Treasures of Ancient Egypt: Sunken Cities* to Virginia



Dominion Energy is pleased to present *Treasures of Ancient Egypt: Sunken Cities* at its final North American venue before these remarkable works of art return to Egypt.

This world-class exhibition invites us to explore the artistic traditions, religious practices, and everyday life in two ancient cities that sank into the Mediterranean more than a thousand years ago. These once-lost civilizations and the quest to recover them reveal common threads in the human experience.

Marine archeologist Franck Goddio, founder of the European Institute for Underwater Archeology (IEASM), has spent decades uncovering the secrets of the oceans in pursuit of new knowledge. His devotion to exploring the past, advancing technology in his field, and sharing those insights to inspire others is an important example for our time.

While the lost worlds Goddio has recovered are separated from our own by distance and time, the forces that shaped them are similar. Thonis-Heracleion and Canopus were once powerful centers of trade where Greek and Egyptian influences merged to create a distinctive culture unique to Egypt's Ptolemaic period. Commerce and pilgrimage brought people and ideas together, leading to a golden age of human creativity in science, literature, and the arts.

We believe this exhibition invites people to ask thoughtful questions, listen closely to the answers and come to appreciate cultures in the greater world community. That is where understanding begins.

Supporting vibrant and inclusive communities is part of our commitment and culture at Dominion Energy. That is why we are proud to present *Treasures of Ancient Egypt: Sunken Cities*.

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