



Jamestown Rediscovery

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The original site of James Fort is woven through with gravel walkways. Photo: Jamestown Rediscovery.

Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation Receives Virginia 250 Preservation Fund Grant

JAMESTOWN, VA (February 13, 2025) –

Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation is pleased to receive a Virginia 250 Preservation Fund Grant for \$390,000 to support vital infrastructure projects around the site of America's Birthplace. As we look ahead to the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution as well as the 350th anniversary of Bacon's Rebellion at Jamestown, these funds will help make Jamestown's history more cohesive and more accessible for all guests.

Visitors to Jamestown step into history through various points of interest, including the Memorial Church, the recreated James Fort, the Voorhees Archaearium Archaeology Museum, as well as

behind-the-scenes programs in the Rediscovery Center at Yeardley House. Each of these is connected by gravel pathways of varying grades and elevations. Support from the Virginia 250 Preservation Fund will allow us to make crucial upgrades to this infrastructure to improve accessibility, visitor safety, and interpretation. Elevated and paved pathways will weave between points of interest at Jamestown, creating an onsite “capitol trail” to connect the first and last meeting places of representative government here. Elevating pathways will also allow visitor access across the site during flood events, which often submerge the current walkways to the museum and elsewhere.

“The original site of James Fort and the capitol buildings that came after it have been known to both researchers and the public for thirty years. Infrastructure projects like ensuring pathways are accessible and adding lighting and safety features to the site will help us continue telling the story of America’s Birthplace for the next thirty years and beyond,” said Dr. Jim Horn, Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation President and C.O. “We’re grateful to the Virginia 250 Preservation Fund for their support.”

Work on these projects, including archaeological monitoring and mitigation, has begun in earnest and is expected to be completed by July 2026.

About Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation

The Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation preserves and shares the original site of James Fort and Jamestown, established in 1607. The Foundation is dedicated to uncovering, preserving, and sharing Jamestown’s diverse history, and highlighting its major contribution to the foundations of modern American society. Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit and jointly administers Historic Jamestowne alongside the National Park Service. Admission includes the James Fort site, New Town, and the Voorhees Archaearium Archaeological Museum, as well as walking tours, living history, and public programs. For more information about visiting Jamestown, please visit www.historicjamestowne.org or call (757) 856-1250.