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Jamestown Rediscovery Receives National Endowment for the Humanities Grant to Fund Development of New Virtual James Fort Project

JAMESTOWN, Va. (August 10, 2020)- Jamestown Rediscovery was recently awarded a \$153,261 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in order to develop an exciting new project, “Rediscovering Jamestown: A New Way to Explore James Fort Virtually.” The project will involve designing and populating a virtual tour portal for exploring the rich resources related to the history and archaeology of Jamestown, the first successful English settlement in North America.

Virtual tours of the archaeological site of James Fort and the Archaearium Museum will be told through a series of videos connected together in an interactive, online map. One tour will weave together the history of the settlement with how archaeological research has informed our understanding of the site. Another will be presented from the perspective of Anas Todkill, one of Jamestown’s important early settlers who was a comrade of Captain John Smith. Relevant historical information, images, artifacts, and other videos will be linked to each tour topic, enabling the public and students to explore further. Jamestown Rediscovery’s education team will also develop lesson plans for using the portal in elementary, middle, and high school classrooms.

“This National Endowment for the Humanities funding will enable Jamestown Rediscovery over the next six months to develop new in-depth multimedia resources on the archaeology and history of Jamestown. Making educational materials available online to students and the public is especially critical right now, and we are incredibly grateful for the NEH’s support of this project,” said Lisa Fischer, Director of Digital Initiatives.

The new virtual portal is expected to be completed by early 2021 and will be accessible through Jamestown Rediscovery’s website, historicjamestowne.org

Historic Jamestowne (HJ) preserves the original site of the first permanent English settlement in America and is jointly administered by Jamestown Rediscovery and the National Park Service. Entrance tickets are available at the HJ Visitor Center from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and the grounds remain open until dusk. General admission is currently \$10.00 per adult. Children 15 & under are free. Entrance tickets include admission to the archaeological site, the Memorial Church, the Voorhees Archaearium Archaeological Museum, as well as scheduled daily walking

tours and public programs. Please visit www.historicjamestowne.org or call (757) 856-1250 for the most up to date visitor information.

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