

Jamestown Rediscovery

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Save Jamestown Campaign Receives an NEH Climate Smart Grant

JAMESTOWN, VA. (June 24, 2024) –

The campaign to Save Jamestown has received a highly competitive grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Climate Smart Humanities Organizations program. One of just four awards made through the program, the funds will support critical site analysis and surveys to establish a comprehensive climate resiliency plan to preserve and protect Jamestown from the myriad hazards brought on by rising water levels.

Jamestown is America's Birthplace - where the origin story of our shared history happened and where encounters among Indigenous Americans, European colonists, and enslaved Africans set the stage for later American struggles for justice and equality. But the site's archaeological and historical resources, which represent thousands of years of human activity and cultural interaction, are facing imminent threat.

Jamestown has experienced increased pressure on its infrastructure and operations from sea-level rise, encroaching wetlands, extreme storm events, and a rising saltwater aquifer. Developing and implementing a solution is imperative – climate effects are already impacting archaeological resources and preventing further understanding of our shared past.

“Jamestown is America's Birthplace. If we don't take action now, more than 60% of the archaeological site, containing the untold history revealed in artifacts lost or left behind, will be permanently underwater in just fifty years. Save Jamestown is a national campaign and we're grateful to NEH for their leadership support,” said Dr. James Horn, Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation President and CO.

As Jamestown continues to experience more frequent and destructive flooding, gifts and grants to the Save Jamestown campaign will help us not only tell the story of America's last 400 years, but to look ahead to the next 100.

To learn more about the campaign to Save Jamestown, visit historicjamestowne.org/savejamestown.

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Available photos [can be found here](#). All images courtesy of Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation.

About Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation

The Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation (JRF) is the steward of the original site of James Fort and Jamestown, established in 1607. JRF 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. JRF jointly administers Historic Jamestowne alongside the National Park Service. For more information about visiting Jamestown, please visit www.historicjamestowne.org or call (757) 856-1250.