



Jamestown Rediscovery

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Save Jamestown Campaign Advances with Commonwealth Support

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The Save Jamestown Campaign has secured \$1.5 million state funding, which will be used to support the implementation of flood protection measures at the historic site. Championed by Senator Ryan McDougle, this crucial allocation underscores the Commonwealth's commitment to safeguarding Jamestown's historical legacy.

In 2022, Jamestown was listed as one of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in response to the increasingly catastrophic environmental pressures affecting the site. Jamestown is facing inundation by flooding from major storm events, sea level rise, and historic tides. Worsening environmental impacts are already restricting Jamestown's ability to share the history of this important place with the public, upending normal operations and forcing the site to close more frequently each year because of flooding.

Additionally, artifacts that have remained buried for hundreds, or even thousands, of years are at risk of disappearing due to the effects of water inundation. The future of the site—its historic landscape, archaeological discoveries, collection and exhibition spaces and educational programming—is in jeopardy.

"Jamestown is America's Birthplace. Safeguarding this site for future generations is imperative," said Senator McDougle. "These funds will help begin the crucial efforts at the Island to protect this Virginia treasure for years to come."

"Hundreds of thousands of visitors each year visit the Historic Triangle. Jamestown is essential to understanding our nation's rich and complex history. However, the James River has risen more than 1.5 feet with projections increasing at an alarming rate. The scientific community has been very clear. We must act quickly to ensure that Jamestown is protected from a rapidly changing environment. The funding allocated in the state budget will be vital in making that happen," said Jamestown Rediscovery president and CO Dr. James Horn. "I am most grateful to Senator McDougle and the state for their support."

The Save Jamestown national campaign has raised \$8.5 million dollars in donor support towards the next phase of work, which includes site analysis, permitting, and rescue archaeology of at-risk areas, including a \$1 million commitment from Norfolk Southern as a founding partner. Members of the public are encouraged to help Save Jamestown. Please call 1-757-229-4997 x100 or visit the website: historicjamestowne.org/savejamestown

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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.