

# It's time to **SAVE** Walnut Grove

*The Spartanburg County Foundation respectfully requests \$1 million to support the Save Walnut Grove Campaign described below. The Foundation would be the recipient and steward of the funding.*

**Why?:** We cannot gain insight into ways to build and face the future if we, our children, and future generations lose the opportunities to experience history. We have two choices... Let nature take its course or restore the property for future generations.

For more than 50 years, The Walnut Grove Historic site has been providing educational opportunities for all ages. Over 4,000 students have participated in educational events on site each year. That's over 40,000 in a ten-year period!

The choice is clear... We must conserve, preserve, and protect this natural and cultural resource...for now... and for the generations to come.

- Time has taken its toll on the Walnut Grove manor house. Foundation instability is causing a bowing of the structure, creating extensive damage.
- Interior structures need to be conserved or replaced with period-appropriate materials.
- Lumber is holding up the ceiling to keep it from falling.
- Trim work has been destroyed by shifting and weathering.
- Ceiling damage threatens period artifacts critical to support educational programming.

## But how did it get this way?

Structural engineers have explained that as well-built buildings age, structural deterioration is often not visible. By the time it is, the damage and risk are severe.

As areas of structural deterioration became visible, the Spartanburg County Historical Association, using the property for educational programming, made some repairs. But as they were made, more deterioration became visible. In 2020, Spartanburg County Foundation commissioned a study to determine the specific needs for conserving and preserving the property. The costs were updated in 2022 to reflect current costs for materials.



*"History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future."*

## Campaign by the Numbers

**\$1.5 million**  
restores the manor  
house and  
outbuildings

**\$1.5 million**  
endows the  
maintenance fund

**\$3.0 million**  
**TOTAL GOAL**

When can work begin? Due to the structural needs for the project, this is not a process that can happen in stages, or as funding comes in. We must meet half the campaign goal before work can begin.

**When we start is up to you!**