



DRAYTON HALL

PRESERVATION TRUST

Summary of Intended Use of Funds and Proposed Budget

Long recognized as a leader in the field of historic preservation, Drayton Hall Preservation Trust (DHPT) seeks support to sustain its fulltime archaeology program. Launched in 2021 with the help of earmarked funds from the State of South Carolina, this program has revolutionized our stewardship, research and interpretation of Drayton Hall and the Carolina Lowcountry. Our focus on archaeology is charted in our newly developed ten-year strategic plan and rooted in the fact that archaeology provides the single greatest strategy towards improving our understanding of past people, their lifeways, and the contributions Drayton Hall residents made towards the evolution of South Carolina and our wider nation. This initiative comes at an important time as DHPT is now managing the entirety of the historic Drayton Hall site including the 125 acres purchased by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) in 1974, as well as 550 acres contemporaneously acquired by South Carolina Parks Recreation and Tourism (SCPRT). Today, DHPT and SCPRT have a memorandum of understanding in place with DHPT possessing the rights to manage, research and interpret the totality of historic Drayton Hall. This relationship is all the more important given that Drayton Hall staff have identified the likely remains of more than 16 buildings on PRT property that were likely occupied by the site's enslaved residents. These sites will be incorporated into future investigations with visitor access established for increased public interpretation.

Archaeology is not new to Drayton Hall. Beginning in 1974, when the house and property was transferred from the Drayton family to NTHP, NTHP archaeologists carried out numerous archaeological campaigns concentrated on areas associated with known structures such as the privy, main house, and garden house. This work, despite examining less than 2% of Drayton Hall's historic acreage, yielded more than one million artifacts. Like many historic sites, many of these finds remain uncatalogued, and we are seeking to hire a Curatorial Fellow to catalog this legacy collection.

If successfully funded, DHPT will first use South Carolina earmarked funds to retain a full-time archaeology department staff including a Director of Archaeology, a Staff Archaeologist and the above-mentioned Curatorial Fellow. Earmarked funds will also be used to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to conduct investigations, curate artifacts and maintain a public archaeology laboratory in our new visitor center. Within the lab, guests regularly engage Archaeology Department staff members and/or volunteers who showcase recently recovered artifacts and describe the efforts necessary to process and study the finds. Equipment of note includes the purchase of Global Positioning System unit (GPS) for our existing Ground Penetrating Radar equipment (GPR) which is capable of surveying a site using sonar prior to putting shovels in the ground. Additional equipment includes laboratory supplies, shovels, wheelbarrows, screens, and a mini excavator tractor. Helping to record and promote our work will be the purchase of a drone to capture aerial footage for communications purposes.



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BUDGET SUMMARY

Category	Earmarked Funds	Match/Cost Share (optional)	Total
Director of Archaeology (Annual Salary and Fringe)	\$ 127,228.00		\$ 127,228.00
Staff Archaeologist (Annual Salary and Fringe)	\$ 51,028.00		\$ 51,028.00
Curatorial Fellow (Annual Salary and Fringe)	\$45,900.00		\$45,900.00
Field Supplies (Shovels, bags, Screens)	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Phantom 4 Pro+ V2.0 (Drone)	\$2,396.00		\$2,396.00
Laboratory Supplies	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Software Licensing (Geographic Information Systems X2)	\$200.00		\$200.00
Global Positioning System (GPS) for Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)	\$5,248.00		\$5,248.00
Mini Excavator Tractor	\$65,000.00		\$65,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	\$300,000.00		\$300,000.00