



West Virginia Project Archaeology *Draft* Implementation Plan

Program Goal

West Virginia's Project Archaeology Goal is to educate children and youth about cultural heritage so that they are equipped to make wise decisions concerning the use and protection of archaeological sites and cultural material.

Staffing

The Council for West Virginia Archaeology (CWVA) serves as the primary organization of West Virginia's Project Archaeology and is responsible for all aspects of implementing the program. The state coordinator is responsible for all aspects of the program including general administration, maintaining a mailing list, program correspondence, program planning, facilitator training, developing new materials, disseminating existing materials, and coordinating with the National Project Archaeology staff.

Marshall University Graduate College will serve as the main partner. Facilitator Training and Teacher in-service credit will be coordinated through the Graduate College. The Monongahela National Forest (through a supportive agreement with the Federal Highways Administration and the West Virginia Department of Highways) provides support services through the use of computer, phone, and photocopying facilities. The Forest Service supports the coordinator's salary for up to four weeks. In addition, local travel for the coordinator is provided by the Monongahela National Forest Heritage Resources. Valerie McCormack, the West Virginia State Coordinator can be contacted at:

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The cooperative agreement between the Monongahela National Forest, Federal Highways Administration, and WVDOH will end at the end of Fiscal Year 2007. At that time, support for the state coordinator will need to be addressed.

Several additional archaeologists have committed to volunteering hours to work on the state handbook and local lesson plans.

Funding

Time for the coordinator for project planning is provided within the coordinator's salary paid by the U.S. Forest Service. Two grants have been obtained for 2006. The first grant (\$17,405) from the West Virginia Humanities Council provides funding for the development of the state handbook, stipends for educators to attend the Facilitator Training, and partial funding for the Facilitator Training. The West Virginia Division of Culture and History has provided a grant (\$7209) to provide support for the Facilitator Training. Additional grants are being sought to complete the state handbook and lesson plans.

A grant proposal will be submitted to the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation to provide matching funds for the West Virginia Humanities Council grant, and for an Improving Teacher Quality Grant. Professor Mary Harris-John of Marshall University will apply for an ITQ grant in the fall of 2006.

Policies and Guidelines

West Virginia Project Archaeology workshops are in development. The inservice workshops will be designed to be 15 hours in length and participants must be in attendance the entire time to receive credit. Participants are also required to teach the age appropriate lessons. Participants will complete evaluation forms for each lesson, and submit them to the State Coordinator.

Teams of qualified educators and archaeologists will facilitate workshops. Educators must have participated in a 15 hour Facilitator training workshop, and have used *Project Archaeology* in an education setting. Archaeologist must be professionals and have received *Project Archaeology* facilitator training. The Facilitator training is scheduled for Jun 20 – 23, 2006.

Partnerships

The Council for West Virginia Archaeology serves as the primary Project Archaeology organization. Partnerships throughout the state form an important part of West Virginia's Project Archaeology. Partnerships include:

- Marshall University Graduate College
- Monongahela National Forest
- West Virginia Division of Culture and History
- Beverly Historic Landmark Commission

State Handbook

Members of the Council for West Virginia Archaeology are currently working on the development of a State Handbook. The State Handbook will include chapters on West Virginia's cultural history and lesson plans. A grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council provides funds for an educational writer. The writer will adapt a

information provided by the CWVA members to a narrative format written at the fourth grade level.

Teacher Training Workshops

The first workshops are tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2006. Each inservice workshop will be 15 hours in length and train a maximum of 25 teachers. The coordinator will schedule all workshops, which are taught by teams of qualified educators and archaeologists. Duties of the Coordinator, facilitators, and archaeologists are as follows:

Coordinator

- Schedules Facilitator Training and Teacher Workshops
- Assigns a Facilitator and Archaeologist for each workshop
- Evaluates assignments
- Reports credit information to appropriate school district or university
- Reports year-end statistics to the National Program

Facilitator

- Plans workshop
- Contacts archaeologist
- Assembles all additional materials
- Primarily responsible for instruction of workshop
- Provides educational expertise and experience

Archaeologist

- Assists facilitator with planning
- Teaches some of the Project Archaeology lessons
- Provides Archaeological expertise
- Assists with discussions of local archeology, ethics, and Native American perspectives

Possible Workshop Locations

- *Marshall Graduate College (Kanawha, Putnum, Cabell, Mason, Clay, Nicholas, Fayette, Boone, Lincoln)
- *Camp Washington-Carver, West Virginia Culture and History (Fayette County)
- *Seneca Rocks Discovery Center (Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker, Grant, Pendelton, Hardy Counties)
- *Moundsville (Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Wetzel, counties)
- Harper's Ferry or DNR Shepardstown (Jefferson, Berkeley Morgan, Mineral, Hampshire Counties)
- WVU or Fairmont State? (Preson, Monongalia, Marion, Harrison, Taylor, Barbour, Lewis, Gilmer, Upshur, Braxton, Webster Counties)
- Parkersburg (Blennerhassett Museum?) (Wood, Pleasants Ritchie, Wirt)
- East-Central: New River Gorge (?) (Greenbrier, Monroe, Summers, Fayette, Raleigh, Mercer)

Credit

Credit for the Facilitator Training is available through enrolling in a West Virginia K-12 course at Marshall University Graduate School. Completion of the Facilitator Training satisfies the class requirements. Credit for Teacher workshops is also being organized through Marshall University Graduate School. In addition, Project Archaeology will work with the State Department of Education in order to grant inservice credit for teachers. Project Archeology lesson plans are being designed to meet the Content and Standard Objectives (CSOs) defined by the West Virginia Department of Education.

Facilitator Training

Facilitator will be trained by the National Project Archeology team in order to instruct teachers the Project Archaeology curriculum. Once trained, the Facilitators will train local teachers during annually scheduled teacher training workshops. Funds are being sought in order to compensate the Facilitators for each workshop taught. The Facilitator training is scheduled for June 2006.

Additional Outreach

The Forest Service will host two weeks of the volunteer program Passports in Time, a volunteer archaeology field program. This volunteer program, which is open to the public, will provide teachers with an opportunity to learn archaeological field techniques.

In addition, the coordinator will keep a database of archaeologists that are available for various types of presentations in classrooms.

Information and Announcements

Information on the National Project Archaeology Program can be found at

www.projectarchaeology.org

Information on the West Virginia Project Archaeology Program will be posted on the Council for West Virginia Archaeology website:

www.cwva.org

Draft Budget

This *Draft Budget* identifies our potential costs and sources of income in order to establish the West Virginia Project Archaeology Program. Upon the completion of the handbook and the initial Facilitator training, the annual budget is expected to be greatly reduced. Costs and expenses at that time will relate to Teacher training workshops, newsletter mailings and other incidental expenses.

Draft budget through 2006				
Potential Expenses				14248
<i>Production of State Handbook</i>				
Educational Writer stipend	8000			
250 pages	250 @ 6.25			
CD Production	250 @ .50			
				9688
<i>Facilitator Training</i>				
Airfare for 2 National Team members	2@800			3060
Hotel and meals 5 days (Charleston per diem rate)	2@126/day			
Facilities	200			
<i>Stipends</i>				
Teacher/Facilitators	5 @ 300			1500
Income (Targeted Granting Foundations)				?
Benedum Foundation				
Toyota Foundation				
West Virginia Cultural and History				
Teacher Training Tuition	50 per person 20 teachers/\$50			
In kind Contributions				6460
Archaeologists Student handbook production (~ \$20/hour)	200 hours			
Archaeologist-Teacher Training (~ \$20/hour)	5 @ 15 hours			
Coordinator to National Meeting (\$24/hour)	40 hours			