

Historic St. Mary's City Commission

MISSION

The mission of the Historic St. Mary's City Commission (HSMC) is to preserve and protect the archaeological and historical record of Maryland's first colonial capital, and to appropriately develop and use this historic and scenic site for the education, enjoyment and general benefit of the public.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. Cultural Resource Preservation, Research and Museum Development, and Collection Stewardship. Ensure that the archaeological sites, collections, and landscapes of Maryland's most important historic site are safeguarded, consistent with its status as a National Historic Landmark District (NHL). Quality research and museum exhibits are produced.

Obj. 1.1 Consult on projects that have potential to impact cultural resources on state lands under the control of Historic St. Mary's City and St. Mary's College of Maryland. Perform mitigation as necessary on these lands, process and curate artifacts, and prepare professional reports on the results.

Obj. 1.2 Research the archaeology and history of St. Mary's City, interpret these findings through exhibit development, publications, presentations, and digital media.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
New archaeological artifacts curated and accessible for research	170,673	72,978	289,392	87,898	208,960	100,000	100,000

Goal 2. Education and Interpretation. Engage large and diverse audiences of every age level, giving special attention to the school children of Maryland, through interpretive and educational programs that bring to life the history of St. Mary's City and its relevance to our current society.

Obj. 2.1 Achieve or exceed an annual visitation level of 10,000 paid general admissions, 23,000 paid school tours and 50,000 total site usage.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
General attendance (including members)	3,781	7,247	8,584	7,797	8,304	8,500	8,500
School children (scholastic tours)	4,439	279	4,674	7,897	7,306	8,000	8,000
Site use for recreation	13,498	26,164	30,357	28,507	13,000	20,000	25,000
Paid events and partner events (Receptions, Beerfest, SMCM Gala)	3,669	500	8,313	7,408	5,771	7,000	7,000
Free admissions (MD Day, Riverfest, public relations)	1,253	1,320	1,848	1,779	2,216	2,500	2,500
Total served on-site	26,640	35,510	53,776	53,388	36,597	46,000	51,000
Off-site outreach events attendance (Dove sails, Youth Programs)	778	0	232	4,500	2,427	2,500	2,500

Goal 3. Governance and Management. Ensure that HSMC is recognized for sound planning and fiduciary oversight and strong base of public and private support.

Obj. 3.1 Acquire at least \$100,000 in grants/gifts and \$500,000 in earned revenue each year.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Commission Earned Revenue (including gifts, grants)	\$623,585	\$491,320	\$631,928	\$642,262	\$543,145	\$540,000	\$650,000
Foundation Earned Revenue (including gifts, grants)	\$128,586	\$261,531	\$211,607	\$212,297	\$207,523	\$350,000	\$350,000
Foundation support to Commission (expenses to support HSMC)	-\$58,958	-\$146,887	-\$98,398	-\$88,767	-\$46,801	-\$150,000	-\$150,000
Volunteer (in-kind as valued by Independent Sector)	\$190,725	\$38,145	\$108,395	\$321,035	\$172,259	\$200,000	\$200,000