

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

1. INTRODUCTION

On June 16, 2010, the Commonwealth Transportation Board awarded the Southampton County Historical Society, Inc.(the Society) federal Transportation Enhancement funds in the amount of \$420,000 for the creation of the INSURRECTION TRAIL driving tour. The project requires a Project Sponsor, and the Southampton County Board of Supervisors (the County) by Resolution Number 1109-12A, dated November 23, 2009, agreed to be the public sponsor for this project.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to set forth how the Society and County will work together with VDOT's Local Assistance Division (VDOT) to execute the project. The 1831 INSURRECTION TRAIL project is very important to Southampton County. The largest slave revolt in American history occurred in Southampton County. Nat Turner's Rebellion is a terrible tale that teaches about slavery. Many of the roadways and sites have not changed since 1831 and the goal of this project is to create interpretative tools to enable travelers, citizens and schools to learn and reflect about this horrific event. A visitor center, Rebecca Vaughan House, with exhibits and an interpretive driving tour guiding visitors to associated sites will be established to present this story. This tour will be a unique educational experience and will promote heritage tourism and commerce in the County.

3. SCOPE

The Society, as applicant for the funds, will execute and complete the project under the sponsorship of the County. All aspects of the project will be subject to the requirements of VDOT's Enhancement Procedure manual of October 2009 and all federal and state requirements referenced therein. The Society and the County will work closely with VDOT's District Enhancement Coordinator to ensure that all work meets those requirements and is eligible for reimbursement.

4. POLICY

It is agreed that, in accordance with the County's resolution referenced in Paragraph 1 above, the County accepts no financial responsibility for any funding related to the project or the maintenance of the completed driving tour or visitor center. Rather, the County will enter into agreements with contractors and suppliers and will disburse County funds for their eligible

goods and services. When such eligible goods and services are received and approved, the Society will forward requests for reimbursement of funds to VDOT. In turn, the Society is responsible for the local match requirements. The Society also accepts responsibility and would agree to reimburse the County for any grant expenses deemed ineligible.

5. PROCEDURES

Appendix J of the Enhancement Program Procedure Manual presents project development and process flowcharts which illustrate typical project procedures. Copies of these flowcharts are attached. Under the oversight of the County, the Society will contract exhibit design, interpretive sign installation and other work for the project. The Society and its project manager will obtain all required permits and will inspect the work and manage its execution in accordance with the Project Plan, a copy of which is attached as part of this Memorandum.

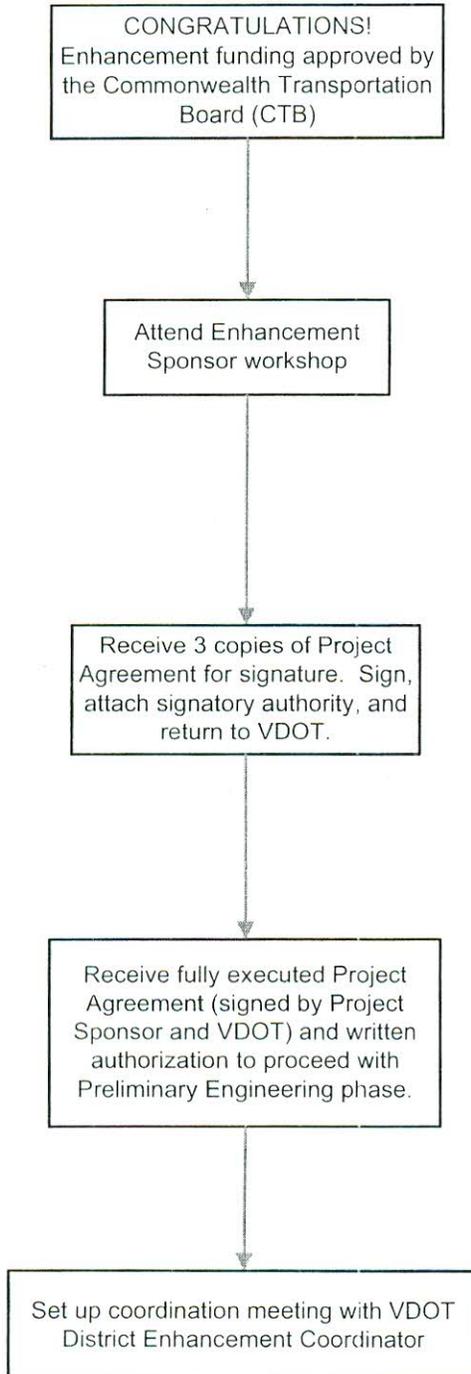
6. OVERSIGHT

In addition to oversight provided by the VDOT District Enhancement Coordinator, the County Administrator will appoint a County employee to provide oversight to the Society to help ensure that all work is eligible for reimbursement.

7. REVISIONS

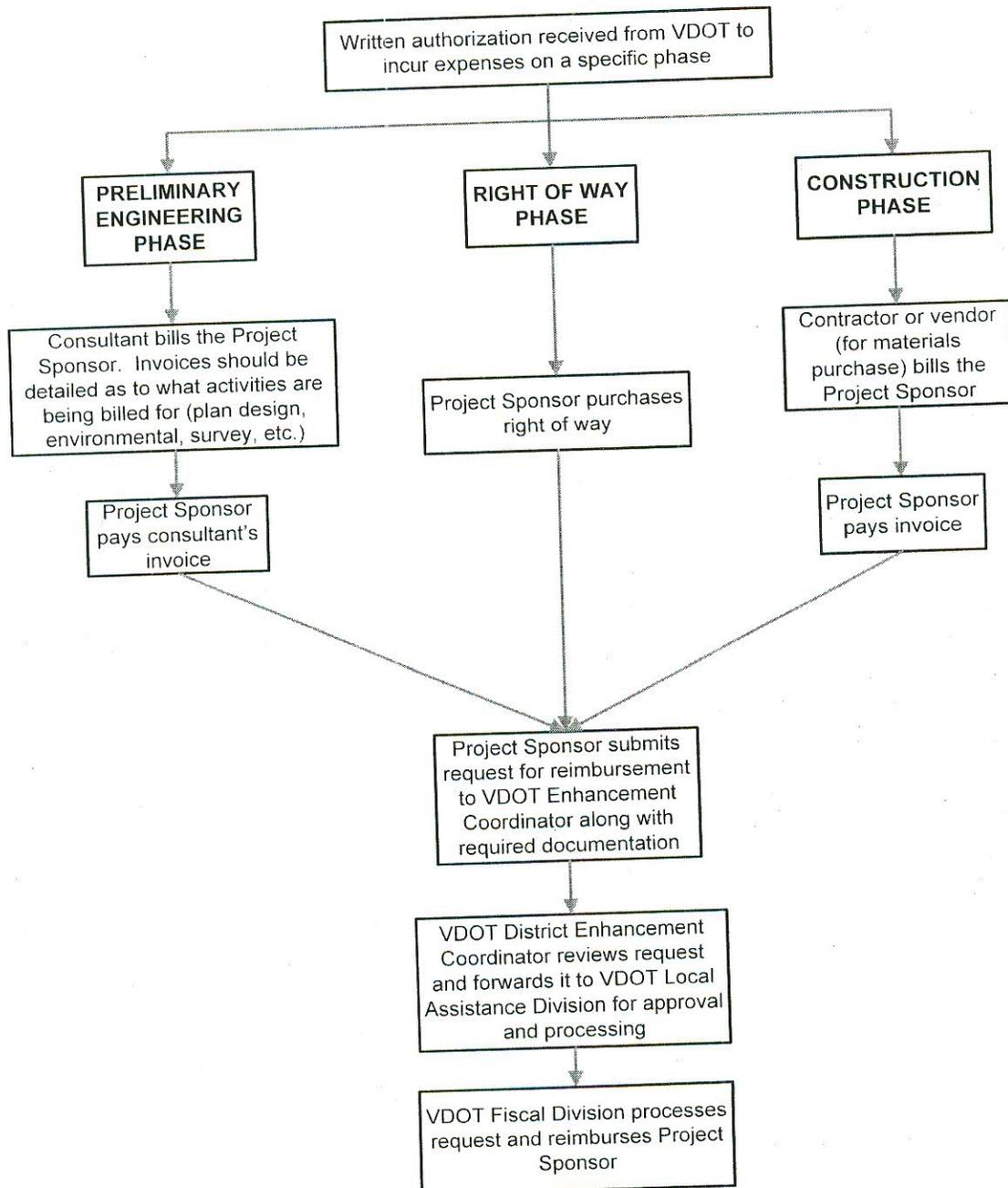
From time to time the terms of this Memorandum may be modified in writing, if necessary, by mutual agreement between the Society and the County.

PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

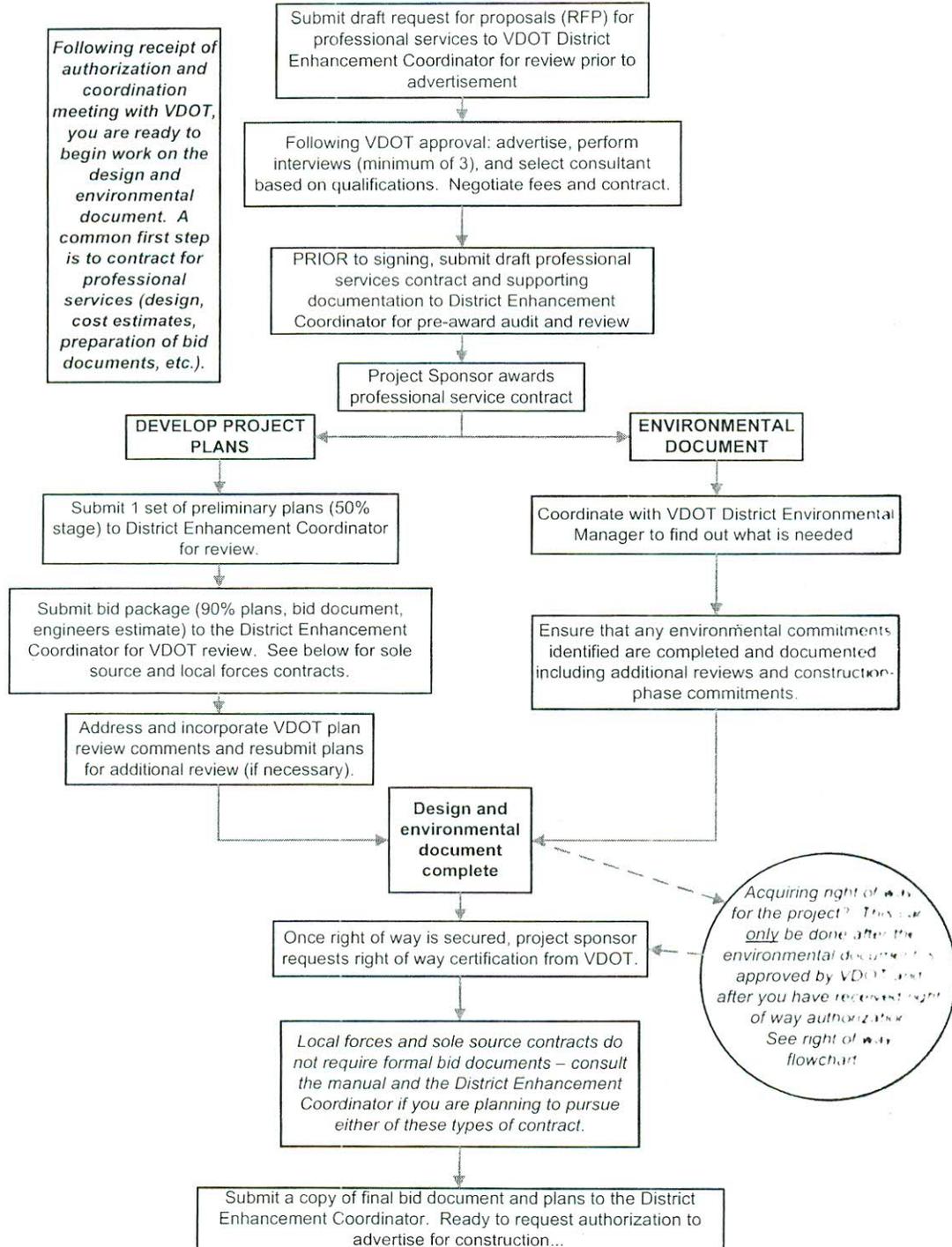


*A NOTE AS YOU BEGIN:
We review because we care!!! We know it may seem like an awful lot of reviews for your project. The truth is, VDOT performs these reviews not only to ensure your project's compliance with State and Federal guidelines, but also to ensure that your finished product is the best quality possible. And, most importantly to many project sponsors, VDOT's reviews ensure that your work will be eligible for reimbursement when you need your money!*

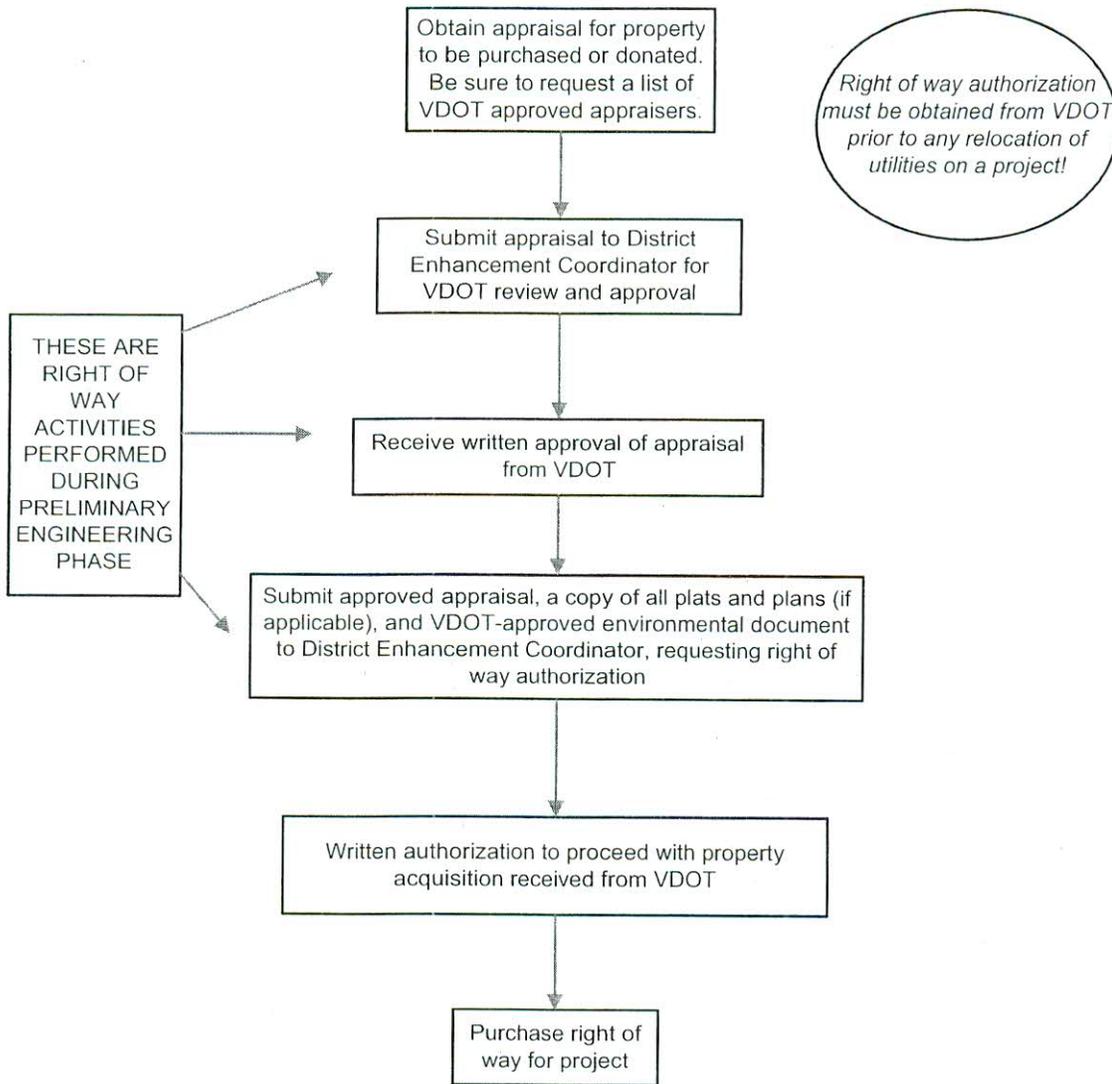
BILLING PROCEDURES FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS



PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING PHASE FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

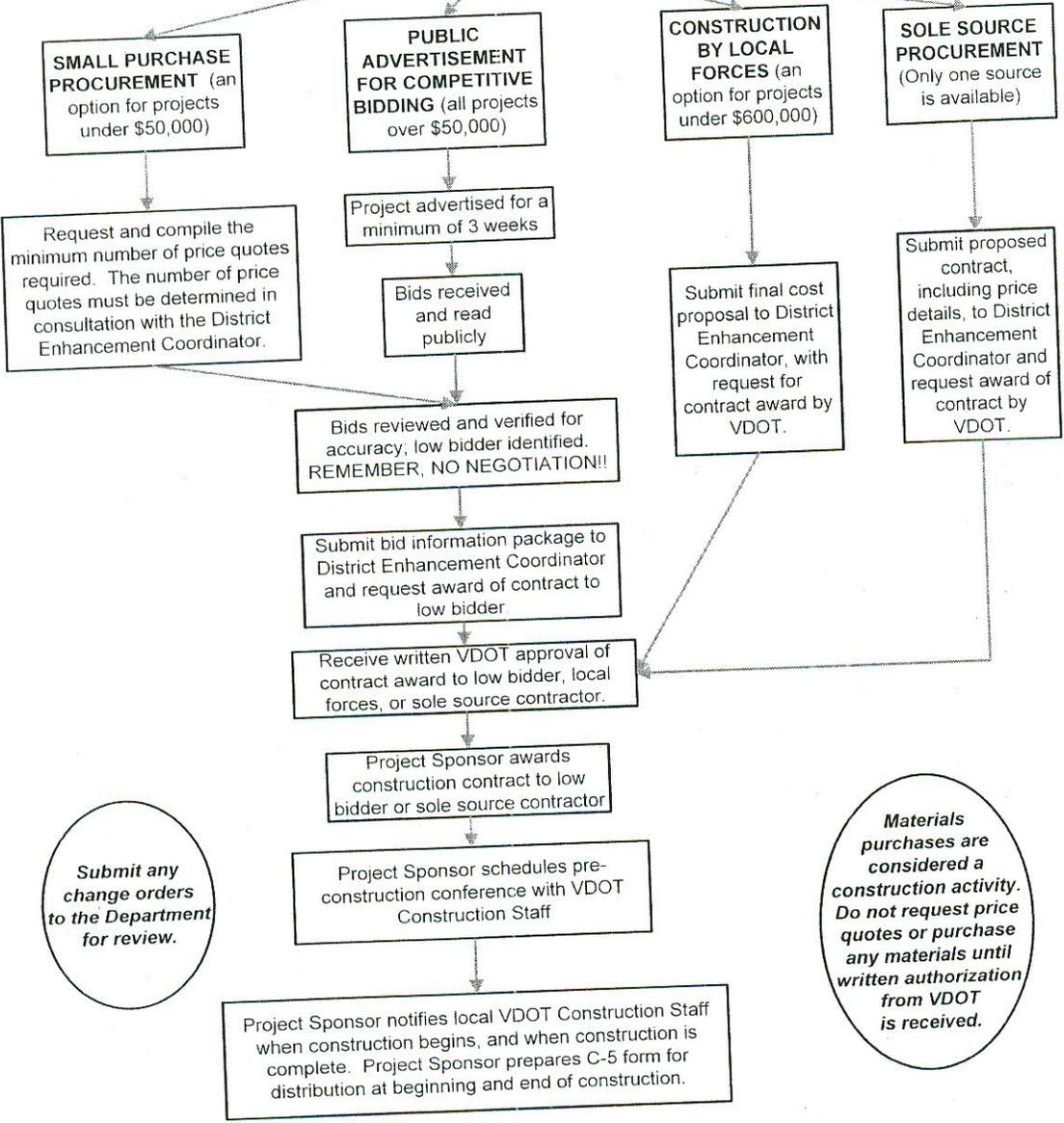


RIGHT OF WAY PHASE (PROPERTY ACQUISITION) FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS



ADVERTISEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PHASE FOR TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

Written authorization to advertise project received from VDOT. Important: *This is not authorization to begin construction! Also, you should consult with the VDOT District Enhancement Coordinator well in advance of pursuing small purchase procurement, local forces construction, or sole source procurement.*



INSURRECTION TRAIL PROJECT SCHEDULE

2011

30 September -- Complete video short concept, scripts and production with WHRO.

90 Days

30 October – Identify and document trail sites.

90 Days

30 October – Identify and document sign text and identify maps and images.

45 Days

2012

15 January – Engineer hired to layout trail, complete surveys, identify right of way, and locate pull offs

90 Days

1 February – Fabricate and install signs for Courtland phase of tour with VCWT.

120 Days

15 January – Acquire easement for Courtland signs.

90 Days

1 July – Fabricate and install signs for remaining phase of tour with VCWT.

120 Days

1 July – Acquire easements for remaining tour sites.

90 Days

30 September – Develop exhibit text and concept for Rebecca Vaughan House.

60 Days

1 December – Select exhibit design team to prepare and install displays including interactive exhibit components.

485 Days

1 December – Prepare documentary text.

60 Days

2013

1 February – Initiate production of one hour documentary with WHRO.

200 Days.

1831 SOUTHAMPTON INSURRECTION TRAIL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The 1831 Southampton Insurrection Trail will connect travelers, visitors, residents and students with sites associated with the Nat Turner Rebellion. The Insurrection was the largest slave revolt in American history. While hundreds of people perished during this failed uprising, the 1831 Southampton Insurrection is a powerful lesson about slavery and the causes of the American Civil War. Nat Turner's "Army" traveled down still existing roads towards the county seat-Jerusalem(modern Courtland). When the rebellion was suppressed, Courtland became the scene of trials and executions. This story is mentioned in every American history book and is a SOL-requirement. The project is designed to enhance educational opportunities and heritage tourism in Southampton County.

Since so many of the sites associated with the 1831 Southampton Insurrection still exist, a driving tour concept was developed to present this story using interactive and place-based learning techniques to broaden public recognition and comprehension. The tour will begin at the Rebecca Vaughan House where participants will be introduced to the topics of slavery and slave rebellions as well as the 1831 Southampton Insurrection and its aftermath. These displays will use artifacts (Nat Turner's sword), interactive videos and maps and virtual reality experiences to place the Insurrection into context. The visitor, having acquired this background knowledge, will then travel the tour route using a map brochure or an iPod device. Each of the 20 sites on the tour will feature interpretive signs and turnouts/parking.

The 1831 Southampton Insurrection Trail will be a narrative experience taking the traveler to the sites associated with Nat Turner's Rebellion. The exhibits, videos and other interpretive materials will enable tour participants to place this powerful historical event into context. Trail users will obtain a thorough understanding about the deep meaning of this critical facet of local, state and national history.