

# Great Parks, Great Communities

## Protecting and Interpreting Our History

In support of its mission to protect and maintain the county's heritage, the Fairfax County Park Authority manages and preserves historic sites, provides cultural programming and interpretation, and oversees the county's archeology program.

The numbers speak for themselves:

- Over **3.5 million** artifacts
- **10,000** museum collections
- **8** historic sites on the National Register
- **34** historic sites on the county inventory
- Accreditation by the Alliance of American Museums
- **7,625** Fairfax County Public School students toured park historic sites in FY15.



Work to initiate a Resident Curator Program began in earnest in 2014. The program is designed to preserve and protect historic properties by offering long-term leases to qualified tenants who agree to rehabilitate and maintain these historic resources. The benefits include protection of historic sites and private sector funding for needed restoration and maintenance of historic buildings.



In FY 2015, the Park Authority completed needed restoration work at Colvin Run Mill. Two grinding stones brought the historic site to full operational capacity for the first time in decades. Funding was provided in part through a Partners in Preservation grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



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