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Dear Members and Friends,

It's been almost five years since we've written to update you on the Crittenden, Eclipse, and Hobson Heritage Foundation. We've changed our name to the Suffolk River Heritage and are excited to let you know of our many accomplishments. We've published two books, hosted a very successful Heritage Day for our communities, initiated a website, told community stories for NPR's Story Corps radio project and begun a community River Talks program. Our members have told the story of the northern villages of Suffolk and have mapped its future environmental initiatives. We have literally "put Suffolk on a national map" but our work is not finished. We are working with the Nansemond River Preservation Alliance to create more public river access sites and document the history of our river and creeks in the form of river trail interpretive signage and kiosks. The map and kiosks on the Nansemond River will help us become part of the National Park's Captain John Smith National Historic Trail.

Our fundraising efforts in the past were to help finance our two books and the Suffolk Water Trail Map. We have received generous grant funding from several sources, both individual and non-profit organizations.

Our book sales have helped to augment our treasury and revenues from book sales continue to come in. However, we are in need of funding for our organization to continue its mission which includes our successful River Talks program, website development and maintenance, digital archive set-up and ongoing office expenses. Plans include an “Up the Chuckatuck” Paddle for Charity in the fall as well as an evening of Music this spring. We continue to seek grant funding and community support. The Suffolk Water Trail map second printing and the 2013 Suffolk Water Trail Project Phase 2 needs are \$ 9850.00.

Richard Goldbach of Cherry Grove Plantation has offered \$1000.00 to help with the cost of our current initiatives. Another member of Suffolk River Heritage is matching with \$1000.00. We are hoping to get additional matching contributions from our members and friends. Matches can be in any amount as every dollar counts.

The Suffolk River Heritage needs your help. Please consider a contribution in any amount to help us continue our projects. Donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

We are making a big difference in our community!!!

Thanks for your help,

Karla Smith - Chairman

*Checks can be made to: Suffolk River Heritage
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