

McLeod Plantation

Master Plan & Stabilization Plan



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is focused on McLeod Plantation, a 37 acre property, located on James Island south of downtown Charleston. McLeod is significant for many reasons including: nearly 300 years of continuous agricultural cultivation, its association with Revolutionary and Civil War activities, an outstanding collection of historic buildings, and oak allées dating back to the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries, as well as a rich archaeological record. A few of the interpretive themes now being explored include Sea Island

Plantation Life, the Reconstruction Period, Suburban Development and the Evolution of Agriculture. Recently acquired by Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) from Historic Charleston Foundation (HCF), the property is currently closed to the public while study and restorative repair is underway. A team of consultants are working with PRC and a steering committee to create a Master Plan and Stabilization Plan for McLeod Plantation. The project is expected to be complete at the end of 2011.



North facade of McLeod House, c.1880 (earliest known photo of the property)

PROGRESS UPDATE



North facade of slave cabin, 1933

The project was divided into the following phases:

- Inventory & Analysis
- Stabilization Plan Development
- Stabilization Construction
- Master Plan Development

The first two phases are now complete. During inventory and analysis, extensive archaeological investigation was conducted, a developmental history for the property was written, the property's

natural and cultural resources were inventoried and assessed, paint analysis was performed and preliminary recommendations for the property were drafted. A Stabilization Plan was developed by a local preservation architect and structural engineer. After review and approval by the City of Charleston's Board of Architectural Review and HCF, the Stabilization Plan is now ready for implementation.

NEXT STEPS

During the next four months many exciting activities will be undertaken at McLeod. Stabilization construction work is estimated to begin in fall 2011. This work will focus on making all buildings weather tight and repairing deteriorated materials. Concurrently, the planning team will conduct additional meetings with PRC and the steering committee, host a public open house and create a master plan to guide future use

of the property. *Please mark your calendar to attend the public open house on **October 6th from 4:30 to 7:30 pm** in the cafeteria of James Island Charter High School located at 1000 Fort Johnson Road on James Island.* The consultant team and representatives from PRC will be on hand to discuss the project. A formal presentation of the project will be given at 6pm. Please join us.



Woman under McLeod Oak, date unknown