

Poquoson Historical and Cultural Museum Foundation

The Poquoson Historical and Cultural Museum Foundation was formed in 2001 to foster, preserve and promote the historical and cultural enrichment of Poquoson through education and establishment of a museum. In 2003, the foundation purchased the Dryden Farm site and in 2007 the Museum opened to the public

Shown below is the original conceptual plan developed for the Poquoson Museum. The Museum has been able to achieve some of the elements shown on the conceptual plan. The Dryden Farm Complex is open and progress is being made to move Tom Hunt's Store to the campus. In 2013, the Museum dedicated their Marsh Walk Nature Trail, a one mile loop down to Topping Creek that includes several boardwalks and observation decks that provide views of the salt marsh and Back River. Located along the trail are 18 interpretive signs describing the marsh environment and the wildlife that inhabit or benefit from it.



As noted on the conceptual plan, a demonstration field was planned just beyond the barn. In 2013, the Museum partnered with the York/Poquoson Master Gardeners and allowed the gardeners to establish a Learning/Demonstration Garden in the area designated for the demonstration field. The garden has been a great addition to the campus and the gardeners are onsite every Wednesday morning.

What's next? – The Museum continues to solicit new members and regularly seeks donations and grants to support Museum operations and expand its campus. If you like what you see, consider becoming a member.

A larger print of the conceptual plan is posted in the Information Kiosk at the head of the Marsh Walk Nature Trail at the Museum. Stop by and take a look. The kiosk also contains additional information about the Museum and the Master Gardeners Learning Garden.