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Initial stabilization completed at Beverley Mill; funding needed to proceed

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The Turn the Mill Around Campaign reports that Phase I of the stabilization project of the Chapman (Beverley) Mill at Broad Run, west of the Town of Haymarket, has been completed.

This past winter and spring, several companies have been working very hard at the task of restoring the mill, located just off Interstate 66 in the Throughfare Gap. An arson fire devastated the mill in October 1998.



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Partial view of exterior of Beverley Mill following recent completion of Phase I stabilization. Window openings were strengthened with wooden and steel supports. The south wall was stabilized with anchors placed in holes drilled into the stone. A soft grout, injected into the anchor under pressure, filled the air spaces.

During this Phase I, the openings for the windows were strengthened with wooden and steel supports. The south wall was stabilized with anchors placed in holes drilled into the stone. A soft grout, injected into the anchor under pressure, filled the air spaces and hardened as it dried.

In addition, the exposed top areas of the walls have been covered with lead sheets to prevent water from seeping into the walls.

Cintec America, Inc installed the stabilization anchors; A L & L Industries, Inc conducted the core drilling; Standard Restoration and Waterproofing Co., Inc. performed the masonry work; Scaffold Resource LLC constructed the scaffolding that allowed the work to be completed; and Conservation Solutions, Inc., managed the project.

The project was financed by a Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) TEA-21 grant of \$300,000, received a few years ago.

Eileen Vroom, the Executive Director of the Turn the Mill Around Campaign, estimates that approximately \$500,000 will be required to completely stabilize the shell of the mill.

The campaign suffered a set back this past week when Turn the Mill Around Campaign was in-



Scaffolding in place for initial stabilization work recently completed at Beverley Mill. The project was financed by a Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) TEA-21 grant of \$300,000, received a few years ago. Harry Leach / the Bull Run Observer

formed that it would not receive a Tea-21 grant from VDOT this year.

However, the campaign has received private donations of approximately \$50,000 through fund-raisers and is exploring other avenues for funding the preservation project, Vroom said.

To learn more about the mill,

visit The Turn the Mill Around Campaign web site at WWW.chapmansmill.org.

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