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## Traveling Trunk Program Honored Again; Expands to New Schools

*The Inland Rice Fields Traveling Trunk Program wins NACO Achievement Award*

The [Charleston County](#) Inland Rice Fields Traveling Trunk is a 2014 [National Association of Counties \(NACO\)](#) Achievement Award winner. NACO honored the program in the Child and Youth category and the awards are given yearly to recognize innovative county government programs.

"The Inland Rice Fields Traveling Trunk Program has allowed Charleston County Government to demonstrate our commitment to preserve the heritage of the county and state," said [Charleston County Administrator Kurt Taylor](#). "I saw this as a great educational vehicle for our current citizens and future generations of students in the Lowcountry."



Before road construction began on [Palmetto Commerce Parkway](#) in 2008, Charleston County sponsored an archaeological survey of the project corridor to ensure that important sites with historical value would not be disturbed by the construction. Archaeologists discovered remnants of a system of inland rice fields that once were part of Windsor Hill Plantation and Woodland Plantation. Charleston County then worked with the [South Carolina Department of Archives and History](#) to develop a plan to document and protect these important historical features.

The [Inland Rice Fields Traveling Truck](#) contains lesson plans, classroom activities, and replica items used in the rice fields. The program has been utilized in the Charleston County School District since 2011. Now, the Traveling Trunk has expanded to Dorchester and Berkeley County schools and is now available in more than 60 schools throughout the tri-county.

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