

# Planning the Project -Background

- 1. Needs Assessment 2016 LSTA grant for consultant
- 2. Proposal November 2017 3-year program grant proposal
- 3. Plan B February 2018 EZ Grant application submitted Saving Our Communities grant awarded for 2018-19 year

### The Project Begins

- 1. No money can be spent prior to July 1 (and before all paperwork is signed off)
- 2. Employees (recruiting, interviewing, hiring) Have job descriptions prepared before grant notification

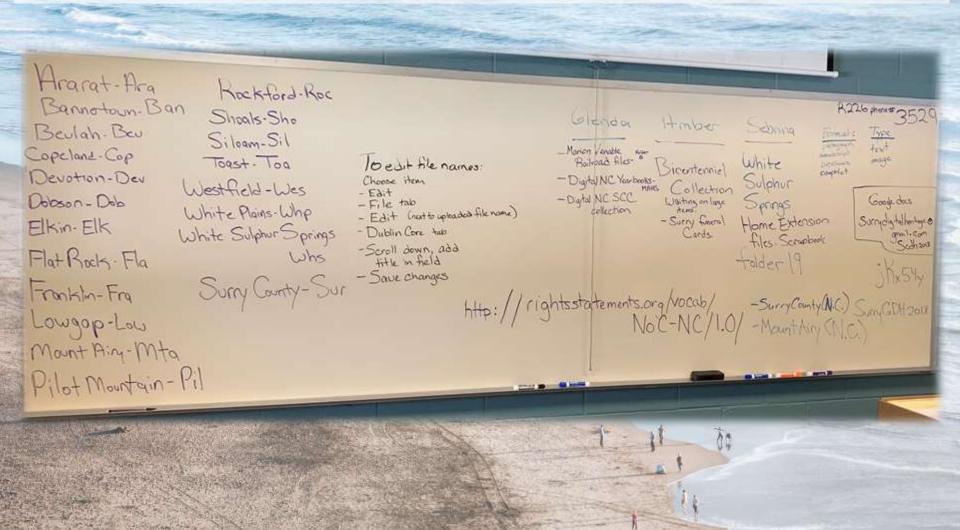
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- 3. Partner Groups
  - a. Mount Airy Museum of Regional History
    - b. Northwestern Regional Library (5 public library locations)
    - c. Surry County African American Genealogical and Historical Society
    - d. Surry County Genealogical Society
    - e. Surry County Historical Society

#### Nuts and Bolts (Part 1)

- 1.Partner Groups LSTA-required form detailing commitment for each group
- 2. Communicating with Partner Groups
- 3. Ordering equipment
- 4. Installing equipment

## Nuts and Bolts (part 2)

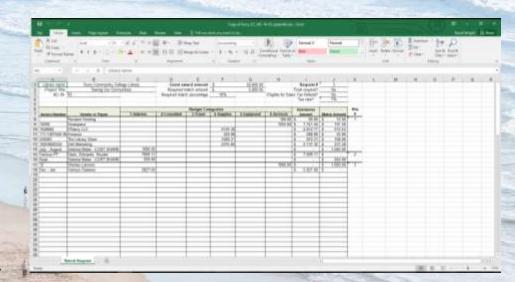


#### Nuts and Bolts (part 2)

- 1. Training
  - a. Software Omeka (open source) Erin Alsop--CPCC
- b. Cloud Backup
  - 2. Workflow and scheduling employees
  - 3. Production Begins (last week of September)
  - 4. Website development

### Project Reporting

- LSTA Required reports –
   Payroll Dept. involved in preparing reports with required information
- Reimbursements at least quarterly
- Status report Due January
   15
- 4. SCC Business Office Reports– received monthly



#### Lessons Learned

- 1. Omeka –easy to learn, help from CPCC
- 2. Finding materials that "were not on our radar"
- 3. Preserving unique materials
- 4. Making contacts in community valuable for years to come
- 5. Donors (loan-ers) have been cooperative and patient
- 6. Website implementation went basically as planned

#### Lessons Learned - 2

- 1. Project was probably not focused enough
- 2. Needed a "Standard Operating Procedure." Can now do it after the fact (Metadata, we learned "on the fly")
- 3. Needed more Omeka training
- 4. Get more community contacts earlier
- 5. Website implementation was slow -- needed it sooner
- 6. Getting project up and running was difficult



- 1. Community partners are key to success need buy-in
- 2. Media partners are keys to success
- 3. The project is a legacy project preserving materials for future generations

#### Sustainability Plan

- 1. Year 2 grant application submitted February, 2019
- 2. Surry Community College Library and Mount Airy Museum of Regional History will continue as partners if grant application is not successful
- 3. Fundraising plan will be developed in Year 2 to provide funds for maintaining website and cloud storage.



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