



Project REACH Timeline

- 2002-03 East Arkansas Settlement Study confirms construction date of Rice-Upshaw structure as ca. 1828 and William Looney Tavern as ca. 1833.
- 2003 BRTC students participate in art and writing project connected to the two structures
- 2004 Discussions begin concerning desire for restoration of structures
- 2006 BRTC Board of Trustees agree in principle to seek funds for restoration of structures for use as educational settings
- 2006 Family owners Jean Upshaw and family and Jack and Christina French donate structures to BRTC
- 2006 BRTC awarded ANCRC grant for stabilization and to develop REACH Master Plan
- 2007 BRTC awarded ANCRC grant for restoration of Rice-Upshaw House
- 2008 BRTC awarded ANCRC grant for restoration of William Looney Tavern
- 2009 Rice-Upshaw House restoration completed; Jean Upshaw Family Dedication ceremony held; BRTC awarded ANCRC grant for completion of restoration of William Looney Tavern, site enhancements for Rice-Upshaw House
- 2010 William Looney Tavern restoration completed; Jack and Christine French Family Dedication ceremony held
- 2011 Rice-Upshaw House site enhancements completed; Two-day Celebration draws large crowds for official "opening" of the two sites
- 2012 Public visitation of the Rice-Upshaw House and William Looney Tavern begins