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