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Program Description: Van Sweringen Archaeological Site GM-50272-04

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The Van Sweringen site exhibit is located over the building's original site on Aldermanbury Street in St. Mary's City. The exhibit includes archaeological remains, reconstructed buildings, simulated buildings, interpretive tours, and informational signs. Archaeological findings show where rooms were located and a surviving document gives us their names. Beyond the building is the arbor, a Dutch amenity one of St. Mary's first leaders, a Dutch immigrant named Garrett Van Sweringen, added for the guests at his private inn. Van Sweringen added a Coffee House, popular in Europe in the 17th century, but a rare innovation on the early American frontier. For more information, visit <https://hsmcdigshistory.org/research/archaeology/van-sweringen-exhibit/#meet>

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