

# CANAL PLACE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## SUMMARY

The Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority manages the area known as Canal Place in Cumberland. Its mission is to be the catalyst for preservation, development, and management of the lands adjacent to the C&O Canal in Cumberland, to be an advocate for preservation and development within the Canal Place Preservation District and the greater Cumberland area, and to enhance tourism in Western Maryland. The current focus of the capital improvement program is the federally-funded redevelopment of the western terminus of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park in Cumberland by the National Park Service. The Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority will complement this by acquiring property and designing and constructing site improvements in the area adjacent to the Canal terminus known as Canal Place. These improvements will provide a connection between downtown Cumberland and the Western Maryland Railway Station, open space for passive recreation and outdoor events, and other tourist attractions such as museums, shopping, and family-oriented activities. The Authority has completed construction of the Wills Creek Esplanade, a pedestrian walkway linking downtown and Canal Place, the Canal Street Promenade, the Trestle Walk, and the renovation of the Western Maryland Railway Station. Construction is underway on the Crescent Lawn, the major open space in the project. Property acquisition for additional parking is ongoing.

The FY 2007 - FY 2011 Capital Improvement Program provides funds for a new main entrance and additional parking, and a connection to the Allegheny Highlands Trail, which will connect the trail to the C&O Canal through Canal Place. These improvements are intended to increase private investment in Canal Place and attract additional visitors. During FY 2005, 26 events were held at Canal Place and more are anticipated in future years. Also during FY 2005, Canal Place attracted over 138,000 visitors and generated \$12.9 million for the local economy.

## CHANGES TO FY 2006 - FY 2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

### Changes to FY 2007

None

### Changes to FY 2008 - FY 2010

Design and construction funding for the Canal Place Entrance Enhancement and Allegheny Highlands Trail Connection have been deferred to FY 2011 due to other budget priorities. At the request of the Authority, funding for a new Visitor Information Center has been deferred beyond the Capital Improvement Program.

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## FY 2007 - FY 2011 Capital Improvement Program

### State-Owned Facilities

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Budget Code: DU0002

#### Canal Place Entrance Enhancement (Allegheny)

Construct a main entrance to the Canal Place Heritage Area in Cumberland. This project will enhance the overall appearance and view of the Heritage Area, including the bridge structure under Interstate 68. The project includes demolition, construction of 75 new parking spaces, signage consistent with the Canal Place plan, and design enhancements to the I-68 bridge piers and area under the bridge.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-	-	-	-	1,200	1,200
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	-	-	-	-	-	100	100
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	1,100	1,100

#### Allegheny Highlands Trail Connection (Allegheny)

Construct a permanent connection to the Allegheny Highlands Trail through Canal Place from the Great Allegheny Passage Trail to the C&O Canal Towpath. The Trail runs for 350 miles from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Georgetown in the District of Columbia. This project will complete the trail through Cumberland and allow hikers, bicyclists, and walkers to continuously travel between two significant trails.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	450	450
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-	-	-	-	450	450
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	-	-	-	-	-	50	50
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	400	400

#### Subtotals for State-Owned Facilities

<u>Source</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	-	-	-	-	1,650	1,650
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-	-	-	1,650	1,650

#### Total Program - Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority

<u>Source</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	-	-	-	-	1,650	1,650