

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

SUMMARY

On October 1, 1999 the Maryland Veterans Commission, the Maryland Veterans Home Commission, and the War Memorial Commission were combined into the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Department of Veterans Affairs provides Maryland veterans and their dependents with a variety of services including: information and technical assistance in applying for federal financial assistance, interment (burial) services at veterans cemeteries, and housing and medical care at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home in Southern Maryland. In addition, the Department maintains memorials and monuments honoring Maryland's veterans, who served in the armed forces during World War II, the Korean Conflict, and the Vietnam Era.

The current five-year capital improvement program provides funds for the expansion of burial capacity at the Cheltenham, Crownsville, and Garrison Forest Veterans Cemeteries, and addition of above-ground columbaria at the Eastern Shore and Rocky Gap Veterans Cemeteries.

CHANGES TO FY 2006 - FY 2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Changes to FY 2007

None

Changes to FY 2008 - FY 2010

Funds to design and construct an addition to the maintenance building at Garrison Forest Cemetery were added in FY 2008 - FY 2009, and funds to design and construct columbaria at the Eastern Shore and Rocky Gap Cemeteries were added to FY 2009 - FY 2010.

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FY 2007 - FY 2011 Capital Improvement Program

State-Owned Facilities

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Budget Code: DP0002

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery Expansion (Prince George's) FY 2007 Total **\$4,815**

Expand the burial capacity of the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery by developing 9,000 gravesites, a 1,000-slot above-ground columbarium, and supporting infrastructure in a 17-acre site adjacent to the existing cemetery. The existing 21-acre developed section of the cemetery will not accommodate projected burials beyond FY 2009. The project will also add 1,300 GSF to the existing maintenance building and also include related roadways, irrigation, and landscaping.

<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>
General Funds	379	-	-	-	-	-	379
Federal Funds	-	4,815	-	-	-	-	4,815
TOTAL	379	4,815	-	-	-	-	5,194

Use

Planning	379	-	-	-	-	-	379
Construction	-	4,815	-	-	-	-	4,815

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery Expansion (Anne Arundel) FY 2007 Total **\$3,108**

Expand the burial capacity of the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery by developing 5,600 gravesites, an 800 niche above-ground columbarium, and supporting infrastructure in an 11-acre site adjacent to the existing cemetery. The existing 20-acre developed section of the cemetery will not accommodate projected burials beyond FY 2008, at which point burials would have to be referred to other Maryland veterans cemeteries.

<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>
General Funds	252	-	-	-	-	-	252
Federal Funds	-	3,108	-	-	-	-	3,108
TOTAL	252	3,108	-	-	-	-	3,360

Use

Planning	252	-	-	-	-	-	252
Construction	-	3,108	-	-	-	-	3,108

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Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery Expansion (Baltimore) FY 2007 Total \$530

Expand the burial capacity of the Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery by developing 10,000 gravesites, a 1,000 niche above-ground columbarium, and supporting infrastructure in a 25-acre site adjacent to the existing cemetery. The existing 60-acre developed section of the cemetery will not accommodate projected burials beyond FY 2010. The FY 2007 budget includes funds to design the project.

<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>
General Funds	-	530	-	-	-	-	530
Federal Funds	-	-	6,500	-	-	-	6,500
TOTAL	-	530	6,500	-	-	-	7,030

<u>Use</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>
Planning	-	530	-	-	-	-	530
Construction	-	-	6,500	-	-	-	6,500

Garrison Forest - Addition and Alterations to Administration/Maintenance Complex (Baltimore)

Interior demolition and modernization of the administration building, convert the existing maintenance lunchroom/break area into a maintenance office, construct a stand-alone maintenance annex to expand vehicle/equipment storage capacity and construct a new access road to the maintenance service yard.

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General Funds	-	-	150	-	-	-	150
Federal Funds	-	-	-	1,450	-	-	1,450
TOTAL	-	-	150	1,450	-	-	1,600

<u>Use</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>
Planning	-	-	150	-	-	-	150
Construction	-	-	-	1,450	-	-	1,450

Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery Columbaria Installations (Dorchester)

This project consists of the design and installation of above-ground columbarium structures and attendant landscaping at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery. The proposed structure at Eastern Shore will contain approximately 500 niches for cremated remains. A columbarium is a freestanding, above-ground structure with recesses in the walls to house urns for the perpetual care of cremated remains. These recesses or compartments in the walls are referred to as niches.

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General Funds	-	-	-	50	-	-	50
Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	250	-	250
TOTAL	-	-	-	50	250	-	300

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Planning	-	-	-	25	-	-	25
Construction	-	-	-	-	250	-	250

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Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery Columbaria Installations (Allegany)

This project consists of the design and installation of above-ground columbarium structures and attendant landscaping at Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery. The proposed structure at Rocky Gap will contain approximately 300 niches for cremated remains. A columbarium is a freestanding, above-ground structure with recesses in the walls to house urns for the perpetual care of cremated remains. These recesses or compartments in the walls are referred to as niches.

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General Funds	-	-	-	50	-	-	50
Federal Funds	-	-	-	-	150	-	150
TOTAL	-	-	-	50	150	-	200

<u>Use</u>							
Planning	-	-	-	50	-	-	50
Construction	-	-	-	-	150	-	150

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>
General Funds	530	150	100	-	-	780
Federal Funds	7,923	6,500	1,450	400	-	16,273
TOTAL	8,453	6,650	1,550	400	-	17,053

Total Program - Department of Veterans Affairs

<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>
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