

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S COMMISSION

SUMMARY

The Historic St. Mary's City Commission is an agency within the Executive Department. The mission of the Commission is to preserve and protect the archaeological and historical record of Maryland's First Colonial Capital and to appropriately develop and use this historic and scenic site for the education, enjoyment, and general benefit of the public. English settlers established St. Mary's City as Maryland's capital in 1634. The City was the site of many firsts in American history, including the first:

- Successful proprietary colony in English America
- Catholic chapel in America
- African American to vote in a legislative body
- American woman to ask for the right to vote
- Use of Baroque town planning

There are numerous sites, in and near the City, of Native American Indian settlements dating as far back as 4000 BC. To accommodate the administrative needs of the Commission and to assure economies of scale, the Commission entered into an operating agreement with St. Mary's College of Maryland. The College furnishes certain administrative support services previously provided by Department of Housing and Community Development's headquarters staff. The FY 2005 – FY 2009 Capital Improvement Program focuses on the construction of an exhibit structure at the St. John's site and the Maryland Heritage Project (MHP). The MHP is a joint initiative with St. Mary's College of Maryland that aims to increase the knowledge of the connections between Maryland's founding and the evolution of American democracy.

CHANGES TO FY 2004 - FY 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Changes to FY 2005

Additions:

None

Deletions:

Maryland Heritage Project: Funding has been deferred to FY 2009 due to other budget priorities.

Changes to FY 2006 - FY 2008

None

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FY 2005 - FY 2009 Capital Improvement Program State-Owned Facilities

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION (St. Mary's County)
Budget Code: DB0152

St. John's Archaeological Site Exhibit Reconstruction	FY 2005 Total	\$5,700
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Construct a 6,170 GSF exhibit building and a 630 GSF open pavilion at the St. John's Site, located on the campus of St. Mary's College. This is Phase II of a two phase project. Phase I included the construction of Fisher Roadway, a parking lot, and site improvements. Phase II includes the construction of an exhibit building, landscaping, and utility work. The exhibit structure will replace a deteriorating 29-year-old "temporary" fiberglass shelter that has allowed irreplaceable historical artifacts to decay, and will be built over the remains of John Lewger's house, circa 1638. The new structure will allow for the preservation and interpretation of the archaeological remnants. Approximately half of the structure will be an exhibit gallery. The portion over the original house will replicate period construction, and the gallery will have a modern building appearance.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	2,217	5,700	-	-	-	-	7,917
GF	2,050	-	-	-	-	-	2,050
TOTAL	4,267	5,700	-	-	-	-	9,967
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	2,110	-	-	-	-	-	2,110
Construction	2,157	5,600	-	-	-	-	7,757
Equipment	-	100	-	-	-	-	100

Maryland Heritage Project

Construct the Maryland Heritage Project (MHP). The MHP is a joint initiative with St. Mary's College of Maryland that aims to increase the knowledge of the connections between Maryland's founding and the evolution of American democracy. This project includes the reconstruction of several of the City's original buildings and construction of a new visitor information center on the campus of St. Mary's College. The estimated cost of the project totals \$18,000,000.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	935	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,935
GF	225	-	-	-	-	-	225
TOTAL	1,160	-	-	-	-	1,000	2,160
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	265	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,265
Construction	885	-	-	-	-	-	885
Equipment	10	-	-	-	-	-	10

Total Program - Historic St. Mary's City Commission

<u>Source</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	5,700	-	-	-	1,000	6,700

All dollars are displayed in thousands.