

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 Department's capital improvement program focuses on maintaining and improving the State's five veterans cemeteries (Cheltenham, Crownsville, Garrison Forest, Hurlock, and Rocky Gap), the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, and various war memorials and monuments. The current five-year capital improvement program provides funds for the expansion of burial capacity at the Cheltenham, Crownsville, and Garrison Forest Veterans Cemeteries.

CHANGES TO FY 2005 - FY 2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Changes to FY 2006

Additions:

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery (P): Funds to prepare plans for the expansion of burial capacity at the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery were added in FY 2006.

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery (P): Funds to prepare plans for the expansion of burial capacity at the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery were added in FY 2006.

Deletions:

None

Changes to FY 2007 - FY 2009

Funds to design and construct expanded burial capacity at the Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery were added to the program.

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FY 2006 - FY 2010 Capital Improvement Program State-Owned Facilities

MARYLAND VETERANS COMMISSION (Statewide)
Budget Code: DP0004

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery Expansion (Prince George's County) FY 2006 Total \$379

Expand the burial capacity of the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery by developing 9,000 gravesites, and constructing a 1,000 niche above-ground columbaria, a 1,300 GSF addition to the existing maintenance building, 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 2006.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GF	-	379	-	-	-	-	379
FF	-	-	4,300	-	-	-	4,300
TOTAL	-	379	4,300	-	-	-	4,679
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	-	379	-	-	-	-	379
Construction	-	-	4,300	-	-	-	4,300

Crownsville Veterans Cemetery Expansion (Anne Arundel County) FY 2006 Total \$252

Expand the burial capacity of the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery by developing 5,600 gravesites, and constructing an 800 niche above-ground columbaria 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 2007.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GF	-	252	-	-	-	-	252
FF	-	-	2,850	-	-	-	2,850
TOTAL	-	252	2,850	-	-	-	3,102
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	-	252	-	-	-	-	252
Construction	-	-	2,850	-	-	-	2,850

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Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery Expansion (Baltimore County)

Expand the burial capacity of the Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery by developing 10,000 gravesites, and constructing a 1,000 niche above-ground columbaria 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 2008.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GF	-	-	650	-	-	-	650
FF	-	-	-	6,750	-	-	6,750
TOTAL	-	-	650	6,750	-	-	7,400
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	-	-	650	-	-	-	650
Construction	-	-	-	6,750	-	-	6,750

Total Program - Department of Veterans Affairs

<u>Source</u>	<u>FY 2006</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GF	631	650	-	-	-	1,281
FF	-	7,150	6,750	-	-	13,900
TOTAL	631	7,800	6,750	-	-	15,181