

HISTORIC ST. MARY'S CITY 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 2007 - FY 2011 Capital Improvement Program focuses on the construction of the Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center which 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 2006 - FY 2010 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Changes to FY 2007

Additions:

St. John's Archaeological Site Exhibit: Funds have been added in FY 2007 and FY 2008 to complete this project. Additional funding is needed because the low bid for the project exceeded available funding by \$1.98 million. This funding will be used to construct and install exhibits.

Deletions:

Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center (P): Funding has been deferred to FY 2008 due to other budget priorities and to align with the design and construction schedule of the Anne Arundel Hall Reconstruction project on the campus of St. Mary's College. The College and Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) have agreed that the design and construction of this project and the Anne Arundel Hall Reconstruction project should be coordinated.

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FY 2007 - FY 2011 Capital Improvement Program

State-Owned Facilities

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Budget Code: DB0152

St. John's Archaeological Site Exhibit (St. Mary's) FY 2007 Total **\$1,330**

Construct a 6,800 GSF/4,980 NSF 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 a phased 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 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. FY 2007 funds will be used to supplement construction of this 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>
GO Bonds	7,917	1,330	650	-	-	-	9,897
General Funds	2,050	-	-	-	-	-	2,050
TOTAL	9,967	1,330	650	-	-	-	11,947

Use

Planning	2,110	-	-	-	-	-	2,110
Construction	7,757	1,330	650	-	-	-	9,737
Equipment	100	-	-	-	-	-	100

Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center (St. Mary's)

Construct a 15,449 GSF/9,778 NSF museum and visitor center complex in St. Mary's City, Maryland commemorating the founding of Maryland. The center, referred to as the Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center, will be adjacent to the new replacement building for Anne Arundel Hall at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Serving as the focal point for all College and City visitors, the proposed center will be used for showcasing artifacts found by archaeologists at HSMC. The proposed center will include a visitor center, ticket sales office, orientation area, exhibit galleries, exhibit storage area, bathroom facilities, tour check-in, and staff offices. The proposed center replaces a small converted barn, which currently serves as the visitor's center.

<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	-	-	950	1,150	-	5,500	7,600
Non-Budgeted Funds	-	-	-	-	-	5,150	5,150
TOTAL	-	-	950	1,150	-	10,650	12,750

Use

Planning	-	-	950	1,150	-	-	2,100
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	10,500	10,500
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	150	150

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Maryland Heritage Project (St. Mary's)

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, construction of an environmental lab station, a shared maintenance facility, and the restoration of the cemetery next to the Great Brick Chapel of 1667.

<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	-	-	-	350	1,500	1,850
TOTAL	-	-	-	350	1,500	1,850

Maryland Heritage Project Project List

<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>State Funding</u>				<u>Total State Share</u>
		<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2007 Request</u>	<u>Future Reques</u>	
St. Mary's	Mill Field Exhibit Area	-	-	-	-	-%
St. Mary's	Governor Leonard Calvert House	-	-	-	-	-%
St. Mary's	Chancellor's Point Environmental Center	-	-	-	-	-%
St. Mary's	Chapel Field Cemetery	-	-	-	-	-%
St. Mary's	Chapel Field Exhibit Building	-	-	-	-	-%
St. Mary's	Shared Maintenance Facility	-	-	-	-	-%
TOTAL		-	-	-	-	

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	1,330	1,600	1,150	350	7,000	11,430
TOTAL	1,330	1,600	1,150	350	7,000	11,430

Total Program - Historic St. Mary's City Commission

<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	1,330	1,600	1,150	350	7,000	11,430
TOTAL	1,330	1,600	1,150	350	7,000	11,430