

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, the renovation of the Western Maryland Railway Station, the Crescent Lawn Festival Grounds and Market Place, and three additional parking lots.

The FY 2009 – FY 2013 Capital Improvement Program provides funds for a new main entrance to the Canal Place Heritage Area. The project includes the acquisition of property adjacent to the entrance and the construction of new parking spaces, signage consistent with the Canal Place plan, and design enhancements to the I-68 bridge piers and area under the bridge. During FY 2007, Canal Place attracted over 175,000 visitors and generated approximately \$18 million for the local economy.

CHANGES TO FY 2008 - FY 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Changes to FY 2009

None

Changes to FY 2010 - FY 2012

Allegheny Highlands Trail Connection: Funding for the construction of the Allegheny Highlands Trail Connection has been deferred beyond the Capital Improvement Program at the request of the Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority.

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FY 2009 - FY 2013 Capital Improvement Program

State-Owned Facilities

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Budget Code: DU0002

Canal Place Entrance Enhancement (Allegany)

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. 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. Also included in this project is the acquisition of property adjacent to the entrance to Canal Place. The building currently on that site will be demolished which will significantly open up the view of Canal Place and the Footer Dye Works historic structure from the main thoroughfare. The additional space will allow for an enhanced landscaped entrance along with expanded visitor parking.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	-	-	-	2,100	-	-	2,100
TOTAL	-	-	-	2,100	-	-	2,100

<u>Use</u>							
Acquisition	-	-	-	700	-	-	700
Planning	-	-	-	100	-	-	100
Construction	-	-	-	1,300	-	-	1,300

Subtotals for State-Owned Facilities

<u>Source</u>		<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds		-	-	2,100	-	-	2,100
TOTAL		-	-	2,100	-	-	2,100

Total Program - Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority

<u>Source</u>		<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds		-	-	2,100	-	-	2,100