

## **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 2008 - FY 2012 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 2007 - FY 2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

#### **Changes to FY 2008**

None

#### **Changes to FY 2009 - FY 2011**

Construction funding for the Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center has been deferred to FY 2012 due to other budget priorities and to align with the design and construction schedule of St. Mary's College of Maryland's Anne Arundel Hall Reconstruction project, which will be built adjacent to the Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center.

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## FY 2008 - FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program

### State-Owned Facilities

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Budget Code: DB0152

<b>Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center (St. Mary's)</b>	<b>FY 2008 Total</b>	<b>\$865</b>
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Construct a 9,778 NASF/15,449 GSF museum and visitor center complex in St. Mary's City 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. The estimated cost of this project is \$17,115,000. FY 2008 funds will be used for the preliminary design of this project.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	-	865	1,100	-	-	10,000	11,965
Non-Budgeted Funds	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	<b>865</b>	<b>1,100</b>	-	-	<b>15,000</b>	<b>16,965</b>

<u>Use</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Planning	-	865	1,100	-	-	-	1,965
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	15,000

<b>St. John's Archaeological Site Exhibit (St. Mary's)</b>	<b>FY 2008 Total</b>	<b>\$650</b>
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Construct a 5,160 NASF/7,048 GSF exhibit building and a 630 GSF open pavilion at the St. John's Site, located on the campus of St. Mary's College of Maryland. 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. The FY 2008 budget include funds for fences, landscaping, the Chance Parking Lot, Information Technology built-in capital equipment, building mockups, and exterior signs.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	9,247	650	-	-	-	-	9,897
General Funds	2,050	-	-	-	-	-	2,050
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,297</b>	<b>650</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>11,947</b>

<u>Use</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Planning	2,110	-	-	-	-	-	2,110
Construction	9,087	650	-	-	-	-	9,737
Equipment	100	-	-	-	-	-	100

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### Maryland Heritage Project (St. Mary's)

The Maryland Heritage Project involves construction of several separate exhibits and structures at Historic St. Mary's City. It 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 reconstruction of several of the City's original 1600's buildings, development of exhibits in the Mill Field, construction of a College Environmental Lab Station, a Shared Maintenance Facility with the College, and the restoration of the Priest's House and cemetery next to the Great Brick Chapel of 1667.

<u>Source</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	-	-	-	250	1,150	1,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,400</b>

### Subtotals for State-Owned Facilities

<u>Source</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
GO Bonds	1,515	1,100	-	250	11,150	14,015
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>11,150</b>	<b>14,015</b>

### Total Program - Historic St. Mary's City Commission

<u>Source</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2010</u>	<u>FY 2011</u>	<u>FY 2012</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>11,150</b>	<b>14,015</b>