

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 2006 – FY 2010 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 2005 - FY 2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Changes to FY 2006

None

Changes to FY 2007 - FY 2009

None

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

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

Maryland Heritage Museum Center

Construct a two-story museum complex commemorating the founding of Maryland at a site adjacent to Anne Arundel Hall on the campus of St. Mary's College of Maryland. Serving as the focal point for all College and City visitors, the proposed center will include a visitor's center, orientation area, exhibit galleries, bathrooms, and office spaces. The proposed complex replaces a small converted barn, which currently serves as the visitor's center.

<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>
GO Bonds	-	-	900	1,050	4,850	100	6,900
NBF	-	-	-	-	4,850	-	4,850
TOTAL	-	-	900	1,050	9,700	100	11,750
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	-	-	900	1,050	-	-	1,950
Construction	-	-	-	-	9,700	-	9,700
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, construction of an environmental lab station, and the restoration of the cemetery next to the Great Brick Chapel of 1667. The estimated cost of the project totals \$12,000,000.

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GO Bonds	-	-	-	-	350	1,350	1,700
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	350	1,350	1,700
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	-	-	-	-	350	800	1,150
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	550	550

Total Program - Historic St. Mary's City Commission

<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>
GO Bonds	-	900	1,050	5,200	1,450	8,600