

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. There are numerous sites, in and near the City, of Native American settlements dating as far back as 4000 BC. 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 brick chapel in the American British Colonies
- African American to vote in a legislative body
- American woman to ask for the right to vote
- Use of Baroque town planning

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 2009 - FY 2013 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 2008 - FY 2012 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Changes to FY 2009

None

Changes to FY 2010 - FY 2012

Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center: Construction funds have been deferred from FY 2012 to FY 2013 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.

Maryland Heritage Project: Design funds have been deferred from FY 2011 to FY 2012 due to other budget priorities.

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FY 2009 - FY 2013 Capital Improvement Program

State-Owned Facilities

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Budget Code: DB0152

Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center (St. Mary's) FY 2009 Total **\$1,487**

Construct a 9,778 NASF/15,449 GSF museum and visitor center complex in St. Mary's City commemorating the founding of Maryland. 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 Historic St. Mary's City. 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 totals \$18,602,000. FY 2009 funds will be used for the detailed design of this project.

<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	865	1,487	-	-	-	11,100	13,452
Non-Budgeted Funds	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	865	1,487	-	-	-	16,100	18,452

<u>Use</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>
Planning	865	1,487	-	-	-	-	2,352
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	16,100	16,100

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. The estimated cost of this project totals \$19,500,000.

<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	-	-	-	250	1,750	2,000
TOTAL	-	-	-	250	1,750	2,000

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	1,487	-	-	250	12,850	14,587
TOTAL	1,487	-	-	250	12,850	14,587

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Total Program - Historic St. Mary's City Commission

<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	1,487	-	-	250	12,850	14,587
TOTAL	1,487	-	-	250	12,850	14,587