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Three Local Organizations to Receive Grants from Maryland Heritage Areas Authority

Frederick, MD – On July 7, the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority voted to approve nearly \$2.7 million in funding for heritage tourism projects across the state. Of the 52 projects funded in this competitive state program, three organizations in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area will receive grants for the 2017 fiscal year. The Heart of the Civil War is one of 13 certified Heritage Areas in the state.

- The **Friends of Cunningham Falls and Gambrill State Parks, Inc.** will receive \$5,000 for the second phase of stabilization of the ironmaster house ruins at Cunningham Falls State Park.
- The **Carroll County Farm Museum** will receive \$27,000 for materials for the new exhibition, “‘Stinking Motherwort’: Maryland’s Million Dollar Wormseed Industry”
- **Main Street Middletown** will receive \$10,000 for project costs associated with the 250th anniversary commemorations of the town’s founding

In addition to the project grants listed above, the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area was awarded a \$100,000 grant for management of the heritage area. For each of these projects, state support is matched dollar for dollar with other funding. The total investment leveraged by these MHAA grants awarded exceeds \$586,000.

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