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BUDGET AND BILL SUPPORT MARYLAND HERITAGE

THIS SPRING, the 423rd session of the Maryland General Assembly demonstrated its ongoing support of the Maryland Heritage Area Authority with a budget allocation of \$3 million and the passage of House Bill 1217, new legislation that will expand the availability of capital project grants.

Much of the \$3 million budget will be awarded to capital and non-capital projects and management in Maryland's 11 certified heritage areas. Seven grant proposals representing requests of up to \$316,500 from the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA) are now being considered by the state for FY08 funding. Last year, a similar amount was awarded to entities in Carroll, Frederick, and Washington counties for heritage area management and projects that

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The activation of downtown Westminster as a Target Investment Zone has been approved by the HCWHA Advisory Board and is pending approval by the Maryland Heritage Area Authority.

TELLING THE STORIES

What's the most meaningful way to engage people in their exploration of the Civil War period in Maryland? How can we best address their unspoken queries of "So what?" and "How does this relate to me?"

The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA) management plan identifies six themes as a framework for interpretation efforts. Non-profits, local government units, and partners from the commercial sector can support HCWHA's goals and priorities by developing interpretive projects that relate to these themes. Projects could include exhibits, lectures, living history programs, books and other

publications, websites, all variety of media, curriculum materials, and outdoor signage. In some cases, mini-grants and project grants of the Maryland Heritage Area Authority may support such endeavors.

An Era of Change - The two decades leading up to the outbreak of war saw a number of major developments that triggered dramatic change in society. Technological advances (such as transportation improvements and telegraphs), societal tensions (especially as related to the shift from agrarian to industrial economy), and the Abolitionist Movement (including the impact of the

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MORE MINI-GRANTS AWARDED

Nearly \$10,000 in mini-grants has been awarded to seven projects in the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area for FY07. The two most recent mini-grants were awarded at the April 5 meeting of the HCWhA Advisory Board.

The Westminster Historic District Commission was granted \$800 for a Preservation Month poster with a scavenger hunt, designed to educate citizens about special architectural features of the city and to encourage an ethic of stewardship that is essential to maintaining the unique character of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area.

Additionally, the City of Westminster received \$1,000 to support period music as a part the Corbit's Charge Commemorative Weekend, June 23-24, 2007. Partner organizations for this celebration of the 140th anniversary of the Battle of Westminster included the Pipe Creek Civil War Roundtable and the Historical Society of Carroll County. The 2nd South Carolina String and Gilmore's Light Ensemble were among the performers.

The FY08 mini-grant program will be announced in August. Look for an announcement at www.heartofthecivilwar.org.

NEWS FROM FREDERICK COUNTY

The doors are now open at the new Monocacy National Battlefield Visitor Center. Located just south of Frederick on Route 355 (about two miles past city limits), the 7,000-square-foot interpretive facility tells the story of the July 9, 1864 "Battle that Saved Washington"—so named because it delayed for a day the Confederate march on a defenseless national capital, giving time for Union reinforcements to arrive and make a stand.

The first floor of the visitor center offers a spacious lobby/information desk, museum store, ranger offices, park library, and curatorial facilities. The second floor features a series of vignettes describing the battle from a variety of perspectives: Union, Confederate, and civilian. A fiber-optic display explains the action, and interactive displays help visitors discover the events leading up to the battle, as well as those that progressed into the autumn of 1864. Participants gain a better understanding of the significance in delaying a Confederate attack on Washington from both a strategic and political perspective. Additional information explores how the Monocacy area progressed from farms to battlefield to landmark, who cared enough then, and who must continue to care now.

To learn more about Monocacy National Battlefield, visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/mono>.



Stop by the Visitor Center any day from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. to explore new exhibits and learn more about the Battle of Monocacy (Labor Day to Memorial Day hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.).

WASHINGTON COUNTY HAPPENINGS

There's a storm brewing in Washington County as the Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) prepares to sponsor "September Storm – The War Comes to Maryland," the 145th anniversary event of the battles of South Mountain and Antietam.

Hosted by the Western Maryland Heritage Foundation (WMHF) in Boonsboro, the much-anticipated event will take place September 7 through 9. The Battle of South Mountain re-enactment is scheduled for September 8, while the Battle of Antietam will be re-enacted the next day. Organizers expect about 1,000 spectators each day and approximately 2,000 re-enactors.

The re-enactment will stress details—no modern conveniences, no coolers, and no wives at the site, although there will be a separate section for re-enactors' families. Both re-enactments will occur at the town farm on Monroe Road, outside



According to the Associated Press, this summer's 145th anniversary re-enactment will be the biggest Civil War tourism event of the year. Events will take place in Sharpsburg and at Antietam National Battlefield and South Mountain Battlefield State Park. For additional information and tickets, go to www.marylandmemories.com. To learn more about the Western Maryland Heritage Foundation, headquartered in Boonsboro, visit www.wmhf.org or call 301-432-0103.

Boonsboro, with different sections used for the different battles. The WMHF, the CVB, and employees of South Mountain State Battlefield are working together to plan historically accurate yet safe battlefield depictions that will educate the public while honoring the veterans who served so bravely during that tumultuous time in our nation's past.

CARROLL COUNTY UPDATE



The Carroll County Farm Museum in Westminster hosted its annual Civil War Living History and Re-enactment event the first weekend in May. The event has grown steadily over the past seven years. In 2000, 25 re-enactors participated and there were 189 visitors. This year, 399 re-enactors and 600 visitors came from as far away as Indiana, North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania and several counties throughout the state of Maryland. The

Civil War Living History and Re-enactment is gaining a reputation for being one of the best mini re-enactments in the Mid-Atlantic area. A glossy brochure produced with a matching grant from the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (HCWHA) has resulted in a more professional marketing piece that will build interest and support for this event. For the first time, this year's event was filmed by Carroll Media Center, which created a DVD that will be sold for \$10.

Another Civil War-related event that received HCWHA support is the Corbit's Charge Commemorative Weekend June 23 and 24. Also held in Westminster, this event commemorates the anniversary of the Battle of Westminster, which occurred on June 29, 1863. The weekend's events included a living history encampment, cannon firing exhibitions and lectures, camp life demonstrations, artisans and sutlers, speakers, displays and book signings, a Civil War tent-style church service on Sunday, and guided battle site walking tours. The matching grant from HCWHA helped to pay for two performances of period music from both sides of the Mason-Dixon line, primarily focusing on campfire music of the time while featuring such composers as Dan Emmett and Stephen Foster.

YOU'RE INVITED

The National Park Service Northeast Region, National Heritage Areas Program will hold a two-day workshop, "Planning for Heritage Area Success: Developing Management and Interpretive Plans," in Baltimore on August 6 and 7. The workshop is free, but space is limited. Please contact Liz Shatto at lshatto@fredco-md.net or 301-600-4042 if you're interested in attending.

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advance HCWHA's goals and objectives.

When House Bill 1217 became law, several changes took effect—including a five-year extension on the period of eligibility for capital grants. Under the new law, capital grants may now be:

- ☛ awarded up to 10 years following the first award of a capital grant within a Targeted Investment Zone (TIZ)
- ☛ granted after expiration of the 10-year eligibility period for projects determined to be essential for carrying out the MHAA-approved Heritage Area management plan

☛ allocated at any time to projects located outside of a TIZ if those projects are determined to be essential for successfully carrying out the management plan.

The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area now has four Target Investment Zones—Taneytown, Middletown, downtown Frederick, and downtown Hagerstown—with downtown Westminster's activation pending approval by the Maryland Heritage Area Authority. Local jurisdictions may initiate TIZ activation at any time. Criteria are described in the HCWHA management plan, available at www.heartofthecivilwar.org.

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Dred Scott decision and John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry) may be explored through this theme.

Maryland as a Borderland - The Mason-Dixon Line between Maryland and Pennsylvania was traditionally thought to separate North from South. The state's location led to divided sympathies within communities and even families. Maryland also bordered the federal capital and was therefore a strategic military location. Cultural divisions (such German and Anglo-American influences) and divided loyalties also put a strain on community life.

Maryland as a War Zone - Because Maryland's location was crucial to keeping the Union—and particularly the federal capital—intact, extraordinary measures were taken to keep the state from siding with the Confederacy. Interpretive projects might explore

what it was like to live in occupied towns and countryside, or how actions of mercy and healing were extended to thousands of soldiers post-battle.

Reunion and Reconciliation – What happens after a war? How do individuals and communities repair the damage and find healing? This interpretative theme offers opportunities to explore the challenges of reuniting families and resuming everyday life—for Marylanders and for the nation as a whole.

Aftermath – Changing economies, the role of African Americans during Reconstruction, commemoration and caring for the dead, and veteran's reunions are post-war interpretive themes. How did the Heart of the Civil War Area come to be regarded as hallowed ground? When did war become a memory, and its memory become history? The process of

memorializing, and sometimes mythologizing, history may be explored.

Shadows of the Civil War - War's influences—some positive, some problematic—linger on our political and cultural landscape. Tensions continue around the issues of states' rights, individual and community relationships to government, and race relations. Interpreting history in war's shadow provides insight and encourages continued dialogue about these and other issues.

For more information about interpretive goals of the HCHWA, see the management plan at www.heartofthecivilwar.org.



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