

CANAL PLACE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

SUMMARY

The Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority manages the area known as Canal Place in Cumberland. Its mission is to be the catalyst for preservation, development, and management of the lands adjacent to the C&O Canal in Cumberland, to be an advocate for preservation and development within the Canal Place Preservation District and the greater Cumberland area, and to enhance tourism in Western Maryland. The current focus of the Capital Improvement Program is the federally-funded redevelopment of the western terminus of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park in Cumberland by the National Park Service. The Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority will complement this by acquiring property and designing and constructing site improvements in the area adjacent to the Canal terminus known as Canal Place. These improvements will provide a connection between downtown Cumberland and the Western Maryland Railway Station, open space for passive recreation and outdoor events, and other tourist attractions such as museums, shopping, and family-oriented activities. The Authority has completed construction of the Wills Creek Esplanade, a pedestrian walkway linking downtown and Canal Place, the Canal Street Promenade, the Trestle Walk, the renovation of the Western Maryland Railway Station, the Crescent Lawn Festival Grounds and Market Place, and three additional parking lots.

The FY 2008 - FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program provides funds for a new main entrance, additional parking, and a connection to the Allegheny Highlands Trail, which will connect the trail to the C&O Canal through Canal Place. These improvements are intended to increase private investment in Canal Place and attract additional visitors. During FY 2006, Canal Place held 36 events, attracted over 129,000 visitors, and generated \$12.7 million for the local economy.

CHANGES TO FY 2007 - FY 2011 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Changes to FY 2008

None

Changes to FY 2009 - FY 2011

None

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FY 2008 - FY 2012 Capital Improvement Program

State-Owned Facilities

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Budget Code: DU0002

Canal Place Entrance Enhancement (Allegany)

Construct a main entrance to the Canal Place Heritage Area in Cumberland. This project will enhance the overall appearance and view of the Heritage Area, including the bridge structure under Interstate 68. The project includes demolition, construction of 75 new parking spaces, signage consistent with the Canal Place plan, and design enhancements to the I-68 bridge piers and area under the bridge.

<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	-	-	-	-	1,250	-	1,250
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	1,250	-	1,250
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	-	-	-	-	82	-	82
Construction	-	-	-	-	1,168	-	1,168

Allegheny Highlands Trail Connection (Allegany)

Construct a permanent connection to the Allegheny Highlands Trail through Canal Place from the Great Allegheny Passage Trail to the C&O Canal Towpath. The Trail runs for 350 miles from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Georgetown in the District of Columbia. This project will complete the trail through Cumberland and allow hikers, bicyclists, and walkers to continuously travel between two significant trails.

<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	-	-	-	-	500	-	500
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	500	-	500
<u>Use</u>							
Planning	-	-	-	-	50	-	50
Construction	-	-	-	-	450	-	450

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	-	-	-	1,750	-	1,750
TOTAL	-	-	-	1,750	-	1,750

Total Program - Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority

<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	-	-	-	1,750	-	1,750