

Josiah Henson Historic Park (P871552)

Category M-NCPPC
 Sub Category Development
 Administering Agency M-NCPPC (AAGE13)
 Planning Area Cabin John

Date Last Modified 11/17/14
 Required Adequate Public Facility No
 Relocation Impact None
 Status Preliminary Design Stage

Total	Thru FY16	Rem FY16	Total 6 Years	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	Beyond 6 Yrs
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EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Planning, Design and Supervision	1,020	0	260	760	400	240	50	50	20	0	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	4,212	0	0	4,212	0	500	1,650	1,250	812	0	0
Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	850	0	0	850	0	0	500	300	50	0	0
Total	6,082	0	260	5,822	400	740	2,200	1,600	882	0	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Contributions	850	0	0	850	0	0	500	300	50	0	0
G.O. Bonds	4,606	0	0	4,606	34	740	1,700	1,300	832	0	0
Program Open Space	526	0	260	266	266	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Aid	100	0	0	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6,082	0	260	5,822	400	740	2,200	1,600	882	0	0

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (\$000s)

Energy				51	8	8	8	19	8	0
Maintenance				146	24	24	24	50	24	0
Offset Revenue				30	5	5	5	5	5	5
Program-Staff				437	172	0	0	265	0	0
Program-Other				76	9	0	0	67	0	0
Net Impact				740	218	37	37	406	37	5
Full Time Equivalent (FTE)					0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (000s)

Appropriation Request	FY 18	4,412
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		820
Expenditure / Encumbrances		0
Unencumbered Balance		820

Date First Appropriation	FY 16
First Cost Estimate	
Current Scope	FY 16 6,082
Last FY's Cost Estimate	6,082

Description

The 2.77 acre park is located at 11420 Old Georgetown Road in the Luxmanor Community of North Bethesda. The purpose of the project is to rehabilitate the existing Josiah Henson Park and create a heritage tourism destination. The project includes converting the historic Riley/Bolten House to a public museum; constructing a new 2,900 square foot visitor center with bus-drop off area and five-car parking lot on the former Rozier property; and new landscape sitework and outdoor interpretation that will make the park more accessible for visitors and convey its former appearance as a plantation.

Location

Oak Drive/MD 27 Sidewalk

Estimated Schedule

Design in FY16-17; construction in FY18 through FY21.

Justification

Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation, 1979, identified the property as resource #30/6, "Uncle Tom's Cabin". The park vision was approved and name was changed to Josiah Henson Special Park with the approved and adopted Park Master Plan, December 2010. Josiah Henson Park was the subject of an approved facility plan in June 2013. Also cited in the approved and adopted White Flint Sector Plan, April 2010; and the 2012 Park Recreation and Open Space (PROS) plan, July 2012.

Other

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The museum's exhibit storyline will focus on the first-person narrative of Josiah Henson, a former slave who escaped from the Riley Plantation to freedom in Canada and whose autobiographical life story inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe to write her world-famous novel, Uncle Tom's Cabin. This project seeks to make the house and park a destination for historic education and international tourism and tie the story of slavery to the Montgomery County Public School's Social Studies curriculum. The historic house will not be a traditional house museum with furnished rooms, but a more experiential and interactive place, with exhibits not only in the house but outside along the path and grounds. Educational tours will be provided. The park is currently open for guided tours as staffing permits.

Fiscal Note

MNCPPC was awarded a State Bond Bill of \$100,000 in FY15. The project budget for the "moderate option" of the master plan was approved by the Planning Board to fund three of four major components of the project work: rehabilitation of the historic house, new visitor center building, and new and rehabilitated sitework. The fourth component creates and installs exhibits in the historic house, visitor center and outdoor landscape. Those exhibits will be funded by a minimum of \$850,000 to a maximum of \$2 million that will result from a Montgomery Parks Foundation Capital Campaign, which is currently underway.

Disclosures

A pedestrian impact analysis has been completed for this project.

M-NCPPC (A13) asserts that this project conforms to the requirements of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

Coordination

Montgomery County Departments: Recreation, Permitting Services, Fire/Rescue, Transportation; State Highway Administration; WSSC; WMATA