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## **Local Projects Receive Grants from the State**

The Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County is pleased to announce that five local projects have been chosen for funding by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA). This program funds both capital and non-capital projects for programs which support heritage activities. Five programs have been identified for funding and have received the following amounts:

- A capital grant of \$50,000 to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) for the adaptive reuse of the Woodlawn Barn as a multi-media Underground Railroad interpretive visitors center.
- A non-capital grant of \$21,425 to the King Barn Dairy MOOseum to provide visitors with an enhanced website and vibrant, hands-on exhibit and materials for an educational experience in an authentic dairy barn.
- A non-capital grant of \$50,000 to the Town of Poolesville to hire a consultant to develop a Streetscape Plan for preserving the small town character of the city and enhancing it as the gateway into the Farming History Cluster.
- A non-capital grant of \$15,000 to the Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County for developing a PODcast Driving Tour of the Agricultural Reserve to showcase historical landscapes, recreational opportunities and agricultural heritage.

- A non-capital grant of \$19,000 to the M-NCPPC for the Rachel Carson Greenway Interpretation Plan for constructing 19 signs and associated parking for visitor entrances along the portion of the 25-mile track that is in Montgomery County.
- An operating grant of \$100,000 for the Heritage Tourism Alliance.

This is the third round of capital/non-capital grants awarded to the Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County. These funds have been made available to non-profits and government sponsored organizations that seek to promote heritage tourism and economic development in the State-certified Heritage Areas.

Peggy Erickson, Executive Director of the Alliance, said she was Avery pleased with the \$255,425 that Montgomery County received to fund projects, both large and small, in our heritage areas. We will continue to work to bring additional state dollars to the County.@

The mission of the Heritage Tourism Alliance is to enhance economic development in the designated Heritage Areas of the County by combining quality heritage tourism and small business development with preservation, cultural and natural resource conservation and education.

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