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House Bill 23
Appropriations

(Delegate Love) (Chair, Anne Arundel County Delegation)

Budget and Taxation

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 - Anne Arundel County –
Hancock’s Resolution Visitor’s Center**

This emergency bill expands the authorized use of funds appropriated in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 to include site work for the new visitor center at Hancock’s Resolution. The bill also changes the grantee from the Board of Directors of Friends of Hancock’s Resolution, Inc. to the County Executive and County Council of Anne Arundel County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The bill would not materially affect the finances or operations of Anne Arundel County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 46 of 2006 authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of Friends of Hancock’s Resolution, Inc. for the planning and design of a new visitor center at Hancock’s Resolution in Pasadena. The matching funds for this project may consist of real property. The grantee is required to convey an historic easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.

Background: Hancock’s Resolution is a 26.5 acre historic, partially restored farmstead owned by Anne Arundel County and operated by the Friends of Hancock’s Resolution.

A Master Interpretation Plan was issued in 2004 for the preservation of the facilities and promotion of the site for educational purposes. The plan included creation of a visitor center and improved access to the site by land and water.

Chapter 46 does not authorize use of funds for all elements of the proposed project. This bill would allow the grantee to use funds to prepare the site for visitors. This site work is expected to include clearing of overgrown areas, removal of poison ivy and other potentially hazardous growth, and restoration of a farming area currently used for parking.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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