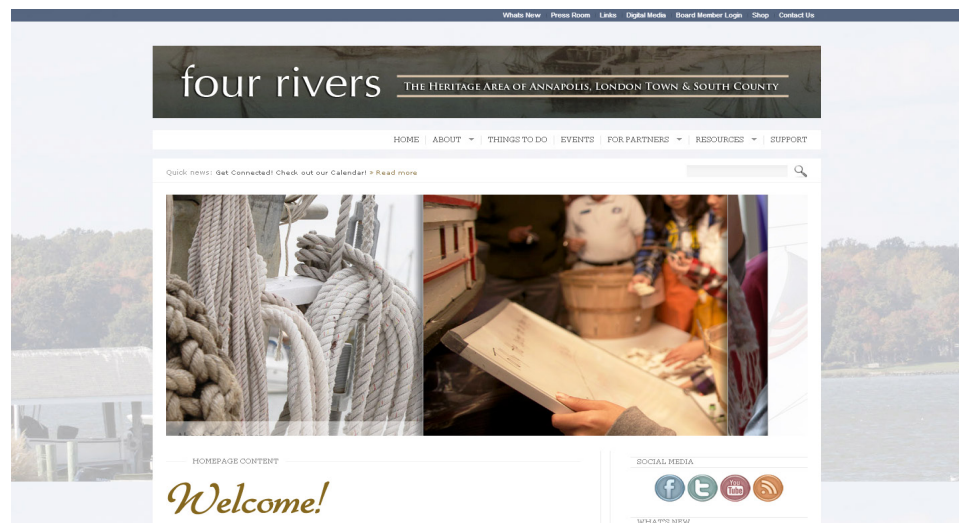


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FOUR RIVERS LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Four Rivers Heritage Area's outreach efforts have more than one target audience -- we have heritage tourists looking for visitor information and checking our events calendar; local stakeholders who are looking for grant information and newsletters; researchers who use our Research resources pages; and educators who use our Education and Field Trip resources pages. Since our last website was planned and launched in the spring of 2007, the website world has changed dramatically. Users want vibrant images, informative pages, access to social media channels, and fresh new content at frequent intervals. To meet these needs, Four Rivers worked with local web designers to create an exciting new website with all these functions and more, and it had its debut in mid-November.



Our webmaster team consisted of photographer/videographer Darren Heater of DMH Videoproductions, and local graphic and digital designer Darin Gilliam. They created a Wordpress site for Four Rivers that staff can keep updated, saving time as well as money. The new video about Four Rivers, which was also created by Heater, is viewable from the website home page. Our newly revised and reprinted brochure, "Explore, Experience, Discover Four Rivers," can be downloaded from the site, and the Maryland Day Celebration event website, www.marylandday.org, also newly revamped, is a prominently positioned link.

Our partners are encouraged to send us links, information for our calendar of events, updated site and field trip information, and requests for new resources to share. Please contact us through e-mail, at heritage_area@aacounty.org, thanks and we look forward to hearing from you!

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Grant Funding Totals \$336,000 In 2013, For Projects Over \$730,000

In Fiscal Year 2014, the Four Rivers Heritage Area brought \$336,000 in state funding to capital and non-capital projects at heritage sites, museums, and municipalities in our area, as well as a Management Grant to Four Rivers, which includes support for our popular mini-grant program. These fully-matched grants leveraged more than \$730,000 in total project costs. The grant recipients and funded projects for FY2014 to date are listed in the table below.

FY14				
Type of Grant	Recipient and Project	Category	Grant Amount	Total Project Amount
MHAA Capital Project Grant	Charles Carroll House, for the restoration and repairs of the house needed, due to the damage incurred by Hurricane Sandy.	Capital Improvements	\$35,000	\$70,000
	Historic Annapolis, for renovations of their 1 Martin Street property.	Capital Improvements	\$45,500	\$100,000
	The City of Annapolis, the first phase in their Wayfinding Signage and Master Plan for the City of Annapolis.	Capital Improvements/ Interpretation	\$65,500	\$131,000
	Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, for the design, specification, and restoration of the eight large windows in the theater auditorium.	Capital Improvements	\$90,000	\$225,399
Management Grant ^	Four Rivers Heritage Area Management and Operations	Management	\$100,000	\$212,000*
Totals for State Funding in FY14			\$336,000	\$738,399*
	Recipient			
Four Rivers Mini-Grant Program	Annapolis Maritime Museum, "Chesapeake Champions" education program	Education and Interpretation	\$2,500	\$16,171
	ACT, Inc (in partnership with the Lost Towns Project), "Archaeology in the Backyard: Discovering the County's Archaeological Heritage at Wilson Farmstead"	Education and Outreach	\$2,500	\$5,000
	Captain Avery Museum, "Seasons of a West River Waterman" exhibit	Heritage Tourism Product	\$2,500	\$13,112
	Galesville Heritage Society, New website	Heritage Tourism Product	\$2,500	\$6,458
	Historic Annapolis, Strategic Plan development	Capacity Building	\$2,500	\$5,000
	Historic London Town and Gardens, Interpretive signage and educational haversacks	Education and Interpretation	\$2,500	\$8,160
	West Annapolis Business Affiliation, Inc. (WABA) and the West Annapolis Heritage Partnership (WAHP), Coordinated lecture, monograph, brochure project	Education and Interpretation	\$1,765	\$3,537
	Totals for Mini-Grant Funding to date in FY14		\$16,765	\$57,438
	Totals for Funded Projects to date in FY14		\$352,765	\$795,837*
^Four Rivers Management Grant includes \$10,000 redistributed to mini-grant recipients *These figures include matching funds from other grants				

MHAA-FUNDED PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2013:

- Marketing the Four Rivers Heritage Area (Marketing Grant), with Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau (FY2013)
- Archaeological research on the Wilson Farmstead and Hot Sox Ball Field, by the Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation, Inc. (Non-Capital Grant FY2013)
- Emergency roof replacement for the Captain Avery Museum (Capital Grant FY2013)
- Capital and Safety Repairs to the William Paca House and Garden (Capital Grant FY2012)
- Historic Annapolis's multi-faceted traveling exhibit, "Freedom Bound: Runaways of the Chesapeake" (Non-Capital Grant FY2013)
- Phase 2, Reconstruction of Historic London Town and Gardens' Carpenter's Shop. (Capital Grant FY2013)
- Interpretive exhibits for the United States Lighthouse Society's Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse (Non-Capital Grant FY2011)

Record Number of Mini-Grant Funded Projects Completed in 2013!

In 2013, we had a record number of mini-grant funded projects (14) completed! These include:

From FY12:

- Annapolis Community Foundation with Annapolis Tapestries, Tapestry exhibition in the Historic Annapolis Museum
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation, New interpretive signage for the Skipjack *Stanley Norman*
- Friends of the Maryland State Archives, Exhibit brochure for "The Enemy Nearly All 'Round Us" exhibit in the State House
- Galesville Heritage Museum, New Exhibit, "The Story of Stores"

From FY13:

- Annapolis Maritime Museum, with AACPS, Outreach/ Education for 6th grade classrooms
- Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation, Inc., Traveling archaeology exhibit
- Caritas Society of St. John's College, with Annapolis History Consortium, Dramatic production, "Annapolis, 1863: Are We Never to Be Free Again?"
- Chase Home Inc., Energy audit project for the Chase Home
- West Annapolis Business Affiliation with West Annapolis Heritage Partnership, Traveling exhibit, "Find Your Roots on Annapolis Street"

Thank you to all of our donors who were active supporters of the Four Rivers Heritage Area this year! With your help, we celebrated our twelve-year milestone and look forward to many more to come. Major Sponsors: MHAA, City of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, AACPS, Severn Savings Bank

Individual Sponsors: Melanie Teems, Lily Openshaw, Pat Barland, Diane Nowak-Waring, Jean Russo, Connie Ramirez, Barbara Polito, Henry Gonzalez, Tara Clifford, Gertrude Makell, Tim Leahy, Jane McWilliams, Ruth Hazen, Robert Clark, Dorothy Whitman, Ray and Jean Langston, Jean Russo

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Four Rivers would also like to acknowledge the many In-Kind contributions made this year. Many thanks to our In-Kind donors, including: Anne Arundel County, Anne Arundel County Public Schools, Historic London Town and Gardens, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis Maritime Museum, Charles Carroll House, Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitor Bureau, *Bay Weekly* and Towne Transport.

Four Rivers Tenth Annual Heritage Awards

Four Rivers Heritage Area recognize individuals, organizations, programs, and products that contribute significantly to the community by interpreting, promoting, preserving, researching, and/or supporting our historical legacy. The tenth annual ceremony took place on Thursday, November 7, 2013, at the Annapolis Maritime Museum in Annapolis. Four Rivers congratulates this year's heritage award winners in the following categories:

Heritage Tourism Product Award: "Freedom Bound: Runaways of the Chesapeake," Historic Annapolis and Partners

Public/Private Initiative Award: Civil Rights "Foot Soldiers" Memorial was developed through the partnership between the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee, Anne Arundel County, the City of Annapolis and Capital Gazette Communications

New Initiative Award: The Advocates for Herring Bay, for two innovative and informative YouTube videos that discuss the history and heritage of the their community of Herring Bay

Heritage Partnership Award: The October 2012 "War of 1812 Commemoration" by the Deale Area Historical Society

Heritage Sponsor of the Year: Dick Franyo, for his outstanding contributions to the Annapolis community

Special Recognition: Four Rivers would like to recognize Chesapeake Eye Care and Laser and Severn Savings Bank for their generous sponsorship and support for our Maryland Day 2013 event

Heritage Interpreter of the Year: Heritage Interpreter Fred Taylor, Annapolis Town Crier, and interpreter with Annapolis Tours by Watermark

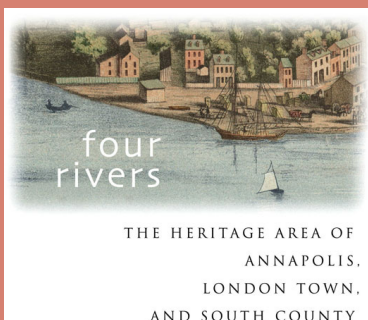
Heritage Professional of the Year: Nathan Powers, for his expertise in gardening and his use of innovative greening techniques at Historic London Town and Gardens

Legacy Award: Art Tuers, of the Annapolis Maritime Museum

Heritage Leadership Award: Dr. Edward C. Papenfuse, for his vision, creativity and inspirational dedication to preserving and nurturing the Maryland State Archives program



Images: Dr. Carol Benson, Dr. Edward Papenfuse, and Pat Barland (Top); Recipients of Four Rivers Public/Private Initiative Award (Middle); and Fred Taylor, Carol Benson, and Pat Barland (Bottom).



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