

(3) With respect to Item (A) (3) (e), this appropriates \$2,050,000 for the State's share of the cost of constructing a District Court - Multiservice Center Building in Centreville. This building is needed; however, the General Assembly amended the appropriation as submitted to require that the building be constructed on a particular site in Centreville.

The selection of a suitable site for the building has been a matter of considerable controversy in Queen Anne's County, and the County Commissioners have indicated their adamant objection to the site required by the amendment to the appropriation. I have, in fact, been informally advised that the Commissioners will not presently approve the county share of the project if required to accept this particular site. Under these circumstances, the appropriation would be meaningless.

I intend to request the County Commissioners to appoint a balanced site selection committee including appropriate State officials to attempt to find an agreeable site for the building. The appropriation can then be resubmitted to the General Assembly.

(4) With respect to Item (D) (3) (d), this appropriates \$35,000 to restore a stone schoolhouse in Seneca State Park, Montgomery County, as a "schoolhouse museum". This project was submitted for review by the Maryland Historical Trust, and was discarded by the Trust as a low priority item. Plans for the restoration have not been submitted to the Department of State Planning or the Department of General Services, and therefore no determination has been made as to whether the project is feasible or can be completed within this appropriation.

(5) With respect to Item (D) (4) (b), this appropriates \$500,000 for shore erosion control projects on critical State-owned land. Neither the lands nor the projects are specified in the appropriation. I have no doubt of the need for additional shore erosion control on State owned land; however, there has yet to be a comprehensive plan developed sufficient to identify what and where that need is, and what the relative priorities are. It would be more prudent, I think, to have that information before authorizing this expenditure.

(6) With respect to Item (M) (1) (d), this appropriates \$25,000 for the stabilization and program development of the Carters Mill Ruin in Cecil County. The Carters Mill was a large paper mill that was destroyed by fire in 1900 or 1901. It is now totally decayed, and no one seems to know how much it would cost to restore the Mill or, for that matter, whether it should be restored. The project was not submitted to or considered by the Maryland Historical Trust.