

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 22, 2005  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: John H. Carnifax, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation  
SUBJECT: Appropriation of Grant for Freedom Park - \$50,000

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The Virginia Historic Resources Administrative Services has awarded the Centerville Community Association and the James City County Division of Parks and Recreation a \$50,000 matching grant.

The purpose of the grant is to assist with the costs of the Phase III archaeology at Freedom Park. This phase of development includes the fieldwork of a previously identified site thought to have been a part of the First Free Black Settlement. In addition, funds will be used to preserve any artifacts that are found and to prepare a historical written narrative. At the request of the Centerville Community Association, County matching funds have been offered from the County's Grant Fund. The grant funds combined with matching funds will be sufficient to complete the project that has an estimated cost of \$100,000.

The further exploration of Freedom Park supports the County's goal of stewarding the natural environment and historic heritage. Additionally, the use of grant funds directly supports the goal of balancing service demands with available resources.

Staff recommends approval of the attached resolution to accept the \$50,000 grant for Freedom Park, and to appropriate the funds as described above.

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John H. Carnifax

CONCUR:

  
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Doug Powell

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