

Sept. 17th, 2020

Project Title:

Annapolis Suffragette Centennial Celebration Panorama

Property Address and Location:

14 State Circle, Annapolis

Property Owner and Contact Information:

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Project Concept:

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage and the ratification of the 19th Amendment. We are seeking to celebrate this important centennial with a new piece of public art just yards from the State House steps where the photograph was taken at the beginning of the last century: an enlarged Maryland State Archive photo, dated January 7th, 1914, of local members of the Just Government League, a women's suffrage organization, who referred to themselves as "The Army of the Severn."

This project is being made possible by the collaboration of the Downtown Annapolis Partnership, the City of Annapolis, State of Maryland, Maryland State Archives, private property owner Jerry Cheerharan (14 State Circle), and State House Inn owner Andrew Fox and is entirely funded by the State of Maryland.

The enlarged photo measures 11.5 feet by 3.5 feet and will "bump out" off the wall by 6 inches in order to cover the downspout. It will be printed in a material ensuring optimal longevity and property owners Cheerharan and Fox have agreed to insure and maintain the art. An interpretation of the photo will be written by the Maryland State Archives to ensure maximum historical context and will accompany the art on the left-hand side of the wall.

A shovel-ready project pending HPC approval, the painting of the wall, printing of the art, and installation would occur at the end of 2020 or beginning of 2021.

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