

# Culture and Recreation Other Summary

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	Actual FY 10	Original Budget FY 11	Adjusted Budget FY 11	Recomm Budget FY 12	% Change From Orig. FY 11	% Change From Adj. FY 11
Farm Museum	\$908,963	\$712,890	\$712,409	\$723,180	1.44%	1.51%
Historical Society of Carroll County	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	0.00%	0.00%
Homestead Museum	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Culture and Recreation Other</b>	<b>\$988,963</b>	<b>\$792,890</b>	<b>\$792,409</b>	<b>\$803,180</b>	<b>1.30%</b>	<b>1.36%</b>

## Mission and Goals

The Farm Museum, along with the Historical Society and Homestead Museum, is where the history of Carroll County lives. Each is dedicated to preserving, promoting, and educating others about the County's cultural and historic resources.

### Goals Include:

- Provide a setting to teach rural Carroll County history to visitors of all ages.
- Restore and preserve all historic buildings, exhibits, and artifacts.

## Highlights, Changes and Useful Information

- The Historical Society and the Homestead have both initiated various cost-cutting measures; including relying more on volunteers and a salary freeze.
- The County provides for some maintenance of the buildings and grounds at the Farm Museum and the Homestead Museum in the Facilities Budget under the County's Department of Public Works.
- In FY 10, 44,600 people visited the Farm Museum. This figure does not include those reserving outside pavilions or those who use the pavilions for events such as the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks.
- Renovations and maintenance efforts continue at each of the facilities, including the development of a kitchen garden at the Sherman-Fisher-Shellman House, a floor stabilization project at the Homestead Museum, and improvements to the Living History Center at the Farm Museum.
- For the Maryland Microbrewery Festival, the Homestead Museum has created the following website: <http://www.marylandmicrobreweryfestival.com>, which allows for the purchase of advance tickets.

## Budget Changes

- In FY 12 there are no salary increases and operating budgets are generally held flat or reduced from FY 11.
- The Farm Museum operating expenses are increasing due to expenses associated with the Wine Festival and general facility maintenance.