



Perryville's historic Rodgers Tavern to be restored

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The state has awarded a \$125,000 grant to the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway to complete the final restoration of the Rodgers Tavern in Perryville, a 315-year-old landmark that played a role in the nation's early history.

The tavern will serve as a modern-day anchor for downtown Perryville revitalization and provide public access to the water and the town in Cecil County. The grant will pay for interior and exterior repairs.

Col. John Rodgers owned the tavern, which was frequented by George Washington during the Revolutionary War. Because of its location on a vital transportation corridor, the tavern also played a role during the War of 1812 and the Civil War before falling into disrepair.

"The renovated Rodgers Tavern will provide significant economic impact to Perryville in addition to serving as an interpretative site for the heritage area relating to bay travel, the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War and more," said Mary Ann Lisanti, executive director of Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, a nonprofit dedicated to linking natural, historic and cultural resources through land and water trails.

About 22 miles of continuous public recreation trails connect Harford and Cecil counties, more than half the organization's goal of 40 miles.

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