



Maryland Office of Tourism awarded \$1.8 million for the Star-Spangled Banner Byway

The Maryland Office of Tourism (OTD) will receive a \$1.8 million grant to enhance and market the Star-Spangled Banner Byway in time for the 2012 kick-off of the bicentennial commemorations. The project is part of a \$5.6 million grant to OTD for Maryland's Byways from the Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byways Program.

The Star-Spangled Banner Byway projects include:

- **Completion of a Corridor Management Plan for the Byway.** The plan will outline the procedures, practices, and strategies to maintain the cultural, historic, and natural qualities of the Maryland War of 1812 associated resources and landscapes.
- **A system of interpretive waysides at locations along the Byway.** Waysides will be placed at each of the four major battle sites - St. Leonard Creek, Bladensburg, North Point and Baltimore. Additional interpretive markers will be installed at key sites along the 100+ mile byway and will convey the chronological sequence of events in the Chesapeake region. This project is modeled on the successful Maryland Civil War Trail wayside system.
- **A 60-minute Byway travel documentary.** The documentary and companion products will be readily accessible for download and viewing by the public.
- **Four large-scale interpretive installations at key sites along the Byway.** Among the sites being considered are Benedict (Patuxent River/Benedict Bridge/MD 231), Bladensburg (Anacostia River Bridge/MD 20/Alt US 1), North Point (I-695/Francis Scott Key Bridge/MD 151) and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway/MD 295.
- **A full color and illustrated 100-150 page map and guide to the Byway.** This map and guide will be an integrated companion to the waysides, film products and other web-based and print materials.

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