



MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Disposition of County Property: Damascus Heritage Society Museum Lease	Executive Order No. 144-24	Subject Suffix
Montgomery County Department of General Services	Department No.	Effective Date August 20, 2024

BACKGROUND

WHEREAS, the County owns a parcel of land at 9701 Main Street in Damascus (“Property”), which is the site of the Damascus Library and Damascus Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, the Property is 8.47 acres and is identified as Parcel P677 on Tax Map FX43; Tax ID 12-00927475;

WHEREAS, the Damascus Heritage Society Museum (“Museum”) consists of an ~880-square foot prefabricated building owned by the Damascus Heritage Society Inc., and is located on a portion of the grounds of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Museum opened in 2009, and its mission is to preserve the history of Damascus and to serve as a vehicle to bring the community together and heal past inequities; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the County and Damascus Heritage Society Inc. entered into a License Agreement for five years, and in 2011 the License was extended until July 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to dispose of the portion of the Property on which the building sits through long term lease for not more than 20 years to the Damascus Heritage Society for continued use as the Museum and potentially expand the museum in the future; and

WHEREAS, there will be no rent charged under this lease; and

WHEREAS, under Section 11B-45 of the County Code, the County Council may waive the requirement that the Property be disposed of at full market value; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has completed the Preliminary Reuse Review and Reuse Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the material terms of the long-term lease are as stated above; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Montgomery County Code Section 11B-45, Disposition of Real Property, the County Executive must issue an Executive Order declaring that County owned or controlled land is no longer needed for County use.



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ACTION

In consideration of the above recitals, the County Executive hereby declares that the portion of the Property on which the building sits is no longer needed for County use during the term of the proposed lease and is available for disposition through long-term lease to Damascus Heritage Society Inc., subject to the material terms described above.

Approved as to Form and Legality
Office of the County Attorney

APPROVED

By: Neal Anker
Date: 8/7/2024

Fariba Kassiri
Fariba Kassiri, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Date: 8-20-24