



MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER

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Public Hearing Notice for Disposition – Damascus Heritage Society Museum	Executive Order No. 166-24	Subject Suffix
Montgomery County Department of General Services	Department No.	Effective Date 09/06/2024

Notice of Proposed Disposition Through Long-Term Lease – Damascus Heritage Society Museum

In accordance with Section 11B.45.01 of the Code of Montgomery County Regulations, Montgomery County, Maryland, announces that it proposes to dispose through long-term lease a portion of the grounds of County-owned property at 9701 Main Street in Damascus “Property”). More information about the Property and the lease can be found here: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/exec/Resources/Files/144-24.pdf>

The Property is 8.47 acres and is identified as Parcel P677 on Tax Map FX43; Tax ID 12-00927475. The Property is the site of the Damascus Library and Damascus Senior Center. 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.

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. 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. 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. There will be no rent charged under this lease, and the lease will provide provisions to allow the Museum to expand in the future.

A virtual public hearing on the proposed sale of property will be held at 1:00 pm on September 25, 2024 via a Zoom meeting. Information on how to attend can be found at: <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/DGS/OPD/home.html>.

Accommodations for disabilities, including sign language interpreter services, will be made upon request. If you need any services or aids to participate in this event, please call the ADA Compliance Manager at 240-777-6197 or email a request to adacompliance@montgomerycountymd.gov. Please provide as much notice as possible, preferably three days in advance. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fulfill.

Approved as to Form and Legality
Office of the County Attorney

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Date: 9/5/2024

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