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Renovations to Senior Center Annex underway

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Renovation construction is well underway to the Senior Center Annex in the Gloucester village, said Garrey Curry, the county's public works director.

The project is a joint endeavor of Main Street Preservation Trust (MSPT), Gloucester County, and Courthouse Construction, Inc.

Gloucester County did not have funds on hand to cover costs of the renovation by itself, Curry said. So the MSPT expressed a desire to help renovate the building and later Courthouse Construction did the same.

In a report to the Gloucester Board of Supervisors Jan. 19, Curry said that the project budget was estimated at \$40,000, and that it was not in the county's Capital Improvement Plan budget because the work was under \$50,000.

Curry said the bulk of the cost is being covered by a \$25,000 donation by MSPT, with the balance provided from County Administrator Brenda Garton's contingency fund. Courthouse Construction, the responsive bidder selected for the contract, agreed to donate the equivalent of \$5,250 in labor cost to bring the project in on the county's budget.

Being replaced are some structural members of the building and the roof structure, with that portion of the work scheduled to be completed by late March. Later this spring, a new public restroom will be opened at the building.



Renovation of the Gloucester Senior Annex is a collaborative effort of Gloucester County, the Gloucester Main Street Preservation Trust and Courthouse Construction. Pictured at the site are, from left, Garrey W. Curry Jr., Gloucester County's director of public works; Main Street Preservation Trust executive director Jenny Crittenden and Matthew Hogge, president and chief operating officer of Courthouse Construction.

Current plans are for a handicapped-accessible restroom to be built with an exterior entry, Curry said. The Preservation Trust was very interested in helping place a public restroom on that section of Main Street. Public restrooms are

available on court green several blocks away.

Bay Aging leases the building for a case management office, Curry said. Previously, the building was used as a service station and once housed a barbershop, he said.