

Master Plan Update from the Annual Meeting

At our Annual Meeting on January 28, Fr. Tom provided a brief update on Master Plan progress. A Building Committee is being formed under the chairmanship of Rip Graham, recently elected to the Vestry. The Building Committee will identify an architectural firm to take the concepts from the Master Plan and create specific plans so that timing and funding can be assessed. The Building Committee will have its first meeting in February. There will also be a Capital Campaign Committee forming to assess the feasibility of the fundraising necessary to take action on the Master Plan's suggestions. This Committee has not yet been formed.

Fr. Tom also gave an update on one portion of the Master Plan that has moved forward since the Master Plan was received: shifting Frederica Road. As a result of a funding opportunity to seek Federal Highway Administration funds for this project, the Vestry has pursued a plan to move Frederica Road to the North and East, into the nine acre parcel that Christ Church owns across from the main campus. The funding opportunity is associated with the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP), a program that funds infrastructure projects that improve access to Federal lands. Fort Frederica is sponsoring this application for Glynn County, who owns the road. The chief benefits of shifting Frederica Road are:

- Improved safety for Christ Church parishioners and visitors who will no longer have to cross a busy road with blind curves.
- Designated parking for those with mobility issues.
- Improved safety for drivers on Frederica Road who will not have to navigate through our area of parking along the right of way, which often includes unsafe entry onto and exit from the right of way. If this project is completed, there will be no future parking along the right of way.
- Better visibility as a result of softer curves.
- Tour buses and trolleys will be off the road and will not provide visual barriers to drivers.
- Improved drainage along the entire road section from the entrance to Fort Frederica to Stevens Road.
- Dramatic reduction in the likelihood of future development of land across the road adjacent to the Wesley Garden. The land along the southern border of the Memorial Garden would become an additional prayer garden space in perpetuity.
- Additional bike path/sidewalks allowing access to the Fort and possibly the Wesley Memorial Garden.
- Beautification of Frederica Road along Christ Church's property where there is currently gravel and dirt.
- Potential safety improvements to Stevens Road intersection and the entrance to Fort Frederica. These elements are being assessed by Glynn County and Fort Frederica, respectively. If they are acted on, it would increase the total

project cost, but the respective agency would cover those costs, not Christ Church.

Below are the bullet points of the process and the progress to date:

- Christ Church would, in essence, swap lands with the County so that the existing road and right of way is transferred to our ownership, while the new road and right of way is transferred to County ownership.
- The total cost of moving Fredericia Road and associated utilities is approximately \$1.1 million dollars.
- FLAP support, if secured, could fund up to 59% of the total cost.
- Christ Church would make up the other 41% less whatever Glynn County and Fort Frederica are able to contribute. Both are currently assessing their ability to support the project financially. The Vestry has pledged up to \$500,000 at this stage of the process in order to have the greatest chance of receiving FLAP funds.
- The FLAP application is due by the end of February.
 - Awards are announced by the end of the summer
- If the project moves forward with FLAP funding, and pending Glynn County's final approval, Glynn County would manage the bidding and construction process.
- Work would not likely begin until some time in 2019.
- We have secured or are securing support for the project from Fort Frederica, Glynn County, Georgia DOT, The Wesley Memorial Garden Trustees, The Golden Isles Convention and Visitors Bureau, The Saint Simons Land Trust, and others.

Parishioners with questions or concerns may contact the Rector or members of the Vestry for discussion. Further updates will be shared as information is available.