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## Beverley Mill restoration is "in the mill"

\$300,000 grant in wings; environmental statement okayed; volunteers asked

By HARRY LEACH  
Observer staff

Work to begin restoring Beverley Mill is just around the corner. The group known as Turn the Mill Around Campaign (TTMAC) has received a \$300,000 grant, the necessary environmental impact statement approval and Prince William County has been designated to administer the grant. The TEA-21 (transportation enhancement) grant is coming to the mill restoration group from the state via federal funding.

Grant funding came with strings attached-including a match of \$75,000. According to TTMAC officials, this is being accomplished through outright donations of money, sales of circa 1940 Beverley Mill bags and the promise of in-kind services to be contributed by helpful construction-related businesses and other volunteers.

The county government was chosen to administer the grant since TTMAC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt operating foundation. After four months of negotiation, this was accomplished on March 14. Until this three-way contract among the county, TTMAC and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is finalized, TTMAC is limited to doing work that will not be funded under the TEA-21 grant.

The Federal Highway Administration, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and VDOT have approved the environmental impact statement. TTMAC officials said gaining this approval required several months of hard work. A survey of the 4.8 acres of land attached to the mill, another component of the TEA-21 process, has been completed.

This turned out to be a very difficult process because there had not been a survey since Interstate

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### Linton Hall civic group to meet March 27

The Linton Hall Area Civic Association will meet at Bristow Run Elementary School on March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Story Room. Call Lou Brooks at 703-392-5871.



Harry Leach/The Bull Run Observer  
Douglas McPherson, left, and Tom Weakland of Troop 1366 work at cleaning up around Beverley Mill as part of Doug's Eagle Scout project last fall.

## Vint Hill site being readied for FAA air traffic personnel

By ROSE MURPHY  
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The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) plans to move about 300 air traffic controllers and technicians to a new facility at Vint Hill in mid-2002.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the \$93 million 95,000 square foot FAA regional air traffic control center on 33 acres at the former Army intelligence base in Fauquier County were held recently. The agency acquired the property in October, 1999.

The ceremony marks the beginning of almost two years in construction for the facility, called Potomac Consolidation Terminal Radar Approach Control (Tracon). Construction began this month and will be finished by May, 2002.

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## Design ok'd for widening I-66 in 2003

By ROSE MURPHY  
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The widening of Interstate 66 from Manassas to Gainesville came a step closer last week as the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved design and location plans for the \$61.4-million project. Work is set to begin in 2003.

The interstate will be widened from two to four lanes in both directions along a 5.3-mile stretch between Sudley Road (Rt. 234) and U.S. 29. When the project is finished, I-66 will be four lanes in each direction from I-495 to Gainesville. The widening will occur outside the lanes already in use.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) estimates the section of roadway is traveled by approximately 76,000 vehicles a day. This number is expected to double in the next 20 years.

Both state and federal money will pay for the project, which has been approved by Prince William Board of County Supervisors.

The outside left lane going east will be HOV restricted during morning hours, and the outside left lane headed west will be HOV only during evening rush hours. Plans call for saving the median for future HOV or Metrorail extensions.

Improvements will be made to I-66/U.S. 29 entrance and exit ramps. U.S. 29 also will receive improved lighting and overhead message signs.

### Hearing tonight on sale of Marsteller school

The Prince William County School Board agenda for tonight, March 22, has eight minutes, beginning at 6:12 p.m., set aside for a public hearing on the sale of Marsteller Middle School to Manassas Baptist Church.

School Superintendent Dr. Edward Kelly says the proceeds would be used to help fund a new middle school in Braemar area of the Linton Hall corridor.

If the sale is approved, school officials anticipate opening the new facility in September, 2002.

## Grant in wings, volunteers asked to aid in bringing Beverley Mill back to life

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66 was built, and Broad Run stream and the railroad rerouted. Dewberry & Davis performed this task and donated \$20,550.43 of the cost to TTMAC. The survey shows that the Beverley Mill parcel is almost evenly divided between Prince William and Fauquier Counties.

Four Eagle Scouts, Adam Buhl of Troop 1366, Reid Howard of Troop 884, Greg Tyson of Troop

889 and Asher Grady of Troop 924, are planning upcoming projects to continue the clean-up of the roadside leading to the mill, the mill pond and the head race. These projects will build on the Eagle Scout projects of Joe Liddle of Troop 924, Douglas McPherson and Jamie Staunton, both of Troop 1366, and Michael Dellinger of Troop 884.

Soon the process of cleaning out the mill, designing the engineer

specs and stabilizing the mill walls will begin. However, this will have to be done at the pace and in the manner that the VDOT requirements mandate-in other words much slower than the restoration group wishes.

TTMAC will be looking for volunteers to sort and move the debris brought out of the mill by a professional company. If you can help, call TTMAC at 703-753-3273 and leave your name and telephone

number. These volunteer hours will be considered an in-kind service donation and can be part of the 20% match the group must make.

The goal of TTMAC is to open a safe, interpretive site for all to enjoy. Until that time the restoration group asks that people not trespass on the property. Norfolk Southern Railroad security officers are patrolling the tracks by the mill and have fined several people for trespassing. TTMAC officials say it is very dan-

gerous to walk on the tracks as it is unbelievable how quiet the trains can be as they come around some of the turns. Empty trains make very little noise. In addition, the I-66 traffic noise makes the trains hard to hear. Walking on railroad tracks is considered criminal trespass, and there is the potential for a sad accident. The group asks that residents wait for the mill to be stabilized and then visit for a free and safe entrance to its environs.

## Vint Hill being readied for new FAA center

