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Group hopes to rebuild Beverly Mill

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Seven projects have been endorsed by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors for a prospective slice of more than \$18 million in Federal transportation funds for historic restoration.

The last project added to the list on Tuesday was Beverly Mill, which was destroyed by fire two months ago.

"Turn the Mill Around," a non-profit group which now owns the mill site, lobbied Prince William supervisors for inclusion on an application for transportation funds.

The board voted unanimously to include the seven projects on its application, which will be reviewed by the Northern Virginia Transportation Planning Board in January.

The projects will be reviewed individually with the county making no single project a priority. The projects approved for the Northern Virginia region will be considered by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in June of 1999.

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The Commonwealth Transportation Board makes the final decision in dividing up the \$18.5 million in federal funds to approved projects.

Prince William County projects up for state consideration include:

■ The Brentsville Courthouse restoration project estimated at \$350,000.

■ A \$135,000 grant for a bike trail from U.S. 1 to Leesylvania State Park.

■ A \$250,000 grant needed for the Quantico Cemetery Gateway Transportation project.

■ The Quantico/Potomac Transportation Trail facility sponsored by the town of Quantico.

■ Phase II of the Washington Street Enchantment project sponsored by the town of Haymarket.

■ The Mill Street Transportation project spon-

sored by the town of Occoquan.

■ Beverly Mill restoration project near the Fauquier County boarder.

Located on Interstate 66 at the Fauquier-Prince William county line, preservation groups have scrambled to organize the tract's rehabilitation since a fire swept through the mill Oct. 22.

"Beverly Mill is the traditional gateway to the county," said Ellen Miller, representing the Turn the Mill Around Campaign. "We would use the grant money for stabilization of the walls and permit public entry access along with an interpretive program on the history of the mill and Thoroughfare Gap."

Built in 1742, Beverly Mill was the site of a Civil War skirmish known as the Battle of Thoroughfare Gap leading up to the battle of Second Manassas in August of 1862.