

# Connor house to get repaired

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Connor House is rapidly deteriorating, and Manassas Park will pay for a scaffolding system that will temporarily stabilize the 180-year-old stone house to prevent its falling down.

The scaffolding project went out to bid this week, and a contractor will be named by

the end of February, said City Manager David Reynal.

Reynal did not give an estimate of the cost of the project. A mid-year budget adjustment has been made to fund it, but he said if it goes beyond that cost the city can appropriate additional funds.

The Connor House is listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and on the National Register of Historic Places.

The city aims to feature the

Connor House, located next to Connor Elementary School on Connor Drive, as part of the Park Center, the town center that is being planned by the city; its task force begins development of a strategic plan this month.

"The primary purposes of this project are to ensure that advanced deterioration and movement in the structural stone shell, which currently threaten the continued

integrity of the building, be arrested and stabilized, that historic fabric is preserved to the maximum extent possible, and that the shell be protected as completely as possible until such time as the building may be permanently restored," the stabilization report stated.

Built circa 1820, the red and brown stone house was

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known as Bloom's House, out of which was operated a dairy — with close proximity to the rail line. An addition was put on in 1855, marked by a cornerstone.

During the Civil War it served as the first Confederate headquarters for Gen. Joseph Johnston, whose forces predated the Army of Northern Virginia under Gen. Robert E. Lee. After Confederate forces retreated, Union troops whitewashed

the house and used it as a field hospital, but the paint contained a pigment and it became known as the Yellow Hospital.

After the war the dairy came under the ownership of E.R. Connor, whose family the house is named after.

The Connor House was bought by Manassas Park in 1972. Before the purchase members of the Manassas Park Women's Club literally had to stand between the Connor House and a developer's bulldozers to save it.

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