

Brentsville Courthouse In Line for Repairs

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■ The Prince William County Historical Commission will submit an application for a state survey and planning grant to repair and stabilize the Brentsville Courthouse.

The structure, in the Brentsville Historic District, and the books and documents stored there have suffered severe water damage from a leak at the main entrance. The electrical and heating systems also need to be repaired. The commission is planning to repair the building to use it as a meeting place and storage facility until it can be restored as a museum.

Built in 1820, the structure served as the county's fourth courthouse when the county seat was moved there from the declining port city of Dumfries. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The the project is estimated to cost \$20,000, half of which would come from the grant and the other half from the Historical Commission's fiscal 1992 budget. If the grant is awarded July 1, the commission expects the project to begin in December and be completed next May.