

Resolution No. RS2020-618

A resolution accepting an in-kind grant from the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Parks and Recreation Department, to provide signage for Two Rivers Mansion and the 1802 House.

WHEREAS, the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion have awarded an in-kind grant with an estimated value of \$7,000.00 with no cash match required to The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Parks and Recreation Department, to provide signage for Two Rivers Mansion and the 1802 House; and,

WHEREAS, it is to the benefit of the citizens of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County that this grant be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the in-kind grant by and between the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, with an estimated value of \$7,000.00, and The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Parks and Recreation Department, to provide signage for Two Rivers Mansion and the 1802 House, a copy of which in-kind grant is attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the signage be appropriated to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS:

DocuSigned by:

Kevin Crumbo
Kevin Crumbo, Director
Department of Finance

INTRODUCED BY:

Jedus Spurr
Kyonte Jomiss
Wesley...
Member(s) of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

DocuSigned by:

Neki Eke
Assistant Metropolitan Attorney

GRANT SUMMARY SHEET

Grant Friends of Two Rivers Mansion Signage 20

Department: PARKS & RECREATION

Grantor: FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION

**Pass-Through
Grantor (If**

Total Award this \$0.00

Cash Match \$0.00

Department Alan Enzo
862-8400

Status NEW

Program Description:

Friends of Two Rivers Mansion Signage 2020 grant. This is an in-kind grant providing signage worth \$7,000.00 for Two Rivers Mansion and the 1802 House. No match or obligation to Metro or Parks. The grant has no end date.

Plan for continuation of services upon

N/A.

Grants Tracking Form

Part One

Pre-Application <input type="radio"/> Application <input type="radio"/> Award Acceptance <input checked="" type="radio"/> Contract Amendment <input type="radio"/>				
Department	Dept. No.	Contact	Phone	Fax
PARKS & RECREATION	040	Alan Enzo	862-8400	862-8414
Grant Name:	Friends of Two Rivers Mansion Signage 20			
Grantor:	FRIENDS OF TWO RIVERS MANSION	Other:		
Grant Period From:	11/17/20	(applications only) Anticipated Application Date:		
Grant Period To:		(applications only) Application Deadline:		
Funding Type:	OTHER	Multi-Department Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, list below.
Pass-Thru:		Outside Consultant Project:	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Award Type:	OTHER	Total Award:	\$0.00	
Status:	NEW	Metro Cash Match:	\$0.00	
Metro Category:	Est. Prior.	Metro In-Kind Match:	\$0.00	
CFDA #		Is Council approval required?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Project Description:	Friends of Two Rivers Mansion Signage 2020 grant. This is an in-kind grant providing signage worth \$7,000.00 for Two Rivers Mansion and the 1802 House. No match or obligation to Metro or Parks. The grant has no end date.			
Plan for continuation of service after expiration of grant/Budgetary Impact:				
N/A.				
How is Match Determined?				
Fixed Amount of \$	\$0.00	or	0.0%	% of Grant
				Other: <input type="checkbox"/>
Explanation for "Other" means of determining match:				
For this Metro FY, how much of the required local Metro cash match:				
Is already in department budget?	N/A	Fund	Business Unit	
Is not budgeted?	\$0.00	Proposed Source of Match:		N/A
(Indicate Match Amount & Source for Remaining Grant Years in Budget Below)			Requested from Cont. Match Fund:	N/A
Other:				
Number of FTEs the grant will fund:	0.00	Actual number of positions added:	0.00	
Departmental Indirect Cost Rate	17.66%	Indirect Cost of Grant to Metro:	\$0.00	
*Indirect Costs allowed? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No % Allow.	0.00%	Ind. Cost Requested from Grantor:	\$0.00	in budget
*(If "No", please attach documentation from the grantor that indirect costs are not allowable. See Instructions)				
Draw down allowable? <input type="checkbox"/>				
Metro or Community-based Partners:				

Part Two

Grant Budget										
Budget Year	Metro Fiscal Year	Federal Grantor	State Grantor	Other Grantor	Local Match Cash	Match Source (Fund, BU)	Local Match In-Kind	Total Grant Each Year	Indirect Cost to Metro	Ind. Cost Neg. from Grantor
Yr 1	FY21			\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Yr 2	FY__									
Yr 3	FY__									
Yr 4	FY__									
Yr 5	FY__									
Total		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Date Awarded:		10/13/20			Tot. Awarded:	\$0.00	Contract#:	LETTER		
(or) Date Denied:					Reason:					
(or) Date Withdrawn:					Reason:					

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vaughn.wilson@nashville.gov

GCP Rec'd
10/14/20

GCP Approved
10/15/20

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JOHN COOPER, MAYOR



METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Park Plaza at Oman Street
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Monique Horton Odom, Director

October 7, 2020

Mr. Phil Claiborne, Founder
Friends of Two Rivers Mansion
2911 Western Hills Drive
Nashville, TN 37214


Dear Mr. Claiborne:

The Metro Parks Board, at its meeting held Tuesday, October 6, 2020, accepted an in-kind grant of way finding signage valued at \$7,000 from the Friends of Two Rivers Mansion for Two Rivers Mansion and the 1802 House.

Please note that this grant will not require any matching funds from Metro Parks and/or the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County. If further information is needed regarding the donation process, please contact Mr. Alan Enzo of my staff; he may be reached at 615 862-8400.

On behalf of Metro Parks, thank you for this generous contribution to our parks system.

Sincerely,


Monique Horton Odom, Director
and Secretary to the Board

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c: Mr. Alan Enzo
Mr. John Holmes
Mr. Rick Taylor
Ms. Chinita White

"It is the mission of Metro Parks and Recreation to sustainably and equitably provide everyone in Nashville with an inviting network of parks and greenways that offer health, wellness and quality of life through recreation, conservation and community"



FOR ADA ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT 615-862-8400

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THE FRIENDS OF
**TWO RIVERS
MANSION**

3130 McGavock Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37214

January 9, 2020

Monique Odom, Director
Metropolitan Board of Parks and Recreation
Centennial Park Office
Nashville, TN 37201

Dear Director Odom,

On behalf of the Board of The Friends of Two Rivers Mansion, I would like to request the following event dates to be placed on the February Park Board Agenda for approval to host the listed events in 2020 at the Mansion with a waiver of usage fees, alcohol consumption and to remain in the park after 11:00 p.m. if necessary.

Sunday, March 15 - Phil the House with Art and Friends (art show, open house, membership drive, fundraiser)

Friday April 24 - An Evening of Elegance Dinner and Fundraiser event

June, July, August - Historic Tours of the Mansion on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons

June - Nashville Symphony - pending confirmation

September - Dr Carol Bucy historic lecture (dates to be determined)

October weekends - Halloween at the Mansion Spirit Legends Tours

December 7 - 13 - Mansion Holiday Tours

~~The Hip Donelson Farmer's Market will be held again on Fridays from 4 pm to 7 pm beginning May 7 and ending October 23.~~

Two additional events are pending at this time but no dates or confirmations are available at this point in the year.

A second agenda item includes acceptance of way finding signage for the Mansion and 1802 House totaling \$7,000. The installation of this signage should be completed by the time of the February Parks Board meeting.

If you have any questions you can e-mail me at sgt08@bellsouth.net or call at 615-889-2907.

Sincerely,

Phillip R. Claiborne
Founder/President Emeritus
Friends of Two Rivers Mansion
a 501c3 tax exempt organization
615-889-2907



The Buchanan-Harding House

The Origins of Two Rivers

The Buchanan-Harding house is the oldest existing structure on the Two Rivers site. Though no exact construction date exists, David Buchanan is credited with building the house in 1802. He owned the Two Rivers tract between 1794 and 1812. William Harding purchased the property in 1819 but did not move to the site until 1823, when he became one of the largest property owners in the Nashville area. It is unclear who lived in the house after Harding's death in 1832. Tenants were likely overseers who managed the property until the 1840s.

The Buchanan-Harding house is a vernacular Federal-style brick structure. It is two stories and has a central staircase and four rooms. The downstairs rooms were used as a kitchen and parlor, with bedrooms located upstairs. Built on a limestone foundation with both a house cellar and a root cellar, there is no architect of record, which is not uncommon for this period in

Tennessee. A brick structure was considered a sign of wealth and this one contains two distinct types of brick, one deep red with a high iron content and the other orange with few iron inclusions. The red brick is much harder due to the iron. The orange brick deteriorates more rapidly, probably because it was fired at a lower temperature. All the brick was made at a kiln somewhere on the property, possibly near the spring-fed creek to the west.

After Two Rivers Mansion was built by David and Willie Harding McGavock in 1859, the Buchanan-Harding house may have provided living space for enslaved people who worked in the mansion; the kitchen was used as the primary food preparation area for both houses. In the 1880s the kitchen was moved to the mansion, probably to accommodate boarders who rented the basement rooms to supplement the McGavock family's income.



Basement floor plan



First floor plan



Second floor plan

Two Rivers Mansion

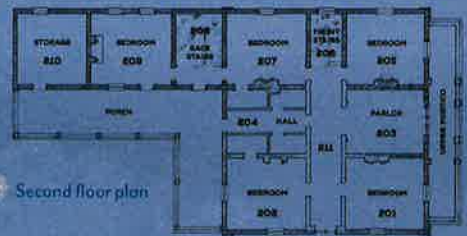
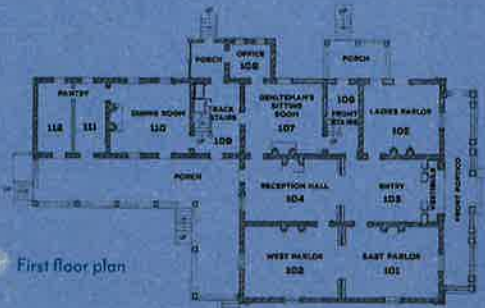
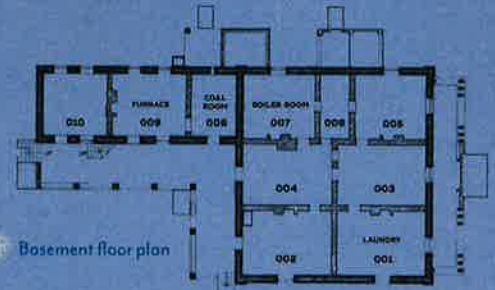
The Land in the Bend

Construction began on Two Rivers Mansion, the home of David and Willie McGavock, in 1859. When completed almost twenty years later, the house was one of the most prominent structures in Nashville and overlooked the McGavocks' 1,100-acre farm.

For more than a hundred years following Euro-American expansion into the Cumberland River Valley in the mid-to-late 18th century, the land enclosed by this ox-bow curve in the Cumberland River, six miles northeast of downtown Nashville, was called McSpadden's Bend. During this period, the property that became known as Two Rivers changed hands numerous times. The first owner, Nicholas Coonrod, was awarded a land grant in 1784 for a 640-acre tract west of the confluence of the Stones and Cumberland Rivers. Ten years later, he sold his stake to David Buchanan, who had moved to the area from Virginia. Between 1805 and 1812, Buchanan sold almost 500 acres he had acquired from Coonrod to settle various debts. Willie Barrow, a wealthy Nashville businessman, bought

175 acres in 1812 and acquired other properties in the bend. Though he likely never lived there, Barrow's estate was the eventual site of Two Rivers Mansion.

Following the Panic of 1819, Barrow was forced to sell his holdings in the bend. William Harding purchased several tracts of the former Buchanan property from Barrow and others before moving to the site in 1823. By 1832, he had acquired more than 1,100 acres, where he raised cotton and livestock and ran a still. In 1831, Harding married Elizabeth Clopton, but he died in May 1832, four months before their daughter was born. When the daughter, William Elizabeth Harding, known as Willie, turned eighteen and married David McGavock in 1850, she inherited her father's entire estate. Together she and David built Two Rivers Mansion. The McGavock family was the last to own the property before it was acquired by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County in 1966 and redeveloped as a park.



Two Rivers Mansion



David Harding McGavock



William Elizabeth "Willie" Harding

Receipt book of William Giles Harding as executor of his uncle's estate, 1832.





Two Rivers Mansion

The Civil War Years and Beyond (1864–1970s)

Little is known about the Two Rivers estate during the Civil War, although in the years that followed, the social, cultural, and economic relationships that had defined the South were transformed. Two Rivers had numerous outbuildings and hundreds of acres of improved land to farm, so the McGavocks, like other planters in need of farm hands, leased houses on the property to laborers and their families through a process of tenant farming or sharecropping. Some of the new tenants may have been people formerly enslaved to the McGavocks. The property lost some of its value after the war, but by 1880, the estate's 700 improved acres, 400 unimproved acres, and 100 wooded acres had a value of approximately \$100,000, almost twice its worth in 1860.

In 1887 David McGavock and his son, Frank, purchased the estate's first Morgan horses and began a stud farm.

The Two Rivers Stock Farm also had cattle, a garden, an orchard, and a dairy operation. There were more than fifty buildings on the property, including barns, horse stalls, tenant houses, and sheds. Many of these structures were destroyed by a tornado in 1933.

Following the financial Panic of 1893, the farm was near bankruptcy. In the early 1900s Frank's son, Spence, avoided losing the property altogether by leasing it out while he worked as a traveling shoe and boot salesman. Spence died in 1936 and his widow, Mary Louise Bransford McGavock, moved to her family home, Melrose, while caretakers continued the farming operations. She returned to Two Rivers in 1954 and remained there until 1965. In 1966 she sold the mansion and 475 acres from the estate to the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County for one million dollars.



Aerial view from McGavock Place



Two Rivers Mansion, c. 1940



On the front porch: the four standing in the back. From left to right are: William McGavock, Frank McGavock, David H. McGavock and William Hicks Jackson Jr. (1850).



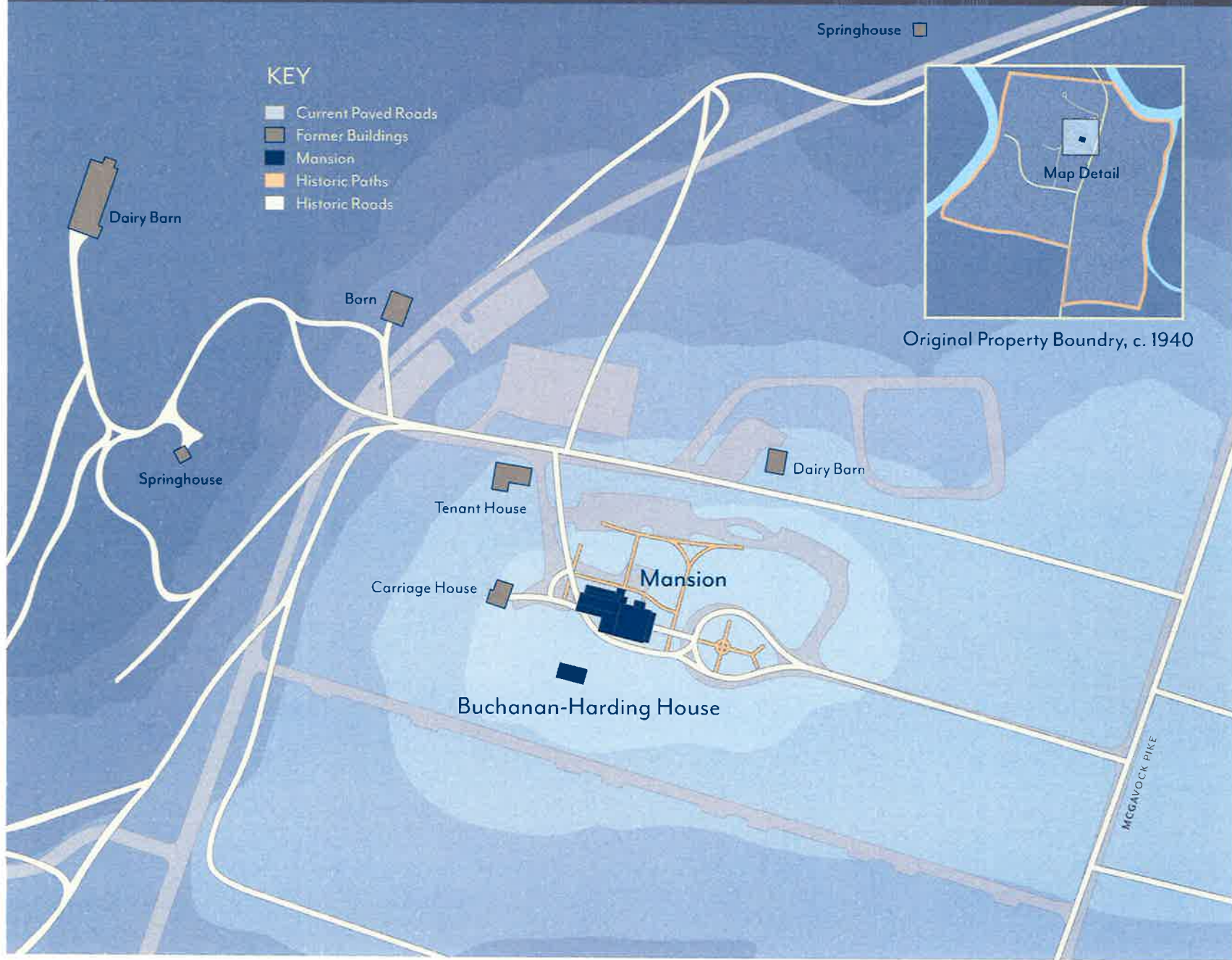
McGavock room



Morgan Horse, Two Rivers Stock Farm



Two Rivers Mansion



**SIGNATURE PAGE
FOR**

GRANT NO. FO2R Mansion Signage 2020

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures.

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY



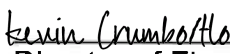
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10/13/20

Date

**APPROVED AS TO AVAILABILITY
OF FUNDS:**

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Director of Finance

10/21/2020

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