



## Agenda Item Summary Report

**Meeting Date:**  
April 14, 2025

**Submitted by:**  
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Regine Watson, Town Clerk

Item Title: Bostwick House Update | April 2025

**Bostwick Updates including Discover Bostwick** | An update on the community activation event planned for May 5, 2025 (12 PM – 3 PM)

**Work Session Item [X ]**  
**Council Meeting Item [X]**

**Documentation Attached:**  
Flyer

### Recommended Action:

**INFORMATION ONLY:** This is another update to update the Council on the activities and progress at Bostwick House for April 2025.

**Summary:** In April, staff submitted a grant application for Comfort Stations (Compostable Restrooms) to enhance the Town's outdoor event offerings. The grant, funded by the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), aims to provide necessary upgrades to support expanded programming and events at the Bostwick site. These new facilities will help improve visitors' experiences and increase the site's capacity to host larger and more diverse community gatherings.

Additionally, staff continues collaborating with the Aman Historic Trust and University of Maryland (UMD) partners on the Encore Sustainable Architects Conditions and Use Report. This report will provide valuable insights into the condition and potential uses of the historic property, further informing plans for its preservation and future programming.

These ongoing efforts are part of the Town's commitment to revitalizing Bostwick as a community and cultural asset, ensuring its continued relevance for future generations.

### Overview and Summary for the Town Council: Discover Bostwick Event

**Event Title:** Discover Bostwick

**Date/Time:** Saturday, May 3, 2025, 12:00 – 3:00 PM

#### **Partners:**

1. M-NCPPC Prince George's County Placemaking Section (PGC Placemaking)
2. Town of Bladensburg
3. University of Maryland – Historic Preservation Program

#### **Theme:**

"Contextualizing Bostwick for the Current Community in 2025"

**Event Summary:** The Discover Bostwick event will highlight the historical and cultural significance of the Bostwick property while engaging the local community in a family-friendly, interactive outdoor event. Activities will primarily focus on the lawn and include tours of the orchard and exterior displays showcasing the property's history.

#### **Event Offerings:**

- **Vendors – Artisans/Makers:** Small, local businesses and makers will offer items for sale.
- **Food Options:** Local food trucks will be on-site, and necessary applications and health inspections will be coordinated in advance.
- **Music:** Performances from musical artists, DJs, or school groups will be featured.
- **Arts:** Collaborative arts-related activities in partnership with local arts organizations.
- **Local/Cultural Organizations:** Participation from local nonprofits and groups, including the library, Anacostia Watershed Trust, Eco City Farms, UMD, M-NCPPC Port Towns team, and Sankofa Arts on a Roll.
- **Children’s Activities:** Games and activities designed to engage young attendees.

**Planning Leadership:** Ray Jefferies and Regine Watson are leading the project. They will provide updates on the event's scale and scope and coordinate with food vendors and other contributors to ensure a successful event.

**Significance:** This event serves as the launch of the community engagement process recommended by the Urban Land Institute (ULI) in its Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) report, which was shared with the Council on January 13, 2025, and February 10, 2025. It aligns with the broader goal of fostering community connections and awareness of Bostwick’s historical and cultural value.

**Next Steps:** The Town Administrator and the Town Clerk are available to address any questions or provide additional information about the event planning process and logistics.

This event promises to be an exciting opportunity to unite the community while showcasing Bostwick's rich history in a contemporary context.

<b>Budgeted Item:</b> Yes [ ] No [ ] NA <b>Budgeted Amount:</b> <b>One-Time Cost:</b> NA <b>Ongoing Cost:</b> NA	<b>Continued Date:</b>
<b>Council Priority:</b> Yes [ ] No [ ]	<b>Approved Date:</b>