

Special Projects Committee Report, C&O Canal Association Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday March 26, 2022

After a hiatus, the Special Projects Committee began meeting again via Zoom in November 2021. Committee members are Rita Bauman, Nancy Benco, Bill Holdsworth, Chris Holdsworth, Barbara Sheridan, Will Stewart, and Susan VanHaften.

At its November meeting, the Committee agreed that we should pursue what would have been the next step in the Strategic Plan's project support—improving communication with the Park. To that end, we have developed a document that lays out what projects we have supported in the past by both our funding and our volunteering, and lists the Association's priorities for future projects based on the list of suggested possible projects that the Board approved at its December 2019 meeting. We have asked for a meeting in April with Superintendent Tina Cappetta to present our case and to explore how the Association can do a better job of working together with the Park. We are particularly encouraged by the funding the Park has received for historic structures reports/engineering studies for 10 aqueducts, including the Seneca Aqueduct.

Submitted by Susan VanHaften, Chair