

# LOCKHOUSE 8 RIVER CENTER



A cooperative project of  
the Potomac Conservancy and the National Park Service

More than 170 years old, Lockhouse 8 is an icon of a bygone era when the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal was envisioned as a vital link between the emerging city of Washington, DC, and the lands to the west. When massive floods in 1924 ended canal operations, the lockhouses were abandoned and fell into disrepair.

Thanks to a partnership between the Potomac Conservancy and the National Park Service, historic Lockhouse 8 is being brought back to life...

Each year, more than 250,000 park visitors walk, bike, or jog by Lockhouse 8 and nearby Minnie's Island, which is owned by the Potomac Conservancy. The restored Lockhouse will provide passersby with a unique opportunity to learn about the canal, the Potomac River, and how they can help the Potomac Conservancy to protect the health, beauty, and enjoyment of the river and its tributaries.

Ed Neville 2002



Ed Tenney 2003



The Lockhouse 8 River Center will serve as a staging area for educational events and volunteer activities, such as tree plantings, along the Canal.

Once completed, the Lockhouse 8 River Center will offer:

- ❖ Information and resources about the C&O Canal, the Potomac River, and recreational opportunities
- ❖ Educational exhibits and activities for visitors of all ages
- ❖ A staging area for the Conservancy's hands-on river programs
- ❖ Details on how to get involved in the Conservancy's efforts to protect the river
- ❖ Meeting space for community groups
- ❖ A gallery to feature regional artists

## DONATION FORM

I want to help the Potomac Conservancy transform Lockhouse 8 into a community River Center. I'm enclosing:

\$500    \$250    \$100    \$50    \$35    Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check.

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Kari Majer 2002



Mail form & donation to Potomac Conservancy, P.O. Box 13823, Silver Spring, MD 20911-0823. Thank you!



Architectural plans developed

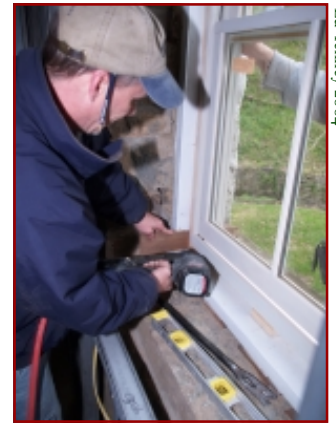
A volunteer lays bricks for the Lockhouse's cellar floor.

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Skilled carpenters from BOWA Builders install a new window in the Lockhouse.

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Floorboards in main building replaced

Windows installed

Interior completed

Reconstruct rear porch

Develop permanent exhibits



Cellar excavated

Cellar floor refinished

2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 LOOKING AHEAD...

Conservancy signed cooperative agreement with NPS

Roof replaced

Old plaster removed



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Interior stone work completed

Wayside signs and bulletin board installed

A Scout takes a break after removing crumbling plaster from the Lockhouse's interior walls.

Wired for electricity

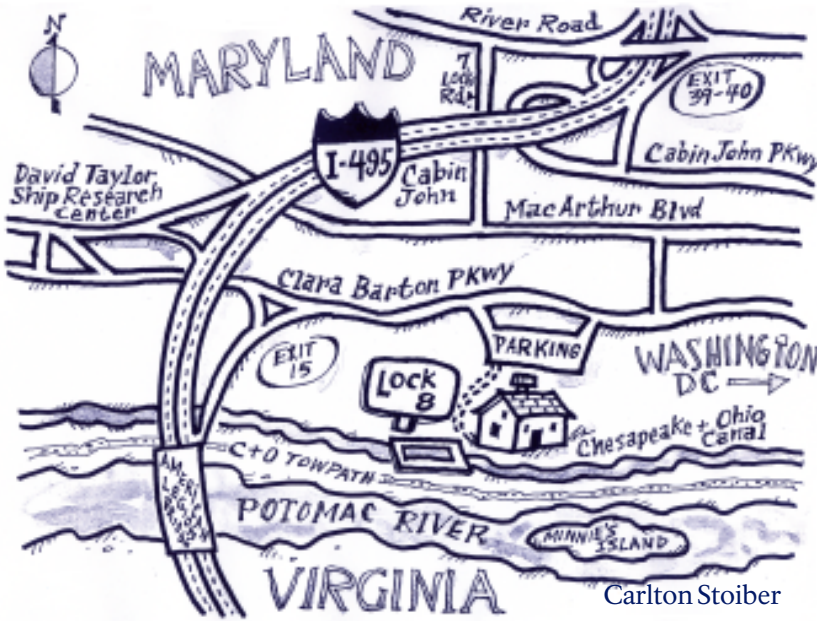
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A volunteer replaces floorboards in the second floor of the Lockhouse.

Front porch reconstructed

Connect electricity



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### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are depending on people like you for the successful transformation of Lockhouse 8 into a River Center! You can help **today** by making a financial donation or volunteering your time and skills.

- I am interested in making a financial donation (please complete reverse).
- I am interested in volunteering. I am skilled in the following area(s):
  - Carpentry
  - General construction labor
  - Education/Outreach (lead activities/hikes)
  - Lockkeeper docents (greet visitors)
  - Historic interpretation

(Please complete contact info on reverse so we can reach you!)



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