

For Board Consideration June 16, 2026

The near likelihood of starting on construction

Construction on the Interpretive Center is certainly a way away. We have just received a \$2M plus grant from NYSCA but a contract has to be settled and signed and NYSCA needs to be assured of our compliance with a variety of state requirements

We have access to a big chunk of money through the NYSCA grant

I was mistaken in thinking we would be likely receiving a substantial cash in flow from NYSCA in the next few months. The contract requirements need to be ironed out and this may take some time, possibly months.

Proposal regarding creation of retirement plan options for staff

This was an idea that appealed to us. It was presented to the staff. No one expressed interest. It will be dropped at this time.

External intern with New Castle University

Through the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, we have an intern for five weeks from the University of Newcastle in the UK. Her name is Phoebe Gandon. She will be researching Anti-slavery and Underground Railroad related connections in the UK. She will provide us reports on her research.

Bus trip to Kingston

A committee of people who did the trip to John Brown's Farm in May is planning a bus trip to Kingston with a theme of the story of Sojourner Truth. It is in development. The trip is expected to happen in the fall.

Ellie Burhans, board candidate

Materials on Ellie Burhans are available on the Web site. She has been working with our collections committee for some months and has a background in fund raising and non-profits.