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New lights for a fine lady

Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum to go green

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The Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum will replace its aging lighting system with energy-efficient units in the first step of an energy redo for the historic building.

The project will be handled by PureSpectrum Inc., a local lighting technology company that will donate the \$20,000 project.

It's expected to result in about \$7,000

in annual savings for the museum.

"We're going to start with that," said Dr. Billy Jamerson, museum board chairman.

Existing incandescent bulbs will be replaced with 20-watt dimmable compact fluorescent lamps this summer.

The museum's linear fluorescent lighting fixtures will be replaced with dimmable electronic ballasts later this year.

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PureSpectrum Inc. is helping Savannah's Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum update its lighting system with energy-efficient units.

Savannah Morning News file photo

I-16 east detour

Georgia Department of Transportation crews plan to work on an Interstate 16 guardrail at exit 164B/going east to I-516 north from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Drivers traveling west should not be impacted. Roads department officials said traffic going east will be detoured as follows:

• **Option 1:** Motorists going east on I-16 can take the Dean Forest Road exit, turn left onto Dean Forest Road and continue to U.S. 80. Turn right onto U.S. 80, then turn left on Burnsed Boulevard.

• **Option 2:** Take the Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard exit, turn left

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Jamerson said replacing the incandescent bulbs will result in more than a 75 percent reduction in energy consumption. Replacing the fluorescent lamps will mean about a 35 percent drop in energy use.

Nick Peragine, program sales manager for PureSpectrum, said 115 halogen spotlights will be replaced by compact fluorescent lamps beginning in early summer.

Another 225 old fluorescent lights will be replaced with dimmable ballast-end lamps by the end of summer.

"We are going to save the museum in the neighborhood of \$600 a month in electrical costs," Peragine said.

In addition to cost savings, the new lighting system will

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help preserve the artwork in the museum, he said.

"It showcases our products in a real world environment," he said.

Jamerson said the building was built in 1914 and renovated in the late 1990s.

A major cost of maintaining the five-floor museum is energy consumption, and several experts have urged museum officials to look for ways to reduce those costs.

Jamerson said the lighting is the first step to what he sees as a long-term project that will include such areas as windows and air-conditioning units.

Jamerson said the effort will answer the museum's goal of