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**“STATE MEMORIAL HISTORICAL-LITERARY AND NATURAL-LANDSCAPE
MUSEUM-RESERVE OF A.S. PUSHKIN “MIKHAILOVSKOYE”
(PUSHKIN MUSEUM-RESERVE)**

State Memorial Historical-Literary and Natural-Landscape Museum-Reserve of A.S. Pushkin “Mikhailovskoye” (Pushkin museum-reserve) originates its history from 1899 and it is a scientific research and educational state institution, a curator of the memorials of nature, history and culture. Museum-Reserve “Mikhailovskoye”, according to the decree of the President of Russia, was included into the code of the most valuable objects of Russian cultural heritage.

Pushkin museum-reserve is situated on the North-West of Russia, in Pskov area. On the territory of more than 10000 hectares there are a lot of memorials of history and culture (5-19 century), memorial estates (18-19 centuries), connected with the name and creative activity of Alexander Pushkin. Pushkin’s name is the same for Russia that names of Shakespear and Goethe mean for European and World culture.

More than 100 works, among them there is “Boris Godunov”, village chapters of the novel “Eugene Onegin” and others, were written during his stay in the estate Mikhailovskoye. Trigorskoye (the estate of Pushkin’s friends) and Petrovskoye (the estate of his relatives) are also very popular among the visitors of the museum-reserve. Near the walls of the Cathedral of Assumption in the Svjatogorsky Monastery there is a grave of Alexander S. Pushkin.

State Memorial Historical-Literary and Natural-Landscape Museum-Reserve of A.S. Pushkin “Mikhailovskoye” is visited annually by more than 250000 pilgrims.

The main treasures of the national and world culture, preserved in Pushkin museum-reserve, are not only the memorial things that belonged to Alexander S. Pushkin, his relatives and friends. The most unique survival in what is now the museum-reserve are the natural surroundings: rivers and lakes, poetic landscape, provincial parks. They are the only ones of the few remaining “witnesses” of the Pushkin days.

The territory of the State Museum-Reserve of A.S. Pushkin “Mikhailovskoye” is mostly situated in flood-lands and natural reservoirs of the river Sorot, which form part of the river Velikaya basin (about 7000 hectares out of 9000). The system of this river, sung by Pushkin, includes the unique and beautiful lakes Malenets and Kuchane, six other big and small lakes reserves. Near the river banks of this water system the estate-museums Mikhailovskoye, Trigorskoye and Petrovskoye are located. Well-being of the groves of Mikhailovskoye and natural complexes near the estates Deriglazovo and Voskresenskoye are closely connected with the water system of the river Sorot.

In order to define the basic ways of preservation of this unique natural complex, the museum-reserve took several steps and was engaged in research in 1999-2000 directed at the description of the natural reservoirs. The members of the museum staff has been holding ecological monitoring since that time.

At the same time the most part of this water system is situated out of the museum-reserve’s territory down the stream of the river Sorot. Qualitative and quantitative parameters of waters, a biological variety depend on character of natural use on the territory of the neighbouring Novorzhevsky and Bezhanitsky regions of the Pskov area.

The museum-reserve is interested in preservation of woods in the specified regions, decrease in pollution of waters with industrial outflows and emissions.

The project presupposes to finance a working-out of the project of the restricted areas of the river Sorot.

For realization of the project it is required about 10000 GBP for 2 years of investigation.

As a result there will be an opportunity to have an influence over the users of nature in this very important territory for the museum-reserve.