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FROM THE DESK OF NICHOLAS A. REDDING

Moving Forward with Purpose and Pride

IN THE LAST EDITION of *The Phoenix*, I spoke to this organization’s commitment to tackle the big challenges, no matter the difficulty or perceived impossibility. Since that letter, I am pleased to report that we are making tremendous progress.

Thanks to the support of our donors, we were on the ground in Annapolis for the latest session of the Maryland General Assembly and had one of the best legislative outcomes for preservation in Maryland in nearly 50 years.



We also continue to make significant headway in Ellicott City, where in partnership with our colleagues at Historic Ellicott City, Inc., we are embarking on a \$50,000

grant program to inject new financial resources into the flood-damaged historic community.

Despite these major successes, our work is far from complete. While we are gaining ground in Annapolis, we still live in uncertain times in Washington where the debate over tax reform legislation is causing preservationists around the nation concern for the future of our federal historic tax credit. This program alone has rehabilitated more than 41,250 buildings nationwide. The future of this credit is the ultimate advocacy issue which confronts us all and one upon which Preservation Maryland will not rest.

Elsewhere, the challenges may not be as dramatic as those playing out on Capitol Hill, but they remain profound and demand our eternal vigilance. From an increasingly unpredictable climate to vacancy and disinvestment we stand at the center of important discussions about the future of our state and its communities. Your support puts us at the center of these conversations and is making preservation a critical part of the solutions to the challenges confronting Maryland.

Yours for history and heritage,

Nicholas A. Redding • Executive Director

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US Army Signal Corps members prepare track and plane for flight at the College Park Airport in 1909. Source: National Archives, USAF Collection. "The History of the College Park Airport" illustration by Milton Califf, used by the grassroots National Aerospace Educational Memorial Center non-profit that advocated for its preservation in the 1960s.

THE COLLEGE PARK AIRPORT AND AVIATION MUSEUM

Maryland's Field of Firsts

Guest essay by Andrea Cochrane Tracey, Museum Director, College Park Aviation Museum

The Maryland Milestones Heritage Area through northern Prince George's County is home to the College Park Aviation Campus.

THE HISTORIC COMPLEX includes the College Park Airport, the oldest continuously operating airport in the world (the second oldest is in France). There is a palpable sense of place here, especially at dusk when the runway lights come on, and one can experience the environment that surrounded people of the past doing remarkable things.

The story of how the College Park Airport came to be is linked directly to the Wright Brothers. Once Orville and Wilbur Wright secured the contract for producing a "heavier-than-air flying machine" for the Signal Corps of the U.S. Army, they needed a remote location to fulfill the entire contract that included teaching two U.S. Army officers how to fly the machine,

too. A balloon ascent to scout locations near College Park identified the open space of Maryland Agricultural College (now part of the University of Maryland campus) and the adjacent B&O Railroad tracks—this was the perfection combination of open space and accessibility. The acreage was soon leased by the Army.

With the airfield open, it quickly became the site of numerous aviation firsts, including the founding of First Army Aviation School in 1911; the first U.S. Postal Service Air Mail flight on August 12, 1918; and in 1924, the first vertical flight in the United States (think helicopters).

In the ensuing decades, this "field of firsts" was home to small businesses and innovators, flying lessons and air shows. By the 1960s, however, the field was falling into decay and (continued, page 3 center)

CELEBRATING THE BEST OF MARYLAND AWARDEES

By the Numbers ADVOCACY LEADS TO NEW AND REINSTATED FUNDING

This most recent session of the Maryland General Assembly was one of the most productive for preservation in nearly 50 years of advocacy. Grant programs once thought lost forever were resurrected and received their first infusion of cash in nearly 10 years. Read more on Page 2.

- \$600K New funding for Maryland Historical Trust Capital Grant program, the first appropriation since 2009.
- \$200K New funding for Maryland Historical Trust Survey & Research Grant program, first appropriation since 2009.
- \$1 MIL New funding for African-American Heritage Preservation Grant program.
- \$1.5 MIL Annual funding secured for Maryland Historical Trust Grant Fund in future years through landmark legislation.
- \$3 MIL Increase in funding limit for State Heritage Areas annual appropriation.
- 47-0 Unanimous vote by Maryland Senate in support of legislation authorizing \$1.5 million annually for Maryland Historical Trust Grant program.

UNDER AND AMONG an amazing collection of historic aircrafts, the Maryland preservation community celebrated the Best of Maryland awards on Thursday, May 11 at the College Park Aviation Museum. The stories told at this Museum showcase perseverance, ingenuity, and dedication—traits essential for aviators and preservationists! This year, in particular, Preservation Maryland sought to recognize individuals from a range of positions that make preservation happen, from legislators to designers and from artisans to agency leaders. We're proud to recognize the following awardees, and you can learn about each at bestofmaryland.org.

DELEGATE BROOKE LIERMAN - Legislative Champion/District 46, Baltimore City Delegate Lierman is largely responsible for the budget language that resulted in the 2016 Joint Chairman's Report outlining the need for the Maryland Historical Trust Preservation Grant Fund; the Report led to the inclusion of funding in the 2017 budget for the first time since 2010.

SPEAKER PRO TEM ADRIENNE JONES - Legislative Champion/District 10,

Baltimore County and **SENATOR BILL FERGUSON** - Legislative Champion/District 46, Baltimore City Speaker Pro Tem Jones and Senator Ferguson introduced the Maryland Historic Trust Grant Fund Improvement Act, which seeks to ensure the Maryland Historical Trust's Grant Fund receives funding every year. The bill passed the General Assembly and was signed into law by Governor Hogan on May 4, 2017.

DELEGATE BRETT WILSON - Legislative Champion/District 28, Washington County Delegate Wilson introduced the legislation that raised the funding cap for the Maryland Heritage Areas Program that passed this March and will result in additional resources for the 13 heritage areas across the state.

ALLAN KITTLEMAN - Howard County Executive/Ellicott City Flood Response /President's Leadership Award Responding to the devastating flood in Ellicott City, Executive Kittleman instituted an effective approach that provided for the safety of residents, the vitality of local businesses, and the preservation of the town's heritage.

ELIZABETH HUGHES - State Historic Preservation Officer/Maryland Historical Trust/Special Recognition As our Historic Preservation Officer, Elizabeth Hughes leads statewide preservation

efforts through the Maryland Historical Trust and served as President of the Board of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers during a critical period of federal advocacy.

METROPOLITAN PARTNERSHIP, LTD 10 Light Street/Baltimore City/The Phoenix Award Metropolitan Partnership completed an extraordinary rehabilitation of the former Maryland National Bank at 10 Light Street into downtown loft apartments and an Under Armour Performance Center gym.

DR. G. RAY THOMPSON - Salisbury University/Gearhart Professional Award Dr. Thompson recently retired after 40 years of service in preserving the history the Eastern Shore—teaching at Salisbury University and founding the Delmarva Historical Archives now the Nabbs Research Center.

FRIENDS OF TOLSON'S CHAPEL - Washington County/Stewardship Award Due to the persistence of the all-volunteer Friend's group, Tolson's Chapel now stands as a restored Freedman's Bureau School and African-American church.

C&O CANAL TRUST - Canal Quarters Volunteers/Harrison Award for Volunteers The Canal Quarters program allows visitors to stay in historic lockhouses along the C&O Canal National Historical Park—a program

that is supported by 35 volunteers who donate thousands of hours of service to provide this unique experience.

THE TOWER COMPANY - Naval Academy Guard Houses/Preservation Artisan Award John Tower of The Tower Company, working with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Citadel DCA, and Battle Creek Construction restored the guard houses of the Naval Academy—two surviving 19th century structures at the entrance to the campus.

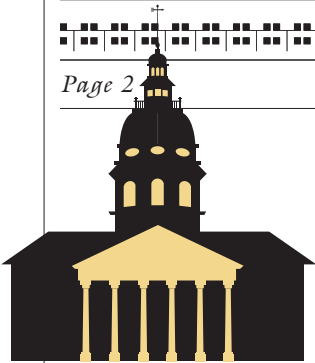
COMMUNITY CHOICE AWARDEES

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE - For bringing anchor tenant Pyramid Atlantic Arts Center to the heart of Hyattsville to rehabilitate a vacant building into an arts, design, and heritage hub.

ACCELERATOR, LLC - For re-purposing and polishing a former car show room in Baltimore City into B-More Kitchen, a center for food entrepreneurship and an awesome event space.

CITY OF FREDERICK AUDIO VISUAL DEPARTMENT - For dramatically resurrecting the story of the Laboring Sons Memorial Ground, an almost forgotten African-American cemetery.

THE MONTGOMERY MODERN PROGRAM - For providing sustained education and outreach for threatened and overlooked mid-century resources with lectures, book signings, and tours.



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017

Advocacy Victory Report

THANKS TO THE SUPPORT of grassroots advocates, members, partner organizations and legislative champions, funding once considered lost forever returned to the budget. For the upcoming fiscal year, \$800,000 was appropriated to the state’s historic preservation fund, which will support both capital grants and survey and research funding. It was the first new appropriation to this fund in almost ten years.

Maryland Historical Trust Director Elizabeth Hughes explained, “[We are] thrilled to see the return of grant funding for both research and survey and capital historic preservation activities in the coming year. This outcome would not have been possible without the steadfast support of our many partners—particularly Preservation Maryland—whose advocacy in Annapolis made all the difference.”

In addition to an immediate increase funding, Preservation Maryland worked on a bi-partisan bill to increase future funding to the program through the Maryland Historical Trust Grant Improvement Act. This landmark legislation requires \$1.5 million annually be appropriated for the program—a massive step forward for preservation. The

ADVOCACY DAY (from left)—Advocates from Montgomery County, Dick Charlton and Sam Parker in front of the State House. Del. Brooke Lierman took home illustrations of historic buildings in her District.

As the 437th session of the Maryland General Assembly concluded in early April, preservationists from around the state celebrated the advances made during one of the busiest legislative sessions for preservation in half a century.

new legislation was sponsored by Speaker Pro Tem Adrienne Jones (District 10, Baltimore County) in the House of Delegates and Senator Bill Ferguson (District 46, Baltimore City) in the Senate. That legislation was signed by Governor Hogan on May 4, 2017.

The 13-member Maryland Heritage Area Coalition also worked hard during session to increase funding for the nationally recognized program. As a result of their work, which was supported by the broader preservation community and Preservation Maryland, the funding cap for the program has been increased to \$6 million annually, doubling the amount previously available.

Looking ahead to the 438th session of the Maryland General Assembly, Preservation Maryland is prepared to defend these advances and to aggressively advocate for the state’s historic rehabilitation tax credit which still remains mired at a paltry \$9 million appropriation—paling in comparison to nearby states’ investments. The work continues; the task remaining before us remains the same: advocating on behalf of Maryland’s irreplaceable heritage.



THE HISTORIC ELLICOTT CITY REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM

New Grant Program Aims to Revitalize Ellicott City

This April, in response to the impact of the July 2016 flood, Preservation Maryland and Historic Ellicott City, Inc. announced a new joint grant program to benefit historic Ellicott City.



THE HISTORIC ELLICOTT CITY REVITALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM will provide direct assistance for the rehabilitation and preservation of properties, and the promotion of cultural resources within the Ellicott City Historic District boundaries. Non-profit organizations, religious institutions, and county agencies with projects located within the historic district are eligible to apply.

Through the program, \$50,000 in funding will be made available and will be disbursed in grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000

ON MAY 18, Preservation Maryland made a staff site-visit to historic Ellicott City to see the latest recovery efforts in action. Since August 2016, Preservation Maryland has had a presence in Ellicott City to provide direct technical assistance—and no historic buildings have been lost. Recovery continues as the one-year anniversary of the devastating flood approaches. You can help sustain the effort by donating at: presmd.org/support.

to awardees. Projects eligible for funding from the grant program fall into three broad categories: (1) repair and rehabilitation, (2) public programming, and (3) planning. For 2017, the organizations have announced that repair and rehabilitation will be the priority funding category. Grant applications are due to Preservation Maryland by June 2, 2017.

Funding for the program has been generously provided by Historic Ellicott City, Inc.—a non-profit volunteer preservation organization founded in 1974—through fundraising associated with their annual Show House project, which last year featured historic Avoca, as well as the support of donors to Preservation Maryland’s Ellicott City Flood Recovery Fund. For more information visit: presmd.org/ecgrant.

THE OLD LINE STATE SUMMIT

Maryland’s Annual Preservation Conference

WITH A NEW AND IMPROVED NAME—the Old Line State Summit—and the same dynamic learning opportunity, Preservation Maryland will host the Maryland’s annual preservation conference on Wednesday, July 12 at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Sessions will follow two tracks and include a comprehensive discussion of the future of history, preservation advocacy, and recovery efforts in Ellicott City. Additional sessions will introduce best practices for interpreting

LGBTQ+ history, new digital fundraising methods, and a walking tour of the historic Naval Academy campus.

If you’re an architect, historian, archivists, planner, engineer, conservator, community volunteer, museum professional, Main Street manager, fundraiser, small business owner, or student—we welcome you to join the conversation about preserving and protecting Maryland.

Additional information and registration information is available at oldlinestate.org.





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PreserveList

A New Resource for Preservation

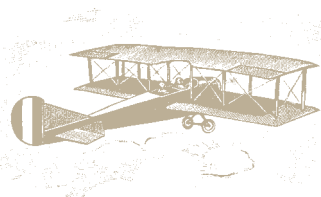
This spring, Preservation Maryland celebrated the launch of a new digital resource and project long in development—PreserveList.

THE NEW WEBSITE is a digital directory of companies and individuals that offer an array of services in support of preservation projects. Older homes and revitalization projects require specialized services, materials, and attention by architects, contractors, and craftspeople. PreserveList will help connect property owners with the service providers that understand historic buildings.

The goal of launching a directory has long been held by Preservation Maryland and was included in the organization's ambitious 2012 strategic plan. In 2016, a study funded by the 1772 Foundation identified the lack of a comprehensive directory for preservation in Maryland as a weakness that Preservation Maryland should work to address. The site was developed and designed by Younts Design, Inc. of Baltimore, which also serves as Preservation Maryland's web team for preservationmaryland.org, the flagship digital property of the organization.

Funding for the project was generously provided by the Rural Maryland Council. For more information and to see the growing list of providers, visit: preservelist.org.

Companies listed on PreserveList have made a donation in support of the work of Preservation Maryland and their inclusion is not an endorsement by Preservation Maryland. Read our full disclaimer at preservelist.org/disclaimer.



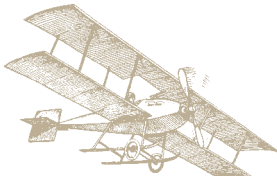
When the airfield opened, it quickly became the site of numerous aviation firsts.

(Aviation Museum, continued from page 1)

there was mounting pressure to close the airport and develop the site. Due to advocacy by concerned citizens with an understanding of the site's significance to American history, a "Save the Airport" campaign was launched. Responding to the community, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission purchased the airport in 1973 to keep it as an operating airfield and recognize it as an historic site, and in 1977 it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The airfield is maintained—and the site retains the foundation of the 1911 Army hangers, the Air Mail hangers, and an inlaid compass rose of concrete that pilots used to calibrate their direction before taking off. A state-of-the-art facility was built in 1998 to house a collection of aircrafts and artifacts—and 1½-story UV-protected glass panels offer a view of take-offs and landings while you're inside the Museum.

The College Park Aviation Museum is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and interprets the airport's history and serves as a learning laboratory where history and STEM intersects. It's open daily, except for major holidays, and offers an array of events throughout the year for all ages. Find out more and plan your visit at: collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.



AVAILABLE ONLINE

2016 Annual Report Released

Thanks to the support of our loyal donors, Preservation Maryland dramatically expanded the operations and impact of the organization.

We rose to meet a series of new and dynamic challenges, including the flood in Ellicott City and held true to our commitment to defend and preserve Maryland's irreplaceable history and heritage. We've reflected on and illustrated our work through photos and maps in a report that you can download and view online at: presmd.org/publications.

STAFF UPDATE

Preservation Initiatives Manager Hired



PRESERVATION MARYLAND is pleased to announce the hire of Jessica Feldt. She will serve as the organization's Preservation Initiatives Manager, and will oversee the organization's diverse and growing portfolio of initiatives, including the Heritage Fund grant program, planning of our annual conference—the Old Line State Summit, and the implementation of the complex Six-to-Fix program. Jessica has studied and worked in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Washington, DC, including at the National Trust for Historical Preservation. She lives a 1920s bungalow in the Walthers neighborhood of Baltimore City. Meet our team at: presmd.org/team.



THE HERITAGE FUND

New Heritage Fund Grant Awards

The Heritage Fund grant program has recently exceeded the milestone of having distributed over \$1 million dollars in direct support for preservation in Maryland!

THE DIRECT IMPACT of the joint program by Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust continues with this newest round of grants awarded across the state:

THE ARK OF HUNGERFORD CREEK · Calvert County Relocation of the Ark to the Calvert Marine Museum for restoration.

JOHN GRINDER HOUSE · Smallwood State Park, Charles County Stabilization of the vernacular farmhouse named after it's DC-based brickmaker.

HAMILTON WILLARD SHAVER FARM · Burkittsville, Frederick County Emergency stabilization of west wall and roof of the Civil War-era farmhouse.

HISTORIC LANDSCAPES OF KENT COUNTY · Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area, Eastern Shore Survey and documentation of geographic and historic data.

OLD CAMBRIDGE GAS COMPANY BUILDING · Cambridge, Dorchester County Architectural assessment and restoration plan for Race Street storefront.

CHURCH HILL THEATRE · Queen Anne's County Restoration and repair of exterior stucco on the Art Deco theatre.

SOUTH BALTIMORE LEARNING CENTER · Baltimore City Full conditional assessment and immediate skylight replacement.

KEEPING HISTORY ABOVE WATER CONFERENCE · Annapolis, Anne Arundel County National meeting on the threat of sea-level rise on historic resources.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HARFORD COUNTY HEADQUARTERS · Bel Air, Harford County Removal of non-historic vestibule and restoration of entrance appearance.

FRANKLIN FARM AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX DAIRY BARN · Anne Arundel County Removal of asbestos shingle from dairy barn.

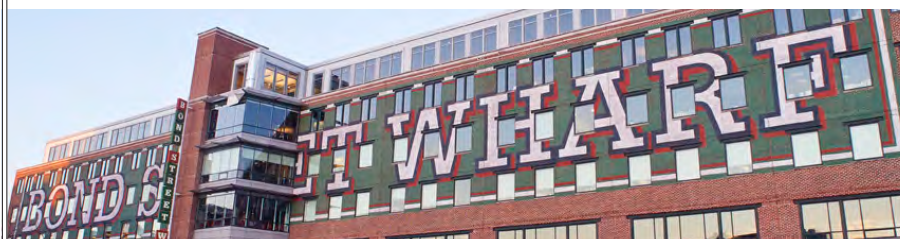
The next deadline for applications is Monday, September 15, 2017. Find more information at: presmd.org/hf.

THE CHURCH HILL THEATRE (top) was built in 1929 as a simple rural Art Deco theatre that became a hub for the community and the performing arts in Queen Anne's County. "THE ARK" in Calvert County (below) is a historic lifeboat that became part of the post-WWI ghost fleet in Maryland. It was retrofitted into a summer cottage by 1936 by an Episcopalian minister.

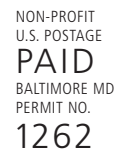


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