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FROM THE DESK OF NICHOLAS A. REDDING

“Let us rather run the risk of wearing out than rusting out.”THEODORE ROOSEVELT

2018 will be a hard year to beat for Preservation Maryland. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we have supported preservation at hundreds of sites across the state.

FROM THE MARSHY WETLANDS of Dorchester County to the rugged foothills of Garrett County, it has been a banner year for preservation in Maryland. We are tired—but we certainly aren’t rusting out.

Our Six-to-Fix program reached new heights this year. A compelling example of the growing success of the program came by utilizing our robust legislative advocacy operation in Annapolis—resulting in a six figure state appropriation for the WWII-era crane at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. It was a perfect example of how this small but mighty program is making real impacts. We’re not just interested in talking about preservation—we’re rolling up our sleeves and doing it.



Our grant programs also distributed more dollars to deserving projects than ever before in our history. We distributed nearly \$150,000 to projects across the state—and we’re on track to distribute nearly \$200,000 in 2019—a 150% increase in grant funding over just the past two years. This increase comes as a result of partnering with groups across the state that now look to Preservation Maryland’s professional staff to support these critical funding programs.

In Ellicott City, we led a coalition of local citizens and organizations to push back against an ill-advised and rushed flood mitigation plan

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that would have decimated the historic district. The future of the historic community is far from certain, but new county leadership, emboldened by Preservation Maryland’s efforts, is committed to a thorough review and exploration of new ways to preserve its history and reduce future floodwaters.

Moving forward, our job is to sustain this accelerated pace of impact—and find new and sustainable ways to continue to grow. We are simply not content with keeping pace or holding our ground. In the year ahead, we will be launching a first-of-its-kind historic trades’ apprenticeship program, piloting a property redevelopment program—and we’ll continue to expand our newest campaign, Smart Growth Maryland. With your support, I am confident we will succeed and we will save even more of what makes Maryland great.

With pride in our past and faith in our future,

Nicholas A. Redding • Executive Director



PRESERVATION RISING

Phoenix Rising Event a Major Success for Preservation

Preservation Maryland introduced our newest class of Six-to-Fix projects at the must-attend preservation event of the year, *Phoenix Rising*.

ON OCTOBER 25, 2018, Preservation Maryland hosted over 300 supporters at *Phoenix Rising*, the annual fundraising benefit for the organization. The event broke all previous records and was officially the largest and most successful fundraising event in the organization’s 87-year history. The event was held at the Baltimore Museum of Industry and was kicked off with a presentation by Preservation Maryland Executive Director Nicholas Redding, who focused on the broad impacts of the organization over the previous year and the ambitious plans for the year ahead. In addition, Redding announced the organization’s newest class of Six-to-Fix projects. A full list of the projects selected can be found at sixtofix.org.

In addition to a record-breaking number of attendees, the event was also supported by dozens of new and returning corporate sponsors and a magnificent collection of silent auction items which was presented in part by Historic Hotels of America. In addition to announcing the newest class of Six-to-Fix projects, the organization also held its annual meeting—electing several new Board members and passing the torch of the leadership of the Board from Anthony Azola, who had served as Board president since 2016, to Thomas S. Spencer, Esq. Spencer, who has previously served on the executive committee of the Board, is a resident of Baltimore County where he resides in a lovingly restored historic home. The organization remains in stable and good hands.

With presentations and the annual meeting complete, attendees were treated to the sounds of The Dapper DJs who provided a vintage-inspired, vinyl soundtrack for the remainder of the event. A photobooth from Pixilated captured the fun.

In just four short years, *Phoenix Rising* has grown exponentially and has become the must-attend preservation event of the year. Preservation Maryland is already planning for the 2019 event—and working hard to find an even larger historic space to host the growing event. To learn more about the event, Six-to-Fix projects, or to see pictures from this year’s party, visit: presmd.org/phoenixrising.

(top, clockwise from left) Scott and Lori Martinet with Board Member Diane Caslow and Jeff Caslow; Sponsor Don Perry of TW Perry with Ousa Tran and France Ngo from M&T Bank; Jason Vaughn and Shauntee Daniels of the Baltimore National Heritage Area with Jackson Gilman-Forlini and Kelly King; Alex Sincevich of The Dapper DJs; Asylynn Wright with Nathan Dennies and Margaret Stella of AIA Baltimore.



By the Numbers 2018 IMPACT

It will be a hard year to beat for Preservation Maryland. We’re proud to share these numbers.

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Number of countywide coalitions led by Preservation Maryland’s newest campaign, Smart Growth Maryland

24

Every county in Maryland that Preservation Maryland staff visited in the past year

20,500

Downloads of PreserveCast, the weekly podcast of Preservation Maryland

49,400

Square feet of historic buildings impacted by Preservation Maryland grants

206,000

Page views so far this year on our website: presmd.org

\$300,000

Survey and Research State Grant Funding made possible thanks to Preservation Maryland’s legislative advocacy

\$3M

Increase in State Heritage Area funding advocated for by Preservation Maryland

\$67M

Increase in Program Open Space funding advocated for by Preservation Maryland



THE TOUR GROUP at the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center in Dorchester County, Maryland.



TOUR RECAP

Exploring Harriet Tubman's Eastern Shore

Maryland's Eastern Shore is an international heritage tourism destination to experience authentic African American history.

PRESERVATION MARYLAND hosted a day long bus tour led by seventh-generation native of Maryland's Eastern Shore Priscilla Timken of Chesapeake Tours & Promotions following the life of Harriett Tubman. The group Brodess Farm, Tubman's birthplace and visited Bucktown Village store, site of a head injury incurred by Tubman, who suffered from seizures for the rest of her life. Malone's Church, a Preservation Maryland Six-to-Fix project with ties to the Tubman family, welcomed the group who toured the historic church and cemetery. The Caroline County Historical Society showed the group the amazing transformation of the Webb Cabin, the home of a free black man in the mid-1800s. No tour of the Harriet Tubman Byway would be complete without a long visit to the new Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center operated by the Maryland Park Service.

TAKING A STAND

Progress Made on Preserving Endangered Historic Sites in Maryland

Preservation Maryland is partnering with national and local partners to advocate for two of *America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places*.

PHOTOS OF THE MOUNT VERNON and rendering of proposed compressor plant in Charles County are courtesy of George Washington's Mount Vernon. Bird's eye view ca. 1853 of Annapolis harbor, now known as City Dock, from the Library of Congress.

ON JUNE 26, 2018, the National Trust for Historic Preservation announced that the Annapolis National Historic Landmark District and the Maryland viewshed of George Washington's Mount Vernon had been added to the list of America's eleven Most Endangered Historic Places. The listing was a call to action for all Marylanders—and Preservation Maryland immediately swung into action to support the advocacy campaigns to save these historic places. Fortunately, since their listing this summer, there has been significant progress made at both sites—in part thanks to the efforts of Preservation Maryland and its dedicated grassroots advocates around the state.

At Mount Vernon, as a result of significant public pressure and preservation advocacy, earlier this fall Dominion Energy reversed their plans and announced a decision not to build a towering natural gas compressor in Charles County, Maryland just across the Potomac River from George Washington's Mount Vernon. While the immediate threat is over, Dominion Energy continues to operate their Marshall Hall site in Charles County and is exploring alternative locations

for expansion. Mount Vernon and its partners, including Preservation Maryland, remain committed to working with Dominion Energy to identify suitable alternative locations and working proactively to secure more conservation easements within the historic viewshed.

In Annapolis, the proposed rezoning of the waterfront to allow for large-scale development has not been entirely scuttled, but Preservation Maryland's joint advocacy on that issue has generated significant local opposition and brought the mayor back to the negotiating table. With the support of an emergency grant from the statewide Heritage Fund grant program, Historic Annapolis, Inc. was able to host an Urban Land Institute (ULI) Technical Assistance Panel in late October which provided strategic, multidisciplinary advice about land use and redevelopment alternatives. A final report from the ULI panel is expected soon and will be a powerful tool to reframe the conversation and provide an alternative vision for the future of Annapolis' scenic waterfront.

Together, both issues are a reminder of the power of partnership—between national, statewide and local organizations—and the ability of sustained advocacy to turn the tide against ill-advised plans which threaten our state's heritage. To learn more, visit presmd.org/mostendangered.

ELLCOTT CITY UPDATE

Hope Remains for the Future of Historic Ellicott City

In August 2018, Howard County officials announced a five-year, \$50 million plan that included demolition, to mitigate the impact of stormwater in Ellicott City.

IF ENACTED AS PROPOSED, the plan would have decimated the historic district with the demolition of nearly two dozen buildings on lower Main Street. Preservation Maryland responded immediately—and became the de facto leader of the opposition to the county's rushed and ill-advised plan.

Although Preservation Maryland supported some aspects of the plan, including the upstream stormwater retention and mitigation components, the organization emphatically opposed the demolition of historic structures which has never been proven to substantively reduce flood events. In fact, the county's demolition plan would still leave four to six feet of rushing floodwaters on Main Street during a major flood event.

In response to this unsafe and dangerous plan, the organization has been working hard to change the conversation and provide factual counterpoints to the county's plan. With the support of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Maryland engaged the national engineering firm of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger (SGH) to conduct an independent third-party review of the county's plan. In concluding their findings, SGH explained that, "...we believe that flood-mitigation strategies which address both life safety concerns and preservation of the historic character of Ellicott City have not been fully vetted by

public opinion on the demolition plan. Not surprisingly, the overwhelming majority of citizens in Howard County opposed the plan and 74 percent supported alternatives to demolition. The results of the poll created yet another stir in the community—and helped to further reframe the discussion.

Then, on Tuesday, November 6, voters in Howard County went to the polls—and elected an entirely new county council and a new county executive. As a non-partisan organization, Preservation Maryland watched from the sidelines as the flood plan became a major campaign issue. The results of this election give new hope to the preservation community in light of Howard County Executive-elect Calvin Ball's recent statement that his administration will "take time to evaluate all plans in progress for effectiveness and efficiency...and make a decision from there."

Unquestionably, this will be a difficult and complex task, but Preservation Maryland stands ready to assist Howard County and the new Ball Administration in this effort. Complex problems rarely are solved by simple solutions. Ellicott City deserves a thoughtful and sophisticated planning process—and we are hopeful that process will now begin anew.

Track what's happening in Ellicott City at: presmd.org/ellcottcity.

Howard County." This report and its findings became a major story and was covered extensively by media in the Baltimore region.

In addition to the engineering review, Preservation Maryland also engaged Mason-Dixon Polling & Strategy to conduct a poll of likely Howard County voters to determine



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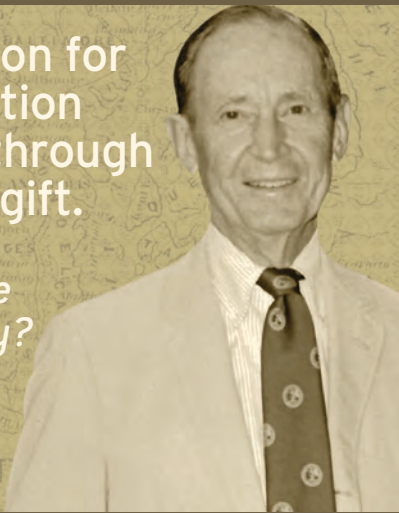
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WILLIAM D. WAXTER, III served on the Preservation Maryland Board of Directors for many years.

In addition to the invaluable time, expertise, and leadership he shared with the organization, he was also a generous financial contributor. Bill's legacy gift underwrites the training and teaching of the next generation of preservationists through the Waxter Memorial Internship program.

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SMART GROWTH MARYLAND

Smart Growth Maryland Engages in Debate Over Third Bay Bridge Crossing

IN FALL OF 2017, the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) initiated the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study to study the potential location for a third Bay Bridge crossing. The impact of such a massive project could have a profound impact on the historic landscape of the Eastern Shore and is an issue Smart Growth Maryland is dedicating significant effort toward.

In its comment letter on the issue, Smart Growth Maryland noted the narrow focus of the study and has called upon MDTA to consider a range of alternatives for easing congestion—not just construction of a new crossing. The short-term nature of the relief provided by infrastructure capacity projects is well documented. That, combined with the expense and time-frame for a construction project of this scale, warrants thoughtful consideration of other options.

Smart Growth Maryland also expressed concern with the development that will inevitably result from a new crossing. Kent Island, the location of the current crossings, is a powerful example of the considerable development pressure that a new crossing could create. In the coming months, the MDTA will identify the corridors it has selected for further study, with additional public meetings expected to be announced. Smart Growth Maryland will continue to track this study, provide updates as it progresses, and advocate for

smart solutions to Maryland's transportation challenges.



NEWCOMER HOUSE VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Keedysville, Washington County / Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

THE NEWCOMER HOUSE is a late 18th century house that now serves as an Exhibit and Visitor Center for the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area. Antietam National Battlefield will be undertaking a major restoration of their Battlefield Visitors Center, heightening the importance of the Newcomer House to serve as a resource for visitors to the Battlefield. An \$8,000 grant from the Heritage Fund will supplement additional support from Rural Maryland Council, Visit Hagerstown, Antietam National Battlefield, and the National Park Service among others to create a visitor experience and fabricate new exhibits.

WILLIAM BROWN HOUSE RESTORATION

Edgewater, Anne Arundel County / London Town Foundation

THE CIRCA 1760 WILLIAM BROWN HOUSE at Historic London Town and Gardens is an active preservation rehabilitation and restoration project. A grant of \$8,000 from the Heritage Fund will support the replacement of the West Door to the house which is deteriorating and has a poor seal. Historically, this door was a main entrance to the public house and may return to that purpose as London Town continues their Restore the Bar campaign. The larger restoration project has a budget of \$500,000 and is supported by Anne Arundel County, the State of Maryland, and individual donations.

DISCOVERING LGBTQ HISTORY IN MARYLAND

Statewide / Preservation Maryland

PRESERVATION MARYLAND is leading a statewide effort known as the Maryland LGBTQ History Collaborative to identify and document places of importance to LGBTQ Marylanders and their contributions to society. Preservation Maryland will work with the University of Maryland on an education initiative to obtain first-person histories and to host a free public lecture by LGBTQ history expert, Susan Ferentinos, Ph.D. Lastly, the grant will support an intern position at Preservation Maryland to gather, evaluate, and verify existing lists of LGBTQ sites throughout Maryland. The \$7,000 grant will be matched by Preservation Maryland.

PRESERVATION PLAN FOR WESTMINSTER BURYING GROUND

Baltimore City / Westminster Preservation Trust
WESTMINSTER BURYING GROUND is most famous as the final resting place of Edgar Allan Poe among others including Samuel Smith and Dr. James McHenry. Despite the renown of many of the 230-year-old burying ground's interments, no comprehensive plan for the care of the markers and the site's entrance has been performed. The Heritage Fund will support the Westminster Preservation Trust's efforts with a \$7,000 grant to perform the evaluation, which will serve as a guide for comprehensive restoration work of the \$16,350 project.

DIRECT FUNDING

Statewide Heritage Fund Grant Program Awards Over \$50,000

The Heritage Fund grant program is a cooperative effort of Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust. These newest Heritage Fund projects are as diverse as the state's treasure trove of historic resources.

STABILIZATION OF B&O RAILROAD STATION

Aberdeen, Harford County / Aberdeen Room Archives and Museum, Inc.

IN 1885 FRANK FURNESS designed this B&O Station and since then it has played an important role in the area's economic canning industry and helped moved troops and scientists to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds during the Korean War. The site is now in need of a new purpose. The first step is to stabilize the structure. A \$6,000 grant from the Heritage Fund will help support the stabilization work needed to protect the building from future deterioration. The total project cost is estimated at \$90,000 and the organization has additional funds to complete this phase including from a state bond bill.

HISTORIC ROOF REPLACEMENT

Thurmont, Frederick County / Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.

IN THE INDUSTRIAL VILLAGE OF CATOCTIN FURNACE, an 1820s workers cottage is being restored to become the Museum of the Ironworker. The finished museum will tell the story of the workers who worked on the iron forge at Catoctin Furnace from the 18th to early 20th centuries. The roof of the cottage suffered damage in a windstorm and further damage with the record rains this summer. The Heritage Fund will provide \$8,000 for replacing the hand-crimped standing seam roof. The full project cost is \$13,252 and is also supported with a grant from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

THE COLORED SCHOOL HISTORY

Havre de Grace, Harford County / Community Projects of Havre de Grace

THE HAVRE DE GRACE COLORED SCHOOL was the first public high school for African Americans in Harford County. Built in 1910 as an elementary school, the structure was expanded over time. The site was recently purchased by the Colored School Foundation to preserve the stories and history of the school. As part of this effort, Community Projects of Havre de Grace will collect the oral histories from former students. A grant from the Heritage Fund of \$3,000 will support the collection and transcription of oral histories. The affiliated organizations continue to raise funding for the total project budget.

PAINTING THE CONCORD POINT KEEPER'S HOUSE

Havre de Grace, Harford County / The Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse, Inc.

THE CIRCA 1827 CONCORD POINT LIGHT STATION was served by four generations of the family of John O'Neill, a local war hero from the War of 1812. After many changes over the 19th and 20th centuries, the Friends of the Concord Point Lighthouse restored the building to its 1884 appearance removing several modern additions. The Keeper's House is now in need of exterior and interior repairs including painting both to improve it aesthetically, but also to ensure its preservation. The Heritage Fund will support the interior painting with a grant of \$3,500 towards a total project budget of \$36,685. Additional funding was secured from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority, the Chesapeake Chapter of the U.S. Lighthouse Society, and private donations.



From top left: AIDS Action Baltimore banner at 1988 march courtesy of Chase Brexton Health Center.
Aberdeen Railroad Station, no date.
Havre de Grace Colored School graduating class of 1932 and May Day at the School, no date, courtesy of Community Projects of Havre de Grace.





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Upcoming Events

Save the date for these upcoming events and be sure to check out our statewide event calendar online: presmd.org/events.

JAN 2

MONTGOMERY HISTORY will host their annual history conference with sessions ranging from Maryland's suffrage movement to cemetery conservation. Register at: montgomeryhistory.org.

JAN 9

THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY will reconvene and Preservation Maryland will reopen its Annapolis office at AIA Maryland. Get involved at: presmd.org/advocacy.

FEB 16-18

THE SMALL MUSEUM ASSOCIATION will host their annual conference at The Hotel at the University of Maryland. Register at: smallmuseum.org.

MAR 15

DEADLINE FOR HERITAGE FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS to Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust. Submit an application at: presmd.org/hf.



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Phoenix Rising was our biggest event yet with nearly 300 guests filling the Baltimore Museum of Industry's waterfront location in Baltimore City. Each year, this capstone fundraising event showcases the strong connection that Marylanders have to our state's rich history and heritage—and supports our work across the state every day. Learn more about the projects that Phoenix Rising supports, at: sixtofix.org.