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FROM THE DESK OF NICHOLAS A. REDDING

“History is a guide to navigation in perilous times.”

DAVID McCULLOUGH

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WE ARE LIVING in complex and unusual times. For Marylanders, the impact of the recent government shutdown was undeniable. Preservationists around the country and here in Maryland felt the shutdown’s odd embrace. At Preservation Maryland, we worked with our partners at the National Historic Preservation Training Center, a furloughed unit of the National Park Service, to help identify temporary work opportunities for employees and apprentices. We also joined with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Parks Conservation Association, and many others to call on leaders in Washington to end the shutdown which had a disastrous impact on historic resources in National Parks across the nation.

Here in Maryland, we have continued to push forward as the General Assembly sprints through its fast-paced 90-day session. We have worked with preservation champions in both houses to introduce improvements to our state historic tax credit program including an \$11 million overall increase in funding. Additionally, the legislation proposes pilot programs to support rehabilitations of historic agricultural buildings and mid-century modern structures. We are also leading the charge for our state’s preservation grant programs and to make certain the Maryland heritage areas continue to receive full funding.

Our latest efforts are also breathing new life into our diverse Six-to-Fix projects and helping tell often overlooked stories. From a lecture series about the history of Maryland’s suffragists to our first-of-its-kind statewide research of LGBTQ history, the organization is making major strides and helping to preserve and interpret important history. Since the start of the New Year, we’ve also launched an effort with the State Highway Administration to identify and digitally mark 100 cemeteries – the first step in a multi-year effort to document Maryland’s historic cemeteries.

As we wade through these uncertain times – we are inspired by the prospects in our state capitol and our projects in the field – and we are reminded by the lessons of history to remain steadfast in our hope for the future. History is perhaps more important than ever and our work to preserve historic places remains as critical as ever. Our job as a statewide preservation group is to make the case for the value and relevance of our heritage and to remind legislators, advocates, and friends alike that our history is a powerful, positive, and necessary guide in these perilous times.

With pride in our past and faith in our future,

Nicholas A. Redding • Executive Director

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BATTLEFIELDS FOR BALLFIELDS?

Proposed Land Swap Concerns Preservationists

In late December 2018, it was revealed that Maryland Governor Larry Hogan had been quietly negotiating with former Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke on a proposed land swap.

THE PROPOSED TRADE would have given Oxon Cove National Park in Prince George’s County to the state in return for 2,500-acres at South Mountain State Battlefield that would be transferred to the federal government. The land at Oxon Cove would in turn be used as the location for a new stadium for the Washington football team, or some other development.

Putting aside the controversial use of Oxon Cove—a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places—the swap itself raised serious concerns over the precedent it would set by trading away state parks in a

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less-than-transparent process. State Senator Ron Young, who represents Frederick County, was quoted in the *Baltimore Sun* echoing that concern, “I don’t see why we would want to start giving up state parks,” Young said. “That’s a very popular park there. I just don’t see how it’s a good idea.”

Preservation Maryland Executive Director Nicholas Redding, who was interviewed by the *Washington Post* about the issue and provided reporters a tour of South Mountain, explained, “It’s not about it becoming a unit of the National Park Service or not—it’s about the idea that we would give away parks without public input; it’s about recognizing places like South

Mountain and Oxon Cove are being utilized and tell powerful stories.” With the support of a grant from the American Battlefield Protection Program, Preservation Maryland is in the final stages of authoring a report on the future of South Mountain and hopes to work in partnership with the Hogan Administration to discuss opportunities for the battlefield which would capitalize on its unique story without trading it away.

Engraving of The Battle of South Mountain, Library of Congress, 1864. South Mountain this winter by *The Washington Post*, 2019.

By the Numbers 2019 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Preservation Maryland is on track to have one of its busiest legislative sessions in recent history, with the organization championing several key bills and testifying on dozens of other important pieces of legislation.

- 18
- Hearings with Preservation Maryland’s expert testimony in support of pro-preservation legislation
- 29
- Legislative Bond Initiatives (Bond Bills) we’ve supported for funding historic sites and museums across the state
- 85
- Meetings held by citizen advocates on Maryland History Advocacy Day in Annapolis
- 90
- Number of days the Maryland General Assembly is in session

Staying engaged over the entire 90-day session requires dedication, partnerships, and significant financial resources. Preservation Maryland is dependent on donor contributions to keep us on the ground in Annapolis making the case for preservation. Please consider making a gift to our Advocacy Fund to help support that important work: presmd.org/support.



SAFE & SOUND PLAN RELEASED

New Ellicott City Plan

In December 2018, newly-elected Howard County Executive Calvin Ball announced his new “Safe and Sound” plan for Ellicott City.

UNQUESTIONABLY, efforts must be made to make the community safer during dangerous flood events. Although previous plans, including those released under the Kittleman Administration, partially addressed this concern, they failed to substantially address safety—still leaving four-to-six feet of floodwaters on lower Main Street during a major flood event. Previous plans also fell short on

addressing the long-term economic viability of the historic community and threatened prosperity by proposing demolition of the historic streetscape.

For these reasons, Preservation Maryland applauded County Executive Ball and his administration for this new plan and for the substantive steps it takes to address flooding by accelerating upstream mitigation and retention; reviewing existing studies and alternatives and investigating the structural integrity of historic buildings; providing seed funding for flood resiliency projects on privately owned structures; hiring a full-time main street economic development ombudsman, and establishing a community development corporation (CDC) to help lead a long-term public/private partnership to revitalize the community. The makeup of the

nearly 100 legislative meetings, Advocacy Day ended with the celebration of the Maryland Historical Trust’s Annual Maryland Preservation Awards.

Advocacy Day has passed, but our presence in Annapolis continues. Rather than just saving one building, aggressive and sustained advocacy gives us an opportunity to save thousands of resources. Each of our 2019 preservation and conservation-priority issues represents an opportunity to get involved with legislation that matters to you—and each issue urgently requires donor support to make our advocacy success. Get involved and support our Advocacy Fund at: presmd.org/advocacy.

SIX-TO-FIX SUCCESS

New Signage Offers History Tour of Baltimore’s Jones Falls Valley

Over two years, with grant funding from the Baltimore National Heritage Area, Preservation Maryland has completed research, design, and installation of eight new interpretative signs.

THE PROJECT was a Six-to-Fix priority of Preservation Maryland, for which the organization served as project manager. With maps, architectural renderings, historic photographs—and an anecdote or two—the signs relate the history of the area’s intact 19th- and 20th-century mills and nearby villages. Built first to harness the water power provided by the Jones Falls, the industry here fueled manufacturing in Baltimore, and had an indelible economic and social impact on the surrounding areas.

Residents, workers, and visitors today experience the neighborhood and its mills. In fact, Preservation Maryland’s offices are located in Meadow Mill. Installed in active, pedestrian-friendly areas, signs provide context for the neighborhood’s sustained redevelopment in the mill village’s historic development patterns.

Historian and writer Nathan Dennies of the Baltimore Architecture Foundation conducted robust historical research which, when drafted and integrated into a meticulously designed format created by designer Paula Bogert of PJ Bogert Design, tells stories big and small about the mills and the workers. Both writer and designer are area residents and founding members of Greater Hampden Heritage Alliance, which has developed a self-guided walking tour of the area’s historic sites and neighborhoods: baltimoreheritage.org/hampdenalliance.

Preservation Maryland teamed up with Civil War Trails for its proprietary printing and manufacturing expertise, and to ensure that each sign is sustainably fabricated and durable. Additional support for many of the signs came from the generosity of current property owners including Clipper Mill Property Owners Association,



Historic image of Meadow Mill. Preservation Maryland’s Nicholas Redding, Ely Cowan, Jana Carey and Meagan Baco, sign project manager, at a freshly installed sign.

Himmelrich Associates, Remington Properties, and Terra Nova Ventures.

The project offers visitors an opportunity to conduct self-guided tours of the Jones Falls Valley. More information and multi-media content is available online. Historical background for each site is hosted by Baltimore Heritage, Inc. on their Explore Baltimore geocoded online map and mobile app. With the signs and the digital tour together, this project serves as an example of inclusive and interactive interpretation for historic resources in Maryland’s neighborhoods.

TAKE THE TOUR: presmd.org/jonesfalls.

SPINNING. Mill workers processed cotton on large, noisy machines, here spinning and drawing out cotton fiber into twine.



FIND THE JONES FALLS SIGNS

Visit these mill sites and explore their history:


- Enoch Pratt Free Library Branch No. 7*
- Meadow Mill
- Mt. Washington Mill
- Mt. Vernon Mill No. 1
- Mt. Vernon Mill No. 3
- Park Mill and Woodberry Factory
- Poole & Hunt Foundry and Machine Works
- Whitehall Mill

* To be installed at a later date



LEWIS BUILDS MARYLAND

Walters Art Museum
1 West Mount Vernon Pl.
Baltimore, MD

A photograph of a gallery space. On the left is a large, ornate brick fireplace with a classical stone pediment and columns. The walls are a warm, light brown color. To the right of the fireplace is a dark wooden door. Further right is a doorway leading to another room, where a white pedestal is visible. On the far right is another dark wooden door with intricate carvings. The ceiling is high and features a dark wooden structure with gold leaf accents and numerous small, black track lights hanging from it. The floor is made of light-colored wood.

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2018 was an exceptional year
for preservation in Maryland.

As the state's oldest and largest non-profit preservation organization, we have seen dramatic changes over our 88-year history—but this past year was truly an extraordinary year for our movement.

We are pleased to share the enclosed report as a testament to the impact of each and every gift from our generous donors and supporters.

Together, we are
protecting the best
of Maryland.



OPEN TODAY: DONOR & IMPACT REPORT INSIDE

Join Us for Another Banner Year

2019 promises to be another exceptional year of advancement for the Maryland preservation movement. You're invited!

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x307 or dhorbit@presmd.org. More information is available at:
presmd.org/sponsorship.



SAVE THESE DATES

Major Preservation Maryland Events Announced

These events support and celebrate our work together, connecting thousands of Marylanders who love their state's history and heritage.




MAY 16

BEST OF MARYLAND AWARDS
Glen Echo Park, Montgomery County Join
us during Preservation Month as we host
under the vintage neon lights at **Glen Echo**
Maryland.org.




JUL 24

 **JUL 24** **OLD LINE STATE SUMMIT** Frederick
We'll convene Maryland's preservation
and conservation movement for our annual
statewide conference in downtown Frederick to discuss trending topics in our field.
Session and registration information: oldlinestate.org.



OCT 24

 **OCT 24** **PHOENIX RISING** Baltimore City Back by popular demand, we'll close out the year in October with our capstone Phoenix Rising fundraiser event at the **Baltimore Museum of Industry. *It is the must-attend preservation party of 2019.*** Save the date: presmd.org/phoenix.