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FROM THE DESK OF NICHOLAS A. REDDING

“And in the end
The love you take
Is equal to the love
you make”

JOHN LENNON, PAUL
MCCARTNEY, ABBEY ROAD

Fifty years ago, the Beatles released their final album, *Abbey Road*, which ended their comparatively short, but genre-changing run.

FIFTY YEARS LATER, the meaning of their final lyrics still ring true—the more you give; the more you get. It’s an axiom that plays out daily in each of our own lives and the work of organizations like Preservation Maryland.



In the past year, we’ve distributed nearly \$200,000 in grants to deserving projects across the state; more than ever before in our 88-year history. It’s a stunning achievement—and one that is building a stronger preservation movement—and helping communities save, protect, and restore places that matter to them. The more we give, the more we all get.

Our increased presence in Annapolis over the past five years has led to the formation of dozens of partnerships and greater recognition of the critical role preservation plays in enriching the lives of all Marylanders. From leading the Partners for Open Space to launching Smart Growth Maryland, we’ve built a much bigger tent for saving historic places. In 2020, we’ll formally launch one of our most exciting new partnerships—hosting a Women’s Suffrage anniversary event with the Maryland Legislative Women’s Caucus, the oldest women’s caucus in the nation. The more we partner, the more partners we create.

The Six-to-Fix program and its targeted preservation services are where the power of funding, partnerships, and lasting relationships show their value every year. From advocating for the funds that made the Baltimore Museum of Industry’s WWII-era crane restoration a reality to our new effort in Hagerstown where we’re focused on helping to invest and revitalize the historic African American Jonathan Street community—we’re tackling big and complex projects. The more we attempt, the more we achieve.

As I’ve said many times over—in speeches, letters, and columns—none of this would be possible without the continued generosity of our many supporters. Your donations make this work a reality and are fueling a preservation renaissance that should make every member of this organization very proud.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I am filled with hope and anticipation for the organization, and I know I can count on your support.

With pride in our past and faith in our future,

Nicholas A. Redding
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THE PHOENIX HAS RISEN

Phoenix Rising
Gala Celebrates
Preservation and
Smart Growth



THREE HUNDRED FRIENDS of Preservation Maryland gathered on October 24 at the Baltimore Museum of Industry for the second annual *Phoenix Rising* benefit celebrating our preservation and smart growth programs, and in support of the hard work ahead of us for the coming year.

FOLLOWING A STUNNING VIDEO PRESENTATION featuring our major victories in 2019, Executive Director Nicholas Redding introduced our newest class of Six-to-Fix projects. What started with a handful of priority projects in 2015 has now become a nationally recognized program with a portfolio of 30 projects that are creating best practices for community engagement and partnerships to make preservation a reality for threatened resources.

With this year’s Six-to-Fix projects, Preservation Maryland has, to date, impacted 30 dynamic projects and leveraged over \$2 million across our portfolio.

This year’s event also coincided with the one-year anniversary of our Smart Growth Maryland program. The program, led by director Kimberly Golden Brandt, leads several county-wide alliances and fosters a statewide advocacy approach to environmental and economically sustainable growth in Maryland.

Preservation Maryland is pleased to host Phoenix Rising and offer the opportunity for celebration and conversation among our donors, sponsors, partners,

and friends. We hope that the good discussions and connections made at the event spark and strengthen future preservation efforts.

Working together, preservation is a force for good across Maryland. Learn more about our Six-to-Fix projects at: sixtofix.org.

PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT: Exploring the BMI’s interactive exhibits; Reggie Turner and our Jonathan Street project partners at the photobooth; Anna Maas and John Liebertz; Dave Ditman with Rob Brennan and Lili Munduff of brennan+company architects pose with the recently-restored BMI crane; Preservation Maryland staff sharing the Six-to-Fix sign.



HARD WORK AHEAD

Six-to-Fix Projects Announced for 2020

As part of Preservation Maryland’s strategic efforts to save threatened historic places, the organization announced its newest class of Six-to-Fix projects at the recent Phoenix Rising event.



[1] Investing in the Historic Jonathan Street Community · HAGERSTOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY

HAGERTOWN’S HISTORIC African American commercial corridor along Jonathan Street has seen a long period of disinvestment and a flurry of recent demolitions. Preservation Maryland will work in partnership with local citizens to facilitate a community-driven planning effort to identify threatened historic resources that matter to the community. Additionally, Preservation Maryland will deploy new resources and develop new partnerships to help spark that reinvestment.

[2] Engaging the Public in Protecting Cemeteries ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND STATEWIDE

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY is home to an abundance of historic cemeteries including several burial grounds for enslaved African Americans, many of which are not documented and do not have a dedicated steward. Preservation Maryland will work with the County’s Cultural Resources Division, the community, and other partners to conduct workshops, develop maps, and tackle hard questions, while working towards a consensus about how best to capture and store data on cemeteries.

[3] Honoring Brunswick’s Railroad Legacy BRUNSWICK, FREDERICK COUNTY

THE CIRCA 1910 WB TOWER was built to control train traffic on the B+O through Brunswick but now its original location nearby the still active tracks makes safe access and interpretation a challenge. The City of

Brunswick plans to move the iconic tower to the heart of Railroad Square, a gathering site near a historic caboose and Brunswick Train Station. Preservation Maryland will work with the City to help coordinate the Tower’s relocation and to raise awareness of Brunswick’s railroad history.

[4] Continuing Orchard Street Church’s Community Service · BALTIMORE CITY

THE CIRCA 1882 ORCHARD STREET CHURCH has a long history of community engagement from hosting abolitionist meetings to its use today as home to the Greater Baltimore Urban League and the state chapter of the NAACP. The historic structure is in need of urgent repairs and system upgrades. Preservation Maryland will help the Greater Baltimore Urban League honor the historic structure while developing a long-term plan to upgrade its headquarters for their current important work.

[5] Mapping the Underground Railroad Across Maryland · STATEWIDE

SITES ALONG THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD were often selected because they were out-of-view. This necessity now presents a challenge in making sure the important stories of these places are told and preserved. Preservation Maryland will work with the Maryland Office of Tourism Development, the Maryland State Archives, and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, along with other academic and local partners to submit these sites to the National Park Service’s Network to Freedom program.

[6] Supporting Chesapeake Conservation and Culture EASTON, TALBOT COUNTY

WATERFOWL CHESAPEAKE, headquartered in the 1927 National Guard Armory, is a non-profit that works to protect waterfowl and their habitats in the Chesapeake region and hosts the Waterfowl Festival. Their historic building has started to show signs of its age. Preservation Maryland will work with the organization to address preservation issues, including repairing and reprogramming the lower floor to both ensure its stability and make it a space the organization and the community can utilize.

Learn more about all of our projects at: sixtofix.org.



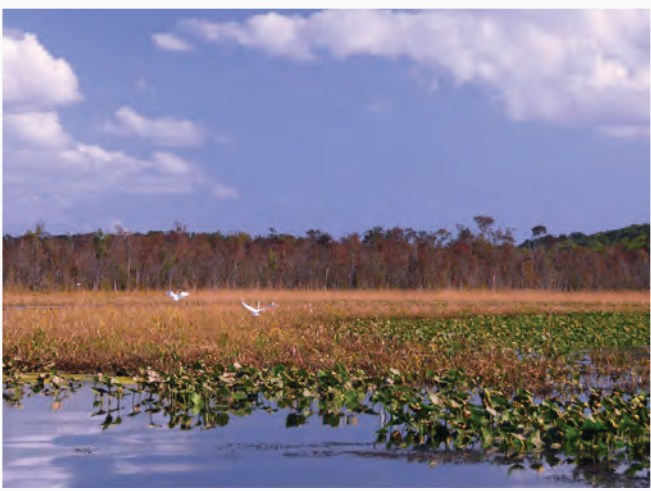
SOLAR FIELD DENIED

Smart Growth Victory in Charles County

In a major win for the environment and smart growth, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) denied controversial applications to construct two utility-scale solar developments proposed for hundreds of acres of forested land in western Charles County.

BOTH PROJECTS involved clear-cutting and extensive grading. MDE permits were required to allow for the disturbance of wetlands and high-quality streams on the properties that ultimately drain to the Chesapeake Bay. Ironically, one of these projects was initiated by Georgetown University to meet its sustainability goals. Beginning in fall of 2018, Smart Growth Maryland and its partners in the Smarter Growth Alliance for Charles County called upon Georgetown University to employ its considerable resources to advance their sustainability goals without destroying forests and wetlands and degrading streams. Those calls went unheeded, even once students, alumni, and members of the faculty became aware of the project and voiced their objections. Smart Growth Maryland remains supportive of renewable energy, but believes such projects should be

targeted to marginal lands and rooftops—not areas with significant cultural, natural, or agricultural value. In Charles County alone, there are 2,783 acres of extractive or barren land, including multiple former gravel mines, which could have been considered for the proposed projects. We support the state-level effort underway to provide clear guidance for siting solar and wind energy projects, especially now that Maryland’s renewable energy goal has been increased from 25% to 50% by 2030. A new task force created by Governor Larry Hogan has been charged with developing siting recommendations. Task force members include environmental officials and representatives of local government, the energy industry, and the Maryland Farm Bureau. Smart Growth Maryland will be following the efforts of the task force and continuing to advocate for conservation of Maryland’s forests, streams, and



Egrets in flight above Mattawoman Creek in Charles County. Photo by Dr. Jim Long.

prime farmland. There can and must be a balance when expanding the state’s renewable energy portfolio and the permit denials underscore the need for that balance. Learn more about smart growth at: smartgrowthmaryland.org.





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NEW GRANT PROGRAM

Inaugural Round of Baltimore City Preservation Fund Grants

In its first round, the grant program awarded \$70,000 in funding across nine deserving projects, selected out of a competitive field of nearly 40 applications.

PRESERVATION MARYLAND, in partnership with the Maryland Historical Trust, Baltimore Heritage, and the Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, are proud announce the first round of grant awards from the Baltimore City Historic Preservation Fund.

The goal of the Baltimore Preservation Fund, supported by the Baltimore Community Foundation, is to provide direct assistance for capital and non-capital activities that advance efforts to preserve historically significant properties in Baltimore City.

The projects represent a wide variety of building types and uses. In addition to looking at historic significance, reviewers also sought projects that are important to neighborhood identity and contribute to the revitalization of communities. Learn more about each project at: presmd.org/baltimoregrants.

HISTORIC THEATRE REUSE

CASA de Maryland received a grant of \$10,000 to renovate the ca. 1921 Belnord Theatre in the Eastern Monument National Register Historic District for use as an education and training facility.

EAST BALTIMORE HISTORIC DISTRICT

Jubilee Baltimore received a grant of \$8,000 towards the preparation of a National Register Historic District nomination for approximately 1800 properties in East Baltimore’s Midway neighborhood.

BUILDING REPAIR

The Society for the Preservation of Federal Hill and Fell’s Point will utilize a grant of \$10,000 to address the major repair and preservation needs of the rare remaining circa 1840s Caulker’s Houses.

STAINED GLASS RESTORATION

Leadenhall Baptist Church will utilize a grant of \$7,000 to restore historic stained glass windows throughout the building, many of which date to the original building of the church in 1873.

STOREFRONT REVITALIZATION

Le Mondo, Inc. is undertaking a major revitalization project along North Howard Street and will use a grant of \$5,000 towards the restoration of large storefront windows in two commercial buildings.

MUSEUM RESTORATION

The Peale Center for Baltimore History and Architecture will utilize a \$7,000 grant in support of restoration work of the main open space and new gallery space of the circa 1814 building.



Historic image of the Belnord Theatre; streetscape of East Baltimore’s Midway neighborhood; the Sellers Mansion in West Baltimore; The Peale Center in downtown Baltimore.



EMERGENCY STABILIZATION

The Southwest Partnership will immediately use a grant of \$10,000 to prevent the impending loss and further deterioration of the ca. 1843 Malachi Mills House.

PENN NORTH HISTORIC DISTRICT

Neighborhood Housing Services of Baltimore received a grant of \$8,000 towards a National Register nomination of the Penn North Neighborhood including important Jewish and African American history.

BUILDING REHABILITATION

St. James Terrace Apartments, Inc. received a grant of \$5,000 to address immediate needs of the historic Sellers Mansion in the Old West Baltimore Historic District while redevelopment plans proceed.



BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION

New Discoveries at South Mountain Battlefield

Preservation Maryland is actively supportive of several battlefield protection projects in Maryland and recently wrapped up a two-year planning process at South Mountain Battlefield.

THE BATTLE FOUGHT THERE, in September 1862 was the first major battle of the Civil War fought in Maryland and was a turning point in the campaign.

The new report commissioned by Preservation Maryland and completed by Hanbury Consulting Services will help guide future land protection efforts on the battlefield that spans Frederick and Washington Counties. Public engagement was a major component of this report and several community meetings were held that organically turned to discussing opportunities to attract and educate visitors to the three mountain gaps where the heaviest fighting occurred at South Mountain in the lead up to the Battle of Antietam that occurred just weeks after.

Nearly immediately as a result of the new report, the Maryland State Highway Administration’s Cultural Resources team, under the leadership of Dr. Julie Schablitsky, launched a large-scale archaeological investigation of the battlefield focusing on areas in the report that were deemed deserving of further study. This October, archaeological excavations explored both the civilian experience in the region prior to the war as well as an in-depth look at how the battle unfolded at Crampton and Fox Gaps. The full findings of the archaeological study are expected to be released in 2020 and will assist in further guiding future preservation efforts.

Download the planning report at: presmd.org/southmountainreport.

During recent archaeological work, Civil War-aged artifacts were found including this Rooster insignia, possibly from the 7th Ohio Infantry; Landscape of South Mountain Battlefield.





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\$2 MIL	DOLLARS OF LEVERAGED public and private investment made across all of our Six-to-Fix projects
\$200K	FUNDS AWARDED from our expanded grantmaking programs across the state, and targeted in Baltimore City and Ellicott City
197,307	HITS ON OUR WEBSITE so far this year, one of our most important tools for education and outreach about Maryland history and heritage
277	SITES IMPORTANT to LGBTQ history in Maryland added to the National Park Service's LGBTQ America map
240	ACRES OF CHARLES COUNTY forested land saved from a solar farm by advocacy from Smart Growth Maryland
111	EPISODES RELEASED of PreserveCast, our award-winning podcast on preservation and technology
100	NUMBER OF HISTORIC CEMETERIES documented and mapped in partnership with the State Highway Administration
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PHOENIX RISING BENEFIT

AN HISTORIC NIGHT

Over 300 guests joined us for our second annual Phoenix Rising event at the Baltimore Museum of Industry! It was an historic evening in support of Preservation Maryland's major programs like Six-to-Fix, Smart Growth Maryland, and the new Campaign for Historic Trades. Check out even more photos: presmd.org/phoenixrising.

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