

Historic preservation impacts the lives of real people today and well into the future. The Preservation Maryland team accomplishes this in a variety of ways, from hands-on work out in the field, to unique partnerships that further our mission, to program management and professional expertise that connects communities to the resources needed to preserve their historic assets. Inside we are highlighting some of our recent projects and the significant effect our preservation efforts have on people, places, and communities.

CREATING LASTING CHANGE



TOLSON'S CHAPEL

TTAP Recruitment: Building a Stronger and Better-Trained Historic Trades Workforce

Preservation Maryland's national workforce development initiative The Campaign for Historic Trades works to identify and resolve systemic barriers to historic trades careers. The Campaign is getting more trainees out in the field by recruiting for the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Training Center Traditional Trades Advancement Program (TTAP), which places young adults and recent veterans in national parks across the country. Emma Lucier-Keller is a University of Maryland Master's student in historic preservation and was looking for an opportunity to get valuable experience working alongside National Park Service staff on historic sites. While gaining paid, hands-on training, Emma and fellow TTAP trainees also receive support in continuing a career in preservation.



"Coming from a purely academic background, I've got the theoretic side of historic preservation, but I've never really got the hands-on experience that I've been able to get through this program. You don't have to have a lot of experience. It's about introducing people and getting people who are enthusiastic about preservation involved in this career field."

- Emma Lucier-Keller, TTAP Trainee at Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine

Grantmaking Helps Preserve Historic Battlefield Structures and Promote Heritage Tourism

The Hamilton Willard Shafer Farm in western Frederick County served as Union headquarters during the Civil War Battle of South Mountain in 1862. The farmhouse, barn, and outbuildings were vacant for nearly 20 years and suffered as a result of deferred maintenance. With funding through Preservation Maryland, the barn on the property was restored while the circa 1820s farmhouse is undergoing a major revitalization effort that will transform the property into a heritage tourism anchor. In a separate but related project, Preservation Maryland recently unveiled new South Mountain branding that will unite all future signage on the sprawling battlefield landscape, unifying efforts to promote the diverse experiences during the Battle of South Mountain so all Marylanders can experience this important piece of history.

"Preservation Maryland's award of a grant from the Heritage Fund had a substantial impact to the preservation of the Shafer Barn on this historic property. Recognition by a respected statewide preservation organization gives credence and credibility to the Shafer Farm preservation project well beyond the contribution of dollars. The dollars granted to the Burkittsville Preservation Association (BPA) were allocated for the restoration of the interior of the barn and painting the exterior. The effect on the community is a visible representation of the effort to preserve this historic property. The effort draws in the community to the value of preserving a very familiar physical part of the community and its history."

- Paul Gilligan, Burkittsville Preservation Association

Cemetery Preservation Workshops: Empowering the Next Generation of Historic Preservationists

Our no-cost, entry-level Cemetery Preservation Workshops, made possible by a grant from the Rural Maryland Council, take us across the state to train the next generation of preservationists. Cemeteries tell important stories about people, families, communities, and our history. Our workshops educate participants on cemetery preservation and Maryland history so they can help steward these historic sites within their own communities.



"The Friends of Tolson's Chapel really enjoyed and appreciated our experience partnering with Preservation Maryland during our Cemetery Preservation Workshop. It gave our members and larger community the opportunity to learn first-hand preservation techniques for our headstones. Overall this event helped our community members understand the impact on historic preservation they could have as individuals."

- Bridgett Jones Smith
President, Historic Tolson's Chapel and School

