



REVITALIZING

RURAL MARYLAND

A Resource Guide for Communities



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INTRODUCTIONS

Revitalizing communities is complex and challenging work. For rural communities, the work often comes with even greater obstacles and hurdles to overcome. The creation of this rural resource guide is Preservation Maryland's latest effort to support this critical work.

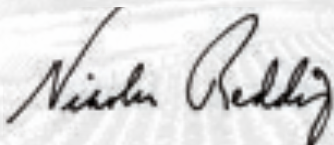
The organization's longstanding work in rural regions of the state was the inspiration for compiling this guide. Having seen projects and efforts stall due to a lack of resources or awareness of available support, the goal of this guide is to connect communities to the tools and resources they need to succeed and to identify useful case studies from which communities can draw inspiration and assistance.

This guide's creation was made possible thanks to the generous financial support of the Rural Maryland Council. The Rural Maryland Council brings together citizens, community-based organizations, federal, state, county and municipal government officials as well as representatives of the for-profit and nonprofit sectors to collectively address the needs of Rural Maryland communities. Although many may think of Maryland as an urbanized state, 75% of its counties are considered by the state to be rural and struggle with the challenges of revitalization and redevelopment encountered in more traditionally rural states and regions.

As a statewide preservation organization representing a state with over 75% of its jurisdictions working to redevelop, revitalize, and renew in a rural climate we are pleased to have had the opportunity to compile and curate this guide. Growing smart and saving our irreplaceable historic resources will only succeed if communities have the tools and resources they need. It is our hope that this guide fills a portion of that resource gap – and gives rural Maryland an even greater opportunity to succeed.

Any static guide is only as good as the information available at the time it was produced and while every effort was made to include as many resources as possible, no single guide can claim to be completely exhaustive. While we have attempted to include as much relevant information as possible, readers should visit preservationmaryland.org to stay up to date on the latest revitalization resources and information to help with projects in their communities. The organization's weekly podcast, PreserveCast, also often features case studies from rural communities that are working to preserve, interpret, and promote their historic resources and is a must-download for anyone working on these issues.

Together, we can revitalize rural Maryland!



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President & CEO, Preservation Maryland

Rural Maryland

Scenic view of Maryland's enduring rural historic, natural, and cultural landscape.



The Rural Maryland Council (RMC) brings people together to solve the challenges in rural communities. We provide a venue for members of agriculture and natural resource-based industries, health care facilities, educational institutions, economic and community development organizations, for-profit and nonprofit corporations, and government agencies to cross traditional boundaries, share information, and address in a more holistic way the special needs and opportunities in rural Maryland. We administer two grant programs, the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund and the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund, and also advocate and advise policymakers and elected officials on topical issues of concern.

Our goals are to:

- Encourage healthy, connected communities throughout Rural Maryland through convening of stakeholders, education, public relations, and advocacy.
- Support the development and growth of vibrant economies in Rural Maryland.
- Foster stewardship of Maryland's natural resources.

RMC's vision is a future where all of Rural Maryland is prosperous with thriving resources, vibrant economies, and healthy, connected communities.

An important aspect of our work is to identify and leverage additional resources as well as incentivizing the creation and absorption of capital and wealth into rural communities. We encourage working collaboratively and in partnership with the public and private sectors. We believe the foundation of healthy communities is to provide economic opportunities for advancement through education attainment and skill development, address poverty at the core and to build strong economic systems. Together is better.

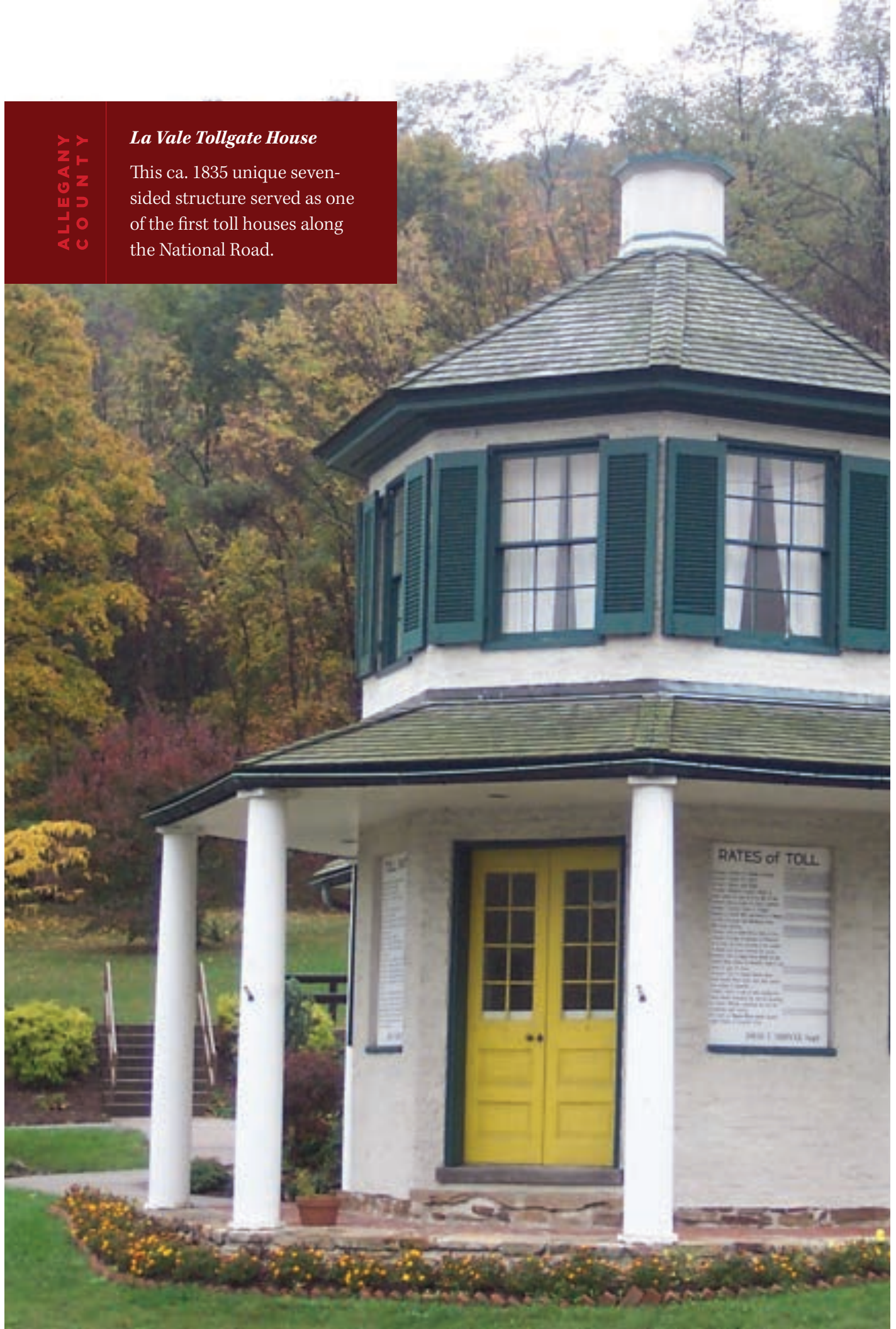
Thank you for your interest in preserving and improving our communities! We hope you find the information containing pertinent and helpful. Please reach out to me at charlotte.davis@maryland.gov if we can ever be of assistance to you.

Charlotte Davis

Executive Director, Rural Maryland Council

La Vale Tollgate House

This ca. 1835 unique seven-sided structure served as one of the first toll houses along the National Road.



HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE GUIDE

This resource guide is divided into specific categories of support:

- grants and loans
- county-specific resources
- tax credits
- case studies
- technical assistance

Often, before beginning a project a thorough review of all potentially useful resources is a good first step. This guide is designed to assist with that step and to provide an at-a-glance level of information on the key programs that support redevelopment and revitalization in rural Maryland. Depending on your project, the next step may involve digging deeper on the specific program's website or by connecting with someone in your community who may have more information. The case studies show how it can all come together in the form of a project – and while not every aspect of the case studies may apply to your effort they tend to underscore the diverse funding streams that make it happen and the tenacity that anyone must have to pull off this work in rural communities.

More case studies and information is available online at our website: preservationmaryland.org.

We also moderate the Maryland Preservation Forum, an interactive Facebook group which can be found at: www.facebook.com/groups/marylandforum.

Be sure to keep in touch and let Preservation Maryland know if you encounter any challenges along the way – we are always willing to help connect projects to available resources. Also, be sure to let us know of your victories; your project could end up being a case study in the next guide or on our website's blog: preservationmaryland.org/news.

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FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Grants & Loans

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) awards grants to projects that address one or more of the five goals identified by ARC in its 2016–2020 strategic plan and that can demonstrate measurable results. Typically, ARC project grants are awarded to state and local agencies and governmental entities such as economic development authorities, local governing boards such as county councils, and nonprofit organizations such as schools and organizations that build low-cost housing.

Potential applicants should contact their state ARC program manager to request a pre-application package. The local development district serving the county in which the project is located may provide guidance on a project's eligibility for funding and assistance in preparing a grant application.

A small number of grants are awarded through Requests for Proposals (RFPs), sometimes as grant competitions. These grant RFPs are posted on the ARC website as they are issued.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.arc.gov/funding/ARCGrantsandContracts.asp

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants

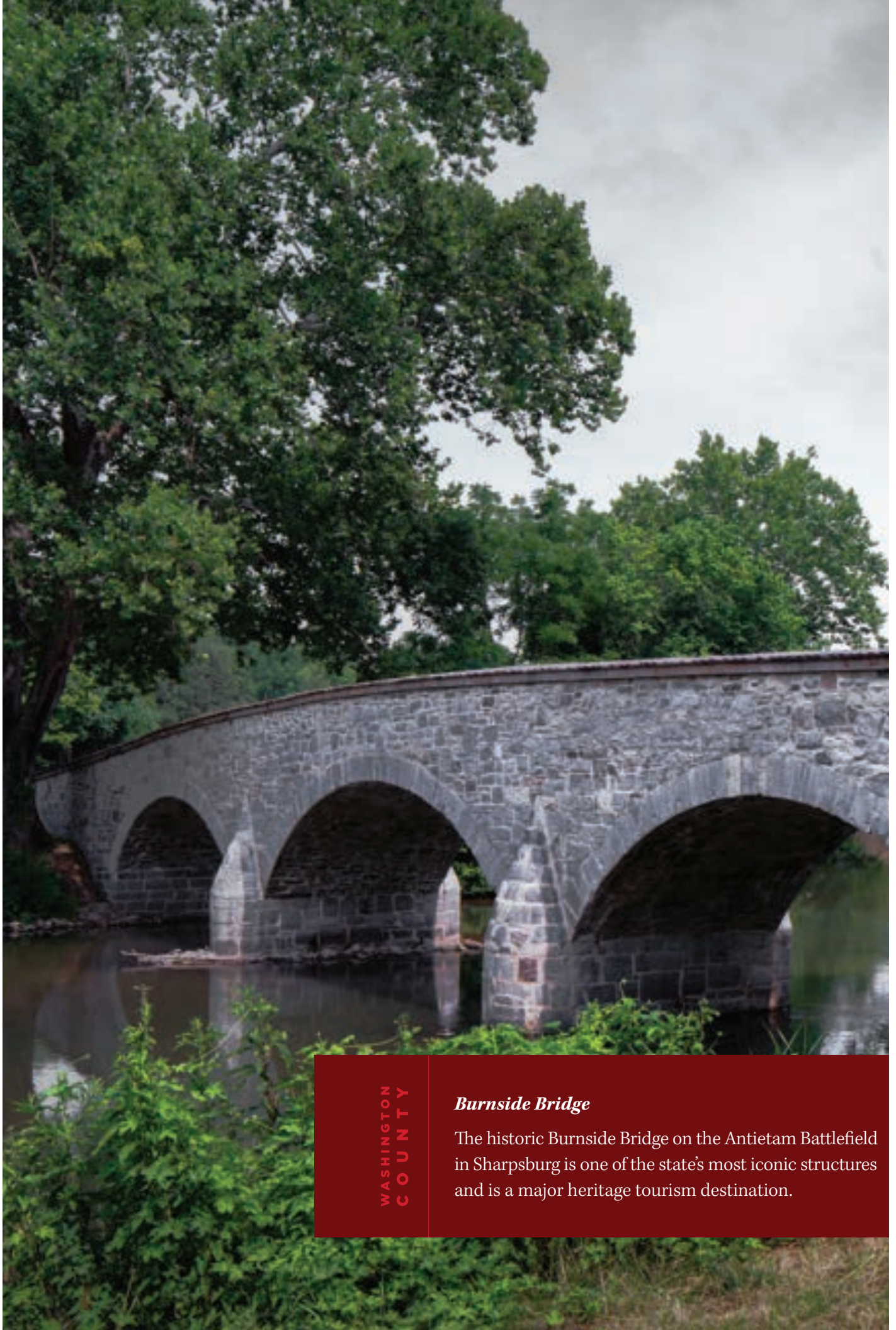
To assist in the redevelopment of brownfields—abandoned, idled or under-used property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by contamination—the Environmental Protection Agency can provide grants to assist in the assessment and clean-up of such sites, including capitalizing of revolving loan funds for clean-up. Historic industrial sites may be brownfields.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.epa.gov/brownfields

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL & RESOURCE-BASED INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MARBIDCO)

The Maryland Agricultural & Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) is a quasi-public agri-business and financial intermediary development organization that bring together resources from the federal state and local government, as well as the private sector, to assist Maryland's farming, forestry and seafood businesses with an eye towards enhancing the profitability and sustainability of these important rural industry sectors.



WASHINGTON
COUNTY

Burnside Bridge

The historic Burnside Bridge on the Antietam Battlefield in Sharpsburg is one of the state's most iconic structures and is a major heritage tourism destination.

Maryland Resource-Based Industry Financing Fund Loan (MRBIFF)

The MRBIFF program makes available low-interest loans to qualified applicants for the purchase of land and capital equipment. Commercial lender participation is required. MARBIDCO may provide up to a maximum of 40% of any financing needed for a project under the condition that a commercial lender (and/or a public instrumentality) has at least an equal financial commitment in the project.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.marbidco.org/_pages/programs_loans/loan_programs_mrbiff.htm

Maryland Vineyard Planting Loan Fund (MVPLF)

The Maryland Vineyard Planting Loan Fund has been established by the Maryland Agricultural & Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation to help meet the unique financing needs of Maryland's rural landowners wanting to plant vineyards and develop wineries. This program makes available low-interest loans of at least \$10,000 to qualified applicants. The requested loan relates to the installation of new vineyards, including, but not limited to, the prepping of land for vineyard installation, purchase of vines, vineyard equipment and supplies. This program is supported by the Maryland Wineries Association and the Maryland Grape Growers Association.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.marbidco.org/_pages/programs_loans/loan_programs_mvplf.htm

Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program

Through the Next Gen Program, MARBIDCO will pay up to 51% of the Fair Market Value of the farmland up to \$500,000 with these funds being provided as a down-

CARROLL
COUNTY

Franz Farm

Franz Farm is part of a collection of railroad and agricultural structures in the Linwood National Register Historic District.



payment at a real estate settlement, and with MARBIDCO taking an option on a farmland preservation easement purchase. After the land purchase, the applicant will have several years to sell a permanent conservation easement on the farmland to a rural land conservation program, thus extinguishing the development rights on the property forever. The funding from selling the easement shall then be used to repay MARBIDCO for the down payment assistance plus a 3% fee to help the program continue in the future. If the applicant cannot sell the permanent easement within the specified timeframe, the option will be exercised for no additional money to grant the easement to the default easement holder, either the county agricultural land preservation program, or a private rural land trust MARBIDCO selects at the end of the option period.

An interested applicant should start by consulting their respective county agricultural land preservation staff to discuss the subject farm property and its potential for a future permanent conservation easement. The applicant will also need a contract of sale for the subject farm property with at least a 6 month term to allow for the process to be approved, a provision for the return of the down payment to the applicant in the event the Next Gen Program funding is not approved, and a farm business plan.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

https://www.marbidco.org/_pages/programs_land_preservation/rural_land_preservation_programs_nextgen_ngfap.htm

Rural Business Energy Efficiency Improvement Loan Fund (RBEEIL)

This Loan Fund offers low-interest micro loans for energy efficiency projects undertaken by food or fiber producers or processors implementing the recommendations of a third-party energy auditor. The minimum loan amount is \$2,500 and the maximum loan amount is \$30,000. Loan advances may not exceed the cost of actually making the improvements minus any grant incentive funding received for a project. A credit score of at least 650 is required with no bankruptcies filed within the last seven years. Loans made under this program are unsecured and only the personal guarantees of the borrowers and/or businesses would be required. Loans will be fully amortized with terms not exceeding the anticipated savings payback period with at least 1 to 1 ratio on the annual energy savings payback. A letter of referral from a commercial lender is required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.marbidco.org/_pages/programs_loans/loan_programs_rbeeil.htm

Rural Business Equipment and Working Capital Loan Fund (RBEWC)

The RBEWC Loan Fund offers moderate-cost loans to agriculture and resourced-based industry firms and producers for working capital and equipment purchases.

For this program, MARBIDCO will work jointly with another participating public-sector lender agency to fund a food or fiber production or processing project that involves one or more Maryland resource-based businesses.

Minimum / Maximum Loan Amounts: \$15,000 / \$100,000

Loan Terms: Equipment: 3 to 8 years. Term Operating Loan (up to six months interest only): 1 to 2 years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.marbidco.org/_pages/programs_loans/loan_programs_rbewc.htm

MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION (MALPF)

If you are the owner of eligible farmland and/or woodland, MALPF can help you by purchasing an agricultural preservation easement on your property. This can help ensure that your property remains agricultural in perpetuity. The amount that MALPF will pay for your easement is your asking price or the difference between the appraised fair market value of the land and its agricultural value, whichever is less. Depending on where you live in Maryland, the value of your property, and your asking price, the Foundation has in recent years paid from \$800 to more than \$10,000 per acre for agricultural preservation easements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

mda.maryland.gov/malpf/Pages/default.aspx

**WICOMINCO
COUNTY**

Pemberton Hall

This barn is associated with the historic property of Pemberton Hall dating to the mid-1700s and now operated as a museum and park.



MARYLAND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (MD-PACE) PROGRAM

MD-PACE is a statewide program available for property owners, capital providers, contractors, and local governments in the State of Maryland. This program allows counties in Maryland to join a statewide, standard commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program at no cost. A major benefit to having a statewide administrator is that it allows participants in the C-PACE market to adhere to a standardized set of rules across county lines and enables scale.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.mdcleanenergy.org/finance/md-pace/

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Maryland Department of Commerce is the state's primary economic development agency. The Department works to stimulate private investment and create jobs by attracting new businesses, encouraging the expansion and retention of existing companies, and providing workforce training and financial assistance to Maryland companies. The agency also promotes the state's many economic advantages and markets local products and services at home and abroad to spur economic development and international investment, trade and tourism.

ExportMD Program

The ExportMD Program helps to offset some of the costs of international marketing by small and mid-sized companies in Maryland. Maryland companies that receive an ExportMD award are eligible for up to \$5,000 in reimbursement for expenses associated with an international marketing project. The program is funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Eligible expenses are any expenses related to an international marketing initiative including trade show fees, airfare, translation of brochures and website development. Companies that do not qualify for the ExportMD program may still receive other forms of assistance through the Maryland Office of International Investment and Trade.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

commerce.maryland.gov/fund/programs-for-businesses/exportmd-program

Maryland Economic Adjustment Fund (MEAF)

MEAF assists small businesses with upgrading manufacturing operations, developing commercial applications for technology or entering into and competing in new economic markets. Eligible businesses include manufacturers, wholesalers,

service companies, and skilled trades. Funds can be used for working capital machinery and equipment, building renovations, real estate acquisitions and site improvements. Funding assistance through MEAF is available to small businesses across the state.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

commerce.maryland.gov/fund/programs-for-businesses/meaf

Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund (MEDAAF)

A flexible and broad-based program, MEDAAF funds grants, loans and investments to support economic development initiatives. Uses include business attraction and retention, infrastructure support, brownfield redevelopment, arts and entertainment districts, daycare, revolving loan funds and local strategic planning. Projects must be within Priority Funding Areas and eligible industry sectors. Awards are made on a competitive basis.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

commerce.maryland.gov/fund/programs-for-businesses/medaaf

Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program and Fund - Nonprofit, Interest-Free, Micro Bridge Loan Account (NIMBL)

This interest-free, micro bridge loan program and fund supports the operations of nonprofit entities. The program is administered by the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center and the Maryland Department of Commerce. The program provides short-term financing support to qualifying nonprofit entities between the award date of a government contract and the actual receipt date of those awarded funds.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

[commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-nonprofit-development-center-program-fund-nonprofit-interest-free-micro-bridge-loan-account-\(nimbl\)](http://commerce.maryland.gov/fund/maryland-nonprofit-development-center-program-fund-nonprofit-interest-free-micro-bridge-loan-account-(nimbl))

State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)

SSBCI is a component of the federal Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 that created \$1.5 billion in direct funding of state credit enhancement programs. Within the act, Maryland is allocated a total of \$23 million available in three installments subject to performance. These funds must target an average borrower size of 500 employees or less and loans averaging \$5 million.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Business/Pages/SSBCI.aspx

MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION - BUSINESS

Commercial Community Solar

Maryland Commercial Community Solar allows Maryland businesses to purchase subscriptions for energy from community solar arrays, gaining similar economic advantages as having solar modules directly on the roof of their business. The program provides a monetary incentive for Maryland business who wish to purchase the energy benefits of the array.

For most Maryland businesses, the incentive matches the incentive provided to commercial entities under the Commercial Clean Energy Grant Program. Subscriptions must be to a community solar array within the subscriber's electric utility service area.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/residential/Pages/Community-Solar.aspx

Commercial and Industrial Grant Program

The CI&A Grant Program is open to Maryland businesses, industries, farms, and other agricultural entities who are in the planning stages of energy efficient projects. Grant assistance is available in two areas: Commercial and Industrial sectors and Agricultural entities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/business/Pages/incentives/empowermdcigp.aspx

Data Center Energy Efficiency Grant Program

The Maryland Energy Administration is seeking innovative energy efficiency solutions to reduce electrical usage in data centers and improve overall Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) in existing data centers. The competitive program is open to any commercial, state/local government, or nonprofit data center located or being constructed within the State of Maryland with an overall data floor facility size of at least 2,000 square feet. For the purposes of this Program, a data center is defined as a facility used to house only computers, server and networking systems, IT components, and supporting infrastructure.

Grant awards are expected to range from \$20,000 to \$200,000 per eligible project, subject to funding availability. Grants are designed to cover up to 50% of the net customer cost (up to \$200,000), after other incentives and grants have been applied, for innovative and cost-effective energy efficiency solutions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/business/Pages/incentives/DCEEG.aspx

Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program

The Maryland Energy Administration (“MEA”) offers the Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program to Maryland Nonprofit Organizations, Local Governments, Maryland Businesses, and State Agencies for the implementation of cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation improvements for existing or to-be-constructed facilities.

- 1% Interest Rate for all commercial, nonprofit, or non-public facilities in the State of Maryland
- 0% Interest Rate for all Maryland State and local governments and their instrumentalities

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/Govt/pages/janeelawton.aspx

Kathleen A. P. Mathias Agriculture Energy Efficiency Program

Subject to funding availability, this program will provide grants on a competitive basis to farms or businesses in the agriculture sector to cover up to 50% of the cost of eligible energy efficiency upgrades, if applicable, after all other incentives have been applied.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/business/Pages/incentives/MathiasAg.aspx

MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION - RESIDENTIAL

The mission of the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) is to promote affordable, reliable and cleaner energy for the benefit of all Marylanders. To achieve its mission, MEA advises the Governor, General Assembly on matters relating to energy policy. MEA administers grant and loan programs to encourage clean energy technologies in all sectors of Maryland’s economy: residential, commercial, agricultural, and transportation.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL MEA RESIDENTIAL GRANTS AND LOANS, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/residential/Pages/default.aspx

Clean Burning Wood and Pellet Stove Grant Program

To help Maryland homeowners invest in clean energy, the Maryland Energy Administration provides grants for clean burning wood and pellet stoves that displace electric, non-natural gas fossil fuel heating systems or old woodstoves at incentive levels outlined in the chart below.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/residential/Pages/incentives/woodstoves.aspx

Maryland Home Energy Loan Program (MHELP)

The Maryland Energy Administration and the Maryland Clean Energy Center (MCEC) are partnering to provide loans of up to \$20,000 at a 9.99% interest rate to Maryland property owners interested in improving the energy efficiency of their homes. The Maryland Home Energy Loan Program is designed to complement existing utility rebates to help homeowners overcome the up-front cost barriers associated with whole-house energy efficiency upgrades.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/residential/Pages/incentives/mhelp.aspx

Residential Community Solar

Maryland Residential Community Solar program allows Maryland residents to purchase subscriptions for energy from community solar arrays, gaining the same economic advantages as having solar modules directly on their residence. In support of this program, the Maryland Energy Administration developed the Residential Community Solar Grant Program. The program provides a monetary incentive for Maryland residents who wish to purchase the energy benefits of the array. For most Maryland residents, the incentive matches the incentive provided to homeowners under the Residential Clean Energy Grant Program. Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) residents who subscribe to a community solar array under an ownership model are incentivized at a higher rate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/residential/Pages/Community-Solar.aspx

CALVERT
COUNTY

Mackall Road Barn

Tobacco barns, like this one in Calvert County, are part of the historic and cultural landscape of rural Maryland.



MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION - STATE/LOCAL

Combined Heat and Power Grant Program

The Maryland Energy Administration's Combined Heat and Power Grant Program will provide grants to encourage the implementation of CHP technologies in eligible commercial, industrial, institutional, and critical infrastructure facilities including healthcare, wastewater treatment, and essential state and local government facilities, and to encourage the implementation of CHP technologies that leverage biogas/biomass as a fuel source.

Individual grants range in size from up to \$425/kW to up to \$575/kW, based on the size of the CHP system, with a maximum per project cap of \$500,000, subject to funding availability.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/business/Pages/MEACHP.aspx

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DHCD)

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) works with partners to finance housing opportunities and revitalize great places for Maryland citizens to live, work and prosper. DHCD has programs for homeowners and renters, businesses and business owners, communities, and investors.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL DHCD PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx

Community Development Block Grant Program

Community Development Block Grant Program funds help strengthen Maryland's communities by expanding affordable housing opportunities, creating jobs, stabilizing neighborhoods and improving overall quality of life.

Units of general local government in non-entitlement counties with a population of less than 200,000 and non-entitlement cities and towns of less than 50,000 population are eligible to apply. Multiple jurisdictions may jointly apply for funds. Other entities, public or private, may be a sub-recipient of the eligible local government.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/programs/CDBG.aspx

Office of Statewide Broadband

The Office of Statewide Broadband (OSB) works to ensure that every Marylander has access to broadband, regardless of their zip code. OSB offers direct funding and technical assistance to help entities applying for federal funding opportunities.

The main programs include the Broadband Network Infrastructure Grant Program, Expansion of Existing Broadband Networks Grant Program, and the Maryland Emergency Broadband Benefit Program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Broadband/Pages/default.aspx

dhcd.maryland.gov/Broadband/Documents/Maryland-EBB-Presentation.pdf

The Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund

The Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund provides competitive grants and loans to anchor institutions for community development projects in blighted areas of the state. Applications are evaluated based on need, community conditions, project/program scope, proposed timeline, budget, and organizational capacity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/StateRevitalizationPrograms/seed.aspx

Operating Assistance Grants

The Department of Housing Community Development has consolidated two operating assistance programs: Technical Assistance Grant and Main Street Improvement Program into one Operating Assistance Grant application to request funding.

Operating Assistance Grants offer funding to support operating and technical assistance costs associated with local housing and community and economic revitalization projects and/or initiatives that are located in or serve designated Sustainable Community areas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/tag/default.aspx

Community Legacy

The Community Legacy program provides local governments and community development organizations with funding for essential projects aimed at strengthening communities through activities such as business retention and attraction, encouraging homeownership and commercial revitalization.

Project should capitalize on the strengths of a community while addressing its challenges to revitalization and should help to achieve a local government's Sustainable Communities Action Plan. Many Sustainable Communities have demonstrated a need for reinvestment and Community Legacy projects should therefore aim to stabilize a community, reverse social, economic or physical decline or encourage sustainable growth.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/programs/CL.aspx

The Strategic Demolition Fund

The Strategic Demolition Fund seeks to catalyze activities that accelerate economic development and job production in existing Maryland communities. The Fund aims to improve the economic viability of “grey field development,” which often faces more barriers than sprawling “green field development.” Since funds are limited, awards will focus on those projects that can have a high economic and revitalization impact in their existing communities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

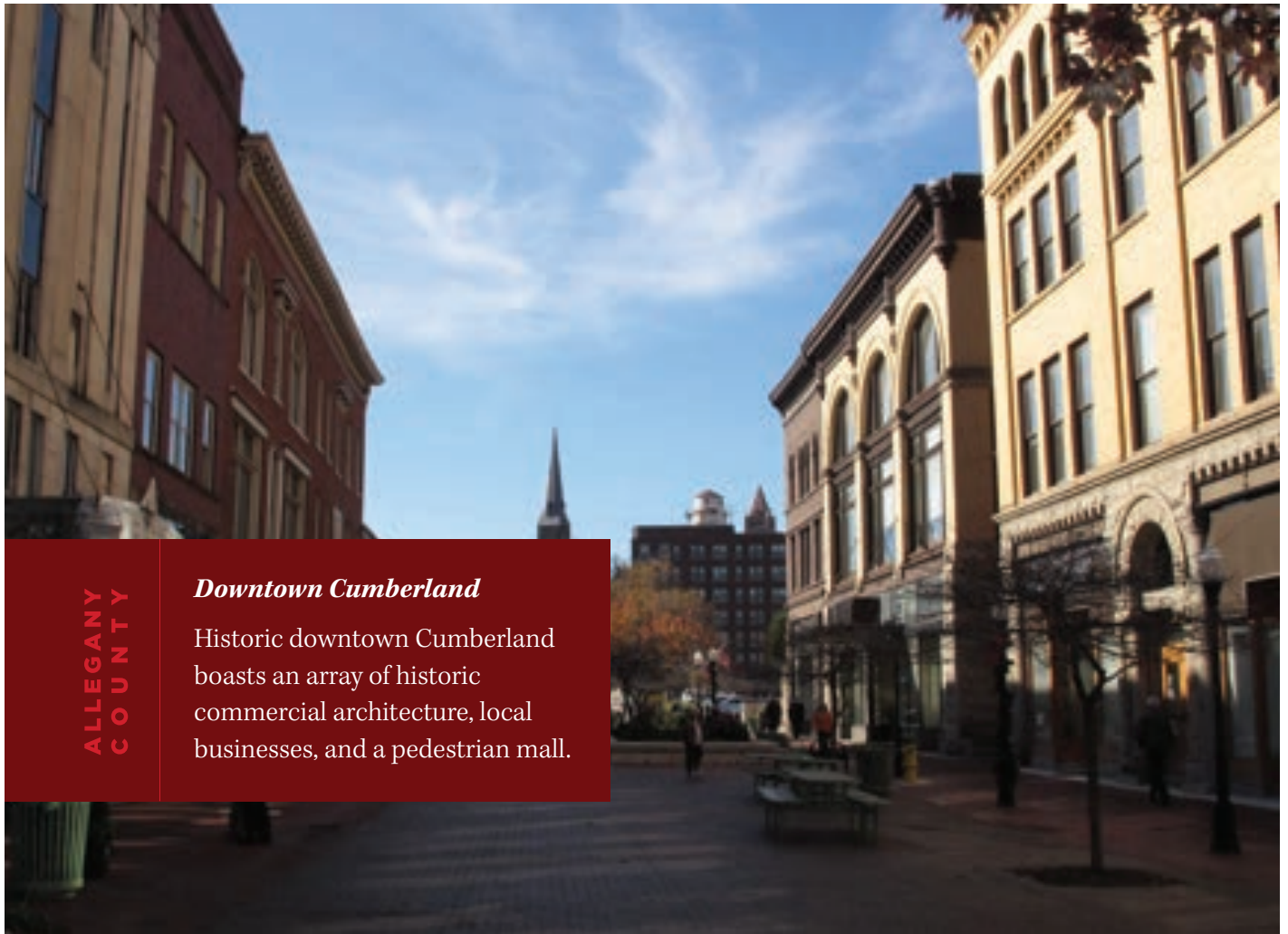
dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/programs/SDF.aspx

Neighborhood BusinessWorks

Neighborhood BusinessWorks loan program provides flexible financing to new or expanding small businesses and nonprofit organizations in Sustainable Communities and Priority Funding Areas throughout the state. Maryland-based small businesses, local development corporations, and nonprofit organizations whose activities contribute to a broader revitalization effort, and whose projects are intended to promote investment in commercial districts or town centers are eligible to apply.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Business/Pages/NBW.aspx



ALLEGANY
COUNTY

Downtown Cumberland

Historic downtown Cumberland boasts an array of historic commercial architecture, local businesses, and a pedestrian mall.

Maryland's Fresh Food Financing Initiative

Maryland's Fresh Food Financing Initiative is aimed at increasing access to healthy foods in underserved areas termed food deserts. It is designed to provide flexible financing, through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Neighborhood BusinessWorks program, for the start-up, rehabilitation or expansion of businesses and nonprofits, with a particular emphasis on those that will source fresh food from Maryland farmers to designated Food Deserts Areas and Sustainable Communities. Fresh Food Financing applicants must be located in a designated Food Desert Area or Sustainable Community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/freshfood/default.aspx

Local Government Infrastructure Financing Works

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Development Administration issues bonds, on behalf of counties, municipalities and/or their instrumentalities, to finance projects that serve the community at large.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/lgif/default.aspx

Main Street Maryland Program

Main Street Maryland is a comprehensive downtown revitalization program created in 1998 by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. The program strives to strengthen the economic potential of Maryland's traditional Main Streets and neighborhoods.

Using a competitive process, Main Street Maryland selects communities who have made a commitment to succeed and helps them improve the economy, appearance and image of their traditional downtown business districts.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dhcd.maryland.gov/Communities/Pages/programs/MainStreet.aspx

THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR)

The Department of Natural Resources leads Maryland in securing a sustainable future for our environment, society, and economy by preserving, protecting, restoring, and enhancing Maryland's natural resources and public lands.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL DNR PROGRAMS, PLEASE VISIT:

dnr.maryland.gov/Pages/about_dnr.aspx

Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund

The Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund is seeking to fund the most cost-effective, efficient nonpoint nutrient, and sediment reduction project proposals

in geographic targeted areas of Maryland. The Trust Fund encourages projects that will achieve the greatest reduction per dollar invested.

Funding is available to local governments and non-governmental organizations, including bi-county agencies, counties, municipalities, forest conservancy district boards, soil/water conservation districts, resource conservation and development councils, academic institutions and nonprofit organizations having a demonstrated ability to implement non-point source pollution control projects.

Individual private or commercial landowners; consultants, contractors, and other for-profit entities with demonstrated restoration experience are encouraged to apply in partnership with an entity identified above.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Pages/funding/trust-fund_grants.aspx

Innovative Technology Fund

The Innovative Technology Fund, a partnership between Maryland DNR, the University of Maryland and the Environmental Protection Agency, is continuing to accelerate Bay restoration through the development of new technologies. At the 2007 Chesapeake Bay Program Executive Council (EC) meeting, the State of Maryland and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agreed to promote investments in technologies that could accelerate Bay restoration efforts.

The Innovative Technology Fund is made possible through funding from Maryland's Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in partnership with the University of Maryland's Industrial Partnership (MIPS) and the Mtech Ventures Chesapeake Bay Seed Capital Program (Mtech). Additional technical assistance is provided by Maryland DNR and the Chesapeake & Coastal Service.

Research and Development

Who is eligible:

Students, faculty and staff from the University of Maryland System

Award details: \$30,000-\$100,000

Contact: 301-405-3890

www.mips.umd.edu

Seed Capital Fund

Who is eligible:

Any Maryland Company

Award details: \$50,000-\$450,000

Contact: 301-314-9770

mtech.umd.edu/ventures/chesapeake-bay-seed-capital-fund.html

If you are a business or researcher interested in applying for assistance, contact the Chesapeake & Coastal Services or call 410-260-8788.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Pages/funding/intechfund.aspx

Rural Legacy Program

The Department of Natural Resources Rural Legacy Program protects Rural Legacy Areas, which are regions rich in a multiple of agricultural, forestry, natural and cultural resources that, if conserved, will promote resource-based economies, protect greenways, and maintain the fabric of rural life.

The Rural Legacy Program provides the focus and funding necessary to protect large contiguous tracts of land and other strategic areas from sprawl development and enhance natural resource, agricultural, forestry and environmental protection through cooperative efforts among state and local governments and land trusts. Protection is provided through the acquisition of easements and fee estates from willing landowners and the supporting activities of Rural Legacy Sponsors and local governments.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dnr.maryland.gov/land/Documents/RuralLegacy/rlp_grants_manual_april_2009.pdf

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST (MHT)

The Maryland Historical Trust is the state agency dedicated to preserving and interpreting the legacy of Maryland's past. Through research, conservation and education, the Maryland Historical Trust assists the people of Maryland in understanding their historical and cultural heritage. Part of the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Historical Trust serves as Maryland's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL MHT PROGRAMS, PLEASE VISIT:

mht.maryland.gov

African American Heritage Preservation Program

The African American Heritage Preservation Program (AAHPP) was established by the Maryland General Assembly in 2010 to provide capital grants to assist in the preservation of buildings, sites, or communities of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland. The AAHPP is administered as a partnership between the Maryland Historical Trust and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture (MCAAHC).

The AAHPP provides grants of up to \$100,000 per project per year. All applicants except for nonprofit organizations are required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

mht.maryland.gov/grants_africanamerican.shtml

Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program

The Capital Grant Program promotes the acquisition, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic properties in Maryland. Eligible properties are limited to those which are listed on or eligible for the Maryland Register, either individually or as a contributing structure within a district.

The program provides grants of up to \$100,000 per project per year. All applicants except for nonprofit organizations are required to provide a dollar-for-dollar match.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

mht.maryland.gov/grants_capital.shtml

Certified Local Government Program (CLG)

The Certified Local Government Program recognizes counties and municipalities that have made a special commitment to preservation. This commitment includes, but is not limited to, establishing a qualified historic preservation commission to designate and review historic properties. MHT awards 10% of its annual allocation from the federal Historic Preservation Fund via sub-grants to CLG projects and educational opportunities each year.

CLGs may request up to \$1,000 for Historic Preservation Commissioner and staff training each year. CLGs may request up to \$25,000 for non-capital projects that advance the CLG's efforts to protect and preserve historic, archaeological and cultural resources. Individual awards generally range from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

mht.maryland.gov/grants_clg.shtml

Cultural Resources Hazard Mitigation Planning Program

The Maryland Historical Trust's Cultural Resources Hazard Mitigation Planning Program is aimed at protecting historic places, archaeological sites, and cultural landscapes from the effects of natural hazards, such as flooding, wind, and coastal erosion.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

mht.maryland.gov/grants_hazardmitigation.shtml

Historic Preservation Loan Program for Capital Projects

The Maryland Historical Trust Historic Preservation Loan Program was established by the General Assembly in 1973 as a vehicle to encourage the preservation of historic properties statewide.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

mht.maryland.gov/loans.shtml

Maryland Heritage Areas Program

The Maryland Heritage Areas Program provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants to nonprofit organizations and government entities for capital and non-capital projects located within a Certified Heritage Area.

Non-Capital grants range from \$5,000 up to \$50,000, and Capital grants range from \$5,000 up to \$100,000. Eligible projects must have a heritage tourism component or contribute to research that will directly inform a heritage tourism product.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas.shtml

Non-Capital Historic Preservation Project Grants

Non-Capital grants are available to nonprofit organizations and local governments for research, survey, planning and educational activities involving architectural, archaeological or cultural resources.

Individual Non-Capital grant awards generally range from \$5,000 to \$75,000. The maximum Non-Capital grant award is \$75,000. Applicants are encouraged to include itemized components, especially on large projects. For grants to local jurisdictions, a dollar-for-dollar match is required of the grant recipient.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

mht.maryland.gov/grants_noncap.shtml

MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE BOND INITIATIVES

The Maryland General Assembly is empowered by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) to assist those requesting funding from the General Assembly for capital projects through the submission of bond bills. The manual provides a summary of the basic eligibility requirements and evaluation criteria, the legislative process, and the schedule for bond bill consideration by the General Assembly.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

mgaleg.maryland.gov/pubs-current/current-bond-bill-submission-guidelines.pdf

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA)

Our Town Grants

Organizations may apply for creative place-making projects that contribute to the livability of communities and through strategies that leverage arts, culture, and/or design toward achieving community goals. The Our Town program offers support for projects in two areas:

Projects in Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design.

These projects should represent the distinct character and quality of their communities. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000.

Projects that build knowledge about creative place-making.

These projects are available to arts and design service organizations, and industry, policy, or university organizations that provide technical assistance to those doing place-based work. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.arts.gov/grants/apply-grant/grants-organizations

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES (NEH)

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is an independent federal agency created in 1965. It is one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the United States. NEH serves and strengthens our republic by promoting excellence in the humanities and conveying the lessons of history to all Americans. The Endowment accomplishes this mission by awarding grants for top-rated proposals examined by panels of independent, external reviewers. NEH grants typically go to cultural institutions, such as museums, archives, libraries, colleges, universities, public television, and radio stations, and to individual scholars.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.neh.gov

Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge Grants

The mission of this Challenge Grants program is to strengthen the institutional base of the humanities by enabling infrastructure development and capacity building. Grants aim to help institutions secure long-term support for their core activities and expand efforts to preserve and create access to outstanding humanities materials. Applications are welcome from colleges and universities, museums, public libraries, research institutions, historical societies and historic sites, scholarly associations, state humanities councils, and other nonprofit humanities entities. Grant awards range from \$1 to \$750,000

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/infrastructure-and-capacity-building-challenge-grants

Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions

Preservation Assistance Grants help small and mid-sized institutions—such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations,

town and county records offices, and colleges and universities—improve their ability to preserve and care for their significant humanities collections.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/preservation-assistance-grants-smaller-institutions

Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections

The Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections program helps cultural institutions meet the complex challenge of preserving large and diverse holdings of humanities materials for future generations by supporting sustainable conservation measures that mitigate deterioration, prolong the useful life of collections, and support institutional resilience: the ability to anticipate and respond to natural and man-made disasters.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.neh.gov/grants/preservation/sustaining-cultural-heritage-collections

NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately funded nonprofit organization, works to save America's historic places. The Trust's mission is to protect significant places representing our diverse cultural experience by taking direct action and inspiring broad public support.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATIONAL TRUST, PLEASE VISIT:

savingplaces.org

African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund

The African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund is designed to aid ongoing preservation activities for historic sites, museums, and landscapes related to African American cultural heritage. There are four main areas that receive funding: Capital Projects, Organizational Capacity Building, Project Planning, and Programming and Interpretation. Grants made from the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund will range from \$50,000 to \$150,000.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/aachactionfund

Bartus Trew Providence Preservation Fund

Grants from the Bartus Trew Providence Preservation Fund are designed to encourage preservation at the local level by providing money for the acquisition, maintenance, and preservation of historic landmarks and memorials on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. These grants enable local groups to respond proactively to a

preservation challenge by providing funding for property acquisition, bricks-and-mortar preservation, and technical assistance, while building public awareness of the value of preserving the Eastern Shore's unique heritage. The late Bartus Trew, a long-time resident of Chestertown, Maryland, and owner of historic Providence Plantation, provided a generous gift to the National Trust for Historic Preservation which established the Bartus Trew Providence Preservation Fund.

Approximately \$70,000 is available annually for awards. Grant applications in the range of \$5,000 to \$25,000 will be accepted.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/bartus-trew

Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors

The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 to assist in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/cynthia-woods-mitchell-fund

National Trust Preservation Funds

The National Trust Preservation Funds include funds that provide two types of assistance to nonprofit organizations and public agencies: matching grants from \$500 to \$5,000 for preservation planning and educational efforts, and intervention funds for preservation emergencies.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/preservation-funds

Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation

The Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for projects that contribute to the preservation or the recapture of an authentic sense of place.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/favrot-fund

Peter H. Brink Leadership Fund

The Peter H. Brink Leadership Fund helps to build the capacity of existing preservation organizations and encourages collaboration among these organizations

by providing grants for mentoring and other peer-to-peer and direct organizational development and learning opportunities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

*[forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/
brink-fund](http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/brink-fund)*

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service (NPS) is a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Interior. Since 1916, the National Park Service has been entrusted with the care of national parks in the United State. The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations. The Park Service safeguards these special places and shares their stories with more than 275 million visitors every year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, PLEASE VISIT:

www.nps.gov/index.htm



**WICOMINCO
COUNTY**

Pemberton Hall

The Pemberton Hall Foundation stewards the ca. 1741 main house and surrounding property as a way to preserve and interpret Maryland's colonial history.

American Battlefield Protection Program – Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants

The American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) promotes the preservation of significant historic battlefields associated with wars on American soil. The goals of the program are to protect battlefields and sites associated with armed conflicts that influenced the course of our history, to encourage and assist all Americans in planning for the preservation, management, and interpretation of these sites, and to raise awareness of the importance of preserving battlefields and related sites for future generations.

One way that ABPP meets its mission is through Battlefield Land Acquisition Grants that are awarded to state and local governments seeking fee simple acquisition of eligible Revolutionary War, War of 1812, or Civil War battlefield land, or for the acquisition of permanent, protective interests and easements in Revolutionary War, War of 1812, or Civil War battlefield land.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.nps.gov/abpp/grants/grants.htm.

Save America's Treasures Grants

The Federal Save America's Treasures (SAT) grants program began in 1999 and helps preserve nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey our nation's rich heritage to future generations of Americans. Since 1999, grants funds totaling \$315,152,000 was awarded to 1,287 recipients.

SAT grants provide preservation and/or conservation assistance to nationally significant historic properties and collections. Grants will be awarded through a competitive process and require a dollar-for-dollar, non-Federal match, which can be cash or documented in-kind.

Resources must be either individually listed as a National Historic Landmark or on the National Register of Historic places or contributing to a National Historic Landmark or National Register district.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/sat

PRESERVATION MARYLAND

Preservation Maryland works to protect the state's irreplaceable heritage while creating a more equitable & sustainable future. Through strategic programming focused on preserving place, championing change, and growing the historic preservation trades workforce, the organization uses the best of our past to solve some of today's biggest issues, including climate change, affordable housing, & workforce development. Its work creates measurable impact on communities, the workforce, and the lives of current and future Marylanders.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

preservationmaryland.org

Heritage Fund Grant Program

The Heritage Fund grant program is a cooperative effort of Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust to provide direct assistance for the protection of historical and cultural resources in Maryland. The program supports innovative and demonstrative projects that can be successfully replicated to meet Maryland's historic preservation needs.

Applicants must be nonprofit organizations or municipal entities and historic sites, buildings, districts, objects, and archaeological resources are all eligible for funding. Eligible projects fall into three general categories: education and research, planning and feasibility, and repair and rehabilitation. This is a reimbursable grant program where the minimum grant is \$1,000 and the maximum grant is \$10,000 with one funding round annually.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.preservationmaryland.org/programs/heritage-fund-grants

RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL

The Rural Maryland Council (RMC) brings together citizens, community-based organizations, federal, state, county and municipal government officials as well as representatives of the for-profit and nonprofit sectors to collectively address the needs of Rural Maryland communities. RMC provides a venue for members of agriculture and natural resource-based industries, health care facilities, educational institutions, economic and community development organizations, for-profit and nonprofit corporations, and government agencies to cross traditional boundaries, share information, and address in a more holistic way the special needs and opportunities in Rural Maryland.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT RMC, PLEASE VISIT:

rural.maryland.gov

Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund Grant

MAERDAF grants support small and agricultural businesses with enhanced training and technical assistance, and rural nonprofit organizations that promote statewide and regional planning, economic and community development, and agricultural and forestry education. The historic maximum grant amount is \$30,000.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

rural.maryland.gov/grant-opportunities/

Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund Grant

The objective of the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund is to help raise the overall standard of living in rural areas to a level that meets or exceeds statewide benchmark averages by 2030, while preserving the best aspects of a pastoral cultural and rural way of life. Resources provided to the Fund are designed to facilitate significant targeted investments in important economic and community development programs and promote regional and intergovernmental cooperation.

CHARLES
COUNTY

Mount Aventine

This mid-19th century manor house, with an historic view of the Potomac River, is located in Chapman State Park and open to visitors.



These investments will also enable local and regional public and nonprofit organizations to leverage additional non-state financial and human resources to facilitate the realization of sustainable rural development objectives. It also supports the states' five regional councils, regional infrastructure projects, rural entrepreneurship development, rural community development, and rural health care organizations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

rural.maryland.gov/grant-opportunities/

SOUTHERN MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (SMADC)

SMADC provides vision, support and research in terms of education, grants, marketing and promotion as it incubates new farm and food industries. As new farm economies are being formed, SMADC helps to streamline regulations and reduce obstacles. With Maryland FarmLINK, SMADC is building an online farming community to share ideas, announce training opportunities, provide resources, and be a source for selling, leasing, and or farming land in the state.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

smadc.com/index.html

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Certified Development Company Guaranteed Loan Program - Section 504 Loans

These guaranteed loans can be used for modernizing, renovating, or converting existing small business facilities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants

Small Business Guaranteed Loans - Section 7(a) Loans

These guaranteed loans can be used for renovation of business facilities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/loans-grants

TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND

State Lottery Terminal Fund (SLoT)

The State Lottery Terminal Fund, under Maryland law, provides for 1.5% of the proceeds generated from video lottery terminals or slots to be contributed to the SLoT account to be distributed to small, minority and women-owned businesses.

At least 50% of the SLoT allocations will be deployed to targeted businesses located within a 10 mile radius of the five casinos—Hollywood Casino Perryville, Ocean Downs in Worcester County, Maryland Live! in Anne Arundel County, Rocky Gap Casino in Allegany County, and Horseshoe Casino in Baltimore City. The other 50% will be available to small, minority and women-owned businesses located throughout Maryland. Loan amounts range from \$10,000 to \$500,000.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.tccwmd.org/programs/summit-financing-solutions/slot-fund.html

Western Maryland Revolving Loan Fund

The Western Maryland Revolving Loan Fund Program is a pool of money granted by federal and state entities for the purpose of making loans to save or create jobs. Borrowers repay loans and the money is returned to the RLF to make other loans. In that manner, the RLF becomes an ongoing or revolving financial tool. Loan amounts range from \$10,000 to \$400,000.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.tccwmd.org/programs/summit-financing-solutions/revolving-loan-fund.html

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Business & Industry Loan Guarantees

This program bolsters the availability of private credit by guaranteeing loans for rural businesses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-industry-loan-guarantees/de

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/de

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

This program pays landowners for grass and/or tree buffers around wetlands. Payments can be substantial and are for permanent or 5 to 15-year periods.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

[*www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/index*](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/index)

Farm Service Agency Farm Loans

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes direct and guaranteed farm ownership and operating loans to family-size farmers and ranchers who cannot obtain commercial credit from a bank, Farm Credit System institution, or other lender. FSA loans can be used to purchase land, livestock, equipment, feed, seed, and supplies. Loans can also be used to construct buildings or make farm improvements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

[*www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/index*](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/index)

Multi-Family Housing Loan Guarantees

The program works with qualified private-sector lenders to provide financing to qualified borrowers to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for Low-to Moderate-Income individuals and families in eligible rural areas and towns.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

[*www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/multi-family-housing-loan-guarantees/de*](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/multi-family-housing-loan-guarantees/de)

Rural Business Development Grants

This program is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas which will employ 50 or fewer new employees and has less than \$1 million in gross revenue. Programmatic activities are separated into enterprise or opportunity type grant activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

[*www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants/de*](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-business-development-grants/de)

Single Family Housing Direct Home Loans

Also known as the Section 502 Direct Loan Program, this program assists low- and very-low-income applicants obtain safe and sanitary housing in eligible rural areas by providing payment assistance to increase an applicant's repayment ability. Payment assistance is a type of subsidy that reduces the mortgage payment for a short time. The amount of assistance is determined by the adjusted family income.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

[*www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-direct-home-loans/de*](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-direct-home-loans/de)

Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program

This program assists approved lenders in providing Low-to Moderate-Income households the opportunity to own adequate and safe and sanitary dwellings as their primary residence in eligible rural areas. Eligible applicants may build, rehabilitate, improve or relocate a dwelling in an eligible rural area. The program provides a 90% loan note guarantee to approved lenders in order to reduce the risk of extending 100% loans to eligible rural homebuyers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-guaranteed-loan-program/de

Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants/de

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/de

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)

This program provides a 75% cost share for establishing a minimum 1 acre wildlife habitat. It also provides cost share for spraying Phragmites in wetlands.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/whip/

Wetland Reserve Program

This federal program pays landowners to restore and/or create wetlands on their property. Easements on wetlands are for 30 years or permanent. Additional moneys from private sources may also pay for wetlands.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/wetlands/

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program

This program can be used for easement purchases of tidal wetlands and associated uplands for acquisition, restoration or enhancement of wetlands.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.fws.gov/coastal/CoastalGrants



HARFORD
COUNTY

Liriodendron

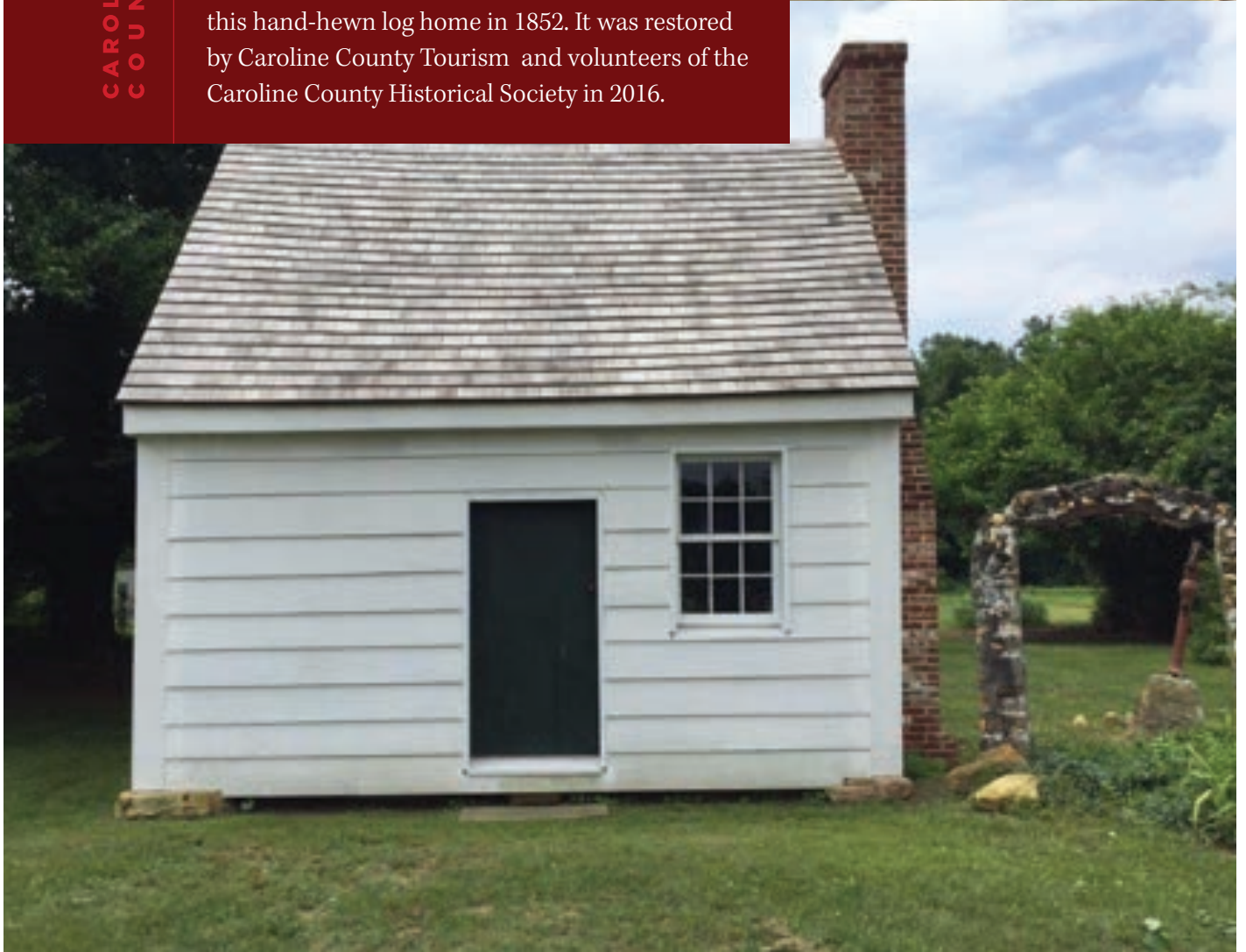
This ca. 1835 Palladian mansion was built in Bel Air for a founding member of the Johns Hopkins Medical College and is now an events facility.



CAROLINE
COUNTY

Webb Cabin

James Webb, a free African-American farmer, built this hand-hewn log home in 1852. It was restored by Caroline County Tourism and volunteers of the Caroline County Historical Society in 2016.



FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Tax Credits

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Brownfields Tax Incentive

The Brownfields Tax Incentive provides incentives including tax credits, loans and grants for the redevelopment of eligible brownfield properties in participating jurisdictions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

commerce.maryland.gov/fund/programs-for-businesses/brownfields-tax-credit

Maryland Wineries and Vineyards Tax Credit

This program provides an income tax credit for qualified capital expenses related to a Maryland winery or vineyard.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

commerce.maryland.gov/fund/programs-for-businesses/wineries-and-vineyards-tax-credit

One Maryland Tax Credit

Businesses that invest in an economic development project in a qualified distressed county and create at least 25 new full-time jobs may qualify for up to \$5.5 million in state income tax credits. Project tax credits of up to \$5 million are based on qualifying costs incurred in connection with the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and installation of a project. Start-up tax credits of up to \$500,000 are available for the expense of moving a business from outside Maryland and for the costs of furnishing and equipping the new location in Maryland. The credit can be carried forward 14 years and is refundable, subject to certain limitations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

commerce.maryland.gov/fund/programs-for-businesses/one-maryland-tax-credit

Research and Development Tax Credit

Businesses that have qualified R&D expenditures in Maryland may qualify for two state income tax credits; the Basic R&D Tax Credit and the Growth R&D Tax Credit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

commerce.maryland.gov/fund/programs-for-businesses/research-and-development-tax-credit

MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION - BUSINESS

Clean Energy Production Tax Credit

The Clean Energy Production Businesses Tax Credit offers Marylanders a state income tax credit for electricity generated by qualified resources of \$.85/kwh, and \$.50/kwh for electricity generated from co-firing a qualified resource with coal. These credits can be claimed over a period of five years. Annual tax credits cannot exceed one fifth of the initial credit certificate issued by the Maryland Energy Administration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/business/Pages/Incentives/CleanEnergyTaxCredit.aspx

MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION - RESIDENTIAL

Bioheat Tax Credit Program

The statute provides for a \$.03/gallon tax credit up to \$500 for individuals and corporations that purchase bio-heating oil for the purpose of space and water heating. The statute defines bio-heating oil as at least 5% biodiesel derived from the Environmental Protection Agency Approved Feedstocks or accepted under 42 U.S.C. 7545(o) as per the U.S. EPA Renewable Fuel Standard 2 (RFS2) and the accompanying regulations under 40 C.F.R. Part 80 for diesel fuel replacement.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/residential/Pages/incentives/bioheatGrant.aspx

Energy Storage Tax Credit Program

The program is designed to encourage the deployment of energy storage systems in Maryland. The program is available to eligible residential and commercial taxpayers who have installed a qualifying energy storage system on their residential or commercial property in Maryland. The Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) may award up to \$750,000 in energy storage tax credits on a first come, first served basis while funding is available. MEA is currently reserving \$225,000 for residential taxpayers and \$525,000 for commercial taxpayers. If either of the reserved funding allocations become oversubscribed, eligible applicants will be placed onto a waitlist as long as funding remains in the other funding allocation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

energy.maryland.gov/business/Pages/EnergyStorage.aspx

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Conservation Easement Program - Conservation Property Tax Credit

This program encourages the donation of conservation easements and gives participating landowners, a 15 year property tax credit on unimproved land under easement to the Maryland Environmental Trust. Conservation easements generate credits against state income tax liability. Credits are more powerful incentives than deductions because they represent a direct offset against tax due rather than a reduction of the income against which tax is assessed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dnr.maryland.gov/met/Pages/tax_benefits.aspx

Conservation Easement Program - State Income Tax Credit

This program encourages the donation of conservation easements and gives landowners a state income tax credit in return for the donation of easement to the Maryland Environmental Trust or the Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation

The maximum credit is \$5,000 per year. The remainder of the credit based on the appraised value of the easement, may be carried forward for up to 15 years for a maximum credit of \$80,000.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dnr.maryland.gov/met/Documents/PDFs/taxbenefits_info.pdf

Forest Conservation Program

This program works to minimize the loss of Maryland's forest resources during land development by making the identification and protection of forests and other sensitive areas an integral part of the site planning process. Landowners must agree to manage their forest land according to a management plan that is prepared for the property. Land in the agreement is generally reduced and frozen at a low agricultural rate. The Forest Conservation and Management Agreement (FCMA) establishes the length of the agreement and the responsibilities of both the owner and the Department of Natural Resources. The FCMA must be drawn up for a minimum of 15 years; it can be extended. A memorandum of the FCMA and any subsequent changes are recorded at the county courthouse.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programapps/fcmp.aspx

Maryland Income Tax Modification for Reforestation & Timber Stand Improvement

This program provides a modification to personal income taxes for initiating forest management practices such as timber stand improvement and reforestation. Applicant must own between 10 and 500 acres of forest land. Practices may qualify for deducting double the cost from their state tax liability.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/programapps/tax.aspx

Tree-Mendous Maryland

This program encourages Marylanders to plant, care for and maintain trees to help restore and protect the natural environment, in particular, our greatest natural resource, the Chesapeake Bay. Donations of the purchase of native trees for public land planting to the program through Gift of Trees or otherwise can be claimed as a tax deduction.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/treemendous/default.aspx

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST (MHT)

Maryland Historic Revitalization Tax Credit

The Maryland Historical Trust is the state agency dedicated to preserving and interpreting the legacy of Maryland's past. Through research, conservation and education, the Maryland Historical Trust assists the people of Maryland in understanding their historical and cultural heritage. Part of the Maryland Department of Planning, the Maryland Historical Trust serves as Maryland's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

For the past 17 years this state tax credit program has played a key role in community revitalization by supporting the rehabilitation and reuse of underutilized historic properties across the state. The program is credited with rehabilitating about 4,400 historic buildings and creating some 25,000 jobs since its implementation in 1996. The state's investment of about \$350 million has reached into all of Maryland's 23 counties and the City of Baltimore.

In Maryland, owners of certified historic structures are potentially eligible for to earn a 20 percent state income tax credit on qualified rehabilitation expenditures. Known collectively as the Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit program, there are three specific historic rehabilitation tax credits currently available in Maryland:

Homeowner Tax Credit: This credit is for owner-occupied historic homes. Homeowners are potentially eligible for a state income tax credit equal to 20 percent of qualified rehabilitation expenditures. The credit is capped at \$50,000 in a 24-month period and must have a minimum of \$5,000 of eligible expenses to qualify. These credits are also refundable. This is a true tax credit and there is currently no limit to the amount of homeowner tax credits available in any given year.

Small Commercial Tax Credit: This rehab tax credit is designed for smaller commercial projects like Main Street-sized projects. Small commercial rehabilitations are defined as projects that do not exceed \$500,000 in total qualified rehabilitation expenses and are not used for more than 75 percent residential rental purposes. The credit is capped at \$50,000 in a 24-month period and must have a minimum of \$5,000 of eligible expenses to qualify.

Competitive Commercial Tax Credit: Larger, income-producing, commercial rehab projects are potentially eligible to earn a state income tax credit that is equal to 20 percent of eligible rehabilitation expenses for substantial rehabilitation projects capped at \$5 million per project. Substantial rehabilitation projects are defined as projects with eligible expenses that exceed the greater of the adjusted basis value of the structure or \$25,000. These highly competitive tax credits are annually appropriated and are currently capped at \$20 million available for the entire state for the fiscal year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:
mht.maryland.gov/taxcredits.shtml

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)

20% Rehabilitation Tax Credit

The Federal historic preservation tax incentives program (the 20% credit) is jointly administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Department of the Treasury. The 20% rehabilitation tax credit applies to any project that the Secretary of the Interior designates a certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure. The 20% credit is available for properties rehabilitated for commercial, industrial, agricultural, or rental residential purposes, but it is not available for properties used exclusively as the owner's private residence.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:
www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives/taxdocs/about-tax-incentives-2012.pdf

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

MARYLAND PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (MD-PTAC)

MD-PTAC opened its doors in 2002 in an effort to assist the Defense Logistics Agency's Procurement Technical Assistance Program in expanding the number of businesses capable of participating in government contracting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.mdptac.org

NATIONAL BARN ALLIANCE

The National Barn Alliance is a national nonprofit organization coordinating preservation efforts to save America's historic barns. The mission of the organization is to provide national leadership for the preservation of America's historic barns and rural heritage through education, documentation, conservation, and networking. The Alliance offers a number of publications and a barn repair and rehabilitation toolkit.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

barnalliance.org

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Technical Preservation Services

The National Park Service through their Technical Preservation Services develops historic preservation policy and guidance on preserving and rehabilitating historic buildings, administers the Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives Program for rehabilitating historic buildings, and sets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. Available online are dozens of case studies, Preservation Briefs and Preservation Technical Notes about specific treatments to historic properties.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.nps.gov/tps/education/online-pubs.htm

PRESERVATION MARYLAND

Preservation Maryland works to protect the state's irreplaceable heritage while creating a more equitable & sustainable future. Through strategic programming focused on preserving place, championing change, and growing the historic preservation trades workforce, the organization uses the best of our past to solve some of today's biggest issues, including climate change, affordable housing, &

workforce development. Its work creates measurable impact on communities, the workforce, and the lives of current and future Marylanders.

Preservation Maryland provides services across the state in the following ways: technical assistance to property owners, organizations, and municipalities; administering the Heritage Fund Grant Program (page 23); increasing capacity of regional organizations; engaging in planning issues; assisting grassroots efforts; supporting government agencies; and providing resources and fostering dialogue.

TO CONTACT PRESERVATION MARYLAND, PLEASE VISIT:

preservationmaryland.org/contact

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST (MHT)

The Maryland Historical Trust is the state agency dedicated to preserving and interpreting the legacy of Maryland's past. MHT staff provides consultation to parties applying for state historic preservation grants (page 15) and historic tax credits (page 35).

FOR A MHT STAFF DIRECTORY, PLEASE VISIT:

mht.maryland.gov/stafflist.shtml

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

ACEP provides financial and technical assistance to help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and their related benefits. Under the Agricultural Land Easements component, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps American Indian tribes, state and local governments and non-governmental organizations protect working agricultural lands and limit non-agricultural uses of the land. Under the Wetlands Reserve Easements component, NRCS helps to restore, protect and enhance enrolled wetlands.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

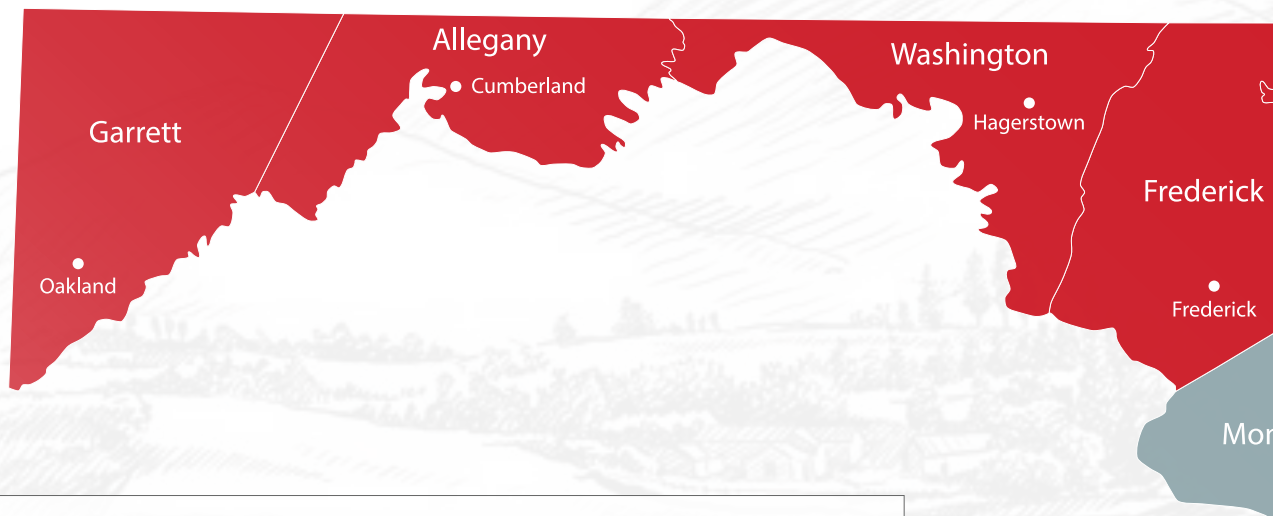
www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/easements/acep/

Maryland Conservation Planning Resources

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's principal agency for providing conservation technical assistance to private landowners, conservation districts, tribes, and other organizations. NRCS delivers conservation technical assistance through its voluntary Conservation Technical Assistance Program (CTA). CTA is available to any group or individual interested in conserving our natural resources and sustaining agricultural production in this country.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/md/technical/cp/?cid=nrcs144p2_025660



OFFICIAL RURAL MARYLAND COUNTIES

In Maryland, eighteen of the state's twenty-four counties are defined as rural counties. Rural jurisdictions share common characteristics that set them apart from their suburban and urban counterparts with specific economic, conservation, and preservation needs. This resource guide was prepared by Preservation Maryland with the support of the Rural Maryland Council to assist Maryland's rural property owners identify resources to sustain and support Maryland's rural economies, landscapes, and historic resources.

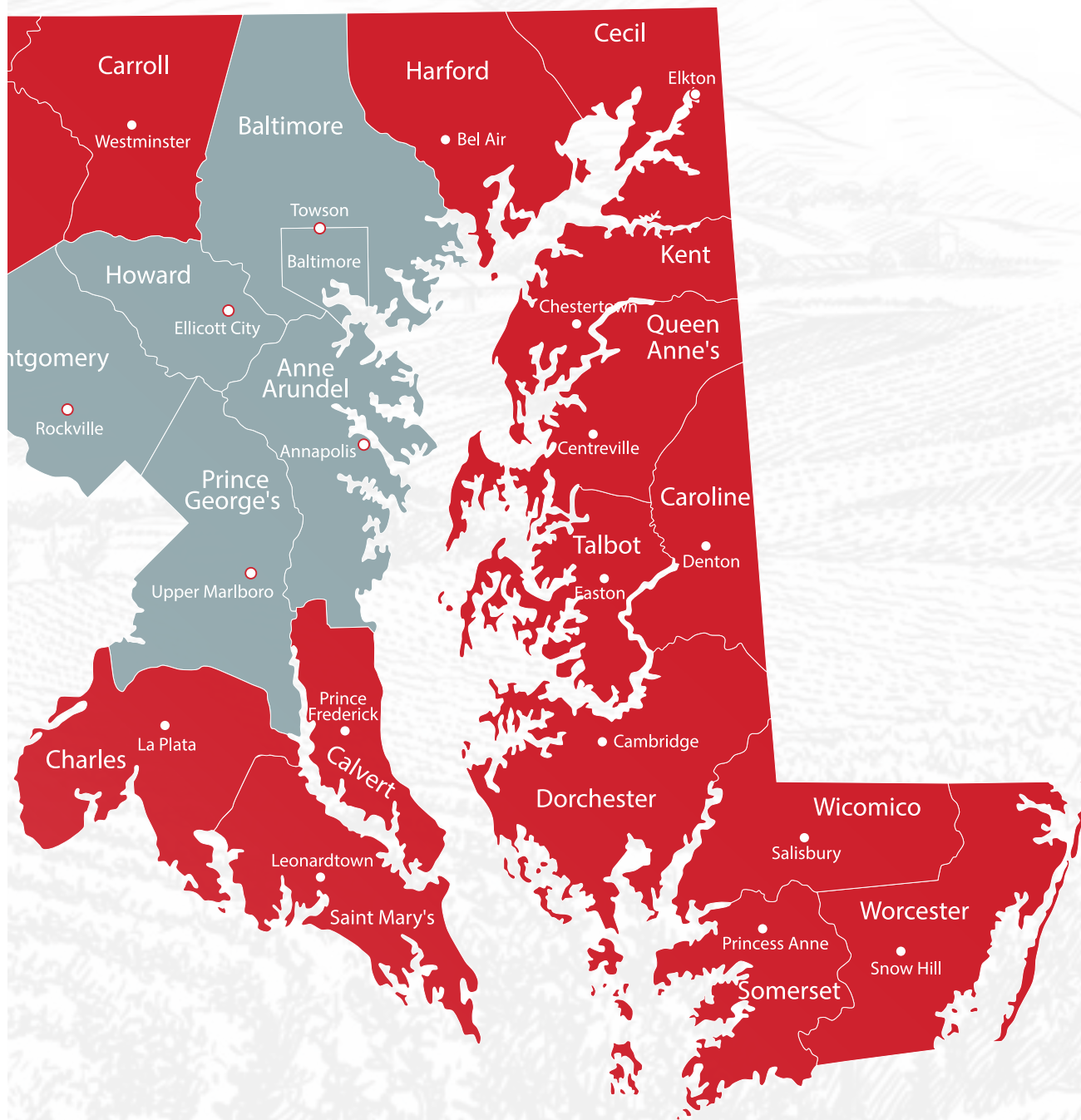
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Rural Maryland Counties



Suburban/Urban Maryland Counties



COUNTY-SPECIFIC RESOURCES

ALLEGANY COUNTY

Allegany County Historical Society

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Cumberland, MD 21502

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(301) 777-5967

701 Kelly Road
Cumberland, MD 21502
alleganyworks.org

Cumberland Historic Preservation Commission

(301) 759-6442

City Hall
57 North Liberty Street
Cumberland, MD 21502

Frostburg Historic District Commission

(301) 689-6000

P.O. Box 440
31 Broadway
Frostburg, MD 21532

CALVERT COUNTY

Calvert County Historic District Commission

(410) 535-1600

City Services Plaza Building
150 Main Street
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Calvert County Historical Society

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Courthouse Square
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Prince Frederick, MD 20678

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North Beach Historic Preservation Commission

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North Beach, MD 20714

CAROLINE COUNTY

Caroline County Historical Society

Museum of Rural Life
info@carolinehistory.org
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16 North Second Street
Denton, MD 21629
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Denton Historical and Architectural Review Commission

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Town Hall
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Denton, MD 21629

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Carroll County Historic District Commission

(410) 386-2030
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Historical Society of Carroll County

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Westminster, MD 21157
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Cecil County Historic District Commission Planning and Zoning

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Elkton, MD 21921

Cecil County Office of Economic Development

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Elkton, MD 21921
www.ccgov.org/government/economic-development

Charlestown Historic District Commission

(410) 287-6173
P.O. Box 52
241 Market Street
Charlestown, MD 21914

Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

(410) 885-5298
Town Hall
P.O. Box 205
108 Bohemia Avenue
Chesapeake City, MD 21915

Elkton Historic Architectural Review Committee

(410) 398-4999
100 Railroad Avenue
Elkton, MD 21921

Historical Society of Cecil County

(410) 398-1790
135 East Main Street
Elkton, MD 21921
cecilhistory.org/index.html

Port Deposit Historic Area Preservation Commission

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(410) 378-2121
Town Hall
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Port Deposit, MD 21904

CHARLES COUNTY

Charles County Department of Economic Development

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White Plains, MD 20695
www.meetcharlescounty.com

Charles County Historic Preservation Commission

(301) 396-5815
Charles County Department of Planning and Growth Management
P.O. Box 2150
La Plata, MD 20646

Historical Society of Charles County

info@charlescountyhistorical.org

P.O. Box 2806

La Plata, MD 20646

www.charlescountyhistorical.org

La Plata Historic District Commission

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Cambridge, MD 21613

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Dorchester County Historical Society

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Museums & Gardens of Dorchester County

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Cambridge, MD 21613

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East New Market Historic District Commission

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(410) 943-8112

P.O. Box 24

East New Market, MD 21631

FREDERICK COUNTY

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Frederick County Historic Preservation Commission

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12 East Church Street

Frederick, MD 21701

Frederick County Office of Economic Development

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118 North Market Street

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Historical Society of Frederick County

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New Market Historic Preservation Commission

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Oakland, MD 21550

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Garrett County Historical Society

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[www.garrettcountymuseums.com/
historicalsociety.html](http://www.garrettcountymuseums.com/historicalsociety.html)

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Bel Air Historic Preservation Commission

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705 Churchville Road
Bel Air, MD 21014

Harford County Community & Economic Development

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15 S. Main Street
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2021-D Pulaski Highway
Havre de Grace, MD 21078
[www.harfordcountymd.gov/2474/Community-
Economic-Development](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/2474/Community-Economic-Development)

Harford County Historic Preservation Commission

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Havre de Grace Historic District Commission

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711 Pennington Avenue
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Historical Society of Harford County

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143 North Main Street
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Historical Society of Kent County

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301 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620
www.kentcountyhistory.org

Kent County Historic Preservation Commission

(410) 778-7474
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620

Kent County Office of Economic Development

econdev@kentgov.org
410-810-2168
400 High Street
Chestertown, MD 21620
www.kentcounty.com/business

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

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P.O. Box 62
Tucker House
124 South Commerce Street
Centreville, MD 21617
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SOMERSET COUNTY

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Somerset County Historical Society

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY

St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development

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St. Mary's County Historical Society

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Oxford Historic District Commission

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Oxford, MD 21654

St. Michael's Historic District Commission

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Town Office
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St. Michael's, MD 20650

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Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission

(410) 770-8030
215 Bay Street, Suite 2
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Talbot Historical Society

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Mary Jenkins House
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WASHINGTON COUNTY

Hagerstown Historic Preservation Commission

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Washington County Historical Trust

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**Salisbury Wicomico Economic
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Salisbury, MD 21801

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Salisbury Historic District Commission

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Government Office Building, Room 301
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Salisbury, MD 21804

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District Commission**

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125 North Division Street
Salisbury, MD 21803

Wicomico County Historical Society

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P.O. Box 573
Pemberton Historical Park
Pemberton Drive
Salisbury, MD 21801

WORCESTER COUNTY

Berlin Historic District Commission

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chooseworchester.org

Worcester County Historical Society

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Snow Hill, MD 21863

CASE STUDIES

The following case studies, offer a narrative explanation of some of the projects that have utilized rural-specific funding sources to rehabilitate and operate historic sites, preserve open space, and offer education and interpretation of the rural life in Maryland. The funding amounts are generalized and additional funding may have been associated with each project. For additional information about each project, please contact the primary organization.

21ST-CENTURY PRESERVATION: THE STORY OF HAGERSTOWN'S NEARLY 300-YEAR-OLD CABIN 417 N. JONATHAN STREET

After several years of thoughtful planning and listening to the needs of communities around the state, Preservation Maryland acquired the significant, threatened historic structure at 417 N. Jonathan Street. The historic circa 1830s small log home in the heart of the historic Jonathan Street community of Hagerstown is in one of the state's oldest African American neighborhoods and nearby well-documented Green Book sites. A rare-remaining resource on N. Jonathan Street, this home tells the history of Hagerstown – the home's original owner is believed to be the town's namesake, Jonathan Hager – and the story of an underrepresented community.

About the Revitalization Project

Preservation Maryland and the project team took great care to protect as much of the historic fabric as possible through conscientious design, utilization of historic preservation techniques, and the intentional selection of new materials on and in the cabin where reuse of the original was not feasible. The cabin is now fitted with a new standing seam metal roof as well as new siding that will protect the nearly 300-year-old logs from the elements. At the back, an addition occupying the same footprint as one that existed historically provides some extra square footage for the next resident.

Inside the cabin, historic material was reinstalled and remains exposed in areas to maintain and showcase the original nature of the structure. Paired with these historical elements are some modern touches, including new drywall and finishes, as well as updated mechanical, electrical, plumbing systems, and appliances.

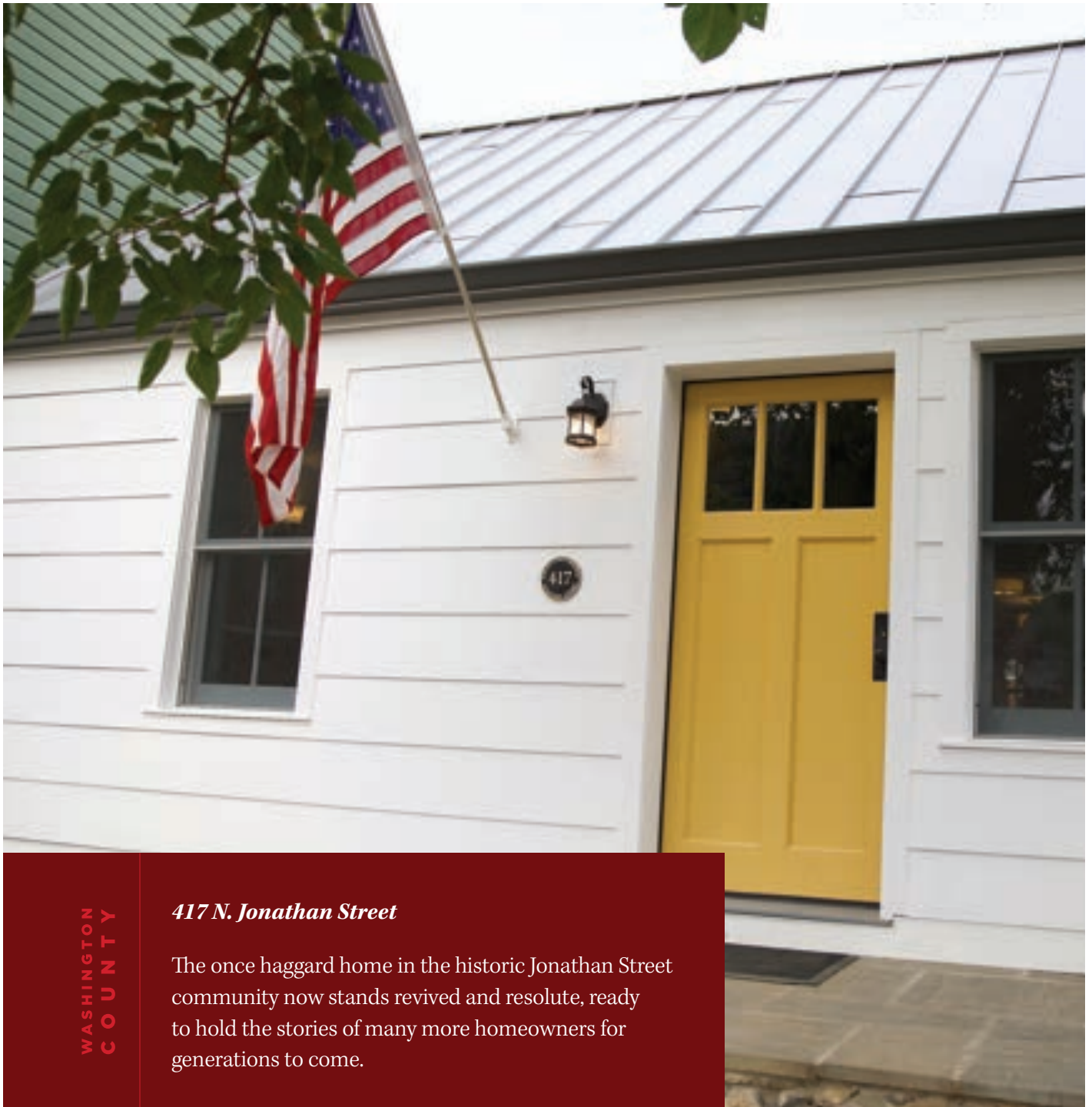
Preservation Maryland, with the assistance and generous support of the Maryland Department of Transportation and State Highway Administration, also completed a dendrochronology report which confirms 417 N. Jonathan is constructed with some of Hagerstown's oldest timbers.

On September 14, 2021, 282 years after the trees which make up its walls were axed, Preservation Maryland, its partners, and the Washington County community gathered at 417 N. Jonathan Street to celebrate the completion of the project in Hagerstown. Saving this significant piece of underrepresented history and investing in the Jonathan Street community for the benefit of current and future residents

is the main goal of the organization's property redevelopment program. The rehabilitated home was sold in 2022 and remains an owner-occupied home – in turn helping to build equity and pride in the long-disinvested community.

Costs and Funding

Acquisition and project costs totaled just under \$330,000 funded through Preservation Maryland's own revolving fund, with funding support from Middendorf Foundation and the 1772 Foundation, a bond bill from the State of Maryland and additional funding from the Rural Maryland Council and the Delaplaine Foundation.



WASHINGTON
COUNTY

417 N. Jonathan Street

The once haggard home in the historic Jonathan Street community now stands revived and resolute, ready to hold the stories of many more homeowners for generations to come.



DORCHESTER
COUNTY

The Packing House

A historic fruit and vegetable cannery located in Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland.

REVITALIZING A CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK ON THE EASTERN SHORE: PHILLIPS PACKING COMPANY IN CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

Phillips Packing Company History

The Phillips Packing Company began in Cambridge, Maryland in 1902 with a single plant and went on to become the largest employer in Dorchester County and one of the most recognized names in seafood. As the company expanded, so did its legacy on the Eastern Shore through both buildings and stories.

Packing Plant F was the largest fruit cannery in the United States. Aside from fruit, it canned sweet potatoes, lima beans, white potatoes, and tomatoes. In fact, the tomato canning won Cambridge the nickname, “Tomato Capital of the World.”

During World Wars I and II, the packing company was the largest supplier of individual canned and pre-cooked meals, known as K-Rations in the country, and in World War II, employed approximately 1/4 of all the 8,000 Cambridge residents. Packing Plant F was family-owned and run until 1956, when the company was sold to Consolidated Foods, now Sara Lee Corporation.

Time for Revitalization

The plan to rehabilitate the Phillips Packing Plant F was awarded a \$3 million Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Competitive Commercial Tax Credit. The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy and Cross Street Partners worked together to rehabilitate and renovate the structure into what is now known as The Packing House, An active mixed-use space for office and food-related innovation, connecting the building’s storied history while addressing a current need. The revitalized building features an open floor plan, soaring ceilings, and the opportunity to retain many historic architectural features that enhances the space with an authentic, Eastern Shore manufacturing aesthetic. Adjacent to the Phillips Building is the future site of Cannery Park, a new “central park” for the City of Cambridge that will incorporate active and passive spaces for recreation. The Packing House will serve as a connection between the growing downtown revitalization in Cambridge and the nearby highway route taking people to the Maryland and Virginia beaches. The commercialization, research, production, and active retail uses will support local employment and inform nutrition and public health programming on the Eastern Shore.



ALLEGANY
COUNTY

Western Maryland Scenic Railroad

A historic railway station
in Cumberland, Allegany
County, Maryland.

FOLLOWING THE HISTORIC TRACKS: HOW THE WESTERN MARYLAND SCENIC RAILROAD FUELS HERITAGE TOURISM

Tucked in the Allegheny Mountains, the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad (WMSR) Railroad is a tourist railroad based in Cumberland, MD, and was once part of the Western Maryland Railway's original main line connecting Cumberland with Frostburg and Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

On the National Register of Historic Places since 1973, the Western Maryland Station in Cumberland provides tourist orientation and historical exhibits to visitors of the WMSR and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. The Station and the WMSR, specifically, are historically significant in terms of their contribution to the successful expansion of Western Maryland. The Western Maryland Railway was chartered in 1853 by the State of Maryland to compete with the B&O Railroad. The railway was intended to begin in Baltimore and make its way through Cumberland, up to the Pennsylvania border. However, it lacked the capital to reach the targeted Pennsylvania border and by 1899, still had not connected with Cumberland. Fortunately, the railroad fell into the hands of the Gould family, famous for their contributions to many railroads, in 1902, and finally reached Cumberland in 1906. By 1913, the railroad had enough out-of-state capital pouring

into its infrastructure which allowed the Western Maryland Railroad to build the grand Cumberland station. Ironically, the Western Maryland Railway eventually fell into the hands of the B&O Railroad in the early 20th century, and was closed in the 1970s.

The Track

After the railroad was closed in the 1970s, it lay vacant until the State of Maryland and Allegheny County opened the WMSR in 1988. They planned for the tour to follow the former Western Maryland Railroad right-of-way and then join the old Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad where it would end in Frostburg, a distance of about twelve miles. Unfortunately, the WMSR had no steam locomotive to haul passengers to the restored end-point in Frostburg. It wasn't until 1991 when they acquired a former Lake Superior and Ishpeming 2-8-0 Consolidation Type steam locomotive from the Illinois Railway Museum, repainted it into Western Maryland colors, retained the locomotive's original number of 734, and set the course, officially transporting people along the route in 1992.

The line, which for the most part follows an abandoned Western Maryland Railroad line, proceeds northwest through "the Narrows", a deep gorge formed by the passage of Wills Creek between Haystack Mountain and Wills Mountain. The train then proceeds up the Allegheny Front through a water gap formed by Jennings Run, past Mt. Savage and terminates at the former Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad depot in Frostburg. The train lays over here to allow visiting the town, and the locomotive is turned on a turntable before the train returns to Cumberland. Intermediate sights on the line include: Helmstetter's Curve in Cash Valley, Brush Tunnel, Woodcock Hollow, site of a hairpin curve.

The WMSR is presently owned and operated by the Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority under the Maryland Heritage Areas Program, which is governed by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA) and administered by the Maryland Historical Trust.

How the Railroad is Funded

Currently, the WSMR is undergoing a project to restore the Baldwin Locomotive Works passenger car #1309, which was built in September 1949. It was the company's last commercially built steam locomotive for use by a railroad in the USA, and had previously been preserved and displayed at the B&O Museum of Baltimore since 1972. To date, the WMSR has spent about \$800,000 of its own funds to repair the #1309 along with a \$400,000 grant from the State of Maryland. Additionally, the WMSR receives a \$140,000 grant annually from Allegany County, and between a \$160,000 and \$200,000 grant from the state annually for maintenance and general support. The WMSR also receives support from the National Railroad Historical Society, CSX, and the Hotel-Motel tax from county.

Heritage Tourism and the Railroad

The WMSR hauled nearly 32,000 riders in 2017, and annually generates over \$1.8 million in economic activity for Allegheny County. To accomplish this feat, the WMSR offers and operates specials like Murder Mystery Trains and holiday runs such as the Polar Express and Santa Express apart from their standard tours. Additionally, they offer daily transportation between Cumberland and Frostburg through their cab rides, caboose rentals, and even offer tourists to ride alongside the train on the Allegheny Highlands Trail for hiking and biking.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WMSR, PLEASE VISIT:

www.wmsr.com

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ST. MARY'S
COUNTY

Inclusive History

Historic Sotterley, Inc. has invested in restoring the last remaining slave cabin on the historic plantation property and is now telling their authentic 300-year history.



ENGAGING A DIVERSE PAST: PRESENTING THE SLAVE NARRATIVE AT SOTTERLEY PLANTATION

Sotterley Plantation in St. Mary's County, Maryland, is one of the only tidewater plantations open to the public – and is significant in terms of its contributions to history and also to its current inclusive approach to interpreting that history.

In the early 1700s the land measured 4,000 acres as part of a land grant and by the 1780s, it is estimated that there was an population of at least 93 enslaved persons that worked in the production of tobacco and grain and raising livestock. The plantation house is dates to the first quarter of the 18th century and is situated overlooking the Patuxent River. The house has experienced several alterations and the property itself has been a host to many auxiliary structures essential to the operations of the plantation, including slave cabins, brick warehouses, meat house, corn crib, barns and outbuildings.

The property and its white owners prospered until after the Civil War when such a plantation-style economy, dependent on enslaved labor, no longer made the plantation profitable. Sotterley, like many of the plantations in Southern Maryland was forced to retool their existence and adapt to a new economy and times. The land was parceled and sold to Herbert L. Satterlee, the Sixth Governor of Maryland and son-in-law of J.P. Morgan. Sotterley was maintained and restored by members of the Satterlee family– including during the preparation and operations as a public house museum in 1961 – until 1993 when the property was entirely turned over to the Historic Sotterley, Inc., a nonprofit foundation.

Today, the mission of Historic Sotterley, Inc. is to preserve, research, and interpret the remained 895-acres of Sotterley Plantation's diverse cultures and environments, and to serve as a public educational resource. Since 2009, Sotterley has spent nearly \$4 million on renovations, operations, research and new programming. The majority of funding comes from admission fees, grants, memberships, sponsors, and events.

Specifically, Historic Sotterley, Inc. has embarked on restoring and interpreting the remaining slave cabin on the property that dates to the 1830s. It measures 16 feet by 18 feet, no bigger than the kitchen in most modern homes, and it is said that between nine and twenty people lived in it at a given time. The interior is interpreted with a rough sleeping pallet, replicas of the fish and fatback slabs, and a rough-hewn ladder that leads up to a loft.

This authentic depiction of the lives of the enslaved, was completed with assistance from a descendant of those that were enslaved at Sotterley, Agnes Kane Callum among other documentation, research, and experts. The rehabilitated slave cabin was included in tours of Sotterley in 2017. The honest interpretation about Sotterley owners participating in the international slave trade, brings into focus the lives of those who came directly to Sotterley from Africa to be enslaved, as well as the lives of those whose lives were lost during that terrible journey.

Funding

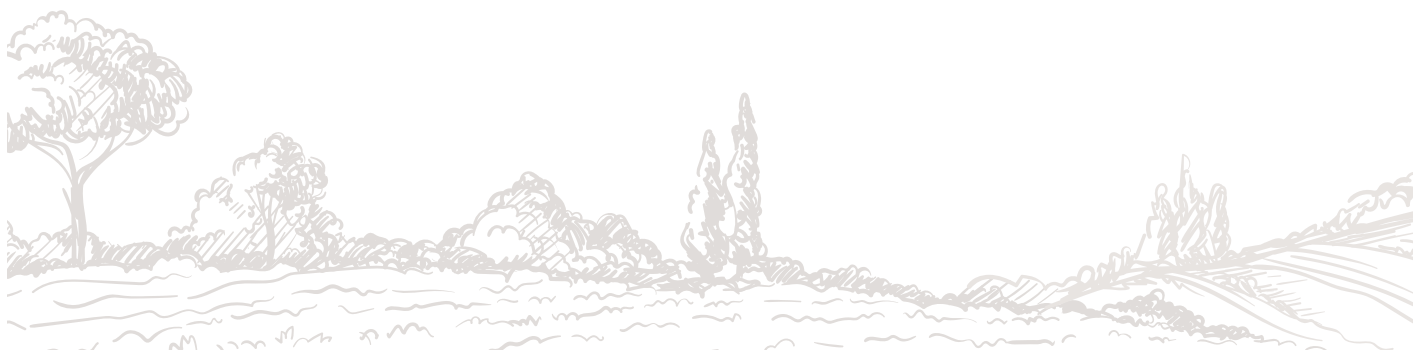
The total restoration costs of the slave cabin to date has approached \$190,000. The restoration began in 1998 when Sotterley received grants from the Maryland Historical Trust (\$36,000) and Preservation Maryland (\$5,000, see Page 24) to stabilize the slave cabin, conduct archaeology, and install a perimeter drain.

In 2009, the cabin went through a more thorough restoration with grants from 1772 Foundation (\$30,000) and Preservation Maryland (\$5,000, see Page 24). This project included providing electric to the cabin for security monitoring, addressing drainage and grading, exterior log and siding work, and masonry work on the firebox and chimney. The cedar shingle roof was also replaced in 2011 after small trees fell on the slave cabin roof during Hurricane Irene.

In 2013, Sotterley received a grant from the Maryland Historical Trust's African American Heritage Preservation Program (see Page 16) to restore the historic corn crib and also create their first permanent exhibit (\$100,000). In 2014, Sotterley received additional funding from the Maryland Heritage Areas Program (see Page 16) and the United States Federation of Friends of Museums to create an exhibit in the slave cabin, with in-kind support (\$12,000).

In recognition of their investment and commitment to telling an authentic and inclusive 300-year story, Historic Sotterley, Inc , received a Maryland Preservation Award for Excellence in Public Programming from the Maryland Historical Trust in 2018.

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REVITALIZING RURAL MARYLAND: A RESOURCE GUIDE FOR COMMUNITIES

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REVITALIZING RURAL MARYLAND

A Resource Guide for Communities

Revitalizing communities is complex and challenging work.

**For rural communities, the work often comes with even greater obstacles
and hurdles to overcome.**

The goal of this guide is to connect communities to the tools and resources they need to succeed and to identify useful case studies from which communities can draw inspiration and assistance.

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