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Appointed members: Edwin Beitzell, 1979; J. Walter Fisher, 1979; Mrs. Coleman duPont, 1980; John L. Graham, 1980; J. Glenn Beall, 1981; J. Hurst Purnell, 1981; Eileen McGuckian, 1982; Charles L. Wagandt, 1982

Area Representatives: Mrs. Walter E. Black, Jr., 1979; Theodore T. Dorman, 1979; E. Burnell Duffee, Jr., 1979; Mrs. Edwin Gramkow, 1979; Mrs. Nadeane Gurley, 1979; Henry R. Lord, 1979; Nelson H. McCall, 1979; Watson Perrygo, 1979.

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The Maryland Historical Trust was created by Chapter 620, Acts of 1961, for the purpose of preserving and maintaining historical, aesthetic, and cultural properties, buildings, fixtures, furnishings, and appurtenances pertaining in any way to Maryland from earliest times, to encourage others to do so, and to promote interest in and study of such matters. In 1970, the Trust became an agency of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

The Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust is composed of fifteen members of whom the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, or their representatives, are ex officio members. The Board of Trustees is self-perpetuating and members serve four-year terms. The trustees serve without compensation and elect one of their number as Chairperson. The trustees also appoint eight area representatives to serve one-year terms. The trustees may also appoint a Director and such other persons as may be necessary to operate the Trust. The Trust is to make a report annually to the Governor and the General Assembly together with any recommendations to further the purpose of the Trust (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 181A-181K).

Maryland's State Historic Preservation Officer, appointed by the Governor pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, is a member of the Trust staff. Preservation activities as required by the federal government are carried

out by the State Historic Preservation Officer in concert with the Trust. The Trust is authorized to acquire and maintain properties of historic or architectural merit by gift or by purchase. Through its easement program, it holds partial interest in such properties in order to monitor their appearance without the necessity of public ownership. This can provide certain tax advantages to the property owner. Easements are acquired by gift to the Trust or in exchange for funding assistance.

The Trust assists in the funding of restoration and acquisition of historic properties by organizations, local government, and individuals through its State grants-in-aid funds and a revolving fund loan program. U.S. Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service matching grants-in-aid are made through the Trust to properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places and to local government for survey and planning involving historic sites.

An on-going survey of Maryland's historic sites is carried out by the Trust through contract with local jurisdictions. Results of these surveys are being made available in published form. The most significant of these sites are eligible for nomination to the National Register through the Trust. Properties listed on the National Register receive a degree of protection from federally licensed or funded projects that might adversely affect them.

The Trust's community education program includes the administration of twenty-five local volunteer committees—one in each county, in Baltimore City, and in Annapolis. These volunteers assist the Trust in preservation activities in their areas and advise the Trust on preservation issues and needs throughout the State. An annual conference, workshops, special events, publications, and a monthly newsletter are also produced by the Trust. A library of archival and photographic material relating to Maryland's historic architecture is maintained by the Trust.

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