

ed by the Governor from among the various ethnic organizations in the State in such a manner as to be fairly representative of the racial, cultural, and ethnic communities in the State. The Governor designates the chairperson.

The Commission advises the Governor on the needs of all ethnic or racial groups in Maryland, cooperates with existing ethnic or racial commissions in the State, and maintains contact with and coordinates activities of all Maryland ethnic and racial communities. It encourages the exchange of information among ethnic and racial communities and promotes studies or projects to further public understanding of all racial or ethnic communities in Maryland.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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The Maryland Historical Trust was created in 1961 (Chapter 620, Acts of 1961). It preserves and maintains historical, aesthetic, and cultural properties, buildings, fixtures, furnishings, and appurtenances pertaining in any way to Maryland, from earliest times, encourages others to do so, and promotes 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 these, the Governor, the President of the Senate,

and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, or their representatives, serve *ex officio*. Originally, the Governor appointed twelve members. Now the Board of Trustees is self-perpetuating and members serve four-year terms. Trustees serve without compensation and elect one of their number as chairperson. Trustees also appoint eight area representatives to serve one-year terms. The Board may also appoint a Director and such other persons as may be necessary to operate the Trust.

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.

Through its State grants-in-aid funds and a revolving fund loan program, the Trust assists organizations, local governments, and individuals to restore and acquire historic properties. Matching grants-in-aid from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, are made through the Trust. Such grants go to properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places and to local government for survey and planning of historic sites.

An ongoing 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. The Trust conducts an annual conference and workshops. It sponsors special events and issues publications, including a monthly newsletter. It also maintains