

people of Maryland and particularly the members of the General Assembly have vital concerns; and

WHEREAS, It is not always easy to ascertain which of these bodies are currently performing useful work, to obtain the benefits of their activities, or to determine how they fit into the fiscal and other State programs of interest to the General Assembly; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That it respectfully requests the Governor to report annually to it on the status of each board, committee, commission or other unit established by gubernatorial action such as executive order or executive letter, advising the General Assembly of the activities of each unit during the preceding year, the expenditures made by it or in its behalf, the number and composition of its staff, and the location of its office, if any, and giving the Governor's views as to whether the particular unit should be retained during the subsequent year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Governor is requested to deliver this report to the General Assembly of Maryland concurrently with the Governor's annual "State of the State" address.

Approved May 24, 1973.

No. 59

(House Joint Resolution 36)

House Joint Resolution expressing legislative intent that St. Mary's City Commission acquire a tract of approximately 1200 acres, being within its approved take-line.

WHEREAS, The 1966 Session of the General Assembly created the St. Mary's City Commission for the purposes of preserving, developing, and maintaining historic St. Mary's City, with powers and duties to acquire historic, aesthetic, or cultural properties pertaining in any way to historic St. Mary's City and environs and to acquire and hold real property of such significance, including the power and duty to acquire property in the vicinity of this property if deemed necessary for the proper use and administration of historic St. Mary's City and its environs.

The St. Mary's City Commission, with the assistance of professional planners and historic park technicians, has prepared a master plan for the preservation and development of Maryland's first capital.

The Legislative Council on July 24th and 25th, 1969, visited and inspected St. Mary's City and was briefed on its master plan, and the Legislative Council immediately thereafter recommended legislation placing the St. Mary's City historic park in the Program Open Space and said legislation was duly enacted by the General Assembly in 1970.

The General Assembly has appropriated the sum of \$1,083,500.00 and the Federal Government, in grants, has provided \$804,002.00 for the acquisition of open space by the St. Mary's City Commission.

The St. Mary's City Commission has established the boundaries of the historic town-land of St. Mary's City and has laid out and approved on August 6, 1971, a