

(1) IN THE REPORT OF MAY 1992 OF THE MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION ENTITLED "THE CANAL PARKWAY DEVELOPMENT - STATION SQUARE PROJECT"; AND

(2) IN ANY REVISION THAT THE AUTHORITY MAKES UNDER § 13-1008(8) OF THIS SUBTITLE TO THE REPORT OF MAY 1992 OF THE MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION ENTITLED "THE CANAL PARKWAY DEVELOPMENT - STATION SQUARE PROJECT".

(F) "PRESERVATION DISTRICT" OR "DISTRICT" MEANS THE CANAL PLACE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT THE BOUNDARIES OF WHICH ARE DESCRIBED:

(1) IN THE ADDENDUM OF JANUARY 1993, ENTITLED "THE CANAL PLACE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT", TO THE REPORT OF MAY 1992 OF THE MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION ENTITLED "THE CANAL PARKWAY DEVELOPMENT - STATION SQUARE PROJECT"; AND

(2) IN ANY REVISIONS THAT THE AUTHORITY MAKES UNDER § 13-1008(8) OF THIS SUBTITLE TO THE ADDENDUM OF JANUARY 1993, ENTITLED "THE CANAL PLACE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT", TO THE REPORT OF MAY 1992 OF THE MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION ENTITLED "THE CANAL PARKWAY DEVELOPMENT - STATION SQUARE PROJECT".

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

(1) THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL IS ONE OF THE GREAT HISTORIC WATERWAYS OF THE UNITED STATES EXTENDING 185 MILES FROM GEORGETOWN IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO ITS WESTERN TERMINUS IN CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND;

(2) THE CURRENT PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL IN THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND IS ONE OF SEVERE DETERIORATION WITH THE LAST MILE OF THE CANAL BURIED UNDER A FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT DURING THE 1950S;

(3) AN OPPORTUNITY NOW EXISTS TO REDISCOVER THE VALUE OF THIS WATERWAY BY TRANSFORMING THE CANAL AND ADJACENT AREAS IN THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND TO A SHOWPIECE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION THAT WILL ENHANCE RECREATIONAL, COMMERCIAL, CIVIC, TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATIONAL, AND ECOLOGICAL VALUES;

(4) IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE STATE, ALLEGANY COUNTY, THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND, AND THE UNITED STATES THAT AN AREA IN THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND TO BE KNOWN AS "THE CANAL PLACE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT" BE PRESERVED, DEVELOPED, MAINTAINED, AND USED IN A MANNER SUITABLE TO ITS SIGNIFICANCE AS THE WESTERN TERMINUS OF THE HISTORIC CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL;