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The Maryland Historical Trust was created by Chapter 620 of the 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 the Province and State of Maryland from earliest times, to encourage others to do so, and to promote interest in and study of such matters." By Chapter 527 of the Acts of 1970 the Trust was made a part of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

The Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust is composed of fifteen trustees, of whom the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, or their representatives, are *ex officio* members. Originally the trustees were appointed by the Governor as follows: three for one year; three for two years; three for three years; and three for four years. As their terms expired, their successors were elected by a vote of the trustees. The trustees serve without compensation, and elect one of their number as Chairman. The trustees also appoint five area representatives, to serve for one year. 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, 1971 Repl. Vol. Art. 41, secs. 181-A-181K).

The Trust is empowered to acquire, preserve and maintain historic, aesthetic and cultural buildings, fixtures, furnishings and appurtenances pertaining in any way to the State of Maryland from earliest times. It is also to acquire and hold real and personal property of historic, aesthetic or cultural significance, by gift, purchase, devise, bequest, or by any other means and to preserve and administer such properties. It may accept gifts, legacies, bequests and endowments for any purpose which falls within that of the Trust. Finally, it is to cooperate with and assist, insofar as practicable, any agency of the State of Maryland or any of its political subdivisions, and any private agency or person in furtherance of the purpose of the Trust.

The Maryland Historical Trust realizes that Maryland is in a strategic location because of the large inventory of historic buildings and sites. Proper guidelines have been established by the Maryland Historic Preservation Plan. A far reaching preservation system has initiated a comprehensive program of acquisitions of title, covenants, or easements; restorations; and protection and management of historic sites. Financed by Federal, State, and private funds, this program has greatly increased the number of well cared for historic properties.

The mechanics through which the Trust accomplishes its objectives include a revolving fund, grants-in-aid, capital improvements, bequests and easements.

As funds are available, the Trust can make grants to responsible preservation organizations within the state. Loans or gifts from the