

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. 181A-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 grants-in-aid and revolving fund program assist and encourage responsible organizations and foundations in saving important buildings.

The Trust, in carrying out its duties has been engaged in a State-wide inventory of

all Maryland landmarks of architectural, archaeological and historic value. Many structures and sites based on their architectural, cultural, and/or historic significance, are worthy of State-wide recognition. A Maryland Register is being considered.

The National Register of Historic Sites and Places receives nominations from the Trust for those districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American History. It lists those national, State and local landmarks which constitute the significant evidences of our past and encourages appropriate action, public and private, to insure this heritage.

County Committees have been established for each of the State's twenty-three counties and Baltimore City. Their function is to help prepare an inventory of historic sites and landmarks and enlist the aid of interested county individuals and local organizations in developing and directing programs for historic preservation and restoration on a local level.

In addition to State funds the Trust has been able to obtain federal and private funds for its programs.

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The Governor appointed this special Committee in 1967 to carry out the terms of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (PL 89-665). This Act requires the State of Maryland to prepare a State-wide comprehensive survey and plan for historic preservation. Such survey must be reviewed by the Consulting Committee. The Committee selects its own Chairman.