

events and the official recognition of accomplishments made by individuals or organizations from ethnic communities. It also promotes research and preservation of the traditions and artifacts of Maryland's ethnic cultures.

The Commission strives to promote understanding among ethnic groups and between ethnic groups and the community at large. It maintains contact with and coordinates the activities of all ethnic communities in the State and serves as liaison between the communities and State government.

With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor appoints the Commission's fifteen members, who serve three-year terms. The Commission appoints the Director with the approval of the Secretary of Economic and Community Development.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Chairperson: Charles L. Wagandt, 1985

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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 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 a library of archival and photographic material relating to Maryland's historic architecture.

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*. The Board is self-perpetuating and members serve four-year terms. Trustees appoint eight area representatives to serve one-year terms. The Board also appoints the Director.

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