

The St. Mary's City Commission was created by Chapter 115, Acts of 1966, to preserve, develop, and maintain Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland's first settlement and for sixty-one years its colonial capital. Historic St. Mary's City park was completed by 1984, the year Maryland celebrated its 350th anniversary. The goal of the Commission is to preserve, study, and interpret the site of Maryland's first capital in the context of the Chesapeake Bay region from pre-history to the present, with a primary emphasis on the early colonial period. The Commission is empowered to acquire historical and cultural properties necessary for the proper use and administration of the park. The Commission may accept private gifts, as well as federal, State, and local government grants.

The Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Secretary of Economic and Community Development with the approval of the Governor for five-year terms. Two Commissioners must be residents of St. Mary's County and at least five must be Maryland residents. Commissioners are selected on the basis of ability, public spirit, and historical and professional interest. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Economic and Community Development, the Commission appoints the Director (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 365-374).

MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL

Chairperson: Julianne E. Alderman, 1986

Barbara M. Curran, 1985; Huot Fisher, 1985; George Udel, 1985; Dominique-Rene de Lerma, 1986; William B. Dunham, 1986; Nancy Stevens Carsey, 1987; Eliot Pfanstiehl, 1987; *one vacancy.*

Ex officio: Julian L. Lapidés, *State Senate*; Pauline H. Menes, *House of Delegates*

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The Maryland State Arts Council was created by Chapter 644, Acts of 1967, to replace the Governor's Council on the Arts in Maryland, which had been established by Executive Order on March 30, 1966, in conformity with the provisions of the National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities.

The Council provides technical and consultative assistance to other arts organizations throughout the State and designs new or expanded arts programs. The Council makes grants to county arts councils and other arts organizations. It also

operates programs of its own such as the State Folklore Program. The State Folklorist coordinates a statewide program of research, educational development, and public presentation designed to encourage wider public and institutional awareness, understanding, and support of Maryland traditional culture.

The Council receives an annual grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for program support.

The Council consists of eleven members. The Governor appoints nine members for three-year terms. Two members must be members of the General Assembly, one of whom is appointed by the president of the Senate and the other by the speaker of the House of Delegates. Council members are chosen because of their participation in civic, educational, and professional organizations concerned with or engaged in the production of the performing visual or creative arts. Members must also represent all geographic sections of the State (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 396-404).

MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL REDEVELOPMENT FUND

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The Maryland Industrial and Commercial Redevelopment Fund (MICRF) became operational in 1980. To provide supplemental financing that supports local commercial or industrial redevelopment efforts, the Fund administers State loans, grants, and loan guarantees to local governments.

Fund money is used to encourage private investment in industrial and commercial redevelopment projects that retain jobs, create new jobs, and increase tax revenues. MICRF funds may be expended directly by a local jurisdiction, or passed through to a third party committed to carrying out the project.

CODES ADMINISTRATION

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The Codes Administration is responsible for the Industrialized Building Code, the Mobile Homes Construction Standards Code, the Model Performance Building Code, the Maryland Building