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The Maryland Historical Trust was created in 1961 to preserve, protect, and enhance districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in the prehistory, history, upland and underwater archeology, architecture, engineering, and culture of the State (Chapter 620, Acts of 1961). The Trust also encourages others in the field 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 was placed under the new Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Senate Bill no. 699).

The Trust is authorized to acquire and maintain properties of historic or architectural merit by gift, grant, or purchase. Through its easement program, it holds partial interest in such properties in order to monitor their condition and appearance without the necessity of public ownership.

Through its State-funded grants-in-aid and a revolving fund loan program, the Trust assists organizations, local governments, businesses, and individuals in restoring and acquiring historic properties. Matching grants-in-aid from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, are made through the Trust to support a variety of programs, including historic resource identification (i.e. survey), evaluation (i.e. registration), preservation planning, education, and "Certified Local Government" programs.

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 a local volunteer network, represented by advisory organizations (one in each county, in Baltimore City, and in Annapolis). In addition to carrying out their own local preservation programs, these organizations assist the Trust by promoting its programs, its grants and loans, sponsoring Preservation Week activities, and advising the Trust on preservation needs and interests. The Trust conducts an annual conference and sponsors regional workshops. It hosts special events and issues publications, including news sheets and a quarterly news magazine.

The Trust maintains a library of archival and photographic material relating to Maryland's archeological and architectural history.

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 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and members serve staggered 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 out by the State Historic Preservation Officer in concert with the Trust (Code 1957, Art. 41B, secs. 5-601 through 5-619).

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