

diverse Indian communities. The Commission also works to increase public awareness and appreciation of the rich contributions that Indians have made to life in the State.

The Commission consists of nine members, a majority of whom must be members of the Native American Indian communities of Maryland. Appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent, members serve three-year terms. They must have knowledge of Indian culture and history, and the problems of Indian communities. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, the Commission appoints the Director (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 5-401 through 5-405).

#### ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION

*Chairperson:* Marianne E. Alexander, 1991

Appointed by Secretary of Housing & Community Development with Governor's approval: Roy N. Staten, 1988; John T. Daugherty, 1989; J. Patrick Jarboe, 1990; F. Alexander Meatyard III, 1990; Orwin C. Talbott, 1991; Saretha Gaskins Greene, 1992; Richard D. Weigle; one vacancy.

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The St. Mary's City Commission was created in 1966 (Chapter 115, Acts of 1966). Formerly under the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Commission became part of the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987).

The Commission preserves, develops, and maintains Historic St. Mary's City, Maryland's first settlement and for sixty-one years its colonial capital. Through the Commission's work, Historic St. Mary's City Park was completed in 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 prehistory 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 Historic St. Mary's City Park. The Commission may accept private gifts, as well as federal, State, and local government grants.

The Commission has nine members appointed to five-year terms by the Secretary of Housing and Community Development with the approval of the Governor. Two members must be residents of St. Mary's County, and at least five must be Maryland residents. Members are selected on the basis of ability, public spirit, and historical and professional

interest. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, the Commission appoints the Director (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 5-201 through 5-212).

#### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

*Chairperson:* Catharine F. Black, 1990

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: Mary Louise Gramkow, 1988; Theresa Michel, 1988; Gale H. Yerges, 1988; Howard A. Buchanan, 1989; E. Burnell Duffee, Jr., 1989; Joseph M. Coale III, 1990; Mary Ann Kephart, 1990; James E. Lewis, 1991; Harrison B. Wetherill, Jr., 1991; *two vacancies.*

*Ex officio:* Paul E. Schurick, *designee of Governor*; John A. Cade, *designee of Senate President*; Timothy F. Maloney, *designee of House Speaker.*

Area representatives: G. Bernard Callan; W. Dickerson Charlton; Tim Dugan; Dr. Ralph E. Eshelman; Jayne Foard; Paul McKean; Douglass C. Reed; Charles Montgomery.

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The Maryland Historical Trust was formed 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 Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987).

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

The Trust helps organizations, local governments, businesses, and individuals restore and acquire historic properties through State-funded grants-in-aid, and a revolving fund loan program. 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.