

organize, and sponsor a statewide conference on neighborhood revitalization. After the conference, the Commission will submit a report to the Governor. Authorization for the Commission continues until December 31, 1996.

The Commission has thirty members. Of these, the Governor appoints twenty-two, the Senate President appoints two, the House Speaker appoints two, and five serve *ex officio*. The Governor selects the Commission's two co-chairpersons.

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The Division of Historical and Cultural Programs directs four offices: Management, Planning, and Educational Outreach; Research, Survey, and Registration; Preservation Services; and Museum Services. The Director serves as the designee of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development in all aspects of State cultural programs.

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The Office of Management, Planning, and Educational Outreach originated in 1989 as the Office of Management and Planning. The Office received its present name in 1992. The Office oversees the Maryland Historical Trust, the Archaeology Office, and all other programs of the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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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 archaeology, 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 Commu-

nity Development. The Trust was placed under the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987).

The Trust acquires and maintains 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 National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior are made through the Trust. They support a variety of programs, including historic resource identification (i.e., survey), evaluation (i.e., registration), preservation planning, education, and "Certified Local Government" programs.

The Trust contracts with local jurisdictions to survey Maryland historic sites. Results of these surveys are published. The most significant 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.

Through its community education program, the Trust administers a local volunteer network, represented by advisory organizations (one in each county, in Baltimore City and Annapolis). These organizations, besides carrying out their own local preservation programs, assist the Trust by promoting its programs, grants, and loans; sponsoring Preservation Week activities; and advising 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 archaeological and architectural history.

The Board of Trustees of the Maryland Historical Trust is composed of fifteen members. Twelve are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. Three serve *ex officio*: the Governor, the Senate President, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, or their designees. 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. 83B, secs. 5-601 through 5-619).