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OFFICE OF PRESERVATION SERVICES

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The Office of Preservation Services was established in 1989. The Office protects and enhances historic, archaeological and cultural properties throughout Maryland.

The Review and Compliance Unit conducts State and federally mandated regulatory reviews to protect and enhance heritage resources. Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, this includes review of how federal programs affect Maryland historic properties. The Unit also reviews and processes applications for the State historic preservation income tax (502H) program and the federal income tax credit program for rehabilitation of historic buildings.

The Financial Assistance and Easements Unit administers the State Historic Preservation Grant and Loan programs, as well as State and federal historic preservation easement programs. Through a variety of training programs, the Unit also provides technical advice and assistance on rehabilitation to local government planners, preservation commissions, and the public.

*OFFICE OF RESEARCH, SURVEY,
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The Office of Research, Survey, and Registration was created in 1989 to direct the Division's historical, architectural and archaeological research. The Office is organized into four units: Cultural Conservation; Evaluation and Registration; Information Management and Library Services; and Research and Survey.

The Cultural Conservation Unit focuses on intangible historic and cultural resources, including oral history, folklife, and regional traditions. It conducts field research and oral history projects, and prepares publications and audiovisual materials. The Unit staffs the Commission on Indian Affairs.

The Evaluation and Registration Unit conducts historic resource registration programs, including the Maryland Register of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places. The Unit provides technical assistance to the Governor's Commission on Maryland Military Monuments, the Maryland Civil War Heritage Commission, the Maryland Museum of African-American History and Culture Commission, and the Governor's Commission on the Thurgood Marshall Memorial Statue.

The Information Management and Library Services Unit consolidates separate libraries and the

information and records management programs administered by previously separate units. The Unit carries out Division computerization and a long-term program for microfilming and electronic storage of archival and record materials.

The Research and Survey Unit maintains the historical and archaeological components of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. The Unit helps design and implement local survey projects, and provides inventory data for the Office and local government planners.

*GOVERNOR'S CONSULTING COMMITTEE ON THE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES*

Michael Trostal, F.A.I.A., *Chair*, 1998

The Governor formed this committee in 1967 to carry out terms of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-665). The law requires the State to nominate properties for the National Register of Historic Places. These nominations must be reviewed by the Consulting Committee before they are submitted to the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

Appointed by the Governor, Committee members serve four-year terms.

*COMMISSION ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY
& CULTURE*

Kenneth G. Rodgers, *Chair*, 1998

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The Commission on African-American History and Culture originated in 1969 as the Maryland Commission on Negro History and Culture (Chapter 435, Acts of 1969). In 1971, it was assigned to Morgan State College by Executive Order. Under the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Commission was renamed in 1974 as the Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture (Chapter 386, Acts of 1974). The Commission was renamed the Commission on Afro-American History and Culture in 1976 (Chapter 120, Acts of 1976). It became part of the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). In 1992, the Commission was redesignated as the Commission on African-American History and Culture (Chapter 290, Acts of 1992). Formerly under the Division's Office of Cultural and Educational Services, the Commission became part of the Office of Research, Survey, and Registration in 1992.

The Commission serves as the statewide clearinghouse for preserving evidence of and documenting the African-American experience in Maryland. It specializes in research assistance and collection of histori-