

Maryland from earliest times, to encourage others to do so and to promote and develop an educational program to arouse and maintain public interest in historic sites and areas. In order to carry out these purposes more effectively, to prepare and adopt a comprehensive statewide historic preservation plan, and to obtain financial assistance, the trustees may accept and receive funds, grants, and services from the federal government or its agencies, from departments, agencies and instrumentalities of State or local government, or from private civic sources.

(c) To acquire and hold real and personal property of historic, aesthetic or cultural significance, by gift, purchase, devise, bequest, or by any other means, with the approval of the Board of Public Works or its designee prior to the acquisition, and to preserve and administer in such properties; to charge reasonable admission fees to such properties and to determine which of such properties are deserving of State financial aid. In the acquisition of such properties, to acquire property adjacent thereto deemed necessary for the proper use and administration of historic, aesthetic or cultural property.

(d) To accept gifts, legacies, bequests and endowments for any purpose which falls within that of the Trust and unless otherwise specified by the person making the gift, legacy, bequest, or endowment, the trustees may expend both principal and income of any such gift, bequest, legacy, or endowment of money in furtherance of the Trust or, with the consent of the Treasurer of the State, invest the same in whole or in part in general obligations of the State of Maryland, or other securities, in furtherance of the Trust.

(e) To apply all monies, assets, property or other things of value it may receive as an incident to its operation to the general purpose of the Trust.

(f) To designate historic sites and areas on the basis of the following criteria: Historical and cultural significance; suitability for preservation; educational value; cost of acquisition, restoration, maintenance and repair; appraised value; and administrative responsibility of the sponsoring group or individual; and to prepare regulations amplifying the foregoing criteria.

(g) To contract for services with, cooperate with and otherwise assist, consistent with Article 21, any agency of the State of Maryland or any of its political subdivisions, and any private agency or person in furtherance of the purpose of the Trust and to encourage individual and community plans and zoning ordinances relating to the restoration, preservation, alteration and/or development of designated sites and areas particularly within the provisions of Article 66B, §§ 8.01 through 8.15 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(h) To take any action necessary and proper to effectuate the powers expressly conferred by this subtitle.