

(b) In addition to the duties set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Trust shall:

(1) In cooperation with federal and State agencies, including the Department of Natural Resources, local governments, and private organizations and individuals, direct and conduct a comprehensive statewide survey of historic properties;

(2) Maintain an inventory and register of historic properties;

(3) Document, research, record, and evaluate the significance of historic properties;

(4) Prepare and implement comprehensive statewide and regional historic preservation plans;

(5) Assist local governments in the development of local historic preservation plans and programs;

(6) Carry out programs and activities to protect, preserve, and encourage the preservation of historic properties in [this] THE State;

(7) Preserve and administer historic properties acquired and held by the Trust;

(8) Cooperate with federal and State agencies, local governments, and private entities to ensure that historic properties are taken into consideration at all levels of planning and development;

(9) Review the policies and programs of each unit of the State government that affect historic properties and recommend methods to improve the effectiveness and coordination of these policies and programs consistent with this subtitle;

(10) Administer programs of financial and technical assistance for historic preservation projects;

(11) Make recommendations on the certification and eligibility of historic properties for tax incentives and other programs of public assistance;

(12) Provide public information, education, and training relating to historic preservation;

(13) Encourage public interest and participation in historic preservation;

(14) Advise and assist the State historic preservation officer on matters relating to the implementation of the officer's responsibilities;