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FOCUS on...

Maryland Historical Trust relaunches PreserveMaryland

The Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) has announced that efforts to update Maryland's State Historic Preservation Plan, titled "PreserveMaryland," are underway. The goal of the Preservation Plan is to gain a full understanding of the issues facing historical and cultural resources in Maryland and to identify innovative strategies for their recognition, long term care, and enhancement.

The Plan will provide a roadmap for the future of Maryland's treasures, and will include specific ideas to guide activities into the near term future. It is designed to be a useful implementation tool serving diverse stakeholders, including local government planners, preservation commissions, archaeologists, heritage museums, developers, realtors, economic development groups, and preservation advocates across Maryland. A successful plan will enable these groups to "be on the same page" and to successfully coordinate their efforts and activities.

The year-long process will rely upon public participation throughout 2013. Outreach efforts began with a survey currently available online. This spring, MHT will conduct interviews with major stakeholders and then, during May and June, will host public forums at various locations statewide. Analysis and report preparation will take place over the summer, leading to online publication of the Plan in December 2013.

State historic preservation plans are prepared periodically, in part, to comply with National Park Service requirements. Plans must be updated in order for State Historic Preservation Offices to remain eligible to participate in the national historic preservation program. The previous plan for Maryland was published in 2005.

How can MAHDC's members get involved in the planning process?

An online survey is being conducted to collect public opinions and views. MAHDC's membership is invited to participate by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MDPRESPLAN>. The survey addresses a wide range of historic and

cultural resources across Maryland. Participation from a broad base of stakeholders is a major component of the planning process. This survey provides one method to reach the public to obtain opinions and viewpoints. MHT has requested that MAHDC's membership participate in the program. The survey is user-friendly and only takes a few minutes to complete.

Also, MHT has also posted a form on its website for interested parties to share the places that are important to them. They could be places that are threatened, places that they simply enjoy and should be saved, or places that have been saved and deserve recognition. Anyone can submit a specific building, a neighborhood, a landscape, or even a cultural tradition or way of life. Go to <http://mht.maryland.gov/planmapsubmit.html> to add to the list. The information submitted will be used in the preparation of PreserveMaryland.

Finally, you can share your support for the plan through social media.... Visit the MHT website for a more detailed description of the planning process and many of the key issues which will be covered by the plan at <http://mht.maryland.gov/plan.html> or "like" us on Facebook at PreserveMaryland.



Stakeholders participate in early discussions regarding the PreserveMaryland planning process. Photo courtesy of the Maryland Historical Trust.

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■ Check out the MAHDC blog series on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Preservation Leadership Forum website!

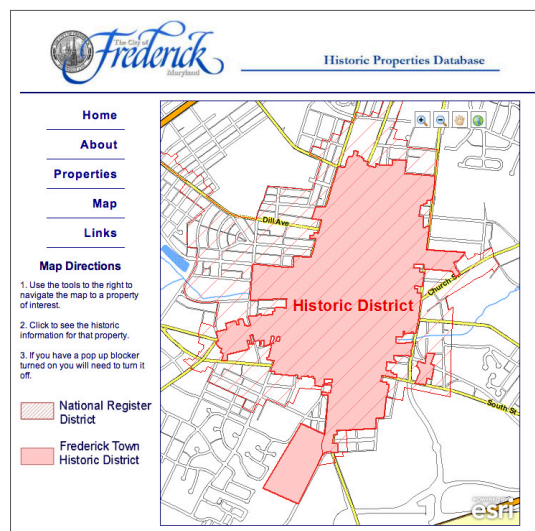
This spring the NHTP featured the MAHDC training program in a three-part blog series, the first of which can be found at the following link: <http://blog.preservationleadershipforum.org/2013/03/12/training-for-hpc-part-1/#.UU8ECaVDJD8>

The blog series has been very effective in spreading the word about our training program outside the state. Go to www.mahdc.org to access the on-line training component. We will continue to host on-site sessions throughout 2013.

■ MAHDC welcomes the following new board member for 2013.

MAHDC welcomes new board member **Josh Silver**. Josh is a Senior Historic Preservation Planner and staff to the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission. In addition to his staffing responsibilities to the HPC, he administered the Certified Local Government Energy Efficiency Initiative Grant and assisted with the preparation of countywide design guidelines policy document. He also brings to the board his experience relating to preservation advocacy and lobbying efforts for the state, and recently completed the NTHP Preservation Leadership Training Program. Josh has a MA in Urban and Regional Planning and a BA in Anthropology from SUNY at Albany. Welcome aboard, Josh!

We all know how important it is to have a survey of your district that is up-to-date and comprehensive. If you wish to be inspired, you need to look no further than Frederick's new historic properties database. In 2011, the City of Frederick was awarded a CLG grant from MHT to assist with the creation of an historic properties website for the Frederick Historic District. As part of this project, the City contracted with an architectural historian consultant to reevaluate the resources in the District to determine if they are contributing or non-contributing based on the National Register documents. The District was last evaluated in 1988. The comprehensive update was greatly needed after 20 years of alterations, new construction, and demolitions. Part of this project included the conversion of over 1,000 slides to digital format. These images, along with the contributing and non-contributing determinations, were incorporated into a database and linked with information for the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP). Information and images for properties can be accessed by using the map or searching by address, tax ID, or MIHP number. Frederick's historic properties database can be found at <http://spires2.cityoffrederick.com/historicProperties/properties.html>.



For more information about this project, contact MAHDC board member and Frederick's Historic Preservation Planner Lisa Mroszczyk Murphy at lmroszczyk@cityoffrederick.com.

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