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PRESERVATION MARYLAND AND ADVOCATES FROM ACROSS STATE PLAN ANNAPOLIS ADVOCACY DAY – FEBRUARY 9TH

By Nick Redding, Executive Director of
Preservation Maryland

This year Preservation advocates from across the state are invited to descend on Annapolis on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 for Maryland History Advocacy Day. The day-long event is focused on making the case for the programs, policies and funding that make preservation in Maryland possible. In particular, advocates will be speaking to their legislators about the value of Maryland's Sustainable Community Tax Credit (Historic) program, Maryland Historical Trust agency & grant funding, the Maryland Heritage Areas, Program Open Space, the Maryland Main Street program & incentives and other key initiatives important to the future of Maryland's history.

The tentative schedule for the day's event begins at 9:00 AM with a brief training and introduction to heritage advocacy, the key issues & lobbying at the Brice House (courtesy of Historic Annapolis, Inc.). Then from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM participants will be assisted with meetings with their legislators and key committee members to help make the case for history in their community. These meetings will be scheduled in advance to make them as effective as possible – so be sure to RSVP early. Following the day's important legislative meetings there will be a free reception at 6:00 PM to be held at the

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Soldiers and Sailors Monument, 1903

BALTIMORE'S PUBLIC CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS

By Eric Holcomb, Executive
Director, Commission For Historical
And Architectural Preservation
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Department of Planning

On June 30, 2015 Baltimore City Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake created a Special Commission to Review Baltimore's Public Confederate monuments to evaluate Baltimore's three public Confederate monuments and the Roger B. Taney monument. This year the commission will provide a report with recommendations to the Mayor on the treatment of these controversial and contested monuments.

The Roger B. Taney monument, dedicated in 1887, is a replica of the statue placed in Annapolis in 1872. Baltimore's monument is located in the southern portion of the north square of Mount Vernon Place, a prominent urban square. Roger B. Taney, as Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, authored the infamous Dred Scott decision in 1857.

In 1903, the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, donated by the Maryland Daughters of the Confederacy, was dedicated on Mount Royal Avenue near Mosher Street. Here, a winged figure personifying glory holds a dying confederate soldier, who in turn clutches his heart and holds on dearly to the Confederate Battle Flag. Inscriptions on the base speak to "Glory to the defeated" and *Deo Vindice* (With God our Vindicator), which is also the motto of the Confederate States of America.

Between 1915 and 1917 the Confederate Women's Monument was given to Baltimore by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the United Confederate Veterans, and the Maryland State Legislature who allocated public dollars for its erection. Here, a woman stands tall looking into the horizon. Another woman kneels in front of her and cradles a dying Confederate soldier who holds tightly

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Baltimore's Public Confederate Monuments

to a tattered Confederate Battle flag. Resembling a pieta (in art this depicts Mother Mary holding a dying Jesus), the soldier lies on a bed of wheat which symbolizes resurrection.

In 1948 the Lee and Jackson Monument was dedicated in Wyman Park Dell across from the Baltimore Museum of Art. In 1928 Baltimore banker J. Henry Ferguson left \$100,000 in his will to create a monument to his boyhood heroes Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. Laura Gardin Fraser, one of the earliest women sculptors in Maryland, won the design competition for this monument in 1935.

This commission has held three meetings in which it has heard testimony from local and national experts and from the general public. On December 15, 2015 the Commission held a hearing where 105 people attended and 42 people testified. The Commission will convene in January to discuss recommendations and then shortly thereafter will present a report with specific recommendations to the Mayor. The report will provide detailed information on the history, symbolism of each monument, historical contexts, case studies from around the United States, public sentiment, and any legal restrictions. The report will also provide recommendations on how to treat the controversial aspects of each monument.

For more information visit <http://baltimoreplanning.wix.com/monumentcommission>.



Lee and Jackson Monument, 1948

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Annapolis Advocacy Day - February 9th

Brice House for advocates and members of the Maryland General Assembly. Full details are available at: <http://preservationmaryland.org/event/advocacy-day-2016/>

Preservation Maryland is extremely grateful for the many organizations willing to co-host and sponsor this event, including The Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions, The Campaign for Maryland History, The Maryland Historic Tax Credit Coalition, Maryland Heritage Council, The Maryland Heritage Area Coalition and Historic Annapolis.

To receive updates, be sure to RSVP on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1627997774130983/>

Update on Rockville Confederate Soldier Monument

By Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner, City of Rockville



Confederate Soldier Monument at Current Location on East Lawn of the Red Brick Courthouse

On Thursday December 17, 2015 the City of Rockville Historic District Commission met once again to discuss the relocation of the Confederate soldier monument. Previously the monument was reviewed on September 17, 2015 to get permission to remove it from the grounds of the historic Red Brick Courthouse, which is owned by Montgomery County but has a local designation and a state easement.

The most recent case was for Certificate of Approval for the installation of the monument at the Beall Dawson Historic Park. The HDC reviewed a proposed and an alternate location and listened to the testimony of several citizens, including members of the neighborhood in which the Beall Dawson is located. The HDC finally voted 3-1 to move the monument to the alternate location. The proposed location would have been on a corner and the HDC decided that it was too prominent based on some of the testimony from the neighbors. While the relocation of the Confederate

soldier monument continues to be a controversial issue, the interest has died down compared to this past July when the County Executive originally decided that it had no business being on public land. The HDC's approval of the Confederate Soldier Monument at the alternate location must meet the following conditions:

1. The Mayor and Council must approve the use of the Beall Dawson Historic Park;
2. The monument must face west;
3. The applicant must return to HDC for the review of landscaping, illumination, and interpretive signage, and consider any security related issues as they would pertain to the neighborhood; and
4. That the interpretation is a necessary part of the applicant's return to the HDC.

The purpose of the fourth condition, which may seem redundant is to make sure that the interpretative signage is not considered optional and to signify that it is as important as the placement of the monument itself. Much of the controversy over the Confederate soldier monument is that it only tells one side of the story from the Civil War, and many people agree that if it stays, it should tell the story from all sides.

The relocation to the Beall Dawson Park has not yet been approved by the Mayor and Council. That is because while Montgomery County will pay for the cost of the relocation, the expense of the interpretative signage and all of the other things that go along with the monument once it is in place must be worked out. The city does not want to bear the remainder of these costs alone. The Mayor and Council will discuss the issue on February 8.



A rendering showing the approved "alternate" location of the Confederate Soldier Monument beside the Library on at the Beall Dawson Historic Park on West Middle Lane.

The Value of Building Condition Assessments

Report by WNUK SPURLOCK Architecture, MAHDC Business Associate



The Darryl Carter Showroom and Studio, honored with a 2013 Award of Merit for Architecture from the AIA|DC Chapter, is shown above in before and after photos. WNUK SPURLOCK Architecture provided a building condition assessment of the property, which led to the complete rehabilitation of the façade and interior. After photo by Gordon Beall.



Whether converting a historic building for a new use or simply looking to maintain or upgrade your property, the first step is often the most important—a Building Condition Assessment.

WHAT IS IT?

Before starting any work on a historic structure, gaining a complete understanding of the building is critical. Building Condition Assessment services provide an analysis of the existing building conditions in report form, detailing building deficiencies and recommendations for repairs.

WHY DO IT?

A detailed Building Condition Assessment allows facility managers, building owners, and organizations to plan and prioritize which building assets need to be repaired or replaced. Assessments also provide important information to historic review boards reviewing the proposed work and can be helpful in soliciting funding from public and private sources. Being proactive about building repairs before they become an emergency is more effective and less expensive in the long term. Most importantly, organizations that proceed with the recommendations outlined in a Building Condition Assessment often spend less capital keeping up with repairs, thus allowing capital

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We need your help growing the [Maryland Historic Restoration Contractor Directory](#). We are searching for all types of historic preservation specialists, but especially craftspeople that can help our historic district residents repair and maintain their properties.

Do you know of a skilled mason, building contractor, engineer, carpenter, plasterer, or window conservator? Forward this newsletter on to them and tell them about the benefits of an MAHDC Business Associate membership, which includes listing in our online directory and access to our statewide membership. They can [complete the application](#) on our website to join MAHDC as a Business Associate for just \$50. We ask that they read and agree to abide by our [Directory Policies](#).

The Value of Building Condition Assessments

expenditures to be spent on renovations and renewal projects that bring long-term value to the building and the occupants.

OUR EXPERIENCE:

WNUK SPURLOCK Architecture has completed whole and partial building assessments, typically teaming up with historically focused structural and MEP engineering firms. A whole building assessment can evaluate the condition of all parts of the building, while a partial assessment reviews and recommends improvements for a building component, such as a façade or accessibility compliance.

Our background includes numerous façade assessments for historic buildings in the Washington, DC metro area. In fact, we have provided assessments and are currently the Architectural Facility Consultant for the following buildings:

- The Mendota Apartment Building
- 2101 Connecticut Ave NW Cooperative
- 2029 Connecticut Avenue
- Shoreham West Cooperative
- The Dresden Condominium



Steven Spurlock, Principal of WNUK SPURLOCK Architecture, seen here conducting a site investigation for water infiltration at the façade of 2101 Connecticut Ave NW Cooperative in Washington, DC.

Annapolis Sea Level Rise Lecture Open to MAHDC Members

The City of Annapolis in partnership with the Urban Land Institute Baltimore is hosting a meeting with its members with experience in land use planning, design, real estate, and finance to develop a design charrette format to address the impacts of climate change—specifically sea level rise, tidal flooding, subsidence, and major storm events impacting Annapolis and the Chesapeake Bay.

This event is scheduled for **9 am on Saturday, January 30 at City Hall, 160 Duke of Gloucester, Annapolis MD.** The discussion will open with a presentation by Sea Level Rise expert and oceanographer, John Englander, former CEO of the Cousteau Society and currently CEO of the International Sea Level Rise Institute.

Mr. Englander, a prior keynote speaker at the National Preservation Conference, will address the issue of Sea Level Rise and its impact on historic coastal communities during a special lecture that same evening at **4 pm at St. John's Key Auditorium.** For more information about Mr. Englander, check out www.johnenglander.net.

All MAHDC members, commissioners and staff, are invited to attend both the morning and evening events. For more information about free parking and discounted hotel rates, please contact histpres@annapolis.gov or call Lisa Craig or Karen Brown at 410-263-7941.

Hazard Mitigation Planning and Historic Places

By Jennifer Sparenberg, CFM, Hazard Mitigation Officer, Maryland Historical Trust

Hurricane Sandy reinforced what many of us already know: that our historic places are in danger. Changing weather patterns; predictions of more frequent, stronger storms; rising seas and subsiding land all pose threats to historic places and archaeological sites throughout the state. These threats are not going to disappear. Professionals working in the field of historic preservation need to become more knowledgeable about hazard mitigation, disaster preparedness, and emergency management. There are hard decisions before us such as: What should we save? What can we save? What will we have to let go? How can we protect historic properties from hazards like flooding and still retain integrity?

Fortunately, there are resources available to help to understand how historic properties can be incorporated into hazard mitigation planning. FEMA has dedicated an entire volume, *Integrating Historic Property and Cultural Resource Considerations into Hazard Mitigation Planning*, in its State and Local Mitigation Planning How-To Guides to shepherd preservationists and planners through the process of writing a hazard mitigation plan for historic properties. The guide is an invaluable introduction to hazard mitigation for those unfamiliar with what hazard mitigation is and demonstrates how to develop goals, strategies and actions for protecting historic places from the effects of natural hazards. FEMA has also produced a publication that focuses on historic structures in the context of floodplain regulations: *National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Floodplain Management Bulletin, Historic Structures*. The bulletin defines regulatory terms related to floodplain management and explains how the National Flood Insurance Program's floodplain regulations address historic structures. Together, the two publications are a primer for what preservationists should know to be able to meaningfully contribute to hazard mitigation planning activities in their local jurisdiction. These two publications can be found online in the FEMA Library at <http://www.fema.gov/resource-document-library>.



Flooding from Hurricane Irene on Main Street in Port Deposit (Source: Town of Port Deposit)



Elevation of Historic House in Crisfield (Source: Jen Sparenberg)

The responsibility for creating a hazard mitigation plan rests with the County Office of Emergency Management or Office of Public Safety. Plans are updated every five years. There are 11 counties whose plans expire in 2017, which means that the process for updating these plans is either underway or soon will be. Historic properties are addressed in local hazard mitigation plans to varying degrees, but they should be addressed in more robust ways as is done for other assets like housing and infrastructure. The best way to ensure this happens is to be part of the process. Read the FEMA guidance, then contact your local jurisdiction's Emergency Manager to find out when your plan update will occur and how you can become part of the planning team.

The Maryland Historical Trust is here to help through our Cultural Resources Hazard Mitigation Planning Program. We can provide training or technical assistance as needed. We are part of a partnership of state agencies that are also committed to protecting

historic places from the devastating effects of natural hazards. Working together, we can preserve and protect our heritage. To learn more about hazard mitigation planning and historic places visit our webpage at http://mht.maryland.gov/grants_hazardmitigation.shtml.



UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

■ TRAINING CALENDAR

January 28, 2016
**Law and Procedures for
Historic Preservation
Commissions**
St. Mary's County, MD

January 30, 2016
Sea Level Rise Lecture
Annapolis, MD

March 16–19, 2016
**National Council for Public
History Annual Meeting**
Baltimore, MD

March 19–20, 2016
**7th National Forum on
Historic Preservation Practice**
Baltimore, MD

■ LAW AND PROCEDURES FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONS ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MD • JANUARY 28, 2016

Because the work of the commission is quasi-judicial, it is important that commissioners have a working knowledge of law and procedures. When their decisions are questioned, the focus of the reviewing body will be on whether the commission was fair and followed their procedures in the decision-making process. Through a number of case studies, the workshop covers the following law and procedures-related topics: legal basis of authority, ex parte communication, conflicts of interest, demolition by neglect, economic hardship cases. Space is limited. Contact Gracie Brady, Historic Preservation Planner, St. Mary's County at Gracie.Brady@stmarysmd.com for more information.

■ SEA LEVEL RISE LECTURE ANNAPOLIS, MD • JANUARY 30, 2016

The Urban Land Institute Baltimore and John Englander, a noted oceanographer and consultant on sea level rise, is coming to Annapolis on January 30th to lecture on the critical issue of climate change and its significant future impact on our historic coastal communities. A reception will follow. Contact Lisa Craig, Chief of Historic Preservation, City of Annapolis at lmcraig@annapolis.gov for more information

■ NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC HISTORY ANNUAL MEETING BALTIMORE, MD • MARCH 16–19, 2016

The National Council on Public History holds an annual meeting each spring for professionals, students, faculty members, and anyone else interested in public history. The conference provides professional development through an abundance of sessions, plenaries, and workshops; presents opportunities for networking through special events and an exhibit hall; and connects conference attendees to the community through tours and keynote speakers.

■ 7TH NATIONAL FORUM ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION PRACTICE BALTIMORE, MD • MARCH 19–20, 2016

Goucher College is presenting the National Forum on Historic Preservation Practice providing a critical examination of the next 50 years of historic preservation marking the 50th anniversary of the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act. As our nation celebrates the law's half-century mark, the forum will attempt to answer questions such as: What will the next half-century hold for historic preservation policy and professional practice in the United States? Will the way we now conduct or even define historic preservation change? Much will change in the next half-century, will the old policies, and practices still work? If not, what are the models?



NEWS FROM THE COMMISSIONS

Have you visited www.mahdc.org recently? Here are some of the news items you may have missed:

- Chestertown HDC approves solar panel projects
- Annapolis HPC to unveil Cultural Landscape Study
- Easton Town Council to consider HDC's recommendation of removal of two properties from district
- Salisbury HPC delays historic house demolition to find a buyer
- Chestertown HDC approves railroad station roof replacement
- Proposed code changes in Annapolis to help homeowners
- Calvert County wins top tourism award for Lower Marlboro Freedom Day
- Cumberland HPC seeks to fill vacancies
- Elizabeth Hughes appointed as Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer
- Baltimore CHAP approves H&S Bakery warehouse expansion
- City of Frederick HPC to consider moving controversial Roger Brooke Taney bust
- Havre de Grace HPC urges City Council to accept gift of historic houses
- City of Frederick HPC recommends designation of four properties
- Frederick HPC Designation Committee Chair Kate McConnell answers five questions

Please share your commission's news with MAHDC by emailing director@mahdc.org.



2016 COMMISSION TRAINING PROGRAM CURRICULUM

To learn more and schedule a training in your community, visit mahdc.org/training-programs.

■ SELF-STUDY

Maryland Historic Preservation Commissions Tutorial and Training Manual

■ FOUNDATIONAL WORKSHOPS

HPC 100. Design Review

HPC 101. Law and Procedures

HPC 102. Ethics and Defensive Decision Making for Historic Preservation Commissions

■ SKILL SESSIONS

HPC 200. Connecting with your Community: Communication, Education, and Outreach

HPC 201. Sustainability for Historic Preservation Commissions

HPC 202. Modernism for Maryland's Historic Preservation Commissions



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