



The Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions (MAHDC)
is pleased to invite you to the

2024 ANNUAL MAHDC SYMPOSIUM

Climate Change, Disaster Resilience, and Underrepresented Communities

THURSDAY • MAY 23, 2024 | 8:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Newton White Mansion • Mitchellville, MD



SESSIONS INCLUDE:

Morning Keynote – Flood Adaptation Strategies for Rehabilitating
Historic Districts and Buildings.

Engineering with Nature and Living with Water.

Flood Mitigation Planning Strategies through Preservation Ordinances,
and Design Guidelines.

Developing Resilience in Historic Districts,
from the Mountains to the Bay.

Equity in Historic Preservation: A Reimagined Future.

The Protection of Underrepresented Historic Landscapes.

Commemorating the Intangible Past through Art and Architecture.

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MAHDC Symposium Schedule

8:00am to 8:45am: Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:45am: Opening Remarks – Frederick C. Stachura, J.D., MAHDC President, Supervisor, MNCPPC Community Planning Division

Theme 1: The Impact of Climate Change in Maryland's Historic Cultural Landscapes and Built Heritage

9:05am: Introduction, Historic cities and districts on the water

Janice M. Olshesky, AIA, LEED AP, President, Olshesky Design Group, LLC

9:15am: Session I, Keynote: National Landmarks at Risk, Resilience Planning and Disaster Preparedness for Historic Communities

Ms. Craig will elaborate on adaptation design strategies for flooding and highlight methods for community engagement, messaging, and communications planning that incorporates heritage assets into disaster decision-making for elected officials and community leaders.

Lisa Craig, President, The Craig Group Partners, LLC, Mayor, City of Lodi, CA

10:15am: Coffee Break

10:30am: Session II, Make Cambridge Resilient Initiative

Learn how the two guiding principles, engineering with nature and living with water, lead the development of the City's resilient initiative. Evolving from a flood protection project it is now a true climate adaptation initiative that requires community involvement and a strong technical team to support its development.

Lawrence A. White, PE, President, Strategic Programs Development, LLC, City of Cambridge, FEMA Project Manager

11:15am: Session III, Districts on the Water, Local Planning Strategies

Learn how Historic Preservation can be implemented into Municipal Land Use Law to enhance the quality of a community by preserving open space, curbing suburban sprawl, saving energy, and reducing landfill waste.

Barton Ross, AIA, AICP, LEED AP BD+C, President Ross & Partners, LLC

11:30am: Luncheon, MAHDC 45th Anniversary Celebration

12:30pm: Session IV, Workshop/Panel Discussion: Developing Resilience in Historic Districts

Maryland has 46 Historic Districts that span from the Blue Ridge Mountains, to the Piedmont, the Fall Line, and the Coastal Plain. Many have experienced significant flooding, both riverine and coastal. Learn how some Historic Districts have and are adapting to Climate Change. A panel discussion will follow, including available Maryland resources.

Moderator: Nell Ziehl, Chief, Office of Planning, Education & Outreach, Maryland Historical Trust

Speakers:

- Ruth Davis-Rogers, Built Environment Professional, Cumberland
- Robert (Zach) Hollenbeck, AIA, Deputy Chief, Bureau of Facilities, Department of Public Works, Howard County
- Lauren Schiszik, Historic Preservation Planner, Baltimore City
- Christopher I. Sperling, Historic Preservation Planner, Calvert County

Panelists:

- Lisa Craig, President, The Craig Group Partners, LLC, Mayor, City of Lodi, CA
- Lawrence A. White, PE, President, Strategic Programs Development, LLC, City of Cambridge, FEMA Project Manager
- Barton Ross, AIA, AICP, LEED AP BD+C, President Ross & Partners, LLC

Theme 2: Preservation and Underrepresented Communities in Maryland

2:00pm Session V, Equity in Historic Preservation: A Reimagined Future

Underrepresented communities have traditionally been excluded from benefiting and participating in the historic preservation field. Presenters will identify historical and on-going equity issues and the challenges they pose to underrepresented communities. In this session, you will learn different ways to think about a more equitable future for preservation and key areas where equity is critical in increasing the accessibility of the practice.

Moderator: Sheila Bashiri, Planner, City of Rockville, MD. Member, MAHDC Board of Directors

Speakers:

- Elizabeth Mekonnen, Planner, M-NCPPC, Neighborhood Revitalization Section, Community Planning Division
- Janet Adesina, UMD GSAPP Graduate Student Assistant and Intern, MHCPPC

2:45pm Coffee Break

3:00pm: Session VI, Panel Discussion: The Protection of Underrepresented Historic Landscapes, Communities and Sites in Maryland: How to deal with the issues of standards of designation and associated pitfalls?

The roundtable will focus on broadening tools for historic and cultural preservation, including tangible and intangible resources, to make local preservation more accessible and inclusive. In this session you will learn novel approaches for using tools to protect, document, and recognize overlooked historic and cultural resources and how we can improve equitable outcomes in preservation by reducing barriers to participation.

Moderator: Michelle Magalong, PhD. Professor, Historic Preservation, UMD GSAPP.

Speakers:

- Maya Davis, MCAAHC Vice-Chairperson & Director, Riversdale Historic House Museum
- Sheila Bashiri, Planner, City of Rockville
- Francis Gray, Tribal Chairman of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe
- Maxine Gross, Chair, Lakeland Community Heritage Project
- Samuel Parker, MHT Trustee, former Chair, Prince George's County Planning Board

4:15pm: Session VII, Commemorating the Intangible Past through Art and Architecture

How can public art integrate creative strategies into community engagement and planning, celebrating community, cultural heritage, and historic preservation? Can experiential placemaking be used as a tool for commemorating, interpreting, and celebrating intangible history and culture where the tangible has been destroyed, forgotten, or obliterated over time?

Moderator: Adam Dodgshon, Supervisor, M-NCPPC, Placemaking Section, Community Planning Division

Speakers:

- Greg D. Spiess, Registered Architect
- Deborah Baronas, Textile Artist

5:15pm: Closing Remarks – Frederick C. Stachura, J.D., MAHDC President, Supervisor, MNCPPC Community Planning Division

6:00pm: Annual Prince George's County Historic Preservation Reception and Awards Ceremony

Following the symposium, you are invited to join the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission, Prince George's County Planning Department, Department of Parks & Recreation, and partner organizations for the annual Prince George's County Preservation Month Reception and Awards Ceremony from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Note: This event is free of charge, but registration is required. Please register here for the reception no later than May 15, 2024: pgplan.org/2024historic**

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