



## Advocacy Alert!

### Action needed on Rehabilitation Tax Credit Legislation.

We need your help in support of [HB 309 - Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program](#) and [SB 258 - Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program](#). The Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program is scheduled to sunset in 2010, at the very moment when the State needs to stimulate private investment, job creation, and growth of the tax base.

The tax credit program was established in 1996 to encourage the redevelopment of historic buildings and revitalization of our older communities by offering project sponsors tax credits equal to 20% of eligible rehabilitation costs. The Program was instantly successful and has been hailed as Maryland's most powerful and effective Smart Growth, economic development, historic preservation and community revitalization tool.

Since the program's inception, it has **facilitated 589 historic commercial building and 3,033 owner-occupied residence rehabilitations**. Projects have taken place in every county and Baltimore City. Those projects have produced over **\$1.5 billion in total direct rehabilitation expenditures** by owners and developers, assisted by approximately \$342 million in State tax credits—a threefold return on Maryland's investment. The credits have transformed older neighborhoods into vital places to live, work and play, while creating jobs, investment and tax revenue for Maryland.

HB 309 and SB 258 will reauthorize and enhance the existing program which is due to expire in July 2010. Enhancements include returning the program to a true tax credit while providing predictability for lawmakers and developers and making it the first program of its kind in the nation to provide a bonus for Green Building projects.

Your support is necessary to ensure the re-authorization of the Rehabilitation Tax Credit program. Without action, this valuable Smart Growth and community revitalization tool will be lost. Two important hearings are scheduled for the first week of March. The **Senate Budget and Taxation Committee** hearing is **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**. The House **Ways and Means Committee** hearing is **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**. Contact the legislators listed below and let them know how important this legislation is to your community!

[Click here for more information on the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program.](#)

## TAKE ACTION!

Contact members of the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee and the House Ways & Means Committee and urge them to pass the reauthorization of the **Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program**.

The **Senate Budget and Taxation Committee** hearing is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in Room 3 West Miller Office Building**. **Please contact members of this committee and urge them to support SB258.** If your delegation is not represented on this committee, please contact Ulysses Currie, chair of the committee.

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The House **Ways and Means Committee** hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in Room 130 of the Lowe House Office Building**. **Please contact members of this committee and urge them to support HB309.** If your delegation is not represented on this committee, please contact [Sheila E. Hixson](#), chair of the committee.

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