



Advocacy Alert!

Lend Your Voice in Support of Key Preservation Issues

Hearings have been held at the subcommittee level on key preservation programs and some cuts and eliminations from Governor O'Malley's budget were proposed. The subcommittees will be meeting this week and next week to craft their recommendations. In addition, there is a bill in the House of Delegates ([HB 1196](#)) that proposes important adjustments to the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit. Your voice is needed today!

- [Sustainable Communities Tax Credit](#) – Governor O'Malley proposed level funding of \$10 million for this important program. The Department of Legislative Services recommends reducing this amount to \$7 million.
- [The Non-Capital Grant Program](#) – Governor O'Malley proposed restoring the Non-Capital Grant Fund at \$40,000. The Department of Legislative Services recommends eliminating this program. If eliminated, this will be the second year the Non-Capital Grant Program has been zeroed out.
- [HB 1196 – Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program](#) – This bill will allow the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit to be allocated among the partners, members, or shareholders of an entity in any manner agreed to by those persons in writing. This will allow project investors to sell the tax credits for 95 cents on the dollar rather than 65 cents on the dollar. It will also allow the Maryland Historical Trust to set the fee charged to the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program users at a rate that can cover the administrative costs associated with running this key program.

Take Action!

- Contact the heads of the following key subcommittees to urge them to fully fund the **Sustainable Communities Tax Credit Program**. Use these [talking points](#) if you need help crafting your message.
 - **Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:** [Capital Budget Subcommittee](#)
[James E. DeGrange, Sr.](#), *Chair* (410) 841-3593, (301) 858-3593
[Douglas J.J. Peters](#), *Vice-Chair* (410) 841-3631, (301) 858-3631
 - **House Appropriations Committee:** [Capital Budget Subcommittee](#)
[Adrienne A. Jones](#), *Chair* (410) 841-3391, (301) 858-3391
[Melony G. Griffith](#), *Vice-Chair* (410) 841-3557, (301) 858-3557
- Contact the heads of the following key subcommittees to urge them to keep the **Non-Capital Grant Program** in the budget. Use these [talking points](#) if you need help crafting your message.

- **Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:** [Public Safety, Transportation & Environment Subcommittee](#)
[James E. DeGrange, Sr.](#), *Chair* (410) 841-3593, (301) 858-3593
- **House Appropriations Committee:** [Transportation & the Environment Subcommittee](#)
[Tawanna P. Gaines](#), *Chair* (410) 841-3058, (301) 858-3058
[Steven J. DeBoy, Sr.](#), *Vice-Chair* (410) 841-3328, (301) 858-3328
- Contact the heads of the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee and urge them to support **HB 1196**.
 - [Sheila E. Hixson](#), *Chair* (410) 841-3469, (301) 858-3469
[Samuel I. Rosenberg](#), *Vice-Chair* (410) 841-3297, (301) 858-3297

Thanks for your support!

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