

Support Funding for the Maryland Heritage Areas Program



Heritage Areas are places to experience—to see, hear and even taste—the authentic heritage of Maryland in a unique way that you cannot experience anywhere else. Heritage Areas are where the stories of the people, the land and the waters of Maryland, which have been intertwined for thousands of years, are told. In Heritage Areas individuals, businesses, non-profits and governments form partnerships to preserve the best of Maryland's historic sites and towns, unspoiled natural landscapes and enduring traditions. These tangible links to both place and the past encourage residents to recognize they have a special piece of the American story to treasure and share with others, and that in doing so they create more livable and economically sustainable communities.

A few of the projects supported by the Maryland Heritage Areas Program

Critical safety and other repairs to the William Paca House and Garden, a top tourism destination steps away from the State House in Annapolis

Training workshops for K-12 social studies supervisors and teachers to implement lesson plans on the War of 1812

A three-day national conference on African Americans and the Civil War

Acquisition and preservation of key tourism sites in historic Port Tobacco, Charles County

Restoration of the *Skipjack Dee* of St. Mary's

Creation of a regional quilt center with exhibit, retail, studio, and instruction space on the Eastern Shore

Production of a Harriet Tubman Centennial "Finding a Way to Freedom Tour" map and guide

BUDGET
REQUEST

\$3 MILLION

MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS BY THE NUMBERS

13 Certified and Recognized
Heritage Areas
in every county in Maryland

351 Projects Funded
FY2006–FY2012

\$41 MILLION
Non-State support leveraged for those projects

\$4.61 in tax revenue
for every \$1 spent

50¢ Annual Program Cost
PER MARYLAND CITIZEN

DEFINITION: Heritage Tourism. Traveling to experience the places and activities that authentically represent the stories and people of the past and present. It includes irreplaceable historic, cultural and natural resources.

— National Trust for Historic Preservation