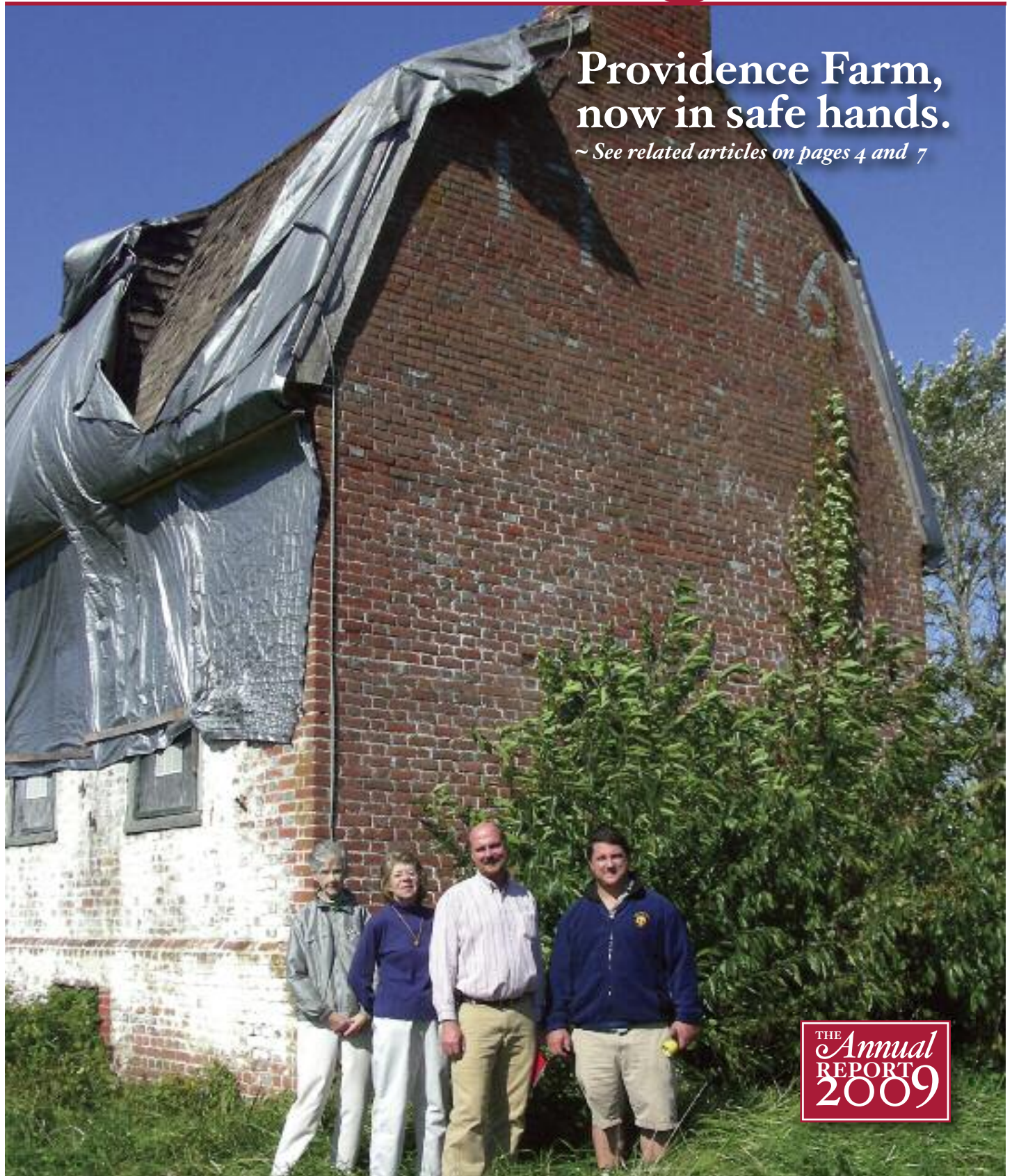


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The Phoenix was selected more than 30 years ago as Preservation Maryland's logo. The mythological bird's ability to revive

after destruction represents the organization's mission to ensure that the past is a part of the present and future.

**ON THE COVER:** Pictured (left to right) at Providence Farm are Marie Malaro, president of the Queen Anne's County Historical Society and board member Rebecca Marquardt. Joining them are Centreville Town Manager Bob McGory and Councilman Tim McClusky. The society received title to the 1746 building (see brickwork date in gable end) and surrounding six acres in December 2009. Stabilization funding for the roof and foundation has been secured from the Bartus Trew Providence Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Additional funding has been allocated by the Maryland Historical Trust and will be available following the execution and recording of a perpetual easement on the property. A buyer has been identified by the society who is expected to ensure the restoration and reuse of the property. Providence was chosen for the 2010 Endangered Maryland list when it was under previous ownership, abandoned for more 30 years. For more information on Providence and the complete 2010 Endangered Maryland list, see page 7.





Tyler Gearhart, Executive Director

# From the Director

DEAR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES,

There's no escaping that preservation is Green: from professionals in the field who boast LEED certification to products and materials that claim not to expand our carbon footprint. It was no coincidence that the O'Malley Administration chose the Sustainable Communities Act as the title for the heritage tax credit's reincarnation into a re-development tool with far broader capability. Maryland continues to be a standard bearer among the states when it comes to sustainable and enduring communities.

*As National Trust for Historic Preservation President Richard Moe has said, "The greenest building is one that already exists."*

Preservationists were environmentalists before the term became popular. As National Trust for Historic Preservation President Richard Moe has said, "The greenest building is one that already exists." In fact, historic preservation is the ultimate sustainable strategy by reusing existing buildings and infrastructure to revitalize communities. The National Trust has championed the sustainable

communities movement to the enormous credit of Dick Moe, the longest-serving president in the organization's history. Dick will step down later this year, and we will greatly miss his friendship and his inspiring leadership.

Here at Preservation Maryland, we've been thinking a lot about preservation's role in environmental stewardship. Sustainability will be a major theme of our annual Historic Preservation & Revitalization Conference on May 20 and 21 in Easton, and we hope to see you there. Check our web site at [www.preservationmaryland.org](http://www.preservationmaryland.org) for details and online registration. We'll also be showcasing the accomplishments of our first field office which serves the Eastern Shore.

Our Partners in the Field program, funded jointly by the National Trust and Preservation Maryland supporters, serves all nine Eastern Shore counties, from its headquarters in the Queenstown offices of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy. This collaboration has led to synergy in thinking and in programs. We recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of the field office, and field director Elizabeth "Biz" Beckley is making a positive difference. Be sure to see her *Message from the Field* on page 4.

Whether travelling across the Eastern Shore or through the rolling countryside of Western Maryland, there are examples at nearly every turn of the work of our organization. As you enjoy Maryland's unique historic communities and sites this spring, I hope you will take pride in the role Preservation Maryland has had in preserving them for our and future generations.

Thanks for your continuing support for our important work.

Tyler Gearhart  
Executive Director

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# MARYLAND'S ANNUAL PRESERVATION & REVITALIZATION CONFERENCE 2010

May 20 & 21 • Tidewater Inn & the Avalon Theatre • Easton, Maryland

Maryland's Annual Preservation & Revitalization Conference for 2010 travels to the Eastern Shore on May 20 and 21, offering sessions, tours, and workshops that will introduce new techniques, share successful strategies, and exchange ideas. Easton provides an inspirational setting for presentations on green preservation, smart growth, and rural preservation. Don't miss this valuable opportunity to hone your preservation and organizational skills with discussions on coalition building, organizational development, and community planning. As always, the conference includes plenty of opportunity for visiting with colleagues and concludes with a toast to exceptional preservation work at the Maryland Historical Trust's Annual Awards.

Keynote speaker for the conference is Rodney L. Swink, FASLA, landscape architect and faculty member of the North Carolina State College of Design. He will speak on *The 21st Century Development Challenge – the Link Between Urban and Rural Preservation*. Swink directed the North Carolina Main Street Program which includes 57 communities, and during his leadership, more than \$800 million was invested in revitalizing those towns. He is a

former president of the American Society of Landscape Architects and chair of its College of Fellows. Swink currently serves on the board of Preservation North Carolina.

The two-day event includes 21 educational sessions; five workshops, and nine walking or bus tours. Topics include marketing and public relations, the review process, successful planning models, Green Preservation, and financial issues. For more information or to register, visit [www.preservationmaryland.org](http://www.preservationmaryland.org)

This year's conference sponsors include the Maryland Historical Trust, Main Street Maryland/Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, and Penza-Bailey Architects. Others are A.D. Marble & Company, Inc.; AKRF, Inc.; The Christman Company; Goucher College; Hayles & Howe; Houck Specialty Contractors; ILEX Construction & Woodworking; Lewis Contractors; Maryland Historical Society; McCracken Consulting and SouthFen, Inc.

**Opportunities for sponsorship, advertising and exhibition still remain. For information, contact Louise Hayman at [lhayman@preservationmaryland.org](mailto:lhayman@preservationmaryland.org) or 410.685.2886, ext. 307.**

## PlanMaryland: Help Plan Our State's Future

The Maryland Department of Planning is holding a series of public forums during the spring to gather information and opinion to produce a comprehensive plan, expected to be completed in the spring of 2011, to direct future development. The forums are being held at higher education institutions throughout the state. They begin at 6:00 p.m. Each program will gather demographics of the participants and conduct a visioning exercise, done in small groups, and shared with the entire audience. Upcoming forums include those on **May 6 at Salisbury University; May 12 at Chesapeake College, Wye Mills; May 19 at Frostburg State University and May 26 at Cecil College, North East.** For a complete schedule, see <http://plan.maryland.gov>.

## HISTORIC TOWSON PONDERES FUTURE

For more than 30 years, Historic Towson, Inc. (HTI), has sought to conserve the architectural heritage of the greater Towson community and raise awareness of the value of preservation in the county seat of Baltimore County.

At a recent meeting, the board of HTI discussed the future of their grassroots preservation organization—whether to disband, join another preservation organization or continue. The board members were strongly encouraged to stay the course while reaching out to preservation-minded groups and individuals.

HTI asks that people concerned about the history of Towson and its nearby neighborhoods contact the organization immediately for membership information. Please call **Carol Allen** at 410-823-8541 or email [carolall@verizon.net](mailto:carolall@verizon.net).



# A Message from the Field

A REPORT FROM ELIZABETH “BIZ” BECKLEY  
EASTERN SHORE FIELD DIRECTOR

**IT HAS BEEN AN EXCEPTIONAL FIRST YEAR FOR OUR EASTERN SHORE FIELD OFFICE.** From my first day on the job, we have been responding to requests from across the region for assistance and support on a broad range of issues. As anticipated, this rural and fragile region has been in dire need of concentrated preservation efforts to protect its cultural and historic resources.

Our timing has been excellent, with the economy keeping developers at bay and the proposed Maryland Sustainable Communities bill, awareness is increasing about the need for sound land use planning and the critical role that historic preservation plays in the economic future of our rural communities on the Eastern Shore. Last year the comprehensive plans of the Eastern Shore counties were reviewed and updated, giving Preservation Maryland the opportunity to work closely with county residents and governments in planning for the future protection of their heritage resources.

Agriculture remains the Shore’s largest business. The seafood industry is in decline, and watermen face growing restrictions on their ability to harvest from the bay. In a place with limited economic opportunities, heritage tourism is maturing into an economic driver, in part due to federal and state initiatives such as the **Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, the Harriet Tubman National Historic Park, the Harriet Tubman Byway, the Star-Spangled Banner Trail and the Captain John Smith National Historic Trail.** These have brought funding and increased awareness that preserving heritage resources can provide economic, environmental and cultural benefits.

Leveraging the resources available in our heritage areas and the money being generated through grants, preservation non-profits are working hard to maintain their assets and expand their programming to take advantage of the new historical attractions for tourists. **The Tubman park expects to bring 75,000 to 100,000 visitors to Dorchester County within a year of its opening in 2012.** The expected surge in heritage tourism, promise of increased revenue, continuing pressure on fragile cultural and natural resources, combined with the state’s mandate for sustainable communities, have helped engage local officials.



Our collaboration with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy has been successful and timely as the conservancy revises its own strategic plan to focus on towns and land use planning in the six-county area it serves. Preservation Maryland plays an important role by introducing preservation—a proven planning tool—to environmental policies and practices. **Our joint advocacy efforts in Dorchester called for rerouting of the proposed Mid-Atlantic Power Pathway and the development of a comprehensive state energy plan.** Through our cooperative work, new dialogues have been initiated, and awareness is growing about the many ways that the preservation and conservation movements are integral partners.

In the past year we have provided preservation field services to communities in every county on the Shore. **Our intervention in the planned demolition of Berlin’s oldest structure, the Elizabeth White House, led to its sale to a preservation-minded buyer. Providence Farm, long at risk for demolition, is now owned by the Queen Anne’s Historical Society, a protective easement anticipated to protect it.** When faced with the

growing awareness of pressure on their heritage resources and way of life, **Dorchester County officials agreed to support the formation of a working group to study preservation and conservation options.** Workshops, meetings, training sessions and presentations have brought assistance and much needed support to historic district commissions, local governments, preservation boards, organizations and individuals across the region.

Many organizations and communities have already benefited from Preservation Maryland’s Eastern Shore field office. As we enter our second year, it is increasingly clear that progress would not have been possible without the powerful commitment of individuals who call the Shore home. Please let me know of issues or opportunities where Preservation Maryland can make a positive difference in the future of the Eastern Shore.

Contact me at [ebeckley@preservationmaryland.org](mailto:ebeckley@preservationmaryland.org) or call 410.708.9573.

## Preservation Advocates Convene in Annapolis and on Capitol Hill

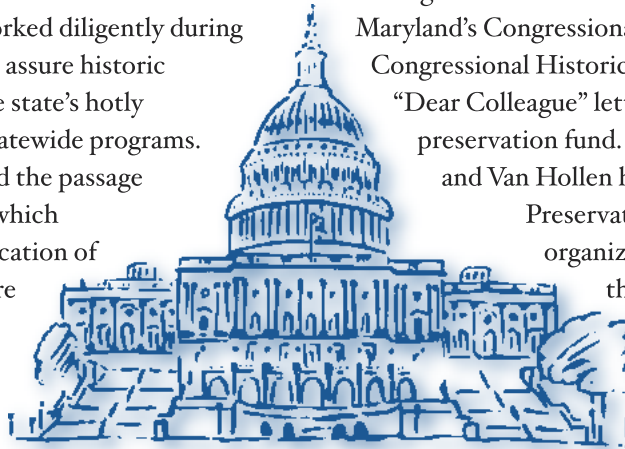
Preservation Maryland and other members of the Maryland Heritage Council worked diligently during the Maryland General Assembly to assure historic preservation received a share of the state's hotly contested budget for a variety of statewide programs. The council also strongly supported the passage of the *Sustainable Communities Act*, which reauthorizes and expands the application of the heritage tax credit, due to expire on July 1, 2010. The tax credit was amended from its current state and extended to 2014 in the closing hours of the legislative session. Changes to the law, which take effect July 1, 2010, include the eligibility of non-historic commercial buildings in designated Main Street areas. Additional credit is offered for certain green building certification.

Other actions included providing level funding for the Heritage Area Program and a \$200,000 appropriation for the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) Museum Assistance Grant Program. An African American Heritage Grant Program, administered by the MHT and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, was established, and the MHT Non-Capital Grant Program was eliminated.

A delegation of historic preservation advocates representing Preservation Maryland, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Preservation Action, the Maryland Historical Trust and other non-profits and agencies visited Capitol Hill this spring to encourage support for a number of preservation initiatives and funds. Among these are the *Community Restoration and Revitalization Act* and the *Historic Homeowners Revitalization Act*, full funding for the Historic Preservation Fund and

linking it to the *Land and Water Conservation Act*. Members of Maryland's Congressional delegation were asked to join the Congressional Historic Preservation Caucus and to sign a "Dear Colleague" letter supporting the federal historic preservation fund. Congressmen Cummings, Sarbanes, and Van Hollen have agreed to sign the letter.

Preservation Maryland and the following organizations have joined the "Fully Fund the HPF" coalition—the second largest state contingent in the nation after Wisconsin. To join the coalition, visit [www.fullyfundhpf.org](http://www.fullyfundhpf.org).



- Accokeek Foundation*
- Bainbridge Development Corporation*
- Baltimore Heritage, Inc.*
- Baltimore National Heritage Area*
- Council for Maryland Archeology*
- Easton Historic District Commission*
- Easton Main Street*
- Four Rivers: The Heritage Area of Annapolis, London Town & South County*
- Frederick Historic Sites Consortium*
- Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County*
- Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area*
- Historic Preservation Organization (HiPO) at the University of Maryland*
- Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions*
- Maryland Historical Trust (SHPO)*
- Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission*
- Montgomery Preservation, Inc.*
- Preservation Maryland*

## In Baltimore: "Superblock" Ruling Upheld; Robotic Garage to Go Underground

When the National Trust for Historic Preservation named Baltimore's West Side commercial district one of *America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places* in 1999, no advocacy group was more pleased than Preservation Maryland. Our organization had already been working diligently to prevent the large-scale demolition of dozens of 19th and early 20th century structures in the area. With the *11 Most* designation, the future of this area suddenly looked brighter, and a series of positive developments rolled out. No one expected that, 10 years later, the battle to save a portion of this area would blaze

up and that the state's highest court—the Maryland Court of Appeals—would be asked to insist on preservation objectives being met.

On November 23, 2009, Preservation Maryland joined the National Trust and Baltimore Heritage in filing an amicus brief to support the claim of an adjacent property owner that current redevelopment plans are inconsistent with a 2001 agreement between the City of Baltimore and the Maryland State Historic Preservation Office. The agreement cites specific preservation objectives for the area, including retaining

certain historic buildings in any future redevelopment plan. The suit, brought by 120 West Fayette Street LLP early last year, was unsuccessful in a lower court.

At risk is the “Superblock,” the largest development parcel in the West Side and Market Center National Register Historic District. Under the terms of the flawed proposal accepted by the Baltimore Development Corporation, the city will transfer title to the three-block area to Lexington Square Partners, LLC, a group of development companies which announced a combination retail and residential plan for the area in April 2007. Lexington Square’s proposal does not respect the historic fabric of the neighborhood and misses the opportunity to properly rehabilitate the historic Superblock.

Recently, the Court of Appeals upheld the lower court ruling, allowing Lexington Square Partners, LLC, to proceed with redevelopment of the site. The ruling, however, reaffirmed the requirement of adhering to the 2001 preservation agreement.

Another advocacy issue which has resurfaced is a proposal to construct a robotic garage next door to Preservation Maryland headquarters, the 1791 Old St. Paul’s Rectory. Preservation Maryland and others opposed this idea when it



*The architect's rendering (Peter Fillat Architects) of the redesigned robotic garage next door to the headquarters of Preservation Maryland.*

was first revealed by the property’s developer in 2004. Until recently, the concept has been a several-story-high garage to accommodate approximately 400 cars. Though the project received approval from the city’s Urban Design and Architecture Review Panel in February 2009, the developer is now seeking approval of a redesigned garage which would put 12 levels of parking 50 feet underground, with 35 feet of structure above ground. Though Preservation Maryland acknowledges that the underground concept is an improvement, issues regarding such construction adjacent to the 18th century Rectory remain.

## Charles McCurdy Mathias: *An Honored Pioneer in Historic Preservation*



*This 1979 photo shows Christopher Weeks, author, and Louise Hayman presenting Senator Mathias a copy of *The Building of Westminster in Maryland*.*

Frederick native U.S. Senator Charles McCurdy Mathias died January 24 at the age of 87 at his home in Chevy Chase. Senator Mathias had served on Preservation Maryland’s board from 1962-1964. His sister, Theresa M. Michel, was on the board in 1990, and her daughter, his niece Theresa T. Michel, is a current board member.

Senator Mathias’s funeral was a national tribute at Washington’s National Cathedral. Much has been written

about his accomplishments, his demeanor and his passions. His love for history and his desire for its protection and dissemination were two of those passions. In 1952, while a young attorney in Frederick, he served on a local committee to survey historic sites and to recommend zoning changes to protect them. He served two years in the Maryland House of Delegates (1959-1960) before being elected to Congress where he served in the House of Representatives from 1961 to 1969 and in the Senate from 1969 to 1986.

Senator Mathias offered consistent leadership and support for historic preservation issues while in Congress. For more than 20 years he advocated for the federal government’s repayment to the City of Frederick of a \$200,000 ransom paid in 1864 to spare it from Confederate occupation and destruction. There is speculation that the ransom payment by the citizens of Frederick allowed General Grant to shore up the defense of Washington which ultimately spared the capital city.

Senator Mathias also worked to exonerate Dr. Samuel Mudd from his role in the Lincoln assassination conspiracy, to preserve the Monocacy Battlefield and to continue public ceremonies at Fort McHenry. Senator Mathias sponsored legislation to protect Antietam Battlefield and the creation of the C&O Canal National Historical Park. In 1981, the Maryland Historical Trust awarded Senator Mathias the Calvert Prize, the state’s highest honor for support of historic preservation.

Preservation Maryland thanks *THE BROWN STONE PROJECT* & *THE AZOLA COMPANIES* for its sponsorship of *Endangered Maryland*, published in partnership with Maryland Life magazine. *Endangered Maryland* is an annual list of the state's most historically, culturally, and architecturally significant—and urgently threatened—properties. For a complete list, go to [www.preservationmaryland.org](http://www.preservationmaryland.org).

## ENDANGERED MARYLAND 2010



### THE ALMSHOUSE (*Hagerstown, Washington County*)

The Almshouse is a rare surviving example of a purpose-built Almshouse from the turn of the 19th century in Maryland. By 1880, with the opening of the Bellevue Asylum, the property no longer served its original use and became residences and offices. In 1994, the then-vacant Almshouse was purchased by the City of Hagerstown. The city has a Community Legacy grant to renovate the property, but so far no action has been taken and the grant may be re-captured.

**NOMINATOR:** Washington County Historical Trust  
(*Patricia Schooley and Sandra Izer*)

**DATE:** 1799-1800

**TYPE OF RESOURCE:** Almshouse

**THEME:** Preservation of City-Owned Properties

**MAJOR THREATS:** Neglect and Potential Demolition

**OWNER:** City of Hagerstown

**UPDATE:** *The City of Hagerstown has decided to seek a preservation solution for the Almshouse rather than proceed with its earlier plans for demolition.*



### THE ARABBER COMMUNITY (*Baltimore City*)

The Arabbers are part of a folk tradition unique to Baltimore. They are horse-cart vendors who have distinctive wagons and harnesses. Baltimore is one of the last cities to have horse-cart vendors. The Arabber population is in decline, and there are increased limitations on the places and hours Arabbers are allowed to work. It is becoming increasingly difficult to earn a living as an Arabber due to decreasing revenue and increasing costs of housing and care for the horses.

**NOMINATOR:** The Arabber Preservation Society  
(*Daniel VanAllen*)

**DATE:** Unknown

**TYPE OF RESOURCE:** Local Tradition

**THEME:** Preservation of Cultural Traditions

**MAJOR THREAT:** Loss of Economic Viability

**OWNER:** Multiple Owners



**ELLCOTT CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT** (*Ellicott City, Howard County*) This National Register Historic District contains almost 200 buildings constructed before 1900. The district's architecture remains largely intact and unaltered and serves as a lasting reminder of Ellicott City's history as Howard County's oldest mill town. Lately, the district has come under increasing development pressure. At present, there are at least four pending development projects that have the potential to impact the historic district.

**NOMINATOR:** Preservation Howard County (*Fred Dorsey*) and Fels Lane Neighborhood Association

**DATE:** 18th Century to present

**TYPE OF RESOURCE:** Multiple Types of Resources

**THEME:** Preservation of Maryland's Historic Districts

**MAJOR THREATS:** Development

**OWNER:** Multiple Owners

**FELLS POINT RECREATION PIER** (*Baltimore City*) Baltimore was a busy point of entry for immigrants, and most of these new arrivals would make the Recreation Pier one of their first stops. This 1914 building has served many functions over the years. The site hosted language classes, dances, community events, sports and eventually became the home of the police station for the NBC series *Homicide: Life on the Streets*. The building has sat vacant since the cancellation of the show in 1999 and is in need of extensive repair. In 2004 a firm was picked to redevelop the pier, but since that time little progress has been made to solve hurdles to the project's completion.

**NOMINATOR:** Fells Point Main Street (*Jason Sullivan*)

**DATE:** 1914

**TYPE OF RESOURCE:** Community Building

**THEME:** Preservation of a Local Icon

**MAJOR THREATS:** Neglect and Deterioration

**OWNER:** City of Baltimore

**UPDATE:** *The pier has been sold to a developer who intends to construct a hotel at the site, preserving a portion of the building on the pier.*



**FOX'S TAVERN** (*Middletown, Frederick County*) This 18th century tavern has a long history in the surrounding community, including a story of once serving George Washington water as he passed through town. The site sits near the location of the Civil War Battle of South Mountain. The battlefield was listed as one of the Ten Most Endangered Civil War Battlefields by the Civil War Preservation Trust. The owners of the land the site sits on have proposed the construction of a \$55 million gas-compression station near the tavern. The affected lands are also part of a Maryland Priority Preservation Area.

**NOMINATOR:** Citizens for the Preservation of Middletown Valley (*Donna Lucas*)

**DATE:** 18th Century

**TYPE OF RESOURCE:** Stone Farmhouse

**THEME:** Preservation of Rural Lands and Battlefields

**MAJOR THREAT:** Development

**OWNER:** Dominion Transmission, Inc.



**HARMONY HALL** (*Fort Washington, Prince George's County*) National Register-listed Harmony Hall was home for many families and now serves as the key landmark for the Broad Creek Historic District. The house was originally part of the area's tobacco farming community and is the last example of a Potomac plantation structure. It was eventually given to the federal government by the owners and put under the administration of the National Park Service. The house is currently unoccupied and is threatened by deterioration and vandalism.

**NOMINATOR:** Silesia Citizens Association (*Frederick Walzel*)

**DATE:** Approx. 1760

**TYPE OF RESOURCE:** Georgian Style Mansion

**THEME:** Preservation of Plantation Homes

**MAJOR THREATS:** Deterioration and Neglect

**OWNER:** The National Park Service

**HARRIET TUBMAN CULTURAL LANDSCAPE** (*Caroline and Dorchester Counties*) This landscape retains much of the character of the time when Harriet Tubman navigated the land in the 19th century. The landscape contains 32 significant sites that are directly relevant to Harriet Tubman's life and the Underground Railroad. A proposal is currently moving through the U.S. Congress to create a Harriet Tubman National Historical Park. While many growth-related threats exist, the main threat comes from the Mid-Atlantic Power Pathway (MAPP). The project would create 150-foot transmission lines across 27 miles of Dorchester County's rural landscape.

**NOMINATOR:** Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (*Vikram Krishnamurthy*) and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway (*Tonda Williams*)

**DATE:** Mid-19th Century

**TYPE OF RESOURCE:** Landscape

**THEME:** Preservation of Historic Landscapes

**MAJOR THREATS:** Development and the Mid-Atlantic Power Pathway

**OWNER:** Multiple Owners



**LAKEFRONT PROMENADE** (*Columbia, Howard County*) The lakefront promenade was Howard County's first central public place and features two buildings designed by renowned architect Frank Gehry. Columbia is a new city, and the Lakefront Promenade represents the start of its history. A master planning process has proposed to replace two of the four main buildings of the Lakefront Promenade with new structures. Citizens interested in the preservation of the promenade are hoping to create greater protections for these buildings.

**NOMINATOR:** Robert Tennenbaum, Preservation Howard County (*Mary Catherine Cochran*), Howard County Citizens Association (*Bridget Mugane*) Coalition for Columbia's Downtown (*Alan Klein*)

**DATE:** 1967-1974

**TYPE OF RESOURCE:** Public Place

**THEME:** Preservation of Modern Resources

**MAJOR THREAT:** Development

**OWNER:** Multiple Owners

**MILLBROOK GRIST MILL** (*Nanjemoy, Charles County*) This structure is part of a 151-acre property and is the last surviving water-powered grist mill in Charles County. In 1923 it was extensively remodeled and a second story was added. The mill was used until the late 1940s to serve the local community. The mill has been damaged by several hurricanes over the past decades. This damage has undermined its foundation and destroyed much of the mill race. Stabilization is ongoing but is hampered by lack of funds.

**NOMINATOR:** Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development (*Jeff Thompson*)

**DATE:** Early 19th Century

**TYPE OF RESOURCE:** Grist Mill

**THEME:** Preservation of Local Rural Industry Buildings

**MAJOR THREAT:** Deterioration

**OWNER:** Joan H. Silbaugh



**NEWTOWNE MANOR** (*Compton, St. Mary's County*) The manor was constructed in the mid-18th century with a change in roof-style in 1816. The site is part of a local historic district and sits 100 yards from St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. The mission is the first Catholic Church in English-speaking America. The site has been owned by the Jesuits since the 17th century. After the site became unoccupied, it fell into a state of disrepair with broken windows, leaks and lost porches. Adjacent lands have been purchased in hope of creating a state park that might bring more attention to the site.

**NOMINATOR:** St. Mary's County Historical Society (*Susan Wolfe*)

**DATE:** Mid-18th Century

**TYPE OF RESOURCE:** Brick Manor House

**THEME:** Preservation of Religious Heritage

**MAJOR THREATS:** Deterioration and Neglect

**OWNER:** Archdiocese of Washington

**PROVIDENCE FARM/MARY BROWN FARM** (*Centreville, Queen Anne's County*) The house on Providence Farm was built in 1746 by a local miller and features some of the finest woodwork to survive from the era. The land is protected under existing land use plans from further development. The farm has been abandoned since the 1970s and has been facing increasing damage.

**NOMINATOR:** Queen Anne's County Historical Society (*Marie C. Malaro*)

**DATE:** 1746

**TYPE OF RESOURCE:** Brick Farmhouse

**THEME:** Preservation of Early Rural Residences

**MAJOR THREATS:** Deterioration and Neglect

**OWNER:** Queen Anne's County Historical Society

**UPDATE:** *Since the selection of Providence Farm for the Endangered Maryland list, ownership has been transferred to the Queen Anne's County Historical Society which is using \$50,000 in grant money to stabilize the building.*



# PM Awards Heritage Fund Grants

PRESERVATION MARYLAND'S HERITAGE FUND SUPPORTS PRESERVATION PROJECTS and organizations through grants that are awarded for a variety of purposes—from emergency repairs to case studies—and range from \$500 to \$5,000. The fund provides direct assistance for the protection of endangered cultural resources and promotes innovative demonstration projects that can be successfully replicated to meet Maryland's historic preservation needs. Along with historic sites, buildings, districts and objects, projects benefiting archaeological resources are eligible for funding. This initiative is jointly sponsored by Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust.

For further information about the Heritage Fund grant program, please visit [www.PreservationMaryland.org](http://www.PreservationMaryland.org) or contact **Marilyn Benaderet, Preservation Services Director**, at 410.685. 2886, ext. 303 or [mberaderet@preservationmaryland.org](mailto:mberaderet@preservationmaryland.org). For information about the projects and activities funded, please contact the grant recipient. **THE NEXT APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR THE HERITAGE FUND IS June 1, 2010.**



Town of Bel Air's former post office building



The Royal Theater, Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore City



79 Winters Lane, Catonsville



Meredith House, Cambridge

The American Legion Post 67 in Worcester County was awarded \$3,000 to assist with the cost of *brick restoration to the Snow Hill American Legion Hall*. Built in 1894-95, the building is included in the Snow Hill Historic District and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It currently serves as a meeting space for Worcester Post No. 67.

The Anne Arundel County Trust for Preservation, Inc., was awarded \$3,000 to assist with the cost of *assessment and curation of the Bob Ogle Native American Artifact Collection*, consisting of over 200 boxes. Ogle's artifacts were collected for nearly 50 years and are accompanied by extensive documentation.

Associated Black Charities in Baltimore City was awarded \$4,000 toward the cost of *a symposium highlighting the African American experience on historic Pennsylvania Avenue*. The conference featured sessions emphasizing the professional and business, as well as the entertainment history, of this core of African American life in segregated Baltimore.

The Dorchester County Historical Society, Inc., (DCHS) was awarded \$2000 to assist with the cost of *window repair and installation at the Meredith House*. Built circa 1760, the residence is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and serves as the headquarters of DCHS.

The Friends of Tolson's Chapel, Washington County, was awarded \$4,000 in support of *the ongoing interior and exterior restoration of Tolson's Chapel*. The church was built in 1866 as a place of worship for African Americans in the town of Sharpsburg.

Grace AME Church Community Development Corporation in Baltimore County was awarded \$4,000 to assist with the costs of *restoration of the exterior of 79 Winters Lane*. The property is a contributing structure to the Winters Lane Historic District and will be used as the community archives.

Historic Long Island Farm, Inc., in Baltimore County was awarded \$2,100 to support the costs of *ongoing archives processing*. Long Island has long been home to the Risteau/Jenifer family who played an important role in Maryland politics. The archives contain hundreds of documents, some from the 1700s that are in need of organization and/or conservation.

The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc., was awarded \$2,100 to assist with the cost of *cupola restoration of the Town of Bel Air's former post office building*. Built in 1936, the structure serves as the headquarters for the Historical Society of Harford County, Inc., and is a designated local landmark.

## Three Retire from Board, New Members and 2010 Officers Elected

At the annual membership meeting, three board members were honored for their service to the board of directors. Retiring were Ed McMahon, Senator Thomas McLain “Mac” Middleton and Anita Neal Powell. Five new members were elected to the board of directors. Bruce W. Fleming of Baltimore was re-elected for a second three-year term.



*William K. Beard, Jr.*



*Thad L. Bench*



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Officers elected for a one-year term were: **Matthew L. Kimball, Esquire**, president; **R. Dixon Harvey, Jr.**, and **Jeffrey A. Penza, AIA**, vice presidents; **Ann M. Fligsten, Esquire**, secretary; **Edward H. Hord, FAIA**, treasurer, and **Thomas Spencer**, assistant treasurer. The new members are:

**William K. Beard, Jr.** of Hagerstown. Beard is retired from a career in international sales. He is currently president of the board of directors of the Washington County Historical Society.

**Thad L. Bench** of Chestertown. Bench is president of Benchworks, a marketing firm based in Kent County. His previous experience includes executive marketing positions at major corporations and management roles in distribution and manufacturing businesses. He currently serves on the board of the Kent School, as well as other organizations.

**T. Courtenay Jenkins III** of Owings Mills. Jenkins is senior director of Cushman & Wakefield of Maryland, Inc. A leading commercial real estate agent, his clients include professional services firms and financial institutions.

**Sylvia Cooke Martin** of Columbia. Martin is president and chief executive officer of the Friends of the Ellicott City Colored School, Restored, Inc. She has held positions in higher education and in management as a consultant in organizational development. Currently, she serves as advisor to the Maryland State Archives Search Room and the Gettysburg College Cultural Center.

**Samuel J. Parker, Jr., AICP**, of Riverdale. Parker is a professional planner currently serving as chairman of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Prince George's County Planning Board. He also serves on the advisory board of the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at the University of Maryland.

## Familiar Faces Return to Serve PM



*Louise Hayman (left) and Jana Carey*

**LOUISE HAYMAN IS SERVING AS THE DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR.** Now a communications consultant, Louise is responsible for membership, development, media relations, special events and communications. Louise has served in public relations positions for a variety of non-profit organizations including the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Maryland 2000 as well as for financial services corporations and state and local government, including the Maryland Historical Trust. A resident of Annapolis, she currently serves on the boards of the Hammond-Harwood House Association,

the Maryland Historical Society and the Friends of Teackle Mansion. She represents Maryland on the Board of Advisors of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Louise was on the board of Preservation Maryland from 1983 to 1988 and from 1992 to 2006, serving as president of the board from 2003 to 2006.

**RETURNING TO HER PREVIOUS POST AS BUSINESS MANAGER IS JANA CAREY.** Jana served in that same role from 1998 to 2003. Her responsibilities include financial reporting, accounting, human resources administration, risk management, record management and procurement. The Baltimore City resident previously served as an accountant for Ripken Baseball, Inc. She has also worked as finance director for Vantage Place/ Humanim, a human services agency formerly based in Columbia and now in Baltimore City. A resident of Roland Park, Jana is active in the Roland Park Middle School PTA and volunteers for the Packard Center for ALS Research at Johns Hopkins. She is treasurer of the Woman's Industrial Exchange.

# Three Preservationists Honored at Annual Meeting

EACH YEAR SINCE 1985, PRESERVATION MARYLAND HAS OFFERED THE HIGHEST RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND/OR REHABILITATION OF THE STATE'S HISTORIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES. PRESERVATION MARYLAND HONORED THREE OUTSTANDING HISTORIC PRESERVATIONISTS AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS CEREMONY HELD NOVEMBER 18, 2009, IN BALTIMORE. THE WINNERS WERE:



Michael O. Bourne with Board Vice President Jeffrey A. Penza, AIA.

THE STEWARDSHIP AWARD FOR PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES was awarded to **Michael O. Bourne of Chestertown** for exemplary stewardship of Maryland's historic buildings, collections, landscapes and archeological sites. An architectural restoration consultant, Bourne was instrumental in establishing the survey and research division of the Maryland Historical Trust. He also oversaw the agency's easement program. More recently, Bourne was employed by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. He is the author of *Historic Houses of Kent County* and a contributor to the published architectural surveys of six other Maryland counties.



Executive Director Tyler Gearhart (far right) with Trenis Goldstein (far left), mother of Wayne Goldstein, and Julia O'Malley, friend of the honoree.

THE GEORGE T. HARRISON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS was presented posthumously to **Wayne Goldstein** for his outstanding volunteer contributions on behalf of preservation in Montgomery County.

Goldstein served as a leader of Montgomery Preservation, Inc., from 2000 to 2007. His efforts focused on using county legislation and regulation to protecting historic sites in the county, among them the Silver Spring Armory, the Falkland Apartments and the COMSAT building. Goldstein was a resident of Kensington.

THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD, ESTABLISHED IN 2002 TO HONOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN PRESERVING THE STATE'S HERITAGE, was presented to **Wilton C. Corkern, Ph. D., executive director of the Accokeek Foundation**, who has led the Prince George's County-based organization for nearly 20 years. Under his leadership, the foundation has greatly expanded its programs, blending the diverse elements of the 200-acre site into an educational attraction. Corkern was recognized for integrating traditional historic preservation evidenced in the site's National Colonial Farm with environmental sustainability exhibited by the site's new Ecosystem Farm.



Wilton C. Corkern, Ph. D., speaks at the annual meeting.

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2010 AWARDS

It's not too soon to be thinking about meritorious preservation projects and preservationists. Individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations and government agencies are eligible to receive Historic Preservation Awards. Nominations submitted but not selected in previous years may be resubmitted. Projects using Preservation Maryland grant funds are eligible but not those solely supported by Preservation Maryland. Nomination requirements may be found on [www.preservationmaryland.org](http://www.preservationmaryland.org).

**Completed nominations must be postmarked by October 29, 2010.** Please submit materials to: Preservation Maryland, 24 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. For questions or further information contact Preservation Maryland at 410-685-2886 or [PM@preservationmaryland.org](mailto:PM@preservationmaryland.org).

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT *for the year ended September 30, 2009*



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## ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 25,330
Investments at Fair Value	6,976,408
Grants Receivable	77,120
Accrued Investment Income	47,929
Prepaid Expenses	4,980
Equipment and Historic Collections, Net	199,864
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$7,331,631</b>

## LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

### LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 23,886
Grants Payable	145,905
Due to Maryland Historical Trust	859,168
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 1,028,959</b>

### NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	
Undesignated	\$ 5,224,448
Board Designated	322,397
Temporarily Restricted	375,356
Permanently Restricted	380,471
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$6,302,672</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$7,331,631</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### REVENUES

Contributions and Grants	\$ 205,716
Dues	35,556
Conference Income	70,585
Other Income	7,534
Investment Income Used for Operations	502,259
<i>Total for Operations</i>	<i>\$ 821,650</i>
Investment Gain (Loss)	(405,197)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 416,453</b>

### EXPENSES

#### Program Services

Funding	\$ 163,886
Education and Outreach	362,871
Advocacy	87,103
Properties and Collections	47,550
<i>Total Program Support</i>	<i>\$ 661,410</i>

#### Support Services

Fundraising	\$ 60,868
General and Administrative	99,372
<i>Total Support Services</i>	<i>\$ 160,240</i>

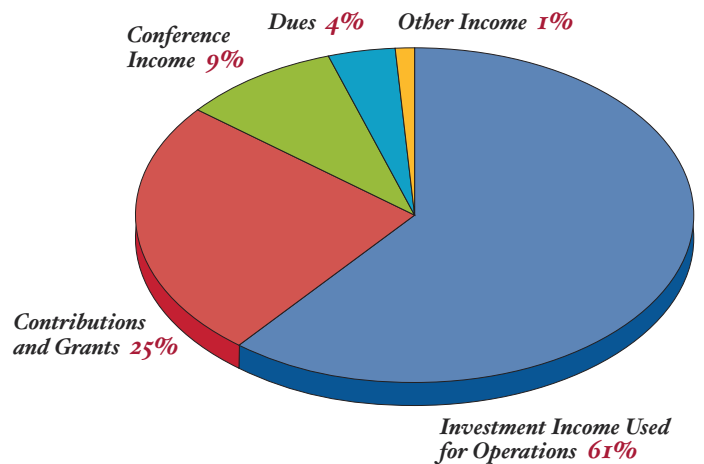
**Total Expenses** **\$ 821,650**

NET ASSETS - Beginning of Year \$ 6,707,869

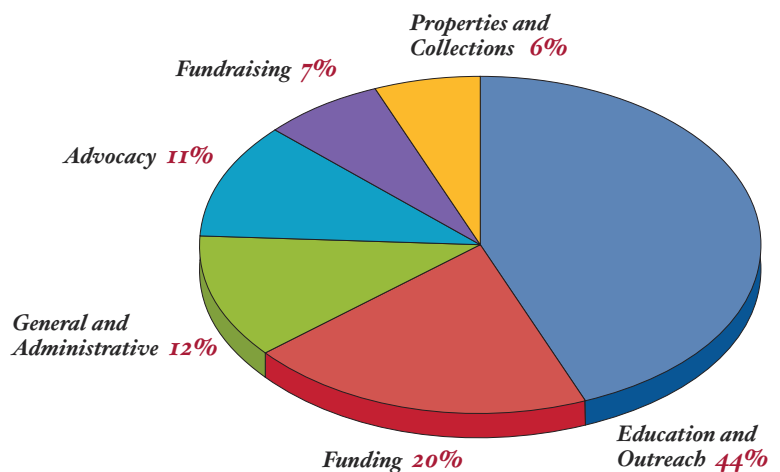
NET ASSETS - End of Year 6,302,672

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** **\$ (405,197)**

### REVENUES



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