FROM THE DESK OF NICHOLAS A. REDDING

"Make No Little Plans"

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Previous year’s projects are also quickly becoming a repository of best practices and case studies for community preservation providing local preservation groups around the state with opportunities to learn from their peers. A complete list of all 24 previous and current projects is maintained at: sixtofix.org

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NEW SIX-TO-FIX PROJECTS

The Annapolis Historic Landmark District

SAVE CITY DOCK

This summer, the National Trust for Historic Preservation listed the City of Annapolis, Maryland as one of America’s 11 Most Endangered Historic Places due to the proposed rezoning of the historic waterfront. Preservation Maryland will continue to work with local, state, and national partners to identify alternatives to the rezoning that balance growth and preservation and protect this critical historic resource.

For more Six-to-Fix projects, see page 2 >
Preservation Maryland Stands Up for Ellicott City’s Past and Future

In the wake of two devastating floods, the future of Ellicott City’s historic district and flood prone buildings has been widely debated. This August, following the most recent flood, Howard County, Maryland officials announced a five-year, $50 million plan to address flooding that includes large-scale demolition within the historic district. In response, Preservation Maryland issued a statement calling into question both the necessity and measurable impact of this proposal. The organization also made it clear that it does not oppose all demolition or the scientifically proven stormwater mitigation strategies which were called for in previous reports and studies. Unfortunately, this proposal falls short and will likely only reduce floodwaters within the lower town—resulting in a town that is substantially safer from floods. Without a substantial reduction in floodwaters and the combined loss of substantial portions of the historic district—the proposal is a non-starter for the preservation and broader smart growth community.

Following Preservation Maryland’s statement of concern, the organization also published a Special Report on viable alternatives to demolition that included case studies of similar projects around the nation. Concurrent to this report, the organization has also begun exploring alternative engineering options and has publicly questioned the lack of research into tunnel boring to convey water below town—an option that many engineers consider viable and able to eliminate flooding entirely within the historic community. As a result of these activities, Preservation Maryland has generated dozens of news stories and intense media interest in the debate. In addition, Preservation Maryland Executive Director Nicholas Redding has been published in the Opinion section of the Baltimore Sun and has been interviewed for numerous podcasts including the Maryland Daily Record, Ellicott Maryland, and the University of Maryland’s CNS News Service. National attention has also begun to focus on the effort as the precedent set in Ellicott City could resonate around the country in historic communities grappling with a more volatile climate and the impacts of poorly planned growth.

“It’s long been noted that historic places have power because they’re real—they’re authentic. Ellicott City is an example of a place that exudes authenticity. It is real and unadulterated.”

Preservation Maryland has also given a voice to the preservation community in several governmental hearings since the announcement. Director of Advocacy Elly Cowan presented Preservation Maryland’s case before both the Howard County Historic Preservation Commission and the Howard County Council—and was joined by dozens of local grassroots supporters in her testimony:

“The fight to protect Ellicott City is far from over and Preservation Maryland members interested in getting more involved and reading the organization’s latest statements and reports should visit: presmd.org/ellicottcity.

Class of 2019 Six-to-Fix Projects (continued from page 1)

2. The Beatty-Cramer House — Frederick County
The circa 1732 Beatty-Cramer house is one of Maryland’s most unique historic homes—a stunning blend of Dutch and English architecture. Owned by the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation, the building needs a new use and purpose. Preservation Maryland will support a new vision for the site and work with the Foundation to identify a sustainable and long-term reuse plan.

3. Finding Fort Tonoloway — Anne Arundel County
Fort Tonoloway was a frontier fortification built by English colonists in 1755 but abandoned just a year later when nearby Fort Frederick was established. Over time, the precise location of the fort was lost. Preservation Maryland will work with the Maryland Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program, and the State Highway Administration to embark on an archaeological project to find its historic location.

4. LGBT History Documentation Project — Statewide
Preservation Maryland will lead a collaboration of academic, municipal, and community stakeholders in a statewide strategy to document and include the important and lasting contributions of Maryland’s LGBTQ community and the places associated with their lives with new and updated nominations to the National Register of Historic Places.

5. Phillips Packing Plant — City of Cambridge, Dorchester County
The Eastern Shore Land Conservancy is tackling an ambitious project to rehabilitate and reuse the historic Phillips Packing Plant in Cambridge. Preservation Maryland will support the effort by identifying funding to support the critical repair of the iconic smokestacks and increasing public awareness of this important preservation project on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

6. Winstead Company Packing Plant & Tobacco Warehouse — Hughesville, Charles County
With over 72,000 square feet of space, this historic tobacco warehouse and packing plant complex is poised for renewal and rebirth. Preservation Maryland will support the adaptive reuse of this significant site and assist with crafting appropriate architectural upgrades, as well as helping to recruit prospective tenants.
Making Friends in Garrett County

Friendsville was founded by Swedish settler John Friend before the American Revolution, and many descendants continue to reside in the quaint town, while many more Friends travel to Friendsville to conduct genealogical research.

The ca. 1900 building has a first-floor museum and gift shop and an extensive archive on the second floor of the handsome former bank. It was purpose-built for the First National Bank on a prominent corner and also previously served as the Town Hall. Through this consistent use, the structure was in need of repairs to its roof and the wood trim around the windows. With a Heritage Fund grant of $7,000, the Town of Friendsville completed the necessary repairs and reduced any threat to their collection.

The next Heritage Fund grant deadline is March 15, 2018. Learn more at: presmd.org/Heritage.

Organization Launches Major New Campaign: Smart Growth Maryland

The urgency of this work and the need for a dedicated campaign linking these two critical issues was only made clearer following the devastating flood in Ellicott City earlier this year.

In August, Preservation Maryland announced the organization’s new campaign that will focus on these issues: Smart Growth Maryland. The new campaign is the result of the merger of operations with 1000 Friends of Maryland, the statewide smart growth organization. As a result of this joining the organization’s new campaign that will focus on these issues:

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Over the coming months, Smart Growth Maryland will focus its work in three critical areas: Advocacy, Education and Technical Assistance. The staff of Smart Growth Maryland will work to advance and support programs and policies which incentivize smarter growth patterns and protect critical natural, cultural, and historic resources.

To learn more and keep up to date on the latest news from the new campaign, visit: smartgrowthmaryland.org.

With the generous support of the Rural Maryland Council, Preservation Maryland published a first-of-its-kind comprehensive guide to resources for rural community revitalization.

REVITALIZING COMMUNITIES is complex and challenging work. For rural communities, the work often comes with even greater obstacles and hurdles to overcome. The creation of this rural resource guide is Preservation Maryland’s latest effort to support this critical work.

The 50+ page report entitled, Revitalizing Rural Maryland: A Resource Guide for Rural Communities, is divided by the different resources available to rural communities, including:

- Grants and Loans
- Tax Credits
- Case Studies
- Technical Assistance

The report is available for free both digitally and in limited print quantities. Printed copies are available upon request and will also be made available at upcoming Preservation Maryland and Rural Maryland Council events.

Download the report at: presmd.org/ruralreport.
Upcoming Events

Here are just a couple of events you’ll find on our calendar: presmd.org/events

OCT 17  VOTER TOWN HALL  Join the League of Conservation Voters Education Fund and Preservation Maryland in Ocean City for a town hall meeting about important issues facing voters. Register at: presmd.org/octownhall.

OCT 20  HARRIET TUBMAN’S EASTERN SHORE  Experience a bus tour through authentic sites and landscapes following Tubman’s journey to freedom. Register at: presmd.org/tubmantour.

OCT 25  PHOENIX RISING  Preservation Maryland invites you to an historic event! Phoenix Rising is our annual capstone benefit event in support of our work across the state. Join us for an evening of vintage entertainment! Get your tickets at: presmd.org/phoenixrising.

OCT 26-28  INTERNATIONAL PRESERVATION TRADES NETWORK  For a hands-on preservation training opportunity hosted in Frederick, register through Preservation Trades Network at: ptn.org/iptw-2018.

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