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Threatened Historic Sites Across Maryland Selected to Receive Support Through Six-to-Fix Program

Baltimore, MD – [August 27, 2019] Preservation Maryland announced their 2019 class of Six-to-Fix projects this week. The Six-to-Fix program, an innovative impact-focused effort designed to help provide real solutions to big preservation challenges across the state. For 2019, the state’s largest and most effective preservation organization selected six strategic projects with a variety of needs: from increasing capacity, finding new uses, coalition building, and community outreach.

Preservation Maryland Executive Director Nicholas Redding explained, “The Six-to-Fix program is a way to organize our work for the coming year and help save important historic places. The program is designed to help communities save places that matter to them – and use the past to create a brighter future.”

Projects were identified through a public nomination process and require a dedicated local partner. For more information on the program, visit: sixtofix.org. The sites selected for the class of 2019 include:

1. Investing in the Future of the Historic Jonathan Street Community

Location: Hagerstown, Washington County

Partners: Local Citizens

Preservation Maryland will work in partnership with members of the historic African-American Jonathan Street neighborhood to lead a community driven planning effort that will identify the places and resources that matter to the people who live there. Additionally, Preservation Maryland will deploy new resources and develop new partnerships to help invest in threatened historic resources that can be reused and revitalized to support the needs of the historic community.

2. Engaging the Public in Protecting Cemeteries

Location: Anne Arundel County

Partner: Anne Arundel County Cultural Resources Division, Office of Planning and Zoning

Anne Arundel County is home to an abundance of historic cemeteries including several burial grounds for enslaved African Americans. The Cultural Resources Division in Anne Arundel County is working with the community and other partners including through workshops and story maps, to figure out ways to record history and develop consensus around how to capture and store data on cemeteries, particularly African-American cemeteries.

3. Honoring the Railroad History of Brunswick

Location: Brunswick, Frederick County

Partner: City of Brunswick

The B&O Railyard was a major part of the development of the City of Brunswick. The WB Tower, built around 1910, controlled the train traffic for the railroad and is currently still situated along the tracks. The City plans to move the iconic tower to the heart of Railroad square to site near the historic B&O caboose and historic Brunswick Train Station. The City plans to raise public awareness of the role of the building in the history of the community as they move the structure and undertake its restoration.

4. Continuing Orchard Street Church's Community Service

Location: Baltimore City

Partner: Greater Baltimore Urban League

The Greater Baltimore Urban League (GBUL) is a civil rights organization that is housed in the historic Orchard Street Church. The 1882 church has had a long history of community engagement from abolitionist meetings to today's use as home to the GBUL and the state chapter of the NAACP. The church is in need of urgent repairs in addition to system upgrades. The Greater Baltimore Urban League is looking to find a way to honor their history as they look at a long-term plan to restore and upgrade their headquarters.

5. Mapping the Underground Railroad across Maryland

Location: Statewide

Partner: Maryland Office of Tourism Development

The sites of the Underground Railroad were designed to be hidden and secret, presenting a challenge in making sure the important stories of these places are told and preserved. The Maryland Office of Tourism Development is working with the Maryland State Archives, the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, along with other academic and local partners to make sure these places are documented and accepted to the National Park Service's Network to Freedom program.

6. Supporting Chesapeake Conservation & Culture

Location: Easton, Talbot County

Partner: Waterfowl Chesapeake

Waterfowl Chesapeake seeks to protect waterfowl and their habitats in the Coastal Chesapeake region and supports the annual Waterfowl Festival in Easton. They are headquartered in the 1927 Easton National Guard Armory and are looking to address a number of repair issues that are threatening the long-term stability of the site. One of these issues is both completing much needed work to the basement to both ensure its stability and make it a space the organization can utilize.

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