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FROM THE DESK OF NICHOLAS A. REDDING

“The year is off to a strange and bewildering start. Organizations like ours are grappling to hold on and continue to operate while facing innumerable challenges. Financially, the year ahead could be one of our most difficult since our founding.

I n moments like this, we need history more than ever before. These are uncharted and choppy waters, for sure, but they are not without parallel. As historians and keepers of Maryland’s story, we are reminded that our forbears passed through equally challenging times and they persevered. This is not false hope—rather—these are the lessons of history speaking, educating and stirring us to action.

In moments like this, history can embolden and encourage us. From Harriet Tubman’s resolve and strength, to the confidence and courage of Maryland suffragists, farmers, slaves and soldiers—the past is prepared to speak to us in many voices and to provide us with hope in a moment in which despair would be easy.

The year ahead, filled with anniversaries, projects and important efforts will be unusually challenging. Financially, we will do so again. And, with your support, this organization will use the best of Maryland to help provide us with hope in a moment in which despair would be easy.

No matter what happens, keep going.”

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Commemorating the Legacy of Maryland Suffragists

The story of Maryland during the fight for women’s suffrage was complex—and the reality is that Maryland’s political leaders of that era led significant opposition to the campaign to expand the vote.

In fact, Maryland was not one of the original 36 states to ratify the 19th Amendment that made it part of the US Constitution in 1920. Maryland, instead, waited until 1941 to ratify the amendment and did not certify its vote until 1958.

Those facts do not in any way diminish the work of Maryland’s suffragists. Instead, it makes their efforts and sacrifices that much more heroic in the face of strong opposition.

Due to Maryland’s proximity to the nation’s capital, Maryland suffragists often hosted rallies before heading south to the White House, protested at the State House in Annapolis, and even hosted Susan B. Anthony for the campaign to expand the vote. Instead, it makes their efforts and sacrifices that much more heroic in the face of strong opposition.

Compared to the story of West Virginia or Illinois, where suffrage was the top priority, the story of Maryland during the fight for women’s suffrage strives to provide historical context to the movement while acknowledging that it impacted other social issues including abolition, temperance, and racial equality.

This January, with the Maryland Women’s Legislative Caucus, we brought together an exceptional panel of speakers to discuss both the achievements and the failures of the women’s suffrage movement. Speakers included: Dr. Martha Jones, the Society of Black Alumni Presidential Professor of History at The Johns Hopkins University and author of the forthcoming book The Warmth of Other Suns; and Yumi Hogan, First Lady of Maryland, who both spoke at the Miller State House in Annapolis.

In our future, the story of Maryland during the fight for women’s suffrage will be critical to the health of our communities, the prosperity of our local economies and the spirit of our people.

Preservation Maryland Executive Director Nicholas Redding with Yumi Hogan, First Lady of Maryland, who both spoke at the Maryland Women's Legislative Caucus event.
with the final three weeks of session compressed into four days. Preservation Maryland was able to make sure that a number of our priority bills moved through the legislative process before session came to a close. From the start of the legislative session in January, Preservation Maryland and Smart Growth Maryland had been on the ground in Annapolis advocating for the pro-preservation and pro-smart growth policies that help save thousands of historic buildings and acres of open space. We have been able to grow our presence in Annapolis, becoming the leading voice for preservation and hosting Maryland History Advocacy Day, but this year, we faced our biggest challenge yet. Staying engaged over Session requires dedication, partnerships, and significant resources, and there is still much work to do. The General Assembly hopes to reconvene in May for a special session, but they will only be taking on emergency legislation and veto overrides.

2020 Advocacy Successes
Although faced with adversity, Preservation Maryland was able to succeed in passing a number of our legislative priorities, including:

- State Historic Tax Credit

In recent years, Preservation Maryland and our supporters have worked diligently to make policy changes to strengthen the State Historic Revitalization Tax Credit, an essential redevelopment program. This year, we were successful in passing the legislation a simpler method for transferring the credit, which will help encourage investment in community revitalization projects across the state. Thank you to Delegate Stephanie Smith (Baltimore City) and Senator Katie Fry Hester (Howard/Carroll County) who introduced this legislation.

We were also able to pass legislation that makes the Small Commercial Tax Credit available to use for the common elements of historic condominium buildings thanks to the support of bill sponsor, and chair of the House Appropriations Committee, Delegate Maggie McIntosh (Baltimore City).

Critical Direct Funding
Legislative Bond Initiatives, formerly known as bond bills, have the potential to impact a wide array of preservation projects around the state. Thanks in part to the efforts of several of our Six to Fix projects received such funding.

Jonathan Street Revitalization
As a result of the efforts of Sen. Andrew SARAFINI (Washington County) Preservation Maryland will receive a grant for $250,000 for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and infrastructure improvements in the historic African American Jonathan Street neighborhood in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Annapolis City Dock
The City Dock Action Committee's recently released the plan "Transforming City Dock," that named the restoration of Burns House as a top priority to preserve and maintain downtown Annapolis' maritime heritage, character, and viewsheets. Thanks to the support of Sen. Sarah Elfreth (Anne Arundel County), Preservation Maryland will receive a grant of $75,000 for the rehabilitation of Burns House in its historic waterfront location at the end of City Dock.

Historic Orchard Street Church
Preservation Maryland has been working closely with the Greater Baltimore Urban League, a civil rights organization, to restore their headquarters, the historic Orchard Street Church in Baltimore City, which has its own long history of community engagement including hosting abolitionist meetings. The Greater Baltimore Urban League will receive $300,000 to help rehabilitate the building.

Program Open Space is most often associated with the preservation of agricultural and natural landscapes, but the program also invests millions of dollars in protecting cultural landscapes and historic buildings, as well as providing dedicated funding for the state’s twelve Heritage Areas for targeted heritage tourism efforts. Preservation Maryland supported full funding of Program Open Space and the Heritage Area program. We will continue to monitor this program as it will be under threat in difficult fiscal years ahead as Maryland moves to recover from the economic downturn as a result of COVID-19.

To support our continued advocacy work, please visit:

Advocacy Update

Preservation Innovation
Campaign for Historic Trades Expands and Receives National Recognition
Event held at Fort McHenry National Monument and Shrine to Present Prestigious Award

In just the first six months of its existence, the Campaign for Historic Trades, Preservation Maryland’s workforce development partnership with the National Park Service’s Historic Preservation Training Center, has worked to position itself at the center of a national dialog about trades’ training and the future of historic preservation.

A result of these efforts, in late 2019 Preservation Maryland Executive Director Nicholas Redding received The J.M. Kaplan Fund Innovation Prize for Social Innovation for his work in launching the program. The prize is a highly competitive award for individuals pursuing important solutions to complex societal challenges. The funding from the prize will directly support building the capacity of the Campaign to meet the broad challenges of the new endeavor. Representatives of The J.M. Kaplan Fund hosted an event at Fort McHenry in Baltimore in late December to formally announce the award and to underscore the stiff competition it faced—with nearly 1,300 applicants nationwide and only 10 selected.

Additionally, at the invitation of Aimee Jorjani, the recently confirmed Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Nicholas Redding of Preservation Maryland and Moss Rudley, Superintendent of the Historic Preservation Training Center, presented at a hearing convened by the Council in Washington, DC. Presenting in the Kennedy Caucus Room, Rudley and Redley were able to articulate the powerful partnership the Campaign has created and its potential for expansion and synergy with other federal agencies. Chairman Jorjani has made trades training a major component of her efforts and is working with the Campaign to expand opportunities and create connections within the federal government and beyond.

Finally, in late December, the Campaign received notice that its application for membership in the Corps Network, the national association of service and conservation corps, was formally approved—opening a pathway for the Campaign to directly place more apprentices in the field with its National Park Service partner. Corps Network membership also presents the opportunity to build out the Campaign into a historic preservation oriented service corps with the potential to help other agencies and organizations to build out similar training programs.

To learn more about the Campaign for Historic trades, visit historictrades.org

At an event to present The J.M. Kaplan Innovation Prize for the Campaign for Historic Trades, to the right, Moss Rudley, Super Intendant of the NPS Historic Preservation Training Center, Amy Freitag, Executive Director of The J.M. Kaplan Fund, Nicholas Redding, Preservation Maryland Executive Director, Thomas Spencer, Preservation Maryland Board President, Abbi Wicklein-Bayne, Fort McHenry and Brad Davidson, Board Member of The J.M. Kaplan Fund, left, Tommy Bullock of Wagner Roofing with Jeremaye Peterson, Workforce Development Manager, Preservation Maryland.
Building a Smarter Maryland

From trees to farms to historic places, Smart Growth Maryland has been working hard to help protect, preserve and revitalize key communities across the state.

MAJOR UPDATE
Creating a Resilient Future for Ellicott City

Since the 2016 flood in Ellicott City, Preservation Maryland has been actively engaged in Howard County as a consistent voice for retaining Ellicott City’s historic character as a source of future economic prosperity; and our work continues:

New Community Organization

With a Respite from major flooding in 2019 and the election of Dr. Calvin Ball as the new Howard County Executive, the administration and community came together through a public planning process to update their watershed masterplan, and a special committee was formed to evaluate the need for a new community development organization. Preservation Maryland Executive Director Nicholas A. Redding was appointed to the Committee by County Executive Ball and was a steadfast voice for preservation and supported the recommendation to create a new community development corporation. Coordinating with the existing organizations and agencies working throughout the region, the Committee determined that there was a need for an organization focused on addressing the unique economic development and revitalization challenges of the Ellicott City Watershed area. Next steps include setting geographic boundaries, forming a steering committee to provide guidance and synthesize public input, exploring financial models, and potentially filing the necessary state and federal paperwork.

Direct Preservation Funding

While the implementation of long-term flood resiliency efforts are in process, Preservation Maryland has continued to provide direct support to projects that need funding now. We are partnered with Historic Ellicott City, Inc. on the Historic Ellicott City Revitalization Grant Program. Most recently, the program awarded funds totaling $70,000 in support of:

◆ Repairing the roof of the historic museum building of the Howard County Historical Society,
◆ Crafts a special video in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of Ellicott City,
◆ Supporting preservation planning efforts for the Old Jail, and
◆ Manufacturing and installing custom fireproof doors at the Old Stone Tavern.

Earlier grants totaling $50,000 were awarded across seven inaugural projects in 2017, many of which have recently come to a successful conclusion; the Patapsco Heritage Greenway restored the front and rear facades of their stone rowhome on Tonge Row, and the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks recently installed new interpretive signage about the engineering history of the turntable and track of the B&O Railroad just outside of the unique Ellicott City Station.

To learn more about work in Ellicott City, go to: pmmd.org/ellicottcity

In Ellicott City, Connie Singo, Historic Ellicott City, Inc.; Jake Peison, Baltimore & Ohio Station Museum at Ellicott City Station Museum; Caitlin Chamberlain-Urso, Howard County Recreation & Parks; Jessica Feldt, Preservation Maryland and Peggy Mason, Historic Ellicott City, Inc.

By the Numbers

The impact of our Heritage Fund grant program cannot be overstated. Preservation Maryland is proud to administer the Heritage Fund in partnership with the Maryland Historical Trust and provide direct support to critical projects around the state. Learn more at: pmmd.org/grants

$20M
Dollars of leveraged investment in Maryland’s history since program launch

$1.4M
Dollars of direct financial support distributed since its launch in 1997

$11,300
Dollars awarded to 17 deserving organizations and projects in FY2019

430
Projects impacted across Maryland, including planning, rehabilitation, and education efforts

22
Years of administering the Program and providing a unique stable source of funding to Maryland’s historic places

SMART GROWTH MARYLAND

Over 88 years of protecting Maryland’s fast-growing communities. Preservation Maryland has been working hard to implement smart growth policy in that she is leading an ambitious new effort to create a special video in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of Ellicott City.

UPDATE FROM HOWARD COUNTY

In October 2019, Smart Growth Maryland partnered with the Howard County Sierra Club and The People’s Voice, LLC, to launch the new Smart Growth Alliance for Howard County. The first major advocacy effort of the Alliance was focused on supporting improved protections for Howard County’s forests and lands. We are pleased to report that the Howard County Council approved the legislation that will result in the retention of forested lands to reduce flooding, filter water, and provide wildlife habitats.

UPDATE FROM FREDERICK COUNTY

Smart Growth Maryland co-leadership of the Smart Growth Alliance of Frederick County has also been working closely on a new forest conservation ordinance which, if passed, will protect critical forested areas in the county. A vote on this important legislation is expected in the coming months.

ADDITIONALLY, since the last publication of The Phoenix, Kimberly Golden Brandt, the long-time director of the program accepted a new position with Frederick County government, where she is leading an ambitious new effort to implement smart growth policy in that she is leading an ambitious new effort to create a new planning process to update their watershed masterplan, and a special committee was formed to evaluate the need for a new community development organization. Preservation Maryland remains fully committed to Smart Growth Maryland and is working quickly to refill the position with a talented smart growth leader—the stakes are too high and the challenges too great to lose any momentum.
Save the Date

One of Preservation Maryland’s most important (and fun) roles as a statewide organization is to convene Maryland’s preservation community together but at the time of this mailing, Maryland, like the rest of the world is grappling with a rapidly spreading virus and subsequent event cancellations and closures. We intend and hope to see you all at our upcoming events, so please save the following dates for our signature events—and make sure that you’re signed up for our email list for event updates: presmd.org/signup.

MAY 14
BEST OF MARYLAND AWARDS
Let’s celebrate the best of Maryland’s revitalization projects, special places, and people making preservation a reality in Maryland. This year, join us at the Maryland Fire Museum for one of the hottest preservation events of the year! Tickets at: bestofmaryland.org.

JUL 16
OLD LINE STATE SUMMIT
Our annual conference is full of outside-of-the-box sessions that serve to spark new energy and innovation in tackling preservation’s biggest challenges. Join us at the UMD School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation for this day of learning. More info at: oldlinestate.org.

OCT 22
PHOENIX RISING BENEFIT EVENT
This preservation party is not to be missed! Celebrate and support Preservation Maryland at the Penguin Room at Whitehall Mill in Baltimore City for our Phoenix Rising gala! Your tickets, donations, and sponsorships directly support endangered historic sites across Maryland and help fuel our on-the-ground technical assistance to bring them back to life. Save the date and pledge your support at: presmd.org/phoenix.

Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment

The story of the Women’s Suffrage Movement in Maryland and the United States is multi-dimensional—and we’re telling it on Ballot & Beyond.

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