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# PRESERVING AND SHARING OUR HERITAGE

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**Maryland's 13 Certified Heritage Areas support the economic well-being of Maryland communities by preserving and celebrating the state's history, cultural traditions, and natural resources through partnerships that create place-based experiences for visitors and residents alike.**

Heritage areas provide tangible links to authentic experiences and stories about the people, the land, and the waters of Maryland, which have been intertwined for thousands of years.

It is only when these experiences are recognized, preserved, and shared that our collective, full history can be told and more livable and economically sustainable communities throughout the state of Maryland can prosper. Now entering its 28th year, the Maryland Heritage Areas Program enjoys steady growth, enthusiastic private and public support, and a record of achievement thanks to a wide range of stakeholders and heritage tourists.

At the state level, the program provides targeted state financial and technical assistance to 13 Certified Heritage Areas that have been designated by the program's governing body, the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA). State grant funds are matched one-to-one with public and federal dollars to create tourism-related products, spark local investment, and promote a sustainable level of heritage tourism that improves quality of life for a variety of audiences.

Each of Maryland's 13 Certified Heritage Areas are locally managed and defined by a distinctive focus or theme that makes that place or region unique from other areas of the state. These special places exhibit distinctive evidence of the area's heritage in historic buildings and districts, cultural traditions, and singular natural landscapes as well as other resources such as museums, trails, parks, and traditional ways of life as revealed in food, music, and art. The flavor of each heritage area attracts not only out-of-state visitors, but people living in the region who are also looking for experiences that are unique and meaningful.



# PROGRAM GOVERNANCE: INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION

MHAA, an independent unit of state government, leads the Maryland Heritage Areas Program. In FY 2023, MHAA was chaired by Rebecca L. Flora, AICP, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning. The 19-member body consists of nine state officials, or a designated representative, from the:

- Maryland Department of Planning
- Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
- Maryland Department of Transportation
- Maryland Department of Commerce
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Higher Education Commission
- State Historic Preservation Officer
- Maryland Department of Agriculture (non-voting)
- Maryland State Department of Education (non-voting)

An additional 10 members are appointed by the governor, including one representative each listed below.

- Maryland Association of Counties
- Maryland Municipal League
- Maryland Greenways Commission
- Maryland Tourism Development Board
- Two public members (with historic preservation and heritage tourism expertise)
- Two representatives each designated by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates

The program is administered by the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), an agency within the Department of Planning.

In the same way the program encourages stakeholders to cooperate at the local level, MHAA's interagency structure also encourages state agencies to work together to pool funding resources, share staff expertise, and ensure a diverse array of interests and responsibilities are factored into program governance and activities.



Western Maryland Scenic Railroad, Passages of the Western Potomac Heritage Area

# PROGRAM GOALS AND MEASURING SUCCESS

The Maryland Heritage Areas Program has **seven goals** that demonstrate its commitment to protecting and interpreting the state's heritage assets and to achieving these goals by means of broad-based partnerships.

1

To **ENHANCE** the visitor appeal and enjoyment of the state's history, culture, natural environment, and scenic beauty by increasing the overall visitor experience.

2

To **INCREASE** the economic activity associated with tourism, creating opportunities for small business development, job growth, and a stronger tax base.

3

To **ENCOURAGE** preservation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings, conservation of natural areas important to the state's character and environment, and the continuity and authenticity of cultural arts, heritage attractions, and traditions indigenous to the region.

4

To **ENABLE** Marylanders and visitors to have greater access to and understanding of the history and traditional cultures of the state and to understand the important events that took place here.

5

To **FOSTER** linkages among and between heritage attractions that encourage visitors to explore, linger, and sample the diverse offerings of the state's distinctive regions.

6

To **BALANCE** the impact of tourism activity with the quality of life enjoyed by residents.

7

To **ACCOMPLISH** these goals via partnerships among local and regional leaders, nonprofit organizations, businesses, and state agencies.

The program measures the success of its goals using **three areas** of focus:

## **DEVELOPING HERITAGE TOURISM PRODUCTS**

*heritage areas lead or initiate the creation of new or enhanced place-based (archaeological, historical, cultural, and natural) experiences for visitors and Maryland residents*

## **BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS**

*heritage areas work to engage all partners and leverage resources*

## **SUSTAINING REGIONAL IDENTITY**

*heritage areas provide a connection to places that showcase each area's distinctive archaeological, cultural, historic, and natural assets*

# MAKING MHAA GRANTS MORE EQUITABLE

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In FY 2023, MHAA's Racial Equity Working Group and its facilitator, Symphonic Strategies, completed a first phase of analysis of the program's grant-making. This effort resulted in recommendations to improve racial equity considerations and outlined next steps for future analysis.

MHAA will address these recommendations by focusing on data collection, creating a more accessible grant application process, identifying outreach and engagement opportunities with potential new applicants and partners, and conducting a closer evaluation of the program's structure and governing documents. In support of Governor Moore's priority of "advancing infrastructure to connect all Marylanders to opportunities and each other," MHAA remains committed to ensuring that the program is inclusive, diverse, and equitable and that all residents of Maryland share in its benefits.



Germantown School Community Heritage Center - Worcester County Voices: Early 20th Century African American Education, Beach to Bay Heritage Area

# PROGRAM STRUCTURE: EMPOWERING MARYLAND'S LOCAL COMMUNITIES

**Maryland's heritage areas vary considerably in size, governance, and thematic focus. The program defers to local communities to determine what management structure best satisfies local needs and circumstances, while meeting the program's overall tourism development, economic growth, and preservation/conservation goals. The structure of the Maryland Heritage Areas Program is designed to be locally focused.**

Becoming a Certified Heritage Area is a two-stage competitive process. An area is first recognized and then certified upon completion of a management planning process. The heritage area management planning process is locally based and wide-ranging. Development of management plans generally takes one to five years to complete, largely due to the amount of public outreach necessary to involve key stakeholders and allow them to reach consensus on the roles of partners in the development and implementation of the heritage area.

Importantly, the Maryland Heritage Areas Program statute requires all county and municipal governments to amend their local comprehensive land use plans to incorporate the heritage area management plan. This requirement formalizes local governments' long-term commitment to the heritage area. Following the amendment of local government comprehensive plans and MHAA's approval of a management plan, the heritage area is designated as a Certified Heritage Area.

Projects located within Certified Heritage Areas are eligible for capital and non-capital grants for planning, design, rehabilitation, construction, interpretation, exhibits, materials, educational and recreational

activities, and programming as well as projects that encourage revitalization and reinvestment in the heritage area or across multiple heritage areas. The management entities of the Certified Heritage Areas are also eligible for broad program management and marketing support from the state. In carrying out activities all grant-funded projects must be consistent with their Certified Heritage Area's management plan and have no adverse effect on the resources of the heritage area, unless there is no prudent and feasible alternative.

In FY 2023, Maryland's heritage areas continued to grow, adding new historic, cultural, and natural resources and partner organizations through boundary amendments to the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, Southern Maryland National Heritage Area, Montgomery County Heritage Area, Beach to Bay Heritage Area, Baltimore National Heritage Area, and the Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area.



The Wiley H. Bates Storytelling Project - Educate, Elevate, & Empower, Chesapeake Crossroads Heritage Area



# IN FY 2023, MARYLAND'S 13 CERTIFIED HERITAGE AREAS INCLUDED:

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**ANACOSTIA TRAILS HERITAGE AREA (MARYLAND MILESTONES) -  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**

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**BALTIMORE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA - BALTIMORE CITY**

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**BEACH TO BAY HERITAGE AREA - SOMERSET, WORCESTER, AND  
WICOMICO COUNTIES**

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**CHESAPEAKE CROSSROADS HERITAGE AREA (FOUR RIVERS) - ANNE  
ARUNDEL COUNTY**

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**HEART OF CHESAPEAKE COUNTRY HERITAGE AREA - DORCHESTER  
COUNTY**

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**HEART OF THE CIVIL WAR HERITAGE AREA- CARROLL, FREDERICK,  
AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES**

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**LOWER SUSQUEHANNA HERITAGE AREA - HARFORD AND CECIL  
COUNTIES**

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY HERITAGE AREA**

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**MOUNTAIN MARYLAND GATEWAY TO THE WEST HERITAGE AREA -  
GARRETT COUNTY**

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**PASSAGES OF THE WESTERN POTOMAC HERITAGE AREA (CANAL  
PLACE) - ALLEGANY COUNTY**

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**PATAPSCO VALLEY HERITAGE AREA - BALTIMORE AND HOWARD  
COUNTIES**

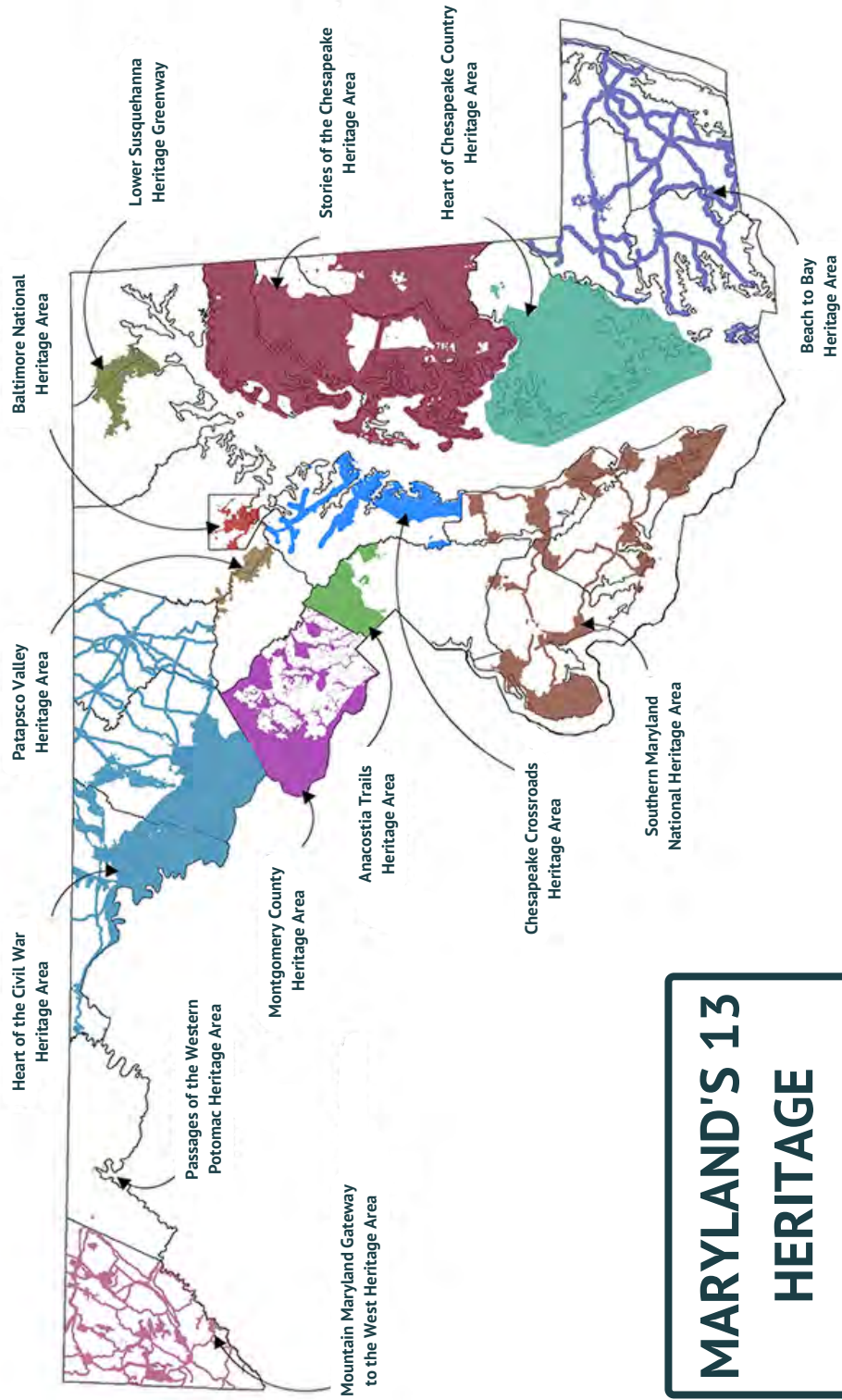
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**SOUTHERN MARYLAND NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA - CALVERT,  
CHARLES, ST. MARY'S COUNTIES**

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**STORIES OF THE CHESAPEAKE HERITAGE AREA - KENT, QUEEN  
ANNE'S, CAROLINE, AND TALBOT COUNTIES**

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**MARYLAND'S 13  
HERITAGE  
AREAS**

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 - 2010	2011	2012 - 2014	2015
Passages of the Western Potomac (Canal Place)	Dark Blue														
Lower Susquehanna		Teal			Dark Blue										
Chesapeake Crossroads		Teal				Dark Blue									
Baltimore National		Teal				Dark Blue									
Beach to Bay		Teal						Dark Blue							
Patapsco Valley		Teal													Dark Blue
Anacostia Trails			Teal			Dark Blue									
Heart of Chesapeake Country			Teal				Dark Blue								
Southern Maryland National				Teal					Dark Blue						
Heart of the Civil War				Teal							Dark Blue				
Montgomery County					Teal				Dark Blue						
Stories of the Chesapeake					Teal					Dark Blue					
Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West									Teal				Dark Blue		

**KEY:**

Date of approval as Recognized Heritage Area

Date of approval as Certified Heritage Area

\*NOTE: Becoming a Heritage Area is a two-step process:

Step 1 is to become a **Recognized Heritage Area**;

Step 2 is to become a **Certified Heritage Area**, which requires the development of a heritage area management plan, and its approval by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.

# TWO OF MARYLAND'S HERITAGE AREAS RECEIVE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA DESIGNATION AND RECERTIFICATION

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National Heritage Areas are designated regional areas that have a combination of unique natural, cultural, historic, and recreational elements of significance to our shared American heritage. The first National Heritage Area – the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Area – was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan in 1984. There are 62 designated National Heritage Areas in 36 states across the country that support a diversity of conservation, recreation, education, and preservation activities. **MHAA is proud that two Maryland Certified Heritage Areas have achieved this classification - the Baltimore National Heritage Area and the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area. Their federal designation and annual funding is dependent on regular reauthorization from Congress, either on an individual level or en masse through a larger bill. Funding is distributed from the National Park Service who also provides technical assistance and monitoring.**

Most recently, on January 5, 2023, President Joe Biden signed the National Heritage Areas Act (S. 1942) into law. The National Heritage Area Act creates standard criteria for the funding, management, and designation of National Heritage Areas across the country and provides them with an annual authorization of up to \$1 million per year for the next 15 years.

Included in the National Heritage Areas Act was the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area Act, sponsored by U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen and Congressman Steny Hoyer. This designation recognizes the unique significance of southern Maryland to the nation's history. The Southern Maryland National Heritage Area includes Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, and southern Prince George's counties whose communities were celebrated at its launch on May 25, 2023 at Piscataway Park in Accokeek, Maryland where Governor Wes Moore was in attendance as the keynote speaker.

The National Heritage Areas Act, while ensuring long-term stability of the National Heritage Area program, also reauthorized the Baltimore National Heritage Area, which was originally certified in 2009, for another 15 years.

The legislation, led by U.S. Congressman Kweisi Mfume and Senator Ben Cardin and co-supported by Senator John Sarbanes and Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger, ensures federal support for the Baltimore National Heritage Area's efforts to promote and preserve Baltimore's history and the ongoing efforts to highlight Baltimore's contributions to our nation's story. The bill extended the Baltimore National Heritage Area's authorization until 2037 and modified the boundary to include additional historic museums, cultural attractions, and historic neighborhoods.



# SOUTHERN MARYLAND AND BALTIMORE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS



Images Clockwise from Top L: Southern Maryland National Heritage Area Launch Day May 2023; the *Maryland Dove* in Historic St. Mary's City; Row Houses in Baltimore; Art Gallery at the Creative Alliance; Washington Monument in Mount Vernon, Baltimore; Calvert Cliffs State Park, Calvert County

# GRANTS REVIEW PROCESS AND STATE PANELISTS

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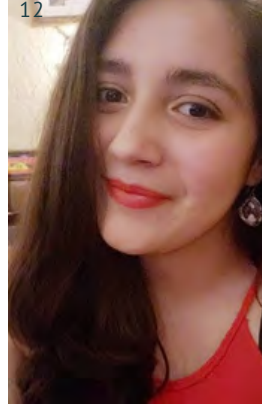
Cranesville Swamp Preserve,  
Mountain Maryland Gateway to the West Heritage Area

The Maryland Heritage Areas Program awards up to \$5.1 million in grants each year through a competitive process. Applications are reviewed and ranked first by local review panels in each of the Certified Heritage Areas in which the project will take place. The applications are then reviewed and ranked by a state-level Grants Review Panel who makes funding recommendations to MHAA, which makes the final grant award decisions each year at its July meeting. The Grants Review Panel plays a critical role in helping MHAA ensure that the grants awarded are distributed fairly and equitably across the state of Maryland.

Panelists are a diverse group of individuals from across the state that represent a wide range of areas of expertise, backgrounds, knowledge, and geographic and human diversity. The panel also includes representatives from six state agencies – the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, Housing and Community Development, Commerce, Transportation, and Education as well as MHT. The state’s ethnic and cultural commissions are also invited to nominate potential panelists. Each non-state panelist may serve for two consecutive three-year terms and panelists can re-apply to the panel after a two-year absence.

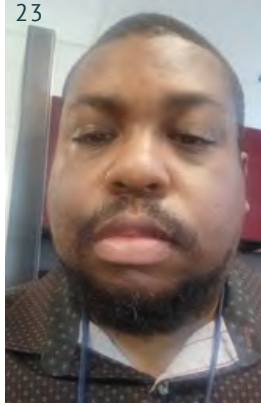
In FY 2023, the Grants Review Panel was composed of 33 members, 15 returning from the previous year and 18 new, with exceptional backgrounds in the arts, historic preservation, urban planning, communications, cultural history, natural resources, tourism, economic development, genealogy, and more.

Name (by last) *new in FY 2023	Title/Profession/Expertise	Affiliated City/County
A.C. Alrey* <sup>1</sup>	Director of Business Development, City of Crisfield	Crisfield/ Somerset
David D. Belew* <sup>2</sup>	Vice President of External Affairs, Maryland Center for History and Culture	Baltimore City
Kenneth Brink* <sup>3</sup>	Construction Inspector, City of Rockville	Rockville/ Montgomery
Carol Bruce <sup>4</sup>	Retired Civil Servant	Aberdeen/ Harford
Alyssa Clemons* <sup>5</sup>	Project Manager, Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development	Statewide
Katie Clendaniel* <sup>6</sup>	Project Development Specialist, Davis Strategic Development	Salisbury/ Wicomico
William J. Cook* <sup>7</sup>	Attorney, Cultural Heritage Partners, PLLC	Butler/ Baltimore Co.
Charlotte Davis <sup>8</sup>	Executive Director, Rural Maryland Council	Statewide
Margaret De Arcangelis* <sup>9</sup>	Assistant Director, Baltimore Museum of Industry	Baltimore City
Stephen DeSordo	Tribal and Environmental Compliance Adviser, Heritage Resource Services Group, LLC	Cambridge/ Dorchester
Karen Footner* <sup>10</sup>	Retired Fundraising Consultant	St. Michaels/ Talbot
Tiffany Frazier* <sup>11</sup>	Vice President, Community Engagement and Outreach Committee Chair, NAACP Allegany County Branch 7007; Member, Caucus of African American Leaders of Allegany County	Cumberland/ Allegany
Marina Herrera <sup>12</sup>	Senior Grants Manager, Accokeek Foundation	Accokeek/ Prince George's
Samia Kirchner <sup>13</sup>	Associate Professor of Architecture & Planning, Morgan State University	Baltimore City
Kristen Lycett <sup>14</sup>	Executive Director, Phillips Wharf Environmental Center	Easton/Talbot
Kevin McDonald <sup>15</sup>	Digital Content Coordinator, Glenstone Museum and Chair of the MHAA Grants Review Panel	North Bethesda/ Montgomery
David D. Mitchell* <sup>16</sup>	Program Director, Arts and Entertainment Districts & County Arts Programming, Maryland State Arts Council, Maryland Department of Commerce	Statewide





Name (by last) *new in FY 2023	Title/Profession/Expertise	Affiliated City/County
Linda Moore-Garoute <sup>17</sup>	Vice President, Cedar Haven Civic Association on the Patuxent River, Inc	Aquasco/Prince George's
Peter Morrill <sup>18</sup>	Curator Program Manager, Land Acquisition and Planning, Maryland Department of Natural Resources	Statewide
Lenett Nef'fahititi Partlow-Myrick <sup>19</sup>	Visual Artist; Sole Proprietor, Partlow Art; Member, Hamilton Arts Collective; Poet-Writer; Master Adjunct Faculty Member, Howard Community College	Pikesville/ Baltimore Co.
Anne Raines <sup>20</sup>	Deputy Director/Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Maryland Historical Trust	Statewide
Kym Rice* <sup>21</sup>	Associate Professor Emerita, The Corcoran School of the Arts and Design, George Washington University	Brinklow/ Montgomery
Lisa Robbins* <sup>22</sup>	Museum and Archaeological Consultant	Grasonville/ Queen Anne's
David Rodgers* <sup>23</sup>	Regional Planner, Charles County and Prince George's County, State Highway Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation	Charles and Prince George's
Lauren Sampson* <sup>24</sup>	Development Officer, Major Gifts, St. Mary's College of Maryland	St. Mary's City/ St. Mary's Co.
Heather Savino <sup>25</sup>	Development Manager, Patterson Park Public Charter School, Inc.	Baltimore City
Jennifer Shea <sup>26</sup>	Retired University Administrator and Communications Strategist	Claiborne/ Talbot
Zhuping Sheng* <sup>27</sup>	Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Morgan State University	Baltimore City
Jacqueline Shin* <sup>28</sup>	Senior Editor, The Cultural Landscape Foundation	Towson/ Baltimore Co.
Denis Superczynski <sup>29</sup>	Community Planner, Frederick County Government	Frederick/ Frederick Co.
Elinor Thompson <sup>30</sup>	Genealogist; Historian and Author; Founder and President of Broadneck African-American Heritage Project, Inc.; Commissioner, Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture	Anne Arundel
Ronald Waters* <sup>31</sup>	Retired Deputy Director of Federal Resources, Neighborhood Revitalization, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development	Glen Burnie/ Anne Arundel
Joseph Wojciechowski* <sup>32</sup>	Architect, Encore Sustainable Architects	Bel Air/Harford



# FY 2023 MHAA GRANT PROJECTS

Since its inception in 1996, MHAA has awarded approximately **\$63.9 million** in financial assistance and leveraged more than **\$1.913 billion** in non-state funds for heritage tourism projects and activities statewide.

In FY 2023, nonprofits and local jurisdictions submitted 140 grant applications, requesting more than \$6.4 million to foster economic development through heritage tourism projects and activities. MHAA awarded \$5.1 million to 109 projects, leveraging \$13.3 million in non-state matching support. Eighty competitive project grants comprised \$3,438,082 of the total funding awarded. MHAA grants also helped support the operations of the 13 heritage area management entities (totaling \$1,252,833) as well as 11 block grants (totaling \$275,000) and five grants for marketing (totaling \$134,085). Block grants provide funding for smaller non-capital heritage tourism grants (or mini-grants, typically under \$5,000), which heritage area management entities can distribute within their districts. Projects awarded with a mini-grant will involve non-capital projects like programming and interpretation.



Newcomer House Front Parlor/Office Exhibition,  
Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

**The 109 MHAAs grantees for FY 2023, in order by county, include:**

Allegany	Allegany County Historical Society, Inc.	2022 Heritage Days Festival Heritage Demonstration Tents	\$25,000.00
Allegany	Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County, Maryland	FY 2023 Marketing Grant	\$22,085.00
Allegany	Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority	FY 2023 Block Grant	\$25,000.00
Allegany	Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Anne Arundel	Annapolis, London Town and South County Heritage Area, Inc.	FY 2023 Marketing Grant	\$25,000.00
Anne Arundel	Annapolis, London Town and South County Heritage Area, Inc.	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Anne Arundel	Annapolis, London Town and South County Heritage Area, Inc.	FY 2023 Block Grant	\$25,000.00
Anne Arundel	Friends of Hancock's Resolution, Inc.	Historic Hancock's Resolution Exhibition Design Plan	\$5,273.60
Anne Arundel	Historic Annapolis, Inc.	William Paca Garden Accessibility: Implementation Phase	\$50,000.00
Anne Arundel	Kunta Kinte Celebrations, Inc.	32nd and 33rd Annual Kunta Kinte Heritage Festivals	\$10,000.00
Anne Arundel	London Town Foundation, Inc.	ADA Pathways and Stormwater Management for the Eastern Campus	\$67,000.00
Anne Arundel	Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center	The Wiley H. Bates Storytelling Project - Educate, Elevate & Empower	\$19,000.00
Baltimore City	Baltimore Heritage Area Association, Inc.	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Baltimore City	Baltimore Heritage Area Association, Inc.	FY 2023 Block Grant	\$25,000.00
Baltimore City	Baltimore Museum of Industry	Reframing the Narrative: Increasing Diversity in the BMI Bakery, Corner Store, and Distillery Exhibits	\$20,000.00
Baltimore City	B'nai Israel Congregation	B'nai Israel Facility Improvement Project	\$32,260.00
Baltimore City	Creative Alliance, Inc.	Heritage Programs at Creative Alliance's New Creativity Center	\$50,000.00
Baltimore City	Friends of Fort McHenry, Inc.	Baltimore Trail Stewards Project	\$46,338.00

County	Organization	Project	Grant Amt
Baltimore City	Historic Ships in Baltimore, Inc.	Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse Exterior Preservation and Lighting	\$9,917.00
Baltimore City	Le Mondo, Inc.	Le Mondo Performance and Studio Venue	\$100,000.00
Baltimore City	Mount Vernon Place Conservancy, Inc.	Design and Consulting Work for City Agency Approvals to Restore Mount Vernon Place Park Squares, Baltimore	\$69,750.00
Baltimore City	Peale Center for Baltimore History and Architecture	Bringing Labor to Light: Moses Williams and the People Who Built the Peale	\$50,000.00
Baltimore City	Poe Baltimore	Virginia Poe Bicentennial	\$41,750.00
Baltimore City	The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Inc.	A Stabilization, Renovation, and Façade Restoration Program	\$75,000.00
Baltimore, Howard	Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.	FY 2023 Marketing Grant	\$12,000.00
Baltimore, Howard	Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.	FY 2023 Block Grant	\$25,000.00
Baltimore, Howard	Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Inc.	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's	Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Caroline	Adkins Arboretum, Ltd.	Nestled in Nature	\$40,000.00
Caroline	Adkins Arboretum, Ltd.	Rooted Wisdom Audio Experience	\$33,000.00
Caroline	Caroline County Historical Society, Inc.	Gadow-Hubbard Creamery, Phase 2	\$22,825.00
Caroline	Caroline County Historical Society, Inc.	A Heritage Center for Caroline County: Part 3, Phase I	\$82,700.00
Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester	County Council of Dorchester County	Interpreting the Chesapeake Country	\$50,000.00
Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot	Eastern Shore Heritage, Inc.	Assessing a Nationally Important Landscape: A National Heritage Area Feasibility Study for Chesapeake Country	\$50,000.00
Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot	Eastern Shore Heritage, Inc.	FY 2023 Block Grant	\$25,000.00

County	Organization	Project	Grant Amt
Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot	Eastern Shore Heritage, Inc.	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$52,833.00
Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot	Washington College	Interpretive Program/Exhibit Space for the Past Is Present Initiative	\$48,000.00
Caroline, Kent, Talbot, Queen Anne's	GAR Post 25, Inc.	Revealing the Commodore Collection	\$50,000.00
Carroll	City of Westminster	Historic Durbin House - Interior Environment Stabilization	\$100,000.00
Carroll	The Union Mills Homestead Foundation, Inc.	Preservation Plan for Union Mills Homestead	\$38,464.00
Carroll, Frederick, Washington	Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Carroll, Frederick, Washington	Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area	FY 2023 Marketing Grant	\$25,000.00
Carroll, Frederick, Washington	Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area	FY 2023 Block Grant	\$25,000.00
Cecil, Harford	Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Incorporated	FY 2023 Block Grant	\$25,000.00
Cecil, Harford	Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Incorporated	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Charles	Farm Heritage Conservancy	Preparing for the Smithsonian Institution's "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" Tour	\$40,000.00
Charles	Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum, Inc. at Charles County	The Untold Story of Patriots in the Revolutionary War	\$10,000.00
Charles	Mount Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.	Early African American Church history and culture in the Western Region of Charles County	\$7,083.00
Charles	Piscataway Conoy Tribe of Maryland, Inc.	Piscataway Conoy Tribe -Indigenous Peoples Festival	\$45,000.00
Charles	The Historical Society of Charles County, Inc.	Restoring Rich Hill for Tourism in the 21st Century	\$25,000.00
Charles	Working Out Wonders Foundation, Inc.	Carroll Farmhouse and Cemetery Preservation Project	\$17,000.00

County	Organization	Project	Grant Amt
Dorchester	Alpha Genesis Community Development Corporation	Harriet Tubman Sculpture Unveiling and the Bicentennial of her Birth	\$20,000.00
Dorchester	County Council of Dorchester County	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Dorchester	County Council of Dorchester County	FY 2023 Block Grant	\$25,000.00
Dorchester	The Nanticoke Historic Preservation Alliance, Inc.	Handsell Interior Plaster and Electrical Work	\$22,300.00
Dorchester	Town of East New Market	Restoration of the Trading Post	\$18,587.23
Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester	Maryland State Archives	Indigenous Archive Project for the Eastern Shore of Maryland	\$50,000.00
Frederick	Historic Rocky Springs Chapel, Inc.	Repair of Stonework and Brickwork on Rocky Springs School House	\$18,587.22
Frederick	The African American Resources-Cultural and Heritage Society Incorporated	Amazing Exhibits- African American Heritage Center	\$50,000.00
Frederick	Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.	Restoring the Miller House: A ca. 1820 Home for the Furnace Fellows	\$100,000.00
Garrett	Garrett Community College Foundation, Inc.	Performing Arts Center Orchestra Shell	\$100,000.00
Garrett	Deep Creek Lake Lions	The stories of women and indigenous people in western MD	\$5,000.00
Garrett	Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.	FY 2023 Marketing Grant	\$50,000.00
Garrett	Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.	FY 2023 Block Grant	\$25,000.00
Garrett	Garrett County Chamber of Commerce, Inc.	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Garrett	Garrett County Government	Garrett County: Celebrating 150 Years of Connecting Culturally Unique Communities	\$18,500.00
Garrett	Garrett County Historical Society	Engage with the Garrett County Museum	\$5,000.00
Harford	Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc.	The Restoration of the Skipjack Martha Lewis, Phase III - Sails & Rigging	\$15,000.00
Harford	Havre de Grace Decoy Museum, Inc.	Preserving R. Madison Mitchell's Decoy Shop for Future Generations	\$100,000.00
Harford	Susquehannock Wildlife Society, Inc.	Wildlife Center Educational Exhibits	\$50,000.00

County	Organization	Project	Grant Amt
Harford	The Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center, Inc.	The Colored School Preservation and Restoration Project	\$100,000.00
Harford	The Havre de Grace Maritime Museum, Inc.	Total Roofing Replacement and Entrance Decking Replacement of the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum	\$14,000.00
Howard	Ellicott City Historic District Partnership	EC Stronger: Historic Main Street Visitor Experience	\$17,099.00
Howard	Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park	Signage, Parking, Wayfinding for the OEC Connector	\$16,999.00
Howard	Howard County Conservancy	Conservancy Trail Signage & Wayfinding - Final Phase	\$18,000.00
Howard	Howard County Lynching Truth & Reconciliation, Inc.	Early Black History of Ellicott's Mills	\$6,373.00
Kent	Trustees of the General Assembly of Church of the Lord Jesus Christ Apostolic Faith, Inc.	Coleman's Rosenwald School Restoration	\$10,000.00
Kent	Sultana Education Foundation, Inc.	Construction of the Nature Center at the Lawrence Wetlands Preserve	\$89,500.00
Kent	Washington College	Chesapeake Heartland: An Interpretive Plan for Four Centuries of Black History	\$48,043.00
Montgomery	Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Montgomery	Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County	FY 2023 Block Grant	\$25,000.00
Montgomery	National Capital Historical Museum of Transportation, Inc. (National Capital Trolley Museum)	Interactive Historical Streetcar Puzzle Kiosk Display	\$5,505.00
Montgomery	Peerless Rockville	Building Community: Exploring AAPI Heritage in Rockville	\$20,000.00
Montgomery	Sandy Spring Museum	Equity in Metadata	\$43,500.00
Montgomery	Sugarland Ethno-History Project, Inc.	Basil & Nancy Dorsey Archaeological Site	\$49,956.95
Montgomery	Sugarland Ethno-History Project, Inc.	St. Paul Community Church Restoration and Rehabilitation	\$54,200.00
Prince George's	Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc.	Dueling Creek Heritage Trail	\$100,000.00
Prince George's	Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc.	Prince George's County Heritage Area Boundary Expansion and Management Plan Update	\$50,000.00



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Prince George's	Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc.	FY 2023 Block Grants	\$25,000.00
Prince George's	Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc.	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
Prince George's	City of College Park	Lakeland Community Heritage Augmented Reality Tour Phase II	\$30,000.00
Prince George's	City of Hyattsville	Re-Imagining of Hyattsville Park for David C. Driskell	\$50,000.00
Queen Anne's	Queen Anne's County Department of Parks & Recreation	Bloomfield Farmhouse at White Marsh Park	\$17,500.00
Somerset	Skipjack Heritage, Inc.	Skipjack "City of Crisfield" Restoration	\$50,000.00
Somerset, Wicomico, Worcester	Beach to Bay Heritage Area, Inc.	FY 2023 Management Grant	\$100,000.00
St. Mary's	Greenwell Foundation, Inc.	Upgrading Greenwell Foundation's Historic Equestrian Barn	\$50,000.00
St. Mary's	Historic Sotterley, Inc.	Restoration of Sotterley's Agricultural Buildings	\$40,100.00
St. Mary's	Town of Leonardtown	L' Town Alley Network Project - Phase Two	\$75,000.00
Talbot	Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum	Digitizing CBMM's Collection	\$50,000.00
Talbot	Mid-Shore Community Foundation, Inc.	Bellevue Passage Museum	\$96,000.00
Washington	Civil War Preservation	Restoration of the Poffenberger Tract at Antietam National Battlefield	\$24,750.00
Washington	Community Foundation of Washington County MD, Inc.	Clara Barton Memorial	\$65,000.00
Washington	Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area	Newcomer House Front Parlor/Office Exhibition	\$15,190.00
Washington	National Road Heritage Foundation, Inc.	Phase 1: Exhibit Fabrication for National Road Museum	\$50,000.00
Worcester	Friends of Assateague State Park, Inc.	Assateague State Park "Break the Habit"	\$50,000.00
Worcester	Furnace Town Foundation Incorporated	Nassawango Iron Furnace Restoration Project Phase 1	\$46,750.00
Worcester	Germantown School Community Heritage Center	Worcester County Voices: Early 20th Century African American Education	\$31,281.00
Worcester	Ocean City Museum Society, Inc.	Restoration of 1910 Bank Building	\$50,000.00
Worcester	Tyree African Methodist Episcopal Church	Tyree AME Church Rehabilitation Project	\$100,000.00

Some examples of the non-capital and capital projects and activities assisted by MHAA grant funding in FY 2023 include:



### GARRETT COUNTY: CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF CONNECTING CULTURALLY UNIQUE COMMUNITIES (MOUNTAIN MARYLAND GATEWAY TO THE WEST HERITAGE AREA)

Throughout 2022, Garrett County celebrated its 150-year anniversary with digital and in-person events that drew thousands of visitors to the county. FY 2023 MHAA grant funding supported in-person celebrations, entertainment, speaking fees, an antique car show, and more. The final celebration,

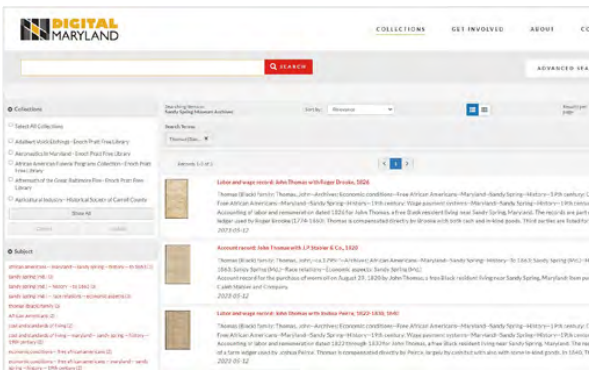
held on September 17, 2022, drew in more than 2,000 visitors and capped off a successful year of highlighting the unique culture, history, and heritage of the region. Commemorative coins and digital resources produced for the 150th continue to serve the community and draw visitors to experience Garrett County.



### HANSELL INTERIOR PLASTER AND ELECTRICAL WORK (HEART OF CHESAPEAKE COUNTRY HERITAGE AREA)

Since 2014, the Nanticoke Historic Preservation Alliance has worked to preserve the character of the Handsell brick house in Dorchester County. Originally constructed around 1770 and rebuilt in 1837, the house and site interpret the lives of all who lived there, including the Native Americans of the Nanticoke and Chicone Tribes and African American people that worked there enslaved, free, and as sharecroppers. FY 2023 MHAA grant funds

supported vital repairs to the house’s ceiling and walls as well as updated electrical systems and repairs to historic chandeliers. This ongoing preservation work will ensure that the house is safe and ready for visitors to experience.



### EQUITY IN METADATA (MONTGOMERY COUNTY HERITAGE AREA)

The Sandy Spring Museum’s Equity in Metadata project is a multi-year endeavor that is addressing historic inequities in archival cataloging. The project is assessing and updating metadata for hundreds of documents at the museum. Building on a successful phase one of the project, the second phase of work funded by a FY 2023 MHAA grant focused on highlighting the Black history of Sandy Spring, to include full transcriptions of census slave schedules, creating a list of free Black residents in

the 1790-1860 censuses and all Black residents in the 1870-1920 censuses, and identifying nearly 50 items in the museum’s archives pertaining specifically to Black history. The public can access these findings through newly created digital pages that focus on Black history.



### **PRESERVATION PLAN FOR UNION MILLS HOMESTEAD (HEART OF THE CIVIL WAR HERITAGE AREA)**

In 2022 and 2023, the Union Mills Homestead Foundation underwent a major planning process that identified creating a comprehensive preservation plan for the protection of historic Union Mills as a priority. Built in 1797, the Shriver Homestead and Grist Mill at Union Mills exist today as an exceptional educational site, highlighting the early industrial and agricultural history of the country. It is currently home to numerous

events, educational programs, and outstanding exhibits. With FY 2023 MHAA grant funds, the Foundation will be finalizing the preservation plan in 2024 which will ensure historic resources at the site can continue to serve the community for generations to come.



### **HERITAGE PROGRAMS AT CREATIVE ALLIANCE'S NEW CREATIVITY CENTER (BALTIMORE NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA)**

After successfully opening its new Creativity Center in November 2022, the Creative Alliance used FY 2023 MHAA grant funds to develop new heritage programs to better serve the community. These new heritage programs highlight the diverse cultures and communities that the organization serves, particularly the growing Latine population in Southeast Baltimore. Since its opening the Creativity Center has hosted an average of

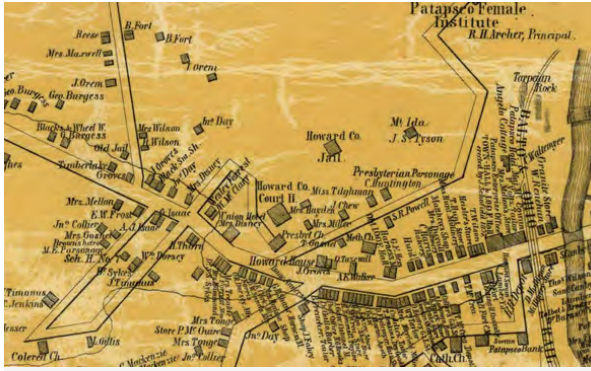
ten programs per week. These programs run five days a week and include art, education, and dance. Designed with their communities in mind, many programs are offered in English and Spanish, and are aimed at specifically addressing the needs of the communities that the Creative Alliance serves.



### **DUELING CREEK HERITAGE TRAIL (ANACOSTIA TRAILS HERITAGE AREA)**

Building on the recently completed Dueling Creek Heritage Trail Concept Plan, Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) is working in conjunction with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission to apply FY 2023 MHAA grants funds towards the planning and design of a half-mile trail extension. Construction for the project will begin in 2024 and is being supported with funds from the Maryland State Highway Administration's Recreational Trails

Program. Once completed, this trail will add to the already extensive network of trails within ATHA by connecting Bladensburg Waterfront Park, the Dueling Creek Natural Area, and Colmar Manor Community Park.



## EARLY BLACK HISTORY OF ELLICOTT'S MILLS (PATAPSCO VALLEY HERITAGE AREA)

With FY 2023 MHAA grant funds, Howard County Lynching Truth & Reconciliation, Inc. conducted primary source research that will result in a presentation of their findings through an online StoryMap, community presentations, and a scavenger hunt. The multi-year project will share the often unknown history and stories of African Americans in Early Ellicott's Mills with school-aged students and adults. The research also has the

potential to be used in the future to help develop a Black Heritage Trail in Ellicott City.



## THE COLORED SCHOOL PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT (LOWER SUSQUEHANNA HERITAGE AREA)

With a FY 2023 MHAA grant, the Havre de Grace Colored School Museum and Cultural Center is continuing to restore its historic 1912 schoolhouse. Funds went to supporting critical repairs to waterproof the basement and roof. These repairs are vital to preserving the building's structural integrity and will lay the groundwork for a future, more comprehensive restoration of the school's original classrooms. Once

completed, these repairs will ensure that the building continues to serve the public and share its historical significance as Harford County's first public high school for African Americans.



## L'TOWN ALLEY NETWORK PROJECT - PHASE TWO (SOUTHERN MARYLAND NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA)

With the help of a FY 2023 MHAA grant, the Town of Leonardtown completed the second and final phase of an alleyway revitalization project located within its Arts and Entertainment District. Having built on a successful first phase, the project created a pedestrian-friendly outdoor venue to host cultural and artistic events. The site now includes a number of murals and artworks depicting the town's local culture and history,

particularly the importance of maritime life in the town's character.



## 32ND AND 33RD ANNUAL KUNTA KINTE HERITAGE FESTIVALS (CHESAPEAKE CROSSROADS HERITAGE AREA)

FY 2023 MHAA grant funds supported the Kunta Kinte Foundation in hosting the 32nd and 33rd Kunta Kinte Heritage Festivals. Held on September 24, 2022, and October 28, 2023, the festival drew thousands of participants to Annapolis to celebrate the cultural heritage and perseverance of descendants of the African Diaspora. Founded in 1987, the festival commemorates the arrival of Kunta Kinte in Annapolis from The Gambia

in 1767. Funding supported livestream access along with new heritage-based activities such as a Harriet Tubman interpreter, genealogy experts, and heritage tours.



### 2022 HERITAGE DAYS FESTIVAL HERITAGE DEMONSTRATION TENTS (PASSAGES OF THE WESTERN POTOMAC HERITAGE AREA)

Heritage Days has been a long-standing institution in Allegany County. The longest running and most popular festival in Cumberland, Heritage Days celebrates the confluence of culture and history that make up this western Maryland city. In 2022, with the help of a FY 2023 MHAA grant, the Allegany County Historical Society took a major step to ensure the longevity of the annual event by purchasing several pavilion tents. These tents

were used to host heritage demonstrations, discussing subjects like gardening, basket making, blacksmithing, candle making, furniture making, mountain lore, musical instruments, storytelling, and Native American crafts and skills. Held September 10-11, 2022, the event drew hundreds of visitors and was a major success.



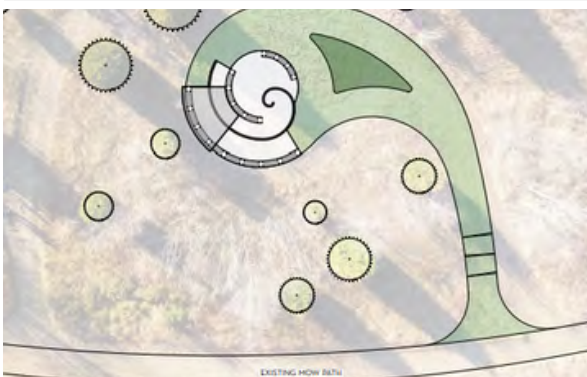
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### RESTORATION OF 1910 BANK BUILDING (BEACH TO BAY HERITAGE AREA)

The Ocean City Museum Society, Inc. is restoring the 1910 Bank Building, located in the heart of downtown Ocean City. The structure, which operated as a bank until 2019, will eventually be reopened as a space for community members and events. In this first phase of work, supported by a FY 2023 MHAA grant, the Ocean City Museum Society is drafting architectural, mechanical, and electrical design plans. Once those plans are completed, the society plans to begin the restoration of the plaster work on the first floor of this historic building.



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### NESTLED IN NATURE (STORIES OF THE CHESAPEAKE HERITAGE AREA)

Building on the vision set out in its 1999 Master Plan, Adkins Arboretum is using FY 2023 MHAA grant funds to create the arbor for the “Nestled in Nature” venue in its North Meadow. The project, which seeks to celebrate the landscape’s natural processes and provide an inspiring destination for visitors, will include a terrace with seating that will provide a panoramic view overlooking the meadow and space for outdoor educational and cultural events. These additional amenities will be part

of the 400-acre native landscape and help fulfill Adkins Arboretum’s mission to provide exceptional experiences in nature to promote environmental stewardship.



### INDIGENOUS ARCHIVE PROJECT FOR THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND (MULTI-HERITAGE AREA GRANT; HEART OF CHESAPEAKE COUNTRY AND BEACH TO BAY HERITAGE AREAS)

The Maryland State Archives (MSA) is building on the success of its digital archives with its new Indigenous Archive Project for the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Using a FY 2023 multi-heritage area grant, MSA will conduct oral histories, increase online access to archival materials, offer outreach to K-12 teachers, and host

educational workshops that will amplify the voices of twenty-first century Indigenous communities and expand access to existing resources.

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