



## MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS AUTHORITY (MHAA)

Agenda for October 22, 2025, In-Person Meeting  
Passages of the Western Potomac Heritage Area  
**Allegany Museum (Ballroom)**  
3 Pershing Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

### **9:30am - 11:00 am Business Meeting**

### **Followed by Train Ride and Bus Tour from 11:15 am - 3:30 pm**

- 9:30 am**      **Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome** (Rebecca Flora, MHAA Chair/MDP Secretary)
- 9:35 am**      **Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2025 and August 4, 2025**
- 9:40am**      **MHAA Chairperson Report**  
1. Update on Administrative Amendment to MHAA Statute  
2. Update on Executive Committee Work
- 9:45am**      **Management Report** (Ariane M. Hofstedt, Administrator)  
1. Presentation of Draft Implementation Plan  
2. Financing Fund Report  
3. FY26 Grant Highlights and Reserve Grant Update
- 10:05am**      **Action Items**  
**10:05am**      Approval of Project Grant Amendments:  
a. Town of Oakland  
b. Washington County Historical Society
- 10:20am**      Report of Task Force (presented by Melissa Archer, Taks Force Chair)  
• Approval of Grant Match and Funding Cap Requirements Policy  
• Approval of Task Force Recommendations on FY27 Caps and FY28 Match Requirements
- 10:40am**      **Maryland Heritage Areas Coalition Report** (Brigitte Carty and Lucille Walker, Co-Chairs)
- 10:45am**      **Heritage Area Director Highlights - TBD**

- Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, Executive Director, Liz Shatto
- Southern Maryland National Heritage Area, Executive Director, Lucille Walker

**10:50am      Public Comment\***

**11:00am      Business Portion of Meeting Adjourns – walk to train**

**Ride Western Maryland Scenic Railroad to Frostburg and Lunch for Authority Members, staff, and Heritage Area Directors**

**A bus tour back to Cumberland will end at 3:30 p.m.**

\*For members of the public who would like to provide comments they are welcome to attend in person or provide comments in writing via email to [ariane.hofstedt@maryland.gov](mailto:ariane.hofstedt@maryland.gov) ahead of the meeting.