

STATEMENTS OF CONSENSUS REGARDING THE APPROPRIATE PLACE OF REPOSE FOR  
NATIVE AMERICAN HUMAN REMAINS CURRENTLY IN THE CARE OF THE MARYLAND  
HISTORICAL TRUST.

December 6, 2012

**All remains will be placed in the ground in contact with the earth.**

June 25, 2009

**With the exceptions of the Caroline County ossuary remains and the Accokeek Creek Site remains, burial would take place on “protected” lands in each of the four cardinal directions, and that for each of these burial sites the State will work out a legally binding mechanism that assures the Maryland Indian community their right of access for the purposes of their free expression of ceremony.**

June 25, 2009

**We agree that the Thomas site remains listed on the NAGPRA inventory go the way the MOU intended: that their disposition be handled as stipulated in the 1980s MOU between MHT and MCIA.**

July 16, 2009.

**The remains will be placed in the ground in conditions that resemble those of the original interment, which were conducive to their long-term preservation.**

August 6, 2009.

**There is no objection to preserving the possibility of retrieval for repatriation.**

August 6, 2009.

**The designees of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA) are firmly opposed to accessing the human remains once in the ground for the purpose of study, and believe that their descendants will forever agree with them in this opposition. The designees of the Maryland Historical Trust believe that future advances in science may provide for significant discoveries including the possibility of obtaining information regarding cultural affiliation and cultural history of indigenous populations. In acknowledgement of these two perspectives, the Working Group agrees that the possibility of such access for study may be preserved provided that Maryland regulations are changed to give the Maryland Indian community and the archeological community equal voice in reviewing and approving any such study.**

August 6, 2009.

**So long as the necessary conditions for security and access are achievable, the Working Group recommends that the Secretary of Planning designate a new Appropriate Place of Repose that is in the ground at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum for those remains that are geographically unknown, and from the Heater Farm Site.**

January 29, 2010.

**For all remains from East of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River the Secretary of Planning designate an appropriate place of repose that is in the ground on Department of Natural Resources property north of Henry’s Crossroads in Dorchester County, Wicomico County, or northern Somerset County.**

January 29, 2010.

**Area #4 shall be forwarded to the Secretary as the Working Group’s recommendation for the Appropriate Place of Repose at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.**

September 26, 2010

**Since it has been over a decade since these remains were inventoried and because the remains from eight sites among the seventeen sites represented in the MHT's collection include significant unique representatives of prehistoric populations with good information on their provenience, it is recommended that these remains be made available for study proposals for a period of two years before they are placed in the ground. Study proposals would be accepted and reviewed by the Working Group. All studies must be completed within the two years. At the end of this two year period, or upon the completion of approved studies, the remains would be available for placement in the ground at a designated Appropriate Place of Rest. The Working Group supports accelerated evaluation by a physical anthropologist of the Nassawango remains for all potential studies, and also supports prioritizing maximal retrieval of information as approved by the Working Group.**

January 28, 2011

**MHT, in consultation with the Working Group, shall seek changes to state regulations found at COMAR 05.08.07.10 that establishes The Burial Sites and Objects Review Committee in order to (1) change the membership to ensure equal representation from the Maryland Indian community and the Maryland archeological community, (2) to redefine the duties to include review of study proposals for the seven significant and unique groups among the remains in MHT's collection, and for the treatment of future discoveries. Until regulatory changes are adopted, it is recommended that all study proposals for the seven significant and unique groups be reviewed by the members of the Working Group as currently constituted, and that their recommendations be forwarded to the MCIA and the MHT for consideration during the review process.**

January 24, 2011

**The Working Group will continue. Tasks may be delegated to subgroups designated by the Co-Chairs and consisting of at least one designee from among those of the MCIA and MHT. These subgroups may request the advice of MHT's Office of Attorney General when necessary, and may make preliminary recommendations to the full Working Group. Final recommendations to the Secretary of Planning will only be made by the full Working Group.**

January 24, 2011

**Provided MHT and DNR's cultural and environmental resource clearances are favorable, Site #7, Eagle Site, will be forwarded to the Secretary of Planning as the recommended Eastern Shore Appropriate Place of Rest.**

June 19, 2012

**We recommend Site #3 (Nature) be forwarded to the Secretary of Planning for designation as the Eastern Shore regional Appropriate Place of Rest.**

August 24, 2012

**We recommend that, provided all natural and cultural clearance reviews are favorable, the Herrington Manor Clearing site be forwarded to the Secretary of Planning for designation as the Western Maryland regional Appropriate Place of Rest. Should those clearances not be favorable, or other issues arise, the Swallow Falls Site is acceptable to the Working Group.**

August 24, 2012

**The Working Group will forward the "Grassy Knoll" site to the Secretary of Planning as a recommended Appropriate Place of Rest for the Native American human remains from Central Maryland.**

December 6, 2012