

HARFORD COUNTY

SECTION 25.51.1. DEFINITIONS: FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS RESPECTIVELY ASCRIBED TO THEM:

(A) "HISTORIC DISTRICT" SHALL MEAN AN AREA(S) OF HARFORD COUNTY WHEREIN THERE ARE LOCATED ON ONE OR MORE STRUCTURES WHICH HAVE HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL VALUE, THE PRESERVATION OF WHICH IS DEEMED TO BE FOR THE EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE INHABITANTS OF HARFORD COUNTY.

(B) "STRUCTURES" SHALL MEAN A COMBINATION OF MATERIAL TO FORM A CONSTRUCTION THAT IS STABLE, INCLUDING AMONG OTHER THINGS, BUILDINGS, TANKS AND TOWERS, TRESTLES, PIERS, PAVING, BULKHEADS, WHARVES, SHEDS, COAL BINS, SHELTERS, FENCES AND DISPLAY SIGNS; THE TERM "STRUCTURE" SHALL ALSO INCLUDE NATURAL LAND FORMATIONS; THE TERM "STRUCTURE" SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS IF FOLLOWED BY THE WORDS, "OR PART THEREOF."

(C) "APPURTENANCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SETTINGS" SHALL INCLUDE BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO WALKWAYS AND DRIVEWAYS (WHETHER PAVED OR NOT) TREES, LANDSCAPING AND ROCKS. WHEN USED IN THIS ACT, THE WORD, "STRUCTURE," SHALL ALSO BE DETERMINED TO INCLUDE THE WORDS, "APPURTENANCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SETTINGS."

(D) "EXTERIOR ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES" SHALL MEAN THE ARCHITECTURAL STYLE, GENERAL DESIGN AND GENERAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE EXTERIOR OF A BUILDING OR OTHER STRUCTURE, INCLUDING THE COLOR, KIND AND TEXTURE OF THE BUILDING MATERIAL AND THE TYPE AND STYLE OF ALL WINDOWS, DOORS, LIGHT FIXTURES, SIGNS AND OTHER SIMILAR EXTERIOR FEATURES.

SECTION 25-51.2. PURPOSES AND INTENT: THE PRESERVATION OF SITES AND STRUCTURES OF HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL VALUE TOGETHER WITH THEIR APPURTENANCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL SETTINGS IS A PUBLIC POLICY OF HARFORD COUNTY. IN ACCOMPLISHING THIS POLICY THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES ARE SOUGHT TO BE ATTAINED.

(A) TO SAFEGUARD THE HERITAGE OF THE COUNTY BY PRESERVING THE DISTRICTS THEREIN WHICH REFLECT ELEMENTS OF ITS CULTURAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, OR ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY.

(B) TO STABILIZE AND IMPROVE PROPERTY VALUES IN SUCH DISTRICTS.

(C) TO FOSTER CIVIC BEAUTY.

(D) TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL ECONOMY.