

sion on Negro History and Culture (Chapter 435, Acts of 1969). In 1971, it was assigned to Morgan State College by Executive Order. Under the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Commission was renamed in 1974 as the Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture (Chapter 386, Acts of 1974). The Commission was renamed the Commission on Afro-American History and Culture in 1976 (Chapter 120, Acts of 1976). It became part of the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). In 1992, the Commission was redesignated as the Commission on African-American History and Culture (Chapter 290, Acts of 1992). Formerly under the Division's Office of Cultural and Educational Services, the Commission became part of the Office of Research, Survey, and Registration in 1992.

The Commission serves as statewide coordinator and clearinghouse for preserving and documenting evidence of the African-American experience in Maryland. It specializes in research assistance and collecting historical materials—art objects, memorabilia, manuscripts, photographs, and other articles of significance to African-American history and culture.

For the community at large and the educational systems and institutions within the State, the Commission provides exhibits, programs, and resource materials. The Commission also participates in a continuing statewide survey to locate and identify sites and buildings of historical and cultural significance to the African-American experience in Maryland.

The State's annual observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday in January is planned and coordinated by the Commission. Any available federal or private funds for the planning and execution of commemorative and educational activities in connection with that observance are received and administered by the Commission.

The Commission's nine members are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, the Commission appoints the Director (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 5-301 through 5-306). The Commission also includes an Advisory Committee.

#### COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

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The Commission originated in 1974 as part of the Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture. It became a separate agency

within the Department of Economic and Community Development in 1976 (Chapter 148, Acts of 1976). In 1987, the Commission on Indian Affairs was made part of the Department of Housing and Community Development (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). Formerly under the Division's Office of Cultural and Educational Services, the Commission became part of the Office of Research, Survey, and Registration in 1992.

The Commission coordinates programs and projects to further the cultural, educational, economic and social development of Maryland's diverse Indian communities. The Commission also works to increase public awareness and appreciation of the rich contributions that Indians have made to life in the State.

The Commission consists of nine members, a majority of whom must be members of the Native American Indian communities of Maryland. Appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent, members serve three-year terms. They must have knowledge of Indian culture and history, and the problems of Indian communities. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, the Commission appoints the Director (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 5-401 through 5-405).

#### OFFICE OF PRESERVATION SERVICES

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The Office of Preservation Services was established in 1989. The Office protects and enhances historic, archaeological and cultural properties throughout Maryland.

The Review and Compliance Unit conducts State and federally mandated regulatory reviews to protect and enhance heritage resources. Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, this includes review of how federal programs affect Maryland historic properties. The Unit also reviews and processes applications for the State historic preservation income tax (502H) program and the federal income tax credit program for rehabilitation of historic buildings.

The Financial Assistance and Easements Unit administers the State Historic Preservation Grant and Loan programs, as well as State and federal historic preservation easement programs. Through a variety of training programs, the Unit also provides technical advice and assistance on rehabilitation to local government planners, preservation commissions, and the public.