

oversees financial management and central support services, including facilities and fleet management.

The Division provides advice and technical support in fiscal matters to the Department's senior program directors and managers. The Division accounts for Department expenditures and revenues; manages the capital and operating budgets; processes contracts, purchasing and procurement requests; maintains the Department's automated budgetary accounting system; and provides financial analytical review and audit services.

DIVISION OF HISTORICAL & CULTURAL PROGRAMS

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The Division of Historical and Cultural Programs started in 1985 as the Division of Cultural Affairs within the Department of Economic and Community Development. When the Department of Housing and Community Development was formed in 1987, the Division transferred to the new department as the Division of Cultural Activities. In 1988, it was renamed the Division of Historical and Cultural Programs.

The Division directs the programs under the Office of Management and Planning. The Director also serves as the designee of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development in all aspects of State cultural programs.

MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS AUTHORITY

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The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority was created in 1996 as an independent unit operating within the Department of Housing and Community Development (Chapter 601, Acts of 1996).

The General Assembly defined heritage areas as those that reflect the cultural themes of Maryland's development and provide educational, inspirational, economic and recreational benefits for present and future generations. The Authority may recognize and certify such heritage areas. It may approve or reject management plans for certified heritage areas as well.

The Authority consists of seventeen members. Nine are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. Eight serve ex officio. The Secretary of Housing and Community Development serves as chair (Financial Institutions Article, secs. 13-1101 through 13-1124).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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The Maryland Historical Trust was formed in 1961 to preserve, protect, and enhance districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in the prehistory, history, upland and underwater archaeology, architecture, engineering, and culture of the State (Chapter 620, Acts of 1961). The Trust also encourages others in the field and promotes interest in and study of such matters. In 1970, the Trust became an agency of the Department of Economic and Community Development and in 1987 joined the Department of Housing and Community Development (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987).

The Trust acquires and maintains properties of historic or architectural merit by gift, grant, or purchase. Through an easement program, it holds partial interest in such properties in order to monitor their condition and appearance without the necessity of public ownership.

Through State grants-in-aid and a revolving-fund loan program, the Trust helps organizations, local governments, businesses, and individuals restore and acquire historic properties. Matching grants-in-aid from the National Park Service of the U.S. Department of the Interior are made through the Trust. They support programs, such as historic resource identification (i.e., survey); evaluation (i.e., registration); preservation planning and education; and "Certified Local Government" programs.

The Trust makes grants to local jurisdictions to survey Maryland historic sites. Results of these surveys are published. The most significant sites are eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places through the Trust. Properties listed on the National Register receive a degree of protection from federal and State licensed or funded projects that might adversely affect them.

Through its community education program, the Trust administers a local volunteer network, represented by advisory organizations (one in each county, in Baltimore City and Annapolis). These organizations, besides carrying out their own local preservation programs, assist the Trust by promoting its programs, grants, and loans; sponsoring Preservation Week activities; and advising on preservation needs and interests. The Trust conducts an annual conference and sponsors regional workshops.

The Trust maintains a library of archival and photographic material relating to Maryland archaeological and architectural history.

The Trust's Board of Trustees is composed of fifteen members. Twelve are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with Senate advice and consent. Three serve ex officio. Trustees appoint