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### **Fairview AME Church Designated Harford County Historic Landmark**

**BEL AIR, Md.**, (June 15, 2023) - Harford County is proud to announce the designation of Fairview AME Church, Turner Memorial Cemetery, and Fairview School in Forest Hill as a Harford County Historic Landmark.

As a center for worship, community, and education, the property has served a vital role in the lives of African American residents of Cooptown, Jarrettsville, and Forest Hill since the Fairview School was established in 1874.

Fairview AME Church was constructed next to the school in 1911 and continues to serve a vibrant community of faith. The current school building was constructed in 1927 and remained in use until 1945, when it was closed and converted into a parsonage for the church.

On Sunday, June 11, County Executive Bob Cassilly celebrated with the church's congregation, presenting a plaque to be displayed at the church.

"Fairview AME Church, the school, and the cemetery have brought comfort, hope, and joy to so many lives over the past 149 years," County Executive Cassilly said. "We are proud to honor to its legacy and preserve this special place for generations to come."

The Harford County Historic Landmark and District Program protects places that make Harford County special through design review and tax credits for qualified rehabilitation work. For more information on historic preservation in Harford County and how you can help protect the places you love, visit [www.harfordcountymd.gov/historicpres](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/historicpres) or call 410-638-3103.



Photo Caption: Harford County Executive Bob Cassilly, center, is joined by, from left, Jean Gover, Rev. Jules Watkins, Ruth Murray, Mary Robinson, Marion Robinson, Evelyn Robinson, and Rev. Albert Jones, Jr., Pastor, for the presentation.

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