

FAQS CONTINUED...

WHAT ARE THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES (NRHP) AND MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES (MIHP)?

The NRHP and MIHP are programs administered by the state historic preservation office, Maryland Historical Trust. Properties on the NRHP and MIHP are not protected from demolition or inappropriate alterations. The table below summarizes the differences between the NRHP, MIHP, and County Historic Landmark programs:

PROGRAM	HISTORIC DESIGNATION	EXTERIOR ALTERATION REVIEW	ELIGIBLE FOR TAX CREDITS	PROTECTION AT LOCAL LEVEL
National Register	✓		✓	
Maryland Inventory				
H.C. Historic Landmark	✓	✓	✓	✓

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HARFORD COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION

BENEFITS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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DID YOU KNOW?

Harford County has over 65 designated county landmarks and historic districts. Our Historic Preservation Tax Credit can help pay for qualified rehabilitation projects.



WHAT IS A HARFORD COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK OR DISTRICT?

These designations were created by the Harford County Zoning Code to protect historically, culturally, or architecturally significant properties from demolition or inappropriate alteration.

WHAT ARE SOME BENEFITS OF DESIGNATION?

- Eligibility for Harford County Historic Preservation Tax Credits
- Protection from future demolition
- Enhanced property value

CAN I NOMINATE A PROPERTY TO BE CONSIDERED?

Yes! Anyone can submit a nomination to protect a property. Owner consent is required before the nomination can be reviewed by the County Historic Preservation Commission.



CAN A COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARK OR DISTRICT BE ALTERED?

Yes! Exterior changes and additions require review by the Harford County Historic Preservation Commission to ensure that they do not harm what makes the property special. Interior changes and regular maintenance do not require the commission's review.

HOW DOES A PROPERTY BECOME DESIGNATED?

STEP ONE

Nomination: Complete and submit a nomination form; if you are not the owner, owner consent is required.

STEP TWO

Review and vote by the Harford County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):

Nominations are reviewed by the HPC at a public meeting to determine if the nomination meets the designation criteria. If approved, the HPC recommends the nomination to County Council for designation.

STEP THREE

Review and vote by the County Council:

Nominations are reviewed by the Harford County Council at a public meeting. If approved, the property is added to the Harford County Historic Landmarks and Districts list.

