



Howard County

Internal Memorandum

Subject: Council Resolution -2022
Historic Sites Inventory Update

To: Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

Through: Amy Gowan, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning

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The Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) supports Council Resolution -2022 that adopts the Howard County Historic Sites Inventory by adding one resource to the County's list, allowing the property to be eligible for historic tax credit per Sec.20.112 of the Howard County Code. DPZ has reviewed the newly inventoried parcel with its structures and has determined the property meets the criteria exhibiting historic significance by its age, architecture, unique features and/or history and should be eligible for the historic property tax credit.

Since the 1970s, the County has made extensive efforts to document historic properties, buildings and resources. The County's Historic Sites Inventory contains more than a thousand sites comprised of historic homes, outbuildings, bridges, cemeteries and land.

The Historic Sites Inventory was last updated in 2021. Council has also adopted inventories in 1982, 1990, 2000, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2019 and 2020. The owner of the property that will be added by this Resolution has been notified that their property is proposed for inclusion per their request. Properties included in this inventory are eligible for the County's historic tax credit to repair and restore historic structures, and, as applicable under Howard County Code, are considered during the subdivision and land development process. These properties, if in certain zoning districts, can also be considered for certain conditional uses, such as Historic Building and Limited Outdoors Social Assembly Uses, as listed in the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

This Resolution will have minimal fiscal impact on the County. While it expands the number of properties eligible for historic tax credits, the fiscal impacts depend on whether the property owner seeks the credit and the amount of investment in the historic resource.

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