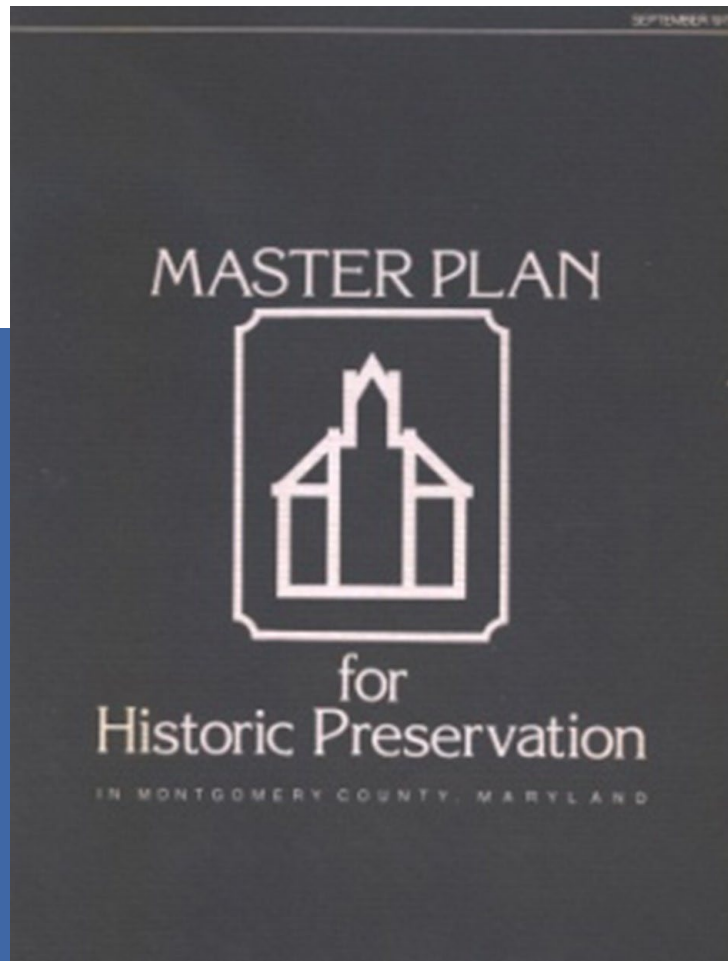


BRIEFING ON THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION



Description

The Planning Board will receive a briefing on the following aspects of Montgomery County's historic preservation program: 1) goals, policies, and designated resources; 2) amendment procedures under Chapter 24A; 3) the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites*; and 4) the role of the Historic Preservation Commission in the amendment process.

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Summary:

- The Historic Preservation Office will provide the Planning Board a briefing on Historic Preservation in Montgomery County. The briefing will include the following information: 1) the goals and policies of the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation* and resources listed in the plan; 2) the procedure to amend the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation* (under Chapter 24A) to designate resources as Historic Sites or Historic Districts; 3) the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County*; and 4) the role that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has in the amendment process.

OVERVIEW

- The Historic Preservation Office supports the Planning Board and the Historic Preservation Commission by providing for the identification, designation, and regulation of historic sites in Montgomery County. Historic Preservation staff also maintains an archive and library of documentation on historic resources in Montgomery County and provides preservation outreach and guidance on preservation best-practices to the public.
- The Planning Board created the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites* in 1976. The *Locational Atlas* includes resources that are potentially significant and provides partial protection from demolition and substantial alteration until the resource or district is evaluated for the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*.
- The County Council adopted the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation* (a functional master plan with countywide application) in 1979. The plan and the Historic Resources Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code, are designed to protect and preserve Montgomery County's historic and architectural heritage.
- In Montgomery County there are 25 designated Master Plan Historic Districts and 454 Master Plan Historic Sites; in addition, there are 13 Locational Atlas Historic Districts and 130 Locational Atlas Historic Sites.
- *Master Plan for Historic Preservation* amendments utilize Chapter 24A, Chapter 33A, and the Historic Preservation Commission's Rules, Guidelines, and Procedures (Executive Regulations) as the governing statutes for process, procedures, and standards of review for the amendments. *Locational Atlas* amendments utilize only Chapter 24A and the Commission's Executive Regulations.
- When a resource is officially adopted into the *Master Plan for Historic Preservation* as a historic site or district, it is subjected to further procedural requirements of Chapter 24A. Any substantial changes to the exterior of a resource or its environmental setting must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and have a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) issued.
- The Historic Preservation Commission consists of nine members appointed by the County Executive with the confirmation of the County Council. Each member is a resident of the county. The four fields of history, architecture, preservation, and urban design must each be represented by a minimum of one member qualified by special interest, knowledge or training. The remaining members of the Commission must, to the extent possible, be selected to represent the geographical, social, economic and cultural concerns of the residents of Montgomery County.