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Six Maryland Properties to Receive Historic Preservation Tax Credits

*\$9 million in tax credits to leverage projects that will create an estimated 650 jobs;
Tax credit program is most effective tool for revitalizing historic communities*

CROWNSVILLE MD – The Maryland Historical Trust, an agency of the Maryland Department of Planning, today announced the recipients of the latest round of Sustainable Communities Tax Credits. State funds provided by this program will help create over 650 construction jobs in projects designed to revitalize communities and promote green building practices.

Six projects that scored highest in the application process received more than \$9 million in tax credits to leverage construction projects with a cost of more than \$50 million (In all, 19 applicants had sought a total of \$32,457,724 in tax credits for construction projects having a total estimated cost of \$174,140,113).

The Sustainable Communities Tax Credit and its predecessor, the Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit, administered by the Maryland Historical Trust, has invested more than \$370 million in Maryland revitalization projects since it began in 1996. The investments have helped restore more than 4,198 homeowner and 638 commercial historic structures, preserving buildings that contribute to the distinct character of Maryland's towns, cities and rural areas. According to a study by the Abell Foundation, the program has helped to create more than 27,000 jobs through construction and new uses of these significant historic resources.

The six applications selected for the 2016 tax credit were based on an established set of criteria, including those outlined by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior for historic rehabilitation standards.

The six selectees are: Hoen Lithograph – East Biddle Street Baltimore City; Footer's Dye Works – Howard Street, Cumberland, Allegany County; Hearn Building – Race Street, Cambridge, Dorchester County; St. Michael's Church Complex – East Lombard Street, Baltimore City; Academy School – Mill Street, Cambridge, Dorchester County; and Sykesville Hotel – Main Street, Sykesville, Carroll County.

Details on these projects are listed below.

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**Hoen Lithograph, East Biddle Street Baltimore City
(\$3,000,000 in tax credits awarded)**

Originally built in 1898 for the Bagby Furniture Company the site is most closely associated with the Hoen Lithograph Company which operated on the property from 1902 to 1981. Hoen, which was established in 1835, was the oldest continuously operating lithographer in the United States when it closed in 1981. The historic complex is being restored and converted to house a lively mixed use development featuring a food production kitchen, a brewery, office space for start-ups and non-profits and market rate apartments targeting healthcare workers.

**Footer's Dye Works, Howard Street, Cumberland, Allegany County
(\$1,875,000 in tax credits awarded)**

Built in 1905, this building is an important remnant of the city's industrial heritage. The Footer's Dye Works functioned as one of the dominant cleaning and dyeing facilities in the mid-Atlantic region thru the first third of the 20th century. This structure will be restored and expanded to house a mix of rental housing units, a restaurant/brewery and commercial office space.

**Hearn Building, Race Street, Cambridge, Dorchester County
(\$959,034.40 in tax credits awarded)**

Originally constructed as a commercial hardware store and later used as a furniture store this 1915 building is one of only a few large scale early 20th century commercial buildings surviving on the Eastern Shore. This significant building will be restored and repurposed to house rental residential apartments and retail spaces.

**St. Michael's Church Complex, East Lombard Street, Baltimore City
(\$2,861, 111.60 in tax credits awarded)**

Constructed between 1850 and 1927 the St. Michael's Church complex is a remarkably intact example of an historic urban religious campus. The church played a key role in the assimilation of German immigrants arriving in Baltimore and with its school and parish hall served as the social center of the parish. The now vacant complex will be restored with a mix of commercial uses occupying the former sanctuary building and parish hall and with other areas of the school and rectory being converted to rental residential apartments.

**Academy School, Mill Street, Cambridge, Dorchester County
(\$287,500 in tax credits awarded)**

This 1906 school building has been vacant and endangered for many years. The project will restore the exterior of the building and repurpose the historic classroom, library and office spaces for use as a senior living apartment building.

**Sykesville Hotel, Main Street, Sykesville, Carroll County
(\$58,000 in tax credits awarded)**

This hotel was originally constructed in 1905 and remained in service as a hotel and restaurant until the 1920's when it was converted to apartments. The renovation of the structure will restore the exterior of the building including the restoration of the siding, reopening of historic windows and doors and the reconstruction of the building's missing porches.