

The Town of Upper Marlboro

RESOLUTION 2019-06
SESSION: Regular Town Meeting
DATE: August 13, 2019

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF THE MARYLAND HERITAGE AREA TO INCLUDE UPPER MARLBORO

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 82-16(2)(d) of the Town Charter, the Board shall have, in addition to the power of passing all such ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland or its charter, it also has the power to pass ordinances having the specific purpose of appropriating municipal monies for any purpose within the powers of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has established the Maryland Heritage Preservation and Tourism Areas Program to identify Heritage Areas where additional state resources are to be devoted to preserving historic, natural and cultural resources and to developing programs that encourage tourism, and the program is administered by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (MHAA); and

WHEREAS, besides its power to recognize and certify Heritage Areas, MHAA may make matching grants and loans for planning, design, property acquisition, development, preservation, restoration, interpretation, marketing and programming and may extend state income tax credits for the rehabilitation of certified heritage structures; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, the Anacostia Heritage Area Partnership and Prince George's Heritage (PGH) successfully applied for Heritage Area recognition, and PGH further secured a management planning grant that was matched by the municipalities, M-NCPPC, the Prince George's County government, and private organizations; and

WHEREAS, Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc. has submitted an application to the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission for a non-capital grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 to hire a consultant to undertake the production of a feasibility study to assess the potential challenges and benefits of expanding the boundaries of the existing Anacostia Trails Heritage Area to include other portions of Prince George's County including areas of Upper Marlboro, Accokeek, Fairmount Heights, Seat Pleasant, District Heights, Forest Heights, Glenarden, Landover Hills, Morningside, New Carrollton, Capital Heights, and Eagle Harbor, which could potentially be located within the expanded boundaries of the Heritage Area.

WHEREAS, the State-designated Anacostia Trails Heritage Area is moving forward with a study to expand its Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of the State Heritage Area to the Town would allow for new grants and tourism opportunities, and this study is the first step in potentially expanding the Heritage Area to new

The Town of Upper Marlboro

parts of the County, and if this this happens, Heritage Area funding for preservation projects will be available to architectural, archeological, and cultural resources in parts of the County where they are not currently available, aiding in their long-term preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is in support of the expansion of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area to the Town of Upper Marlboro, and pursuant to Line item ____ of the FY '20 Detailed Budget, as approved pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-____, the Board has appropriated funds for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO that the Town will contribute no more than \$5,000 of Town funds towards the Boundary Amendment Study to supplement County and State contributions, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to carry out the intent of this Resolution by signing any pertinent instruments or other documentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro, Maryland at a regular meeting on the 13th day of August, 2019.


ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN
OF UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND


M. David Williams, Clerk


Wanda Leonard, President


Kai Bernal-LeClaire, Commissioner


Linda Pennoyer, Commissioner



CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Upper Marlboro and that the Board of Town Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro at a public meeting at which a quorum was present adopted this Resolution, and that said Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended or repealed. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the municipal corporation, this 13th day of August, 2019.


M. David Williams, Town Clerk