

Historic Preservation

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Duties & Responsibilities

- Administer the Historic Preservation Ordinance
- Manage the Certified Local Government (CLG) Program
- Support Architectural and Historical Survey Work
- Administer the Rural Historic Preservation Grant Program

Historic Preservation Ordinance

- Ordinance became effective January 1, 1998
- Created the Historic Preservation Commission
- Established the Frederick County Register of Historic Places

CLG Program

- Part of the decentralized Federal-State-local partnership function of historic preservation programs
- Responsible for review and approval of nominations of properties to the National Register of Historic Places
- Eligible to apply to the State Historic Preservation Office for grants earmarked for CLGs
- Must have a historic preservation ordinance and a HPC and meet annual reporting requirements

Survey Work

- Identifies cultural resources to aid in planning, development review, and designation processes
- Initial survey work began in 1968 in the County and continued on and off through the mid-1990s
- Since then principal source of survey work has been through the Section 106 review process
- New survey work has begun in the northern region of Frederick County expected to be completed Spring 2022

Rural Historic Preservation Grant Program

- New grant program for the county
- Application period opened December 1, 2020 and closed February 26, 2021
- Received 10 eligible grant applications
- Open to properties located in the unincorporated areas of the county and that are listed or determined eligible for the County Register
- Projects must be exterior work that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines

Future Projects

- Update the Historic Preservation Plan and Ordinance
- Continue to expand the County Register
- Identify other cultural resources to survey and develop historic contexts for, such as other cultural-ethnic contexts, modern architecture, industrial development, and public institutional development