

## Historic Preservation Terminology Basics

### Kensington:

- **KHS** (Kensington Historical Society):  
A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit membership organization founded in June 1977 to safeguard and promote the heritage of the unique historic community of Kensington.
- **LAP** (Local Advisory Panel):\*  
An appointed group of local volunteers familiar with the historic district who review Historic Area Work Permit (**HAWP**) applications in order to advise the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (**HPC**). The LAP does not have decision-making authority but can provide information and advice to applicants upon request.
- **KLT** (Kensington Land Trust):  
A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit group comprised of local citizens who are interested in helping preserve our history and heritage by promoting preservation of the town's historic garden setting.

### Montgomery County:

- **HPC** (Historic Preservation Commission):  
Appointed group of volunteers with expertise to advise on and review applications for **HAWPs** (Historic Area Work Permits), which are required for proposed changes to building exteriors and their environmental setting, including removal of trees of 6" or greater caliper, per Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. Reviews applications for County tax credits.
- **Historic Preservation Office:**  
Supports the work of the HPC by reviewing and providing expert advice on HAWP applications. Provides advice and guidance to HAWP applicants; provides information and guidance upon request regarding the HAWP process, Chapter 24A, Historic Preservation guidelines, and other historic district concerns. Supports the HPC and the Planning Board by providing information to identify, designate, and regulate historic sites and districts in the county. Its authority is provided by the Montgomery County *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*.

\*Current Kensington LAP members:

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