

A TIMELINE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN KENSINGTON

1976 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) publishes a “Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County” identifying the Town of Kensington as site 31-6.

1977 Kensington Historical Society (KHS) is organized, including a Preservation Committee. Society’s mission includes preserving the heritage of Kensington.

1979 University of Maryland School of Architecture completes a “Kensington Preservation Study”.

1979 Montgomery County Council adopts an ordinance for the “Preservation of Historic Resources” as Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

1980 First Historic Preservation Commission is appointed by Montgomery County Council.

1980 Kensington Historical Society applies to the Maryland Historic Trust for nomination of Kensington Historic District to be placed on U.S. Dept. of Interior’s National Register of Historic Places.

1980 Kensington Historic District (KHD) is accepted to the National Register of Historic Places.

1983 First Local Advisory Committee (LAC) for Kensington is appointed in accordance with Montgomery County Chapter 24A of the Zoning Code. (All LACs are renamed as Local Advisory Panels, or LAPs, in 1989, with revised structure.)

1983 Kensington Historical Society conducts a survey of owners (resident & absentee) of properties in the Kensington Historic District concerning the desirability of applying for inclusion on the Montgomery County’s Master Plan for Historic Preservation. A petition submitted shows that residents who favor district designation outnumber those opposed by a margin of 6 to 1. Kensington Town Council votes to support the designation.

1984 University of Maryland students are commissioned by the Kensington Historical Society to complete an inventory of structures in Kensington Historic District.

1984 The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) sends informational letters to all residents of Kensington Historic District preparatory to HPC Designation hearing.

1985 Montgomery County Planning Board Chairman sends notice to all Historic District residents with an invitation to testify at the Planning Board Hearing on December 2, 1985. Goal is to determine eligibility of the Kensington Historic District for inclusion in the County’s Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

1986 The Kensington HD is included in the Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation, including several structures on St. Paul Street not in original historic core of 1894 Kensington Park subdivision.

1992 Montgomery County Preservation Office hires Traceries to study the communities of Boyds, Clarksburg, Hyattstown and Kensington to create a long-range plan for the preservation of each historic community. The resulting *Vision of Kensington* is adopted by Montgomery County as well as the Town.

Since 1986, the Kensington Historic District resources have been protected by the Historic Resources Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.