



City of Hyattsville Historical Properties Resources Guide

This is a collection of potential resources and answers to common questions about historical properties. The City administers no programs regarding historic preservation. This list is a starting point for further research, and is by no means all-inclusive or up to date. If you are interested in pursuing one of the resources listed, please contact the administering agency.

Prince George's County

How can I apply to become a historic site in Prince George's County?

A PDF application is located [here](#). To learn more about the evaluation criteria, the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission Evaluation Criteria guidelines document is [here](#) or [Subtitle 29](#) of the Prince George's County Code.

My property already has been designated by the County's Historic Preservation Commission. I want to make exterior changes to the property. What do I do?

Regardless of whether or not the work requires a Prince George's County Building Permit, you may need to submit a [Historic Area Work Permit](#) (HAWP). This page includes guides to Historic Area Work Permits in English and Spanish, an application, an overview of the permitting process, and staff sign-off information. If you still have questions about whether or not a HAWP is required, visit the [Historic Preservation Staff Page](#) for the most up-to-date staff contact information.

Important: Being issued a Historic Area Work Permit does not exempt you from needing a county building permit or other City permit, if required. For information on obtaining a Prince George's County Building Permit, [click here](#). For information on what requires a City of Hyattsville permit in addition to a county permit, [click here](#).

Is there a list of companies in the area with historic preservation expertise/specialization?

The Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission maintains [a list of businesses](#) with historic preservation expertise or specialization. The companies are grouped by subject area (e.g. chimneys, windows, masonry). This is not an all-encompassing list and the City of Hyattsville does not endorse any of the companies or services listed.

Prince George's County

Are there grants or tax credits at the county level for historic property owners?

Yes. The Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission awards grants in order "to preserve, protect and enhance historic properties; encourage others to preserve, protect and enhance historic properties; and to promote interest in and the study of historic properties" (Program Guidelines). Application information, deadlines, and materials can be found [here](#). For Prince George's County tax credits, [click here](#).

What historical properties are in the City of Hyattsville?

Visit the City of Hyattsville's [story map](#) with location and pictures of currently designated county and national historic sites.

State of Maryland

What funding resources are available at the state level to conduct historic preservation activities?

There are a variety of grant, tax credit, and loan programs through the Maryland Historical Trust. [Click here](#) for grant information. [Tax credits](#) include homeowner, competitive commercial, and small commercial tax credits. Loan information is available [here](#).

Where can I learn more about historical sites or archeological sites in the state?

Maryland Historical Trust maintains an online portal which combines online maps with information on historic properties called "Medusa." The homepage for Medusa is [here](#) and a direct link to the Medusa application is [here](#).

Federal

How can I submit a property for addition to the National Register of Historic Places?

The National Park Service has detailed information [here](#). For how to begin the process with Maryland Historical Trust, the state's designated State Historic Preservation Office, [click here](#).

How can I learn what properties in Maryland are on the National Register?

Visit the [Maryland Historical Trust](#) or the [National Park Service](#).

Who should I contact for more information if I still have a question?

The City of Hyattsville does not have a historic preservation department, and therefore does little pertaining to historic preservation. If you have questions about historic preservation in Hyattsville, consider contacting one of the following organizations. Clicking the organization name will take you to their website.

[Hyattsville Preservation Association](#)

The Hyattsville Preservation Association is an independent, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization separate from the City of Hyattsville who seek to preserve Hyattsville's architectural heritage.

[Maryland Milestones - Anacostia Trails Heritage Area](#)

The Anacostia Trails Heritage Area is one of 13 Heritage Areas in the state certified by Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to educate the public about the history, culture, and nature of our region.

[Prince George's County Historical Society](#)

The Prince George's County Historical Society is a nonprofit created to preserve and promote the county's history. The Historical Society operates the Frederick S. DeMarr Library of County History in the lower level of the Greenbelt Public Library.

[Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission](#)

This is the official local government body with responsibility for designating county historic sites and more. They also maintain a [Partners & Resources](#) list.

[Maryland Historical Trust](#)

Maryland Historical Trust is the state agency with responsibility for maintaining historic preservation compliance when state or federal funds are used, maintaining an inventory of historic sites in the state, and serving as the federally-designated state historic preservation organization.

[National Register of Historic Places](#)

The National Register of Historic Places is the federal listing of historic sites and places. It is operated by the National Park Service.