

## A TIMELINE FOR PRESERVATION IN KENSINGTON

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

**1977** The Kensington Historical Society organized with a Preservation Committee. The Society’s mission included preserving the heritage of Kensington.

**1979** A “Kensington Preservation Study” by the U of MD School of Architecture was completed.

**1979** An ordinance for the “Preservation of Historic Resources” was adopted by the County Council, as Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

**1980** The first Historic Preservation Commission was appointed by the Montgomery County Council.

**1980** The Kensington Historical Society applied to the Maryland Historic Trust for nomination to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places (U.S. Dept. of Interior).

**1980** In September, the Kensington Historic District (KHD) was accepted on the **National Register of Historic Places**.

**1983** The first Local Advisory Committee (LAC) for Kensington was appointed in accordance with the Montg. Co. Code 24A. (The LAC became the Local Advisory Panel, LAP, in 1989.)

**1983** The Kensington Historical Society conducted 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 showed that residents who favored district designation outnumbered those opposed by a margin of 6 to 1. The Town Council voted to support the designation.

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

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

**1985** The Planning Board Chairman sent to all Historic District residents a notice and invitation to testify at the Planning Board Hearing On December 2, 1985. The Board was to determine the eligibility of the Kensington Historic District for inclusion on the County’s Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

**1986** The KHD was placed on the **Montgomery County Master Plan for Historic Preservation**. (St. Paul Street structures were included.)

**1992** Montgomery County Preservation Office hired 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 Vision of Kensington* was adopted by the County as well as by 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.