

## 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. KHS sponsors many educational and social programs throughout the year.  
<http://kensingtonhistory.org/>
- **KLT (Kensington Land Trust):**  
A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit membership organization incorporated in 1992 by local citizens who recognized the need to promote and protect the town's historic garden setting. KLT offers in-depth advice and information to property owners within the historic district who are interested in preserving one or more side yard lots from development in perpetuity or otherwise preserving Kensington's historic open space and environmental setting.  
<http://kensingtonlandtrust.org/>
- **LAP (Local Advisory Panel):**  
An appointed group of local volunteers familiar with the historic district who review HAWP applications and advise the Historic Preservation Commission. The LAP does not have decision-making authority but can provide information and advice to applicants. Contact LAP Chair Helen Wilkes for more information: [hcrettierwilkes@gmail.com](mailto:hcrettierwilkes@gmail.com).
- **Town of Kensington:** The town government has no official jurisdiction over matters of historic preservation within the town, although courtesy reviews of proposed projects are offered, which take place at town meetings to allow for the mayor, town council, and citizens to provide input. However, all building projects within the town are required to obtain a town permit, in addition to all applicable county permits, prior to commencing any demolition or construction. <http://tok.md.gov/residents/forms-permits-fees/>

### Montgomery County:

- **HPC (Historic Preservation Commission):**  
Advises on and reviews applications for **HAWPs (Historic Area Work Permits)**, which are required for changes made to the exteriors of buildings situated within the historic district, or to 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. The County's Historic Preservation Office supports the HPC and the Planning Board by providing for the identification, designation, and regulation of historic sites in Montgomery County. Its authority comes from the County's *Master Plan for Historic Preservation*.
  - HAWP application information and instructions:  
<http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/instructions/index.shtm>
  - County tax credits (25% of qualified preservation/maintenance/restoration expenses, exterior only; applied toward real property taxes):  
[http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/grants/tax\\_credit\\_programs.shtm](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/grants/tax_credit_programs.shtm)