
WHY IS HISTORIC PRESERVATION IMPORTANT?



There are many reasons why historic preservation is important. Preserving history through buildings is crucial for remembering the heritage and history of an area. Not only are there historic benefits in preservation, there are also environmental, economic, and community benefits.



Historic District of Uniontown & the Historic Preservation Commission of Carroll County, MD

RESOURCES:



Scan the QR code to find helpful resources such as the HPC's Design Guidelines and work permit applications!



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WHAT IS THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)?



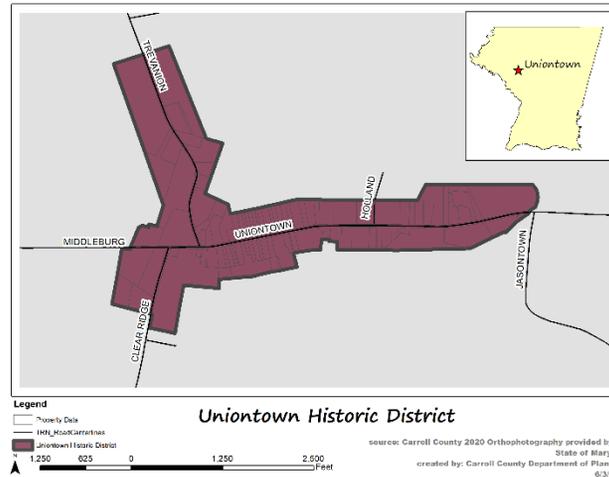
The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) serves under the Historic District Overlay (HDO) Zoning District. The HDO encompasses the Historic District of Uniontown in Carroll County. The Commission is served by 5 members and an alternate who vote on matters before them. The mission and purpose of the Commission is to oversee and protect the historical, architectural, and archeological significance of the Historic District of Uniontown.

WHAT ARE THE HPC'S RESPONSIBILITIES?

The HPC has two main responsibilities:

- 1) Conduct work permit hearings in the Historic District of Uniontown. Work permits are necessary prior to any construction, alteration, reconstruction, repair, moving, or the demolition of any property in the Historic District of Uniontown. It is the responsibility of the HPC to approve or deny the work permits at their monthly commission meetings.
- 2) Review any applications for zoning text or map amendment, conditional use, variance, site plan or subdivision approvals, and any legislative or other proposals affecting properties that are located in the HDO.

WHERE IS THE HISTORIC DISTRICT OF UNIONTOWN?



IN DEPTH LOOK AT UNIONTOWN



The Uniontown Historic District has been listed in National Register of Historic Places since 1985. The District covers approximately 165 acres and inside the district, there are 81 structures also listed in the National Register of Historic Places. These structures fall under a combination of underlying uses like residential homes, commercial and industrial buildings, religious centers, and educational institutions. The town is laid in a linear fashion along Uniontown Road which served as the main route from Baltimore to Hagerstown in the early 19th century. Buildings in the District date from the early 1800's to the late 1900's.

ROLE OF UNIONTOWN RESIDENTS



If you are a resident of Uniontown, it is your responsibility to apply for work permits when you would like to perform any alterations, constructions, repairs, additions, etc. on your home or property. Common alterations that require a work permit are installation of new windows or doors, shutters and siding repair, painting, fencing, and landscaping. The necessity of work permits is not limited to this list.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR WORK PERMITS

If a Uniontown resident wishes to apply for a work permit, applications are due at least 10 days prior to the next HPC meeting. When a work permit is received, a meeting is scheduled in the Carroll County Government Office Building. HPC meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month. Reviewing the work permits entails the HPC considering:

- 1) the application submitted outlining the work to be done,
- 2) the set Design Guidelines for the HDO,
- 3) information/testimony provided at the hearing.

The HPC uses this information and considers the significance of the structure and the compatibility of the alterations to the surrounding area. Then, a decision is made by the HPC members on whether to grant the work permit or not.