

V. HISTORIC & ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Historic resources in Anne Arundel County reflect the County's over 300-year history. The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties in Anne Arundel County lists over 800 historic resources countywide. These resources include a diversity of sites and/or properties such as dwellings, agricultural buildings, cemeteries, churches, commercial buildings, industrial and engineering structures, bridges, maritime resources, military structures, small villages and towns, and scenic and historic roads. Most of the County's historic resources are privately owned. Fewer than a dozen are open to the public. Within the County, 35 historic properties totaling 636 acres are protected by historic preservation easements that are held either by the Maryland Historical Trust or the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Within the Deale/Shady Side Small Area, there are a number of Historic Sites and Buildings. The identification of these sites and buildings can be found on the table on page 23, while the Historic Resources map on page 24 shows the relative locations of the documented sites. Additionally, those properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places are noted on the table with an asterisk. Anne Arundel County offers protection to these historic sites via Federal and State regulations as well as County legislation. In addition to the National Historic Preservation Act and the Maryland Historic Preservation Act, historic and archaeological resources are protected by Anne Arundel County Code under Article 20, Section 2-102(8A)110.1.1; Article 26, Title 3-109; and Article 28, Section 10-125(B).

In addition to the documented historic resources, Anne Arundel County has more recorded archaeological sites than any other county in Maryland, with many more sites still to be discovered. These sites span the entire 13,000 years of human presence in the area and represent a unique and non-renewable piece of cultural heritage. The assessment of archaeological potential for unknown sites is generally based on topographic and environmental settings. Two of Anne Arundel's significant archaeological resources located, in the Deale/Shady Side Small Area, are the Stephen Steward Colonial Shipyard, which was burned by the British in 1781; and an Adena Site, dating from 100 B. C. to 100 A. D. Locations of archaeological sites are not identified in order to preserve and protect these resources.

Along with Federal and State laws protecting archaeological resources, the County also protects such sites during its review of residential and commercial subdivisions, critical area allocations, zoning change requests, etc. As with historic buildings and sites, the principal County mechanism for protecting archaeological sites is found in Article 26, Title 3-109 of the Anne Arundel County subdivision regulations.

ISSUE: Despite County and State efforts, historic and archaeological resources are threatened and destroyed by residential and commercial development, vandalism and neglect.

Recommendations:

- a. Strengthen existing County codes and regulations to protect historic and archaeological resources, including scenic and historic roads.
- b. Protect the historic character of the Deale/Shady Side Small Area by identifying and protecting historic buildings and structures.
- c. Add historic sites and structures to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places.
- d. Add archaeological sites to the Maryland Archaeological Site Survey and the National Register of Historic Places.
- e. Establish incentive programs, including tax deductions or credits, grant and loan funds, and technical assistance, for property owners that protect and preserve significant historic resources.
- f. Promote and utilize opportunities in the Maryland Heritage Preservation and Tourism Program, including tax incentives and other funding sources for preservation, renovation and revitalization. This program includes the identification, protection and promotion of significant historic and cultural resources that contribute to the development of tourist relation functions.
- g. Establish protective measures for Scenic and Historic Roads.

MAP

List of Historic Resources