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## The Annapolis History Center Project

### The Need

Annapolis is a “Museum Without Walls”:

- More still-existing colonial buildings than any other U.S. city—including the homes of all four of Maryland’s signers of the Declaration of Independence
- Carefully preserved architectural gems from more recent eras
- Cultural, social, and institutional history of national significance—including serving as Maryland’s capital since 1695 and the nation’s capital 1783–84

*But* this museum has no chief curator. There’s no host to provide entrée, no guide to provide orientation, no interpreter to provide perspective.

### The Response

The Annapolis History Center will fill this void. Historic Annapolis Foundation is creating a centrally located, strategically designed place where visitors and residents alike can:

- Learn about the city’s treasures and the many ways to explore them.
- See the shape of Annapolis history.
- Appreciate the geographical, political, economic, social, and cultural factors that formed and still influence Annapolis.
- Learn about the trials and triumphs of historic preservation in Annapolis.

The center will also:

- Serve as a portal or gateway to direct visitors and residents to other historical, preservation, and cultural resources in the area.
- Contribute to sustainable economic development.
- Provide a venue for meetings and other business and community events.

### The Work

To create the center, Historic Annapolis Foundation:

- Is renovating 99 Main Street, the best preserved 18<sup>th</sup> century commercial building in Annapolis, and the adjoining 196 Green Street, an antebellum building occupying the site of a colonial bakery.

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### The Work—

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- Has hired Baltimore-based North Point Builders as general contractor, Washington, DC-based Powe-Jones as architect, and Bethesda-based Gallagher & Associates (designers of the Spy Museum in Washington) as exhibit designer.
- Has formed an Annapolis History Center committee headed by John Belcher, a trustee on the board of Historic Annapolis Foundation who is president and CEO of ARINC, a leading aviation technology firm located in Annapolis.
- Has appointed Patricia Blick, formerly Historic Annapolis Foundation's director of preservation, as general manager for the project. (Contact: 410-990.4781; [patricia.blick@annapolis.org](mailto:patricia.blick@annapolis.org))

### The Means

To create and sustain the Annapolis History Center:

- A total of \$6 million will be required—most of it from donations by individuals, foundations, and corporations.
- Historic Annapolis Foundation is conducting a Legacy Annapolis campaign to raise the needed funds, as well as support its ongoing initiatives (see *More about . . . Historic Annapolis Foundation*).
- Donations of any size are welcomed. Inquiries may be directed to Carrie Kiewitt, Director of Advancement, Historic Annapolis Foundation. (Contact: 410-626-1033; [carrie.kiewitt@annapolis.org](mailto:carrie.kiewitt@annapolis.org))