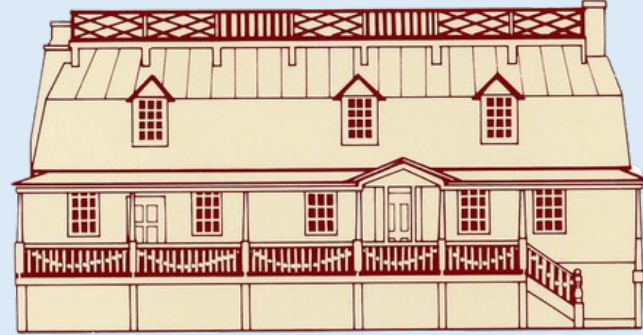


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**Cultural
Heritage and
Climate Change**

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Weather It Together Statewide



[https://mht.maryland.gov/Pages/planning/
weatherit.aspx](https://mht.maryland.gov/Pages/planning/weatherit.aspx)

Grant-funded program 2016-2019

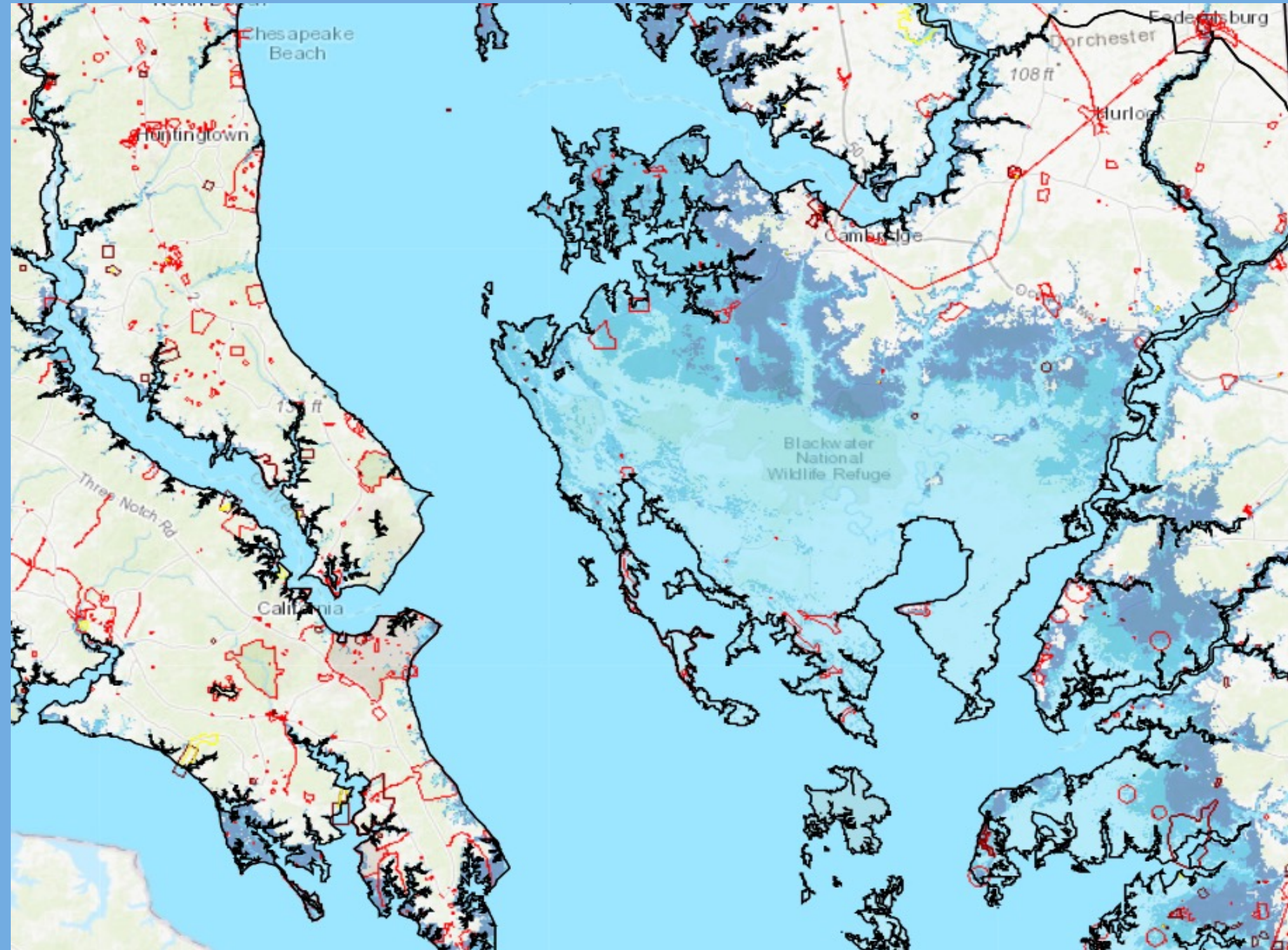
Offered training and information on hazard mitigation planning, disaster response and recovery, and climate adaptation

City of Annapolis pilot project



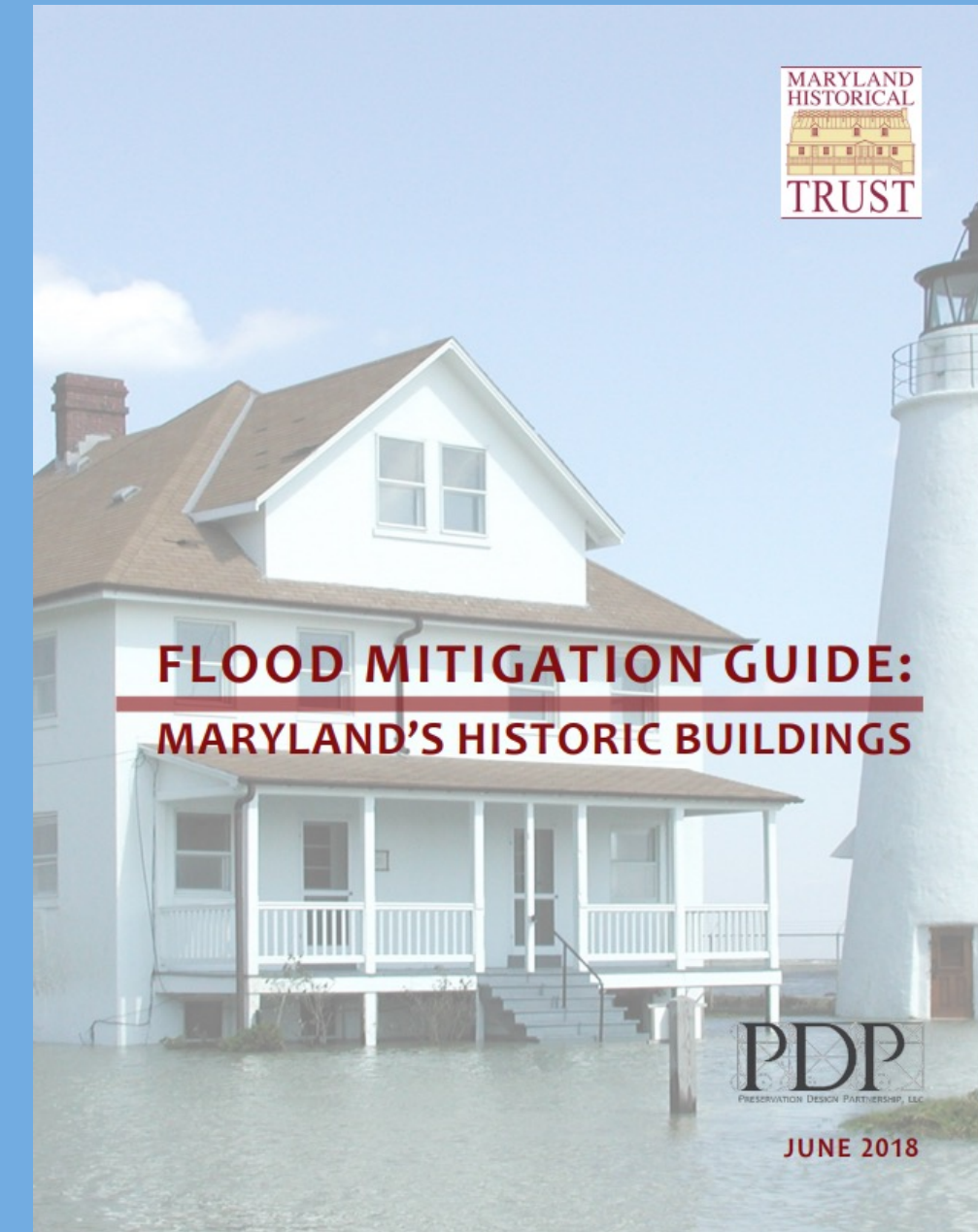
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Focus on Flooding (so far)



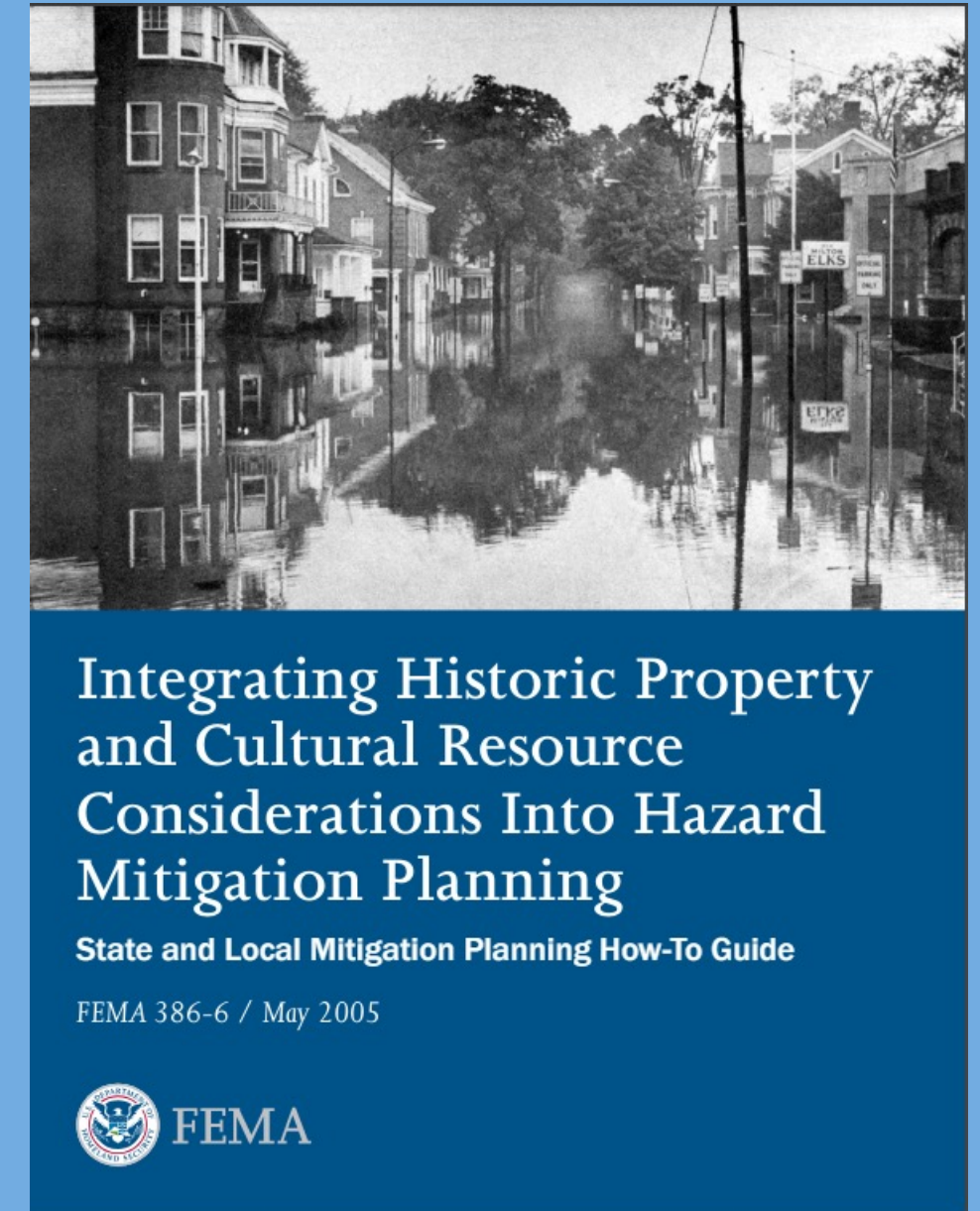
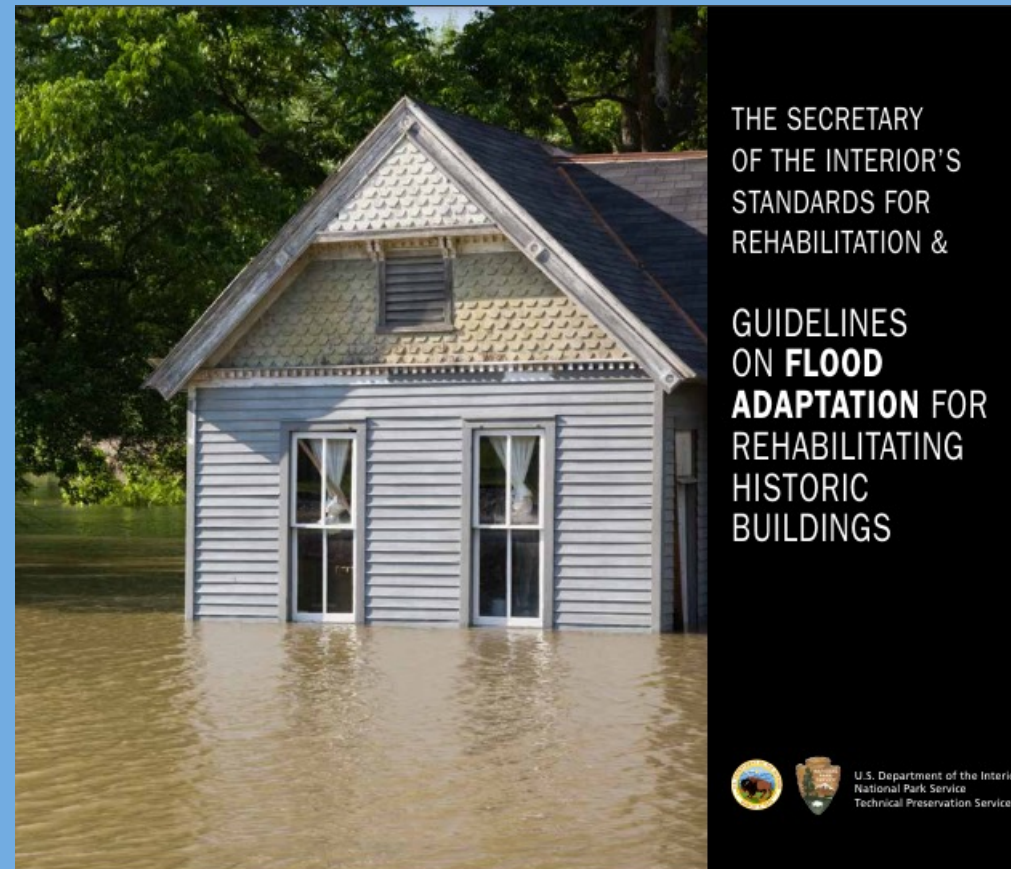
MHT Guidance Documents

- Geared toward local planners and professionals
- Address policy tensions and limitations
- Individual property and community approaches
- Emphasize natural solutions
- Not prescriptive
- Need updates
- Need outreach and training



Other Guidance Documents (Federal)

- Geared toward state project reviewers, planners, and professionals
- Focus on individual properties vs communities
- Focus on disaster response and recovery
- Some are prescriptive
- Some are controversial
- Need outreach and training
- Evolving



Key Issues

Preservation policies and programs protect historic character, integrity

Secretary of Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation*

Different definitions for “historic resources”

Climate change demands more aggressive interventions

Use of non-historic materials

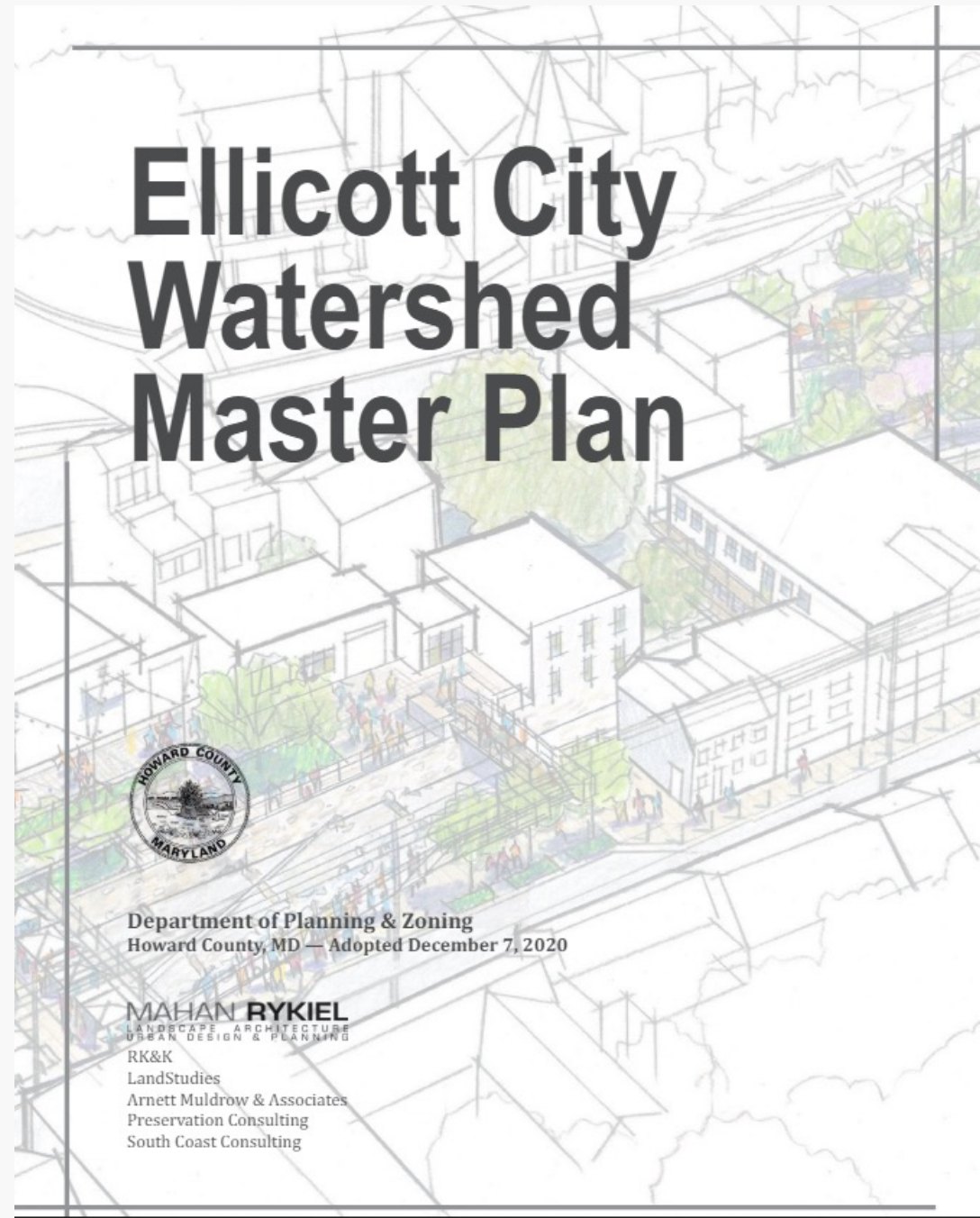
Elevation

Retreat

We Cannot Save Everything



What Can Be Done?



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Key Opportunities

Legacies of adaptation in communities

Cultural heritage = nexus, focal point for conversation

Need for equity in prioritization

Cultural experience with loss

Overlap with arts, humanities, religious/spiritual heritage

Deconstruction, documentation, virtual experiences

Managing Change



Capital Funding Programs Administered by MHT

- Different statutes, goals, and limitations
- Different review committees and governing boards
- Do not all take climate change into account
- Most require compliance with Secretary of Interior's *Standards*

Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program

The Maryland Historical Trust's Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program promotes the acquisition, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic properties in Maryland. Applications are typically available in February and due in mid-March, with decisions made by July every year.

Historic Revitalization Tax Credit Program

If you own an historic property in Maryland, you may have the opportunity to earn a state income tax credit equal to 20%* of qualified rehabilitation expenditures. Whether you are planning to rehabilitate your primary or secondary residence or a commercial property, there are state incentives that may help.

Maryland Heritage Areas Program

Each of Maryland's 13 certified heritage areas support the economic well-being of Maryland's communities by preserving and celebrating the state's history, cultural traditions, and natural resources through partnerships that promote, support, and create place-based experiences for visitors and residents alike.

African American Heritage Preservation Program

A partnership of MHT and the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, the African American Heritage Preservation Program promotes the preservation of buildings, sites, and communities of historical and cultural importance to the African American experience in Maryland.



Coast Smart Council

Categorical Exemption:


Historic structures. The necessity of continued investment of State resources in properties individually listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or a contributing resource within a historic district listed on or determined eligible for listing in the National Register. Projects should follow the Maryland Historical Trust's Flood Mitigation Guide: Maryland's Historic Buildings (2018) guidance document.

Some grant-funded projects do not meet this definition of “historic structures”



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COAST SMART CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM
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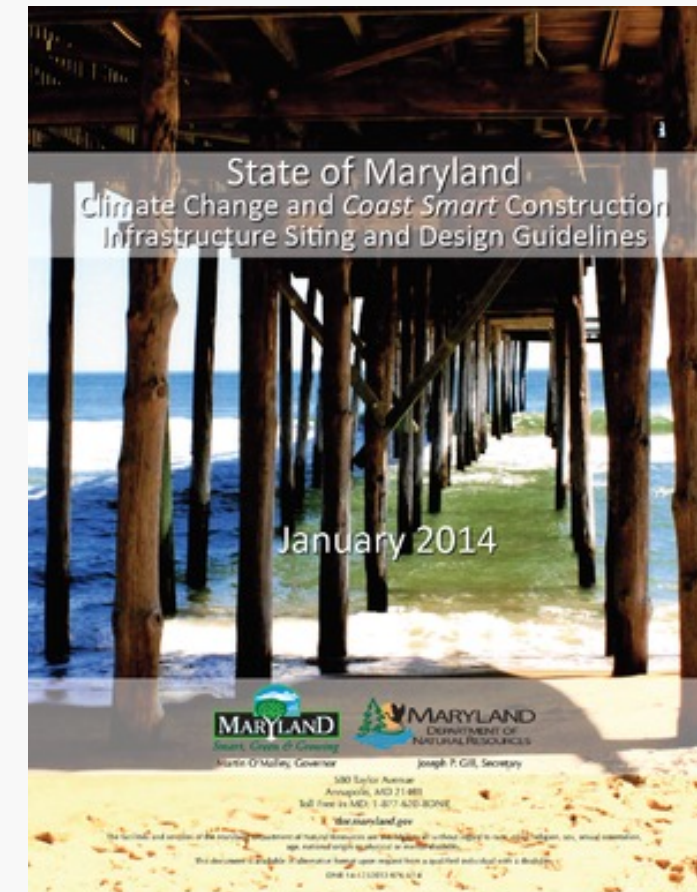
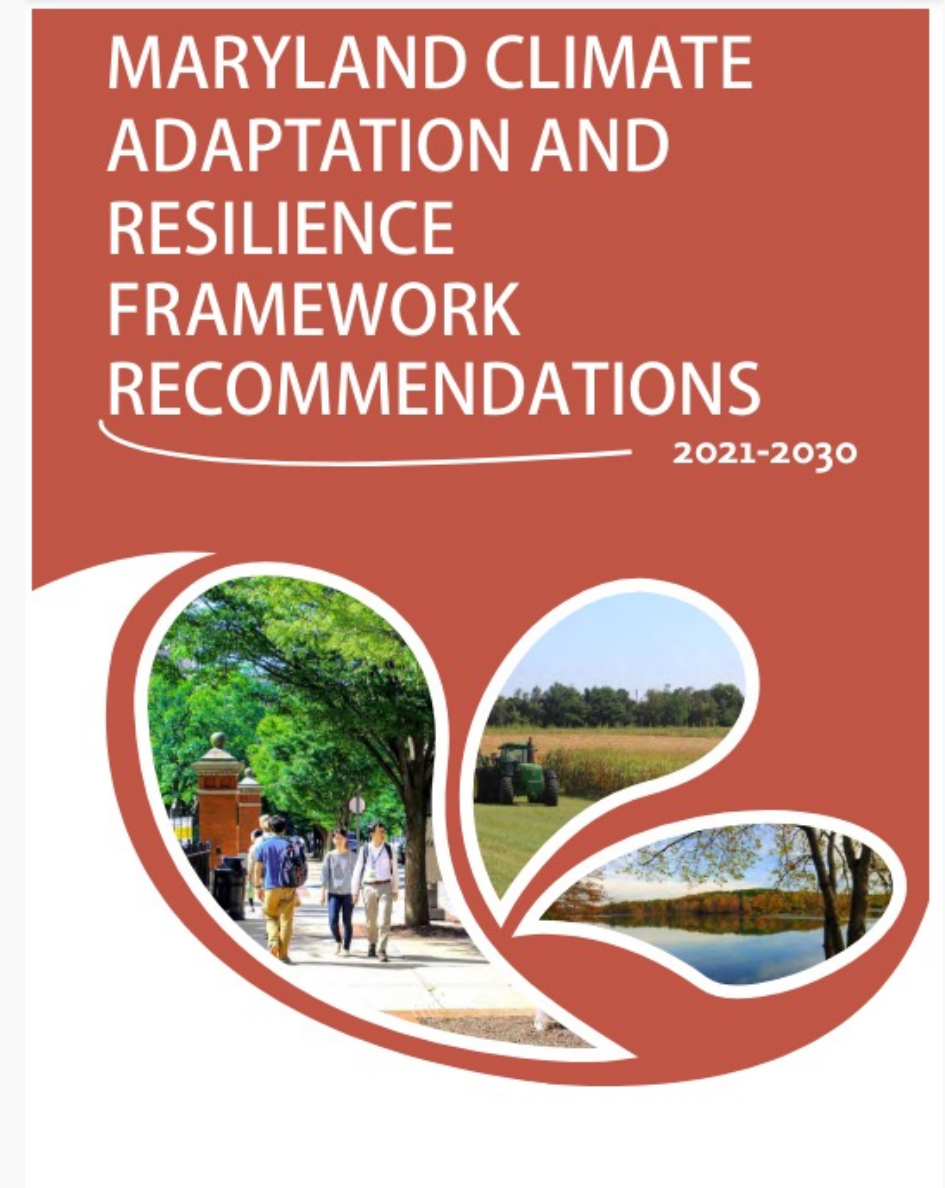


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Questions?



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