

Re: The Designation of a Historic District for the
Site Known as the Kent-Millard Heritage House

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**PERTAINING TO THE DESIGNATION OF A HISTORIC DISTRICT FOR THE SITE
KNOWN AS THE KENT-MILLARD HERITAGE HOUSE, CASE HD 2017-01**

WHEREAS, Title 8 of the *Land Use Article* of the Maryland Annotated Code and the Calvert County Code, Chapter 57, *Historic Districts*, provide that the County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, upon receiving a recommendation from the Historic District Commission, may designate a site with historic, cultural, architectural or design significance and that meets the purposes and criteria of the foregoing Calvert County Code as a Historic District;

WHEREAS, the Historic District Commission received an application from Harriet Millard, property owner, for Historic District designation of the site described as:

12531 Olivet Road, in Lusby, Maryland, identified on the Tax Assessors Map 45 as Parcel 91, Lot 1, is zoned Rural Community District, and consists of ± 1.52 acres (hereinafter, referred to as the "Site");

WHEREAS, the Historic District Commission, in regular session on March 14, 2018 reviewed the application, made the following findings and voted to recommend designation of the Site as a Historic District having met the following criteria of the Calvert County Code, Chapter 57, Article III, Section 57-8(A)(1)(d):

The Kent-Millard property has been owned by the same family since 1890. The modest bungalow which is included in the proposed historic district was built circa 1940 and was the home of Ms. Millard's grandparents, Daisy and Harrison Kent, and her great-grandmother, Charity Cook. The Kents participated in the historically African-American community along Rousby Hall and Olivet Roads: they attended Eastern Methodist Episcopal Church (now Eastern United Methodist Church) on Olivet Road, along with most of their neighbors. Harrison Kent was an oyster tonger and later worked in a shipyard. Many of the other men in the community also worked the water.

The house the Kents built and lived in was a familiar feature of the landscape on Olivet Road and is now one of the few dwellings on the road that remains from that period. The Kent-Millard Heritage House retains its original design. The intent of the applicant is to restore it.

The grounds around the house have been virtually undisturbed since the Kents purchased the property making it an intact archaeological record of an African American family that spans more than 120 years. The continuity of family ownership, the unchanged scale of the dwelling, and the potential information contained in the archaeological record on the property make this a significant and rare resource.

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WHEREAS, a joint public hearing to consider said recommendation was duly scheduled, advertised, and held on May 15, 2018 at which time the recommendation of the Historic District Commission was discussed, staff's recommendations were considered, and public comment was solicited; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommended designation to the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, which was satisfied that the criteria for approval of the Historic District had been met, that the property owner was in favor of the designation, and that designation of the Site as a Calvert County Historic District is in the best interests of the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Calvert County, and voted to approve the designation of the Site.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, that the reasons set forth by the Historic District Commission in support of its recommendation to approve the application for Historic District designation of the property known as Kent-Millard Heritage House, as more fully described above, **BE**, and hereby **ARE**, adopted as findings of fact by this Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that the Site, as recommended, **BE**, and hereby **IS**, designated as a Calvert County Historic District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that any structure within said Historic District is designated as a "landmark" for purposes of §§ 9-204 of the *Tax-Property Article* of the Maryland Annotated Code, insofar as those improvements contribute to the significance of the Calvert County Historic District;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that the foregoing recitals are adopted as if fully rewritten herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that this Resolution shall be effective upon recording without publication of a fair summary.

DONE, this 15th day of May, 2018, by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, sitting in regular session.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

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Aye: 5
Nay: 0
Absent/Abstain: 0

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Approved for form and legal sufficiency by:

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received for Record June 6, 2018 at 9:04 o'clock A.M. Same day recorded in Liber KPS No. 54 Folio 339 COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTION.

Garry P. Smith