

**PERTAINING TO THE DESIGNATION OF A HISTORIC DISTRICT FOR THE SITE  
KNOWN AS PRESTON-ON-PATUXENT, CASE HD 2020-01**

**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 Laurence and Roxanne Cumberland, property owners, for Historic District designation of the site described as:

2080 Turner Road in Lusby, Maryland, is shown on the Tax Assessor's Map number 42 as Parcel 27, and is zoned Rural Community District, and consists of 13.25 acres (hereinafter, referred to as the "Site");

**WHEREAS**, the Historic District Commission, in regular session on March 11, 2020 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) and A.2., specifically:

1. *The house was built, at the latest, in the second quarter of the eighteenth century, making it among the oldest houses in Calvert County, and among the very few brick houses of that period. It is a fine example of Tidewater Maryland vernacular architecture.*
2. *The house is on property that was, in the 1600s, a 400-acre tract owned by Richard Preston. Preston probably hosted sessions of the Provincial Court and the Assembly at his house in the 1650s. The existing house may be built on the site of the original Preston house. The existing house may have been built by Alexander Parran who lived there with his wife who was the daughter of Nathaniel Ashcomb who had previously owned it. The Parran family arrived in Calvert County in the beginning of the eighteenth century and became prominent in provincial affairs. Alexander's son, Young Parran, was a county judge. His son, Richard Parran, was a justice of the peace, and a judge of the orphans' court. Richard also participated in the administration of county affairs during the Revolution. In the twentieth century, novelist Hulbert Footner purchased the house. He wrote about the house in his book, *Charles' Gift*. Footner designed and constructed an addition to the rear of the house which has been deemed significant in its own right, owing to its association with the author.*
3. *Preston-on-Patuxent was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1974 in recognition of its significance in the categories of architecture and political history.*
4. *Preston-on-Patuxent has been a familiar visual feature in Calvert County for centuries.*

**WHEREAS**, a joint public hearing to consider said recommendation was duly scheduled,

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advertised, and held on July 28, 2020 at which time the recommendation of the Historic District Commission was discussed, staff's recommendations were considered, and public comment was solicited;

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Resolution enacting the designation of the property known as Preston-on-Patuxent failed to be executed following the Board's decision on July 28, 2020, so it is intended that this document ratify and memorialize the Board's prior decision.

**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 Preston-on-Patuxent, 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 as of July 28, 2020 upon recording without publication of fair summary, and, at all times thereafter, shall be regarded with the same force and effect as if this Resolution had been executed on that date.

**DONE**, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023 by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland sitting in regular session.

Aye:	<u>5</u>
Nay:	<u>0</u>
Absent/Abstain:	<u>0</u>

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ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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*Garry P. Smith*