

**PERTAINING TO THE DESIGNATION OF A HISTORIC DISTRICT FOR THE SITE
KNOWN AS THE AXLEY CABIN, CASE HD 2014-02**

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 James Axley, property owner, for Historic District designation of the site described as:

2145 Bluebell Road, Port Republic, Maryland, identified as Lot 12 & ½ Lot 13 in Scientists' Cliffs on Tax Map 28A, is zoned Residential, and consists of ± 6,612 SF, being the same property described in that Deed recorded among the Land records of Calvert County, Maryland at Liber ABE 446, folio 218 (hereinafter, referred to as the "Site");

WHEREAS, the Historic District Commission, in regular session on September 10, 2014 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)(a) and (d) and Chapter 57, Article III, Section 57-8(A)(2)(a) and (d):

The Axley Cabin was built early in the life of the Scientists' Cliffs community and is part of the core of original cabins, standing directly across Bluebell Road from Flippo and Annie Gravatt's Cabin, the first to be built, which now serves as a community center.

The Axley Cabin is a good example of the early Scientists' Cliffs community, an unusual community directed toward a specific group of property-owners.

The Axley Cabin is built of solid logs in a style that typifies the first cabins constructed in Scientists' Cliffs. The chimney is made of local sandstone, probably by one of the local craftsmen who built most of the chimneys in the community.

The Axley Cabin overlooks the original Gravatt Cabin, perched as it is on the slope directly across the road from it. Before it was built, there were just woods on the site, so since its construction it has been the only building on the site.

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider said recommendation was duly scheduled, advertised, and held on October 7, 2014 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 Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland is satisfied that the criteria for approval of the Historic District had been met, that the property owner is 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 Axley Cabin, 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 ^{smf} ~~7~~¹⁰th day of October, 2014, by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland, sitting in regular session.

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
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