



Press Advisory

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Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Hearing

Request to Change the Management Entity of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

FREDERICK, MARYLAND — The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority will hold a public hearing at 6 p.m., Monday, June 22 on a request to amend the Management Plan of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area (www.heartofthecivilwar.org) to change the Heritage Area management entity from the Tourism Council of Frederick County, Inc. to the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, Inc., a newly formed Maryland 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. The Tourism Council of Frederick County, Inc. and the other Heritage Area partners believe that this Amendment will improve the capability of the new management entity to implement and manage the Heritage Area, and most effectively foster the goal of operating as a broad-based collaboration of regional interests.

The Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area was certified by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority in 2006 and currently includes areas within Carroll, Frederick and Washington Counties including 24 towns and cities. Certified Heritage Areas foster partnerships between governments, businesses and nonprofit organizations to promote more livable and economically sustainable communities. They preserve and celebrate Maryland’s history, cultural traditions, and natural areas through grants, loans, tax credits and other tools.

CARROLL COUNTY
HAMPSTEAD
MANCHESTER
MOUNT AIRY
NEW WINDSOR
SYKESVILLE
TANEYTOWN
UNION BRIDGE
WESTMINSTER

WHAT: Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Public Hearing on the proposal to amend the Management Plan of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area to change the Heritage Area management entity from the Tourism Council of Frederick County, Inc. to the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, Inc.

WHEN: 6 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2015

FREDERICK COUNTY
BRUNSWICK
BURKITTSVILLE
EMMITSBURG
FREDERICK
MIDDLETOWN
MOUNT AIRY
MYERSVILLE
NEW MARKET
ROSEMONT
THURMONT
WOODSBORO

WHERE: Frederick Visitor Center (www.visitfrederick.org/visitor-center)
151 S. East Street
Frederick, MD 21701

WHO: Local government officials, heritage resource organizations, tourism industry representatives, general public, and others who are interested in the proposal to change the Heritage Area management entity from the Tourism Council of Frederick County, Inc. to the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, Inc.

The mission of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, a Maryland Certified Heritage Area within Carroll, Fredrick, and Washington Counties, Maryland is to promote the stewardship of the area’s historic, cultural and natural Civil War resources; encourage superior visitor experiences; and stimulate tourism, economic prosperity, and educational development, thereby improving the quality of life of our community. For more information, visit the website at www.heartofthecivilwar.org or call (301) 600-4031.

WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOONSBORO
HAGERSTOWN
HANCOCK
SHARPSBURG
SMITHSBURG
WILLIAMSPORT

The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is an independent unit of state government that operates in the Maryland Department of Planning. For more information, visit the website at <http://mht.maryland.gov/heritageareas.shtml> or call (410) 514-7685.

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