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Governor Larry Hogan Appoints Elizabeth Hughes as State Historic Preservation Officer

ANNAPOLIS, MD - Governor Larry Hogan today announced the appointment of Elizabeth Hughes as Maryland's State Historic Preservation Officer and confirmed her appointment by the Board of Trustees as

the director of the Maryland Historical Trust (the Trust). Hughes has served as deputy director of the Trust since October 2002 and has been acting director for the past 10 months. The Trust, a division of the Maryland Department of Planning, serves as Maryland's State Historic Preservation Office and provides direct assistance to a broad base of local, state, and federal stakeholders in the identification, protection, and enhancement of heritage resources. The Trust administers a variety of historic preservation grant, loan, and tax credit programs including the Sustainable Communities Tax Credit, which leverages private investment in the rehabilitation of both commercial and residential historic properties.

"I congratulate Elizabeth Hughes and I am confident that she will serve the people of Maryland extremely well promoting and preserving state historic assets," said Governor Hogan. "She is a dedicated public servant with years of experience in Maryland and on the national level."

"I am pleased Governor Hogan appointed Elizabeth Hughes to serve as our State Historic Preservation Officer, while also confirming her appointment as director of the Trust," said Secretary of Planning David R. Craig. "She is a recognized leader in the historical preservation community and we are fortunate to have her."

As part of her duties as State Historic Preservation Officer and director of the Maryland Historical Trust, Hughes will oversee the management of the agency's activities ranging from identification of archeological sites and standing structures to regulatory and financial assistance programs. The State Historic Preservation Officer administers the national historic preservation program at the state level, reviews National Register of Historic Places nominations, maintains data on historic properties that have been identified but not yet nominated, and consults with federal agencies during the investigation of the effects of their undertakings on historic properties.

Hughes grew up on Maryland's Eastern Shore and, as she describes it, was surrounded by history. Even though her 20-year career has been in Maryland, she has a broad national perspective in historic preservation having served on the board of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers since 2004. She was elected the president of that organization in 2013, serving until 2017, and represented it on the presidentially appointed Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Hughes holds a master's degree in architectural history from the University of Virginia and an undergraduate degree in American studies from Georgetown University.