

NO. 8-97

A Resolution Approving and
Authorizing Submittal to
Designate the Town of
Leonardtwn as Part of the
Leonardtwn Heritage Area

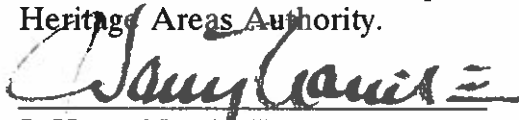
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the town of Leonardtown, in conjunction with St. Mary's County and the St. Mary's County Heritage Partnership Steering Committee, has prepared a proposal to submit to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to designate the Town of Leonardtown and part of the surrounding area as a recognized Heritage Area as part of the Maryland System of Heritage Areas, a copy of which has been submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Leonardtown area has important environmental, recreational and cultural resources, as well as significant history and historical sites; and

WHEREAS, Leonardtown is the oldest town in Maryland which has been incorporated;

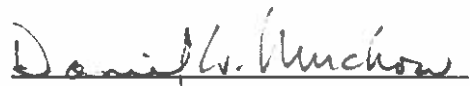
NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Town Council of Leonardtown, Maryland, on this date of October 14, 1997, that the Council approves and endorses the inclusion of Leonardtown as part of a Heritage Area as defined by the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority.


J. Harry Norris, III, Mayor


Ruth W. Proffitt, Vice President


Bernard Y. Delahay, Councilman


Susan H. Erichsen, Councilwoman


Daniel W. Muchow, Councilman


Walter Wise, Councilman

ATTEST:


Robert O. Guyther

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council
From: Robin Guyther
Re: Heritage Area Program Resolution
Date: 9/30/97

Last year (May, 1996) Cindy Woodburn, St. Mary's County Tourism Director, came to a Council meeting and explained this program. It is designed to provide directions to Heritage Areas, which are areas which contain thing of interest to tourists. To participate in the program, each region has to produce a Heritage Areas Plan.

Southern Maryland has submitted a proposal to create a Heritage Areas Plan, which is required for participation in the program. The proposal is to use part of the funds made available to hire a consultant to produce the plan. The term "proposal" is somewhat misleading because each region has to produce a plan in order to be eligible for funds to produce brochures and uniform signage for Heritage Areas. Basically, we are proposing to do something that is required.

The state is providing all the money through a federal grant. Neither the Town or County has been required to put up any money, though some staff time has been used.

There is a regional steering committee and a local steering committee for the program and I am attending both. Leonardtown has been designated a Heritage Area, along with six other St. Mary's County Areas. When a Heritage Area contains a municipality, that municipality has to adopt a resolution supporting the Heritage Area application. Such a resolution is attached.