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Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Hearing

Request to Enlarge the Boundaries of the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area within Wicomico County

CROWNSVILLE, MD – The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority will hold a public hearing at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2017 on a request to enlarge the boundaries of the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area (<http://www.lowershoreheritage.org/>) to include the unincorporated Village of Allen and the connection from the Certified Heritage Area at Nanticoke Road (Route 349/Chesapeake Country Blue Crab Scenic Byway) at Upper Ferry Road in Wicomico County.

The Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area was certified in 2003. The locally-based Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Committee, Inc. manages the heritage area which is comprised of portions of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties. 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.

WHAT: Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Public Hearing on the proposal to enlarge the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area in Wicomico County.

WHEN: 5 p.m. Thursday, March 23, 2017

WHERE: Asbury Methodist Church
26679 Collins Wharf Road
Allen, MD 21810

WHO: Local government officials, heritage resource organizations, tourism industry representatives, business and property owners, and others who are interested in the proposal to enlarge the boundaries of the Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Area in Wicomico County.

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 telephone (410) 697-9685.

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