



## **A Letter from the Historic District Commission**

### **May 2026**

Each May, we celebrate National Preservation Month and recognize the historic places that define Rockville's character and strengthen our sense of community. Preservation in Rockville reflects our shared commitment to honoring the people, stories, and architecture that make our city one of Maryland's most distinctive and welcoming places to live.

Rockville's heritage is visible across the city—from the Beall–Dawson House and St. Mary's Church and Cemetery to our historic districts along West Montgomery Avenue and New Mark Commons. The City's interactive [Historic Preservation StoryMap](#) highlights this rich landscape, including civic landmarks such as Rockville Academy, the Old Post Office, and Glenview Mansion. The King Farm Farmstead and its remaining agricultural structures remind us of our rural beginnings.

Lincoln Park, Rockville's oldest historically Black community, stands as a testament to resilience, leadership, and cultural contribution. Preserving its homes, churches, and community institutions ensures that its legacy remains central to our city's story.

The Stonestreet Museum of 19th Century Medicine and nearby historic resources reflect Rockville's evolution from a crossroads town to a thriving county seat.

Rockville has long embraced adaptive reuse, from the transformation of the Red Brick Courthouse to the preservation of the B&O Railroad Station—saved through community advocacy. These efforts show how historic structures can continue to serve and inspire.

As a Certified Local Government, Rockville is recognized for meeting the highest standards of preservation practice. The Historic District Commission plays a vital role in ensuring that growth is thoughtful and respectful of our shared heritage.

Preservation in Rockville is not about resisting change; it is about guiding it responsibly. By valuing our historic resources—whether 19th-century landmarks, mid-century neighborhoods, or culturally significant communities like Lincoln Park—we strengthen neighborhood identity and connect our past, present, and future.

During Preservation Month, we encourage all residents to explore Rockville's historic sites and reflect on the stories embedded in the buildings and landscapes around us. Together, we honor the rich tapestry that makes Rockville an exceptional place to call home.