

# Envision HdG

## City of Havre de Grace Comprehensive Plan

October 23, 2023



# Work Session 8:

Historic and Cultural Resources

# Historic and Cultural Resources

- ❑ Not a requirement, but needed
- ❑ Important due to City's long history and existing fabric
- ❑ Large National Register Historic District (NRHD)
- ❑ Publicly-owned historic/cultural resources:
  - Lock House Museum
  - Concord Point Lighthouse and Keeper's House
  - Decoy Museum
  - The Cultural Center at the Opera House
  - Moore Family Homestead

- ☐ Visions and Goals
- ☐ Land Use
- ☐ Sustainable Community
- ☐ Municipal Growth Element
- ☐ Relationship to the LSHG
- ☐ Regulatory Framework
- ☐ Economic Development
- ☐ Water Resources Element
- ☐ Housing Element
- ☐ Historic and Cultural Resources
- ☐ Multimodal Transportation
- ☐ Community Facilities
- ☐ Sensitive Areas, Environmental Resource Protection

# Content of this Chapter:

- ❑ Introduction
- ❑ Background of local preservation efforts
- ❑ Local program framework
- ❑ Strengthening preservation within the City
- ❑ Importance of preservation for economic development
- ❑ Public awareness and property owner assistance
- ❑ Historic district sub-areas for neighborhood conservation
- ❑ Outlying properties, descriptions and approaches
- ❑ Cemetery preservation
- ❑ Goals and actions

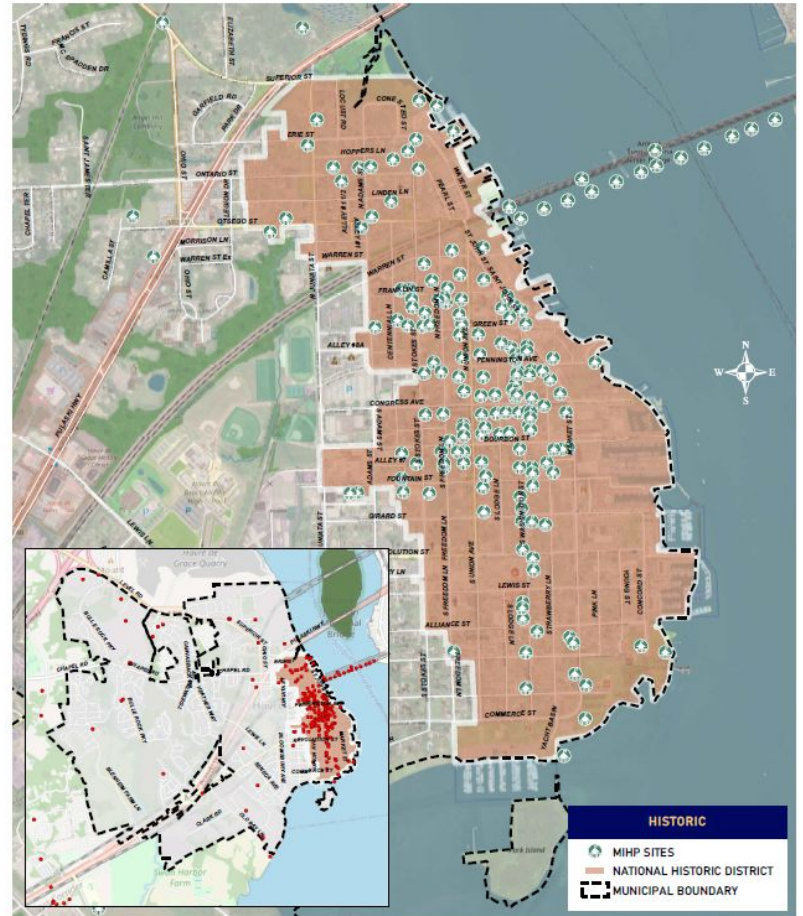


# Historic Preservation Map

National Register Historic District, or NRHD

Individual inventoried sites on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, or MIHP

Inset of the City with documented outlying structures



# Havre de Grace in Maps

## Historic Development of the City

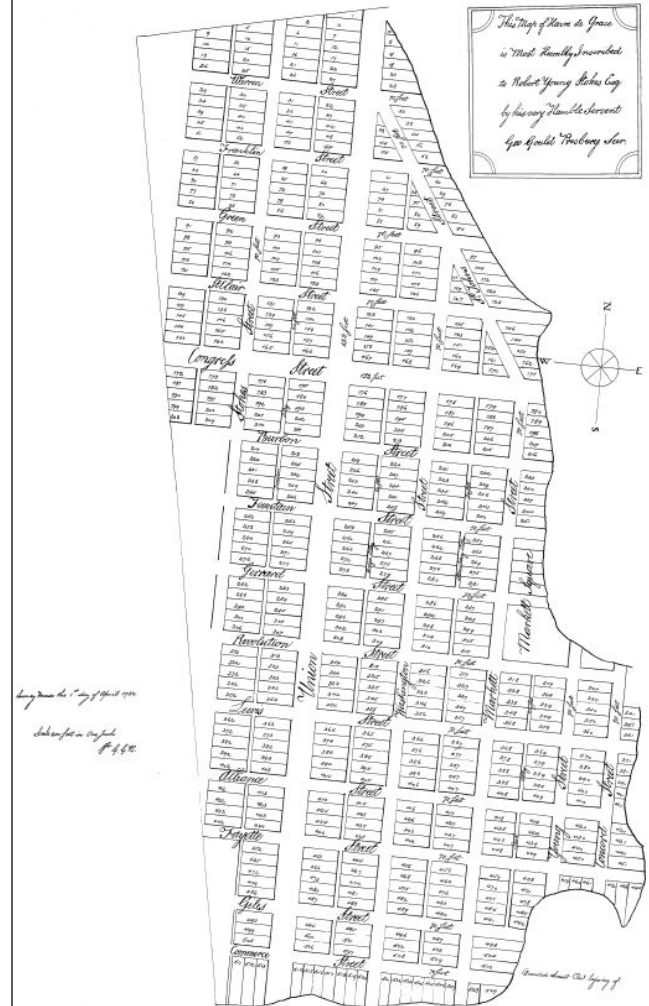
# Robert Young Stokes Plat, 1782

Owner of the 200 original acres

Prior to 1782, known as Susquehanna  
Lower Ferry

Date of Plat noted, April 1, 1782

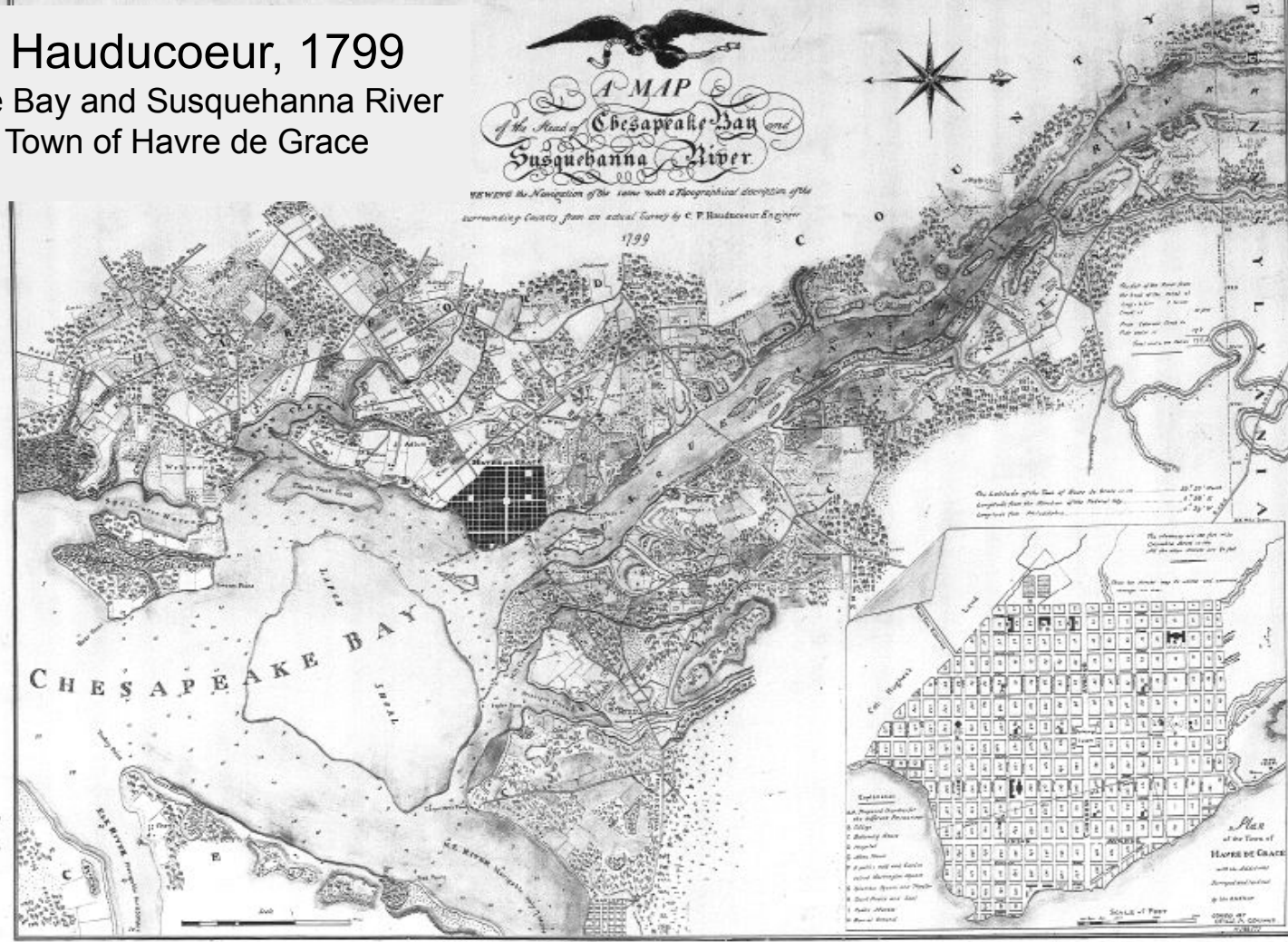
Plat date is between passage of  
French and American troops  
to Yorktown in September, 1781  
and their return in August, 1782





# Survey by C. P. Hauducoeur, 1799

Head of the Chesapeake Bay and Susquehanna River  
Inset of Plan for the Town of Havre de Grace



# Inset of C. P. Hauducoeur Map, 1799

## Plan for the Town of Havre de Grace

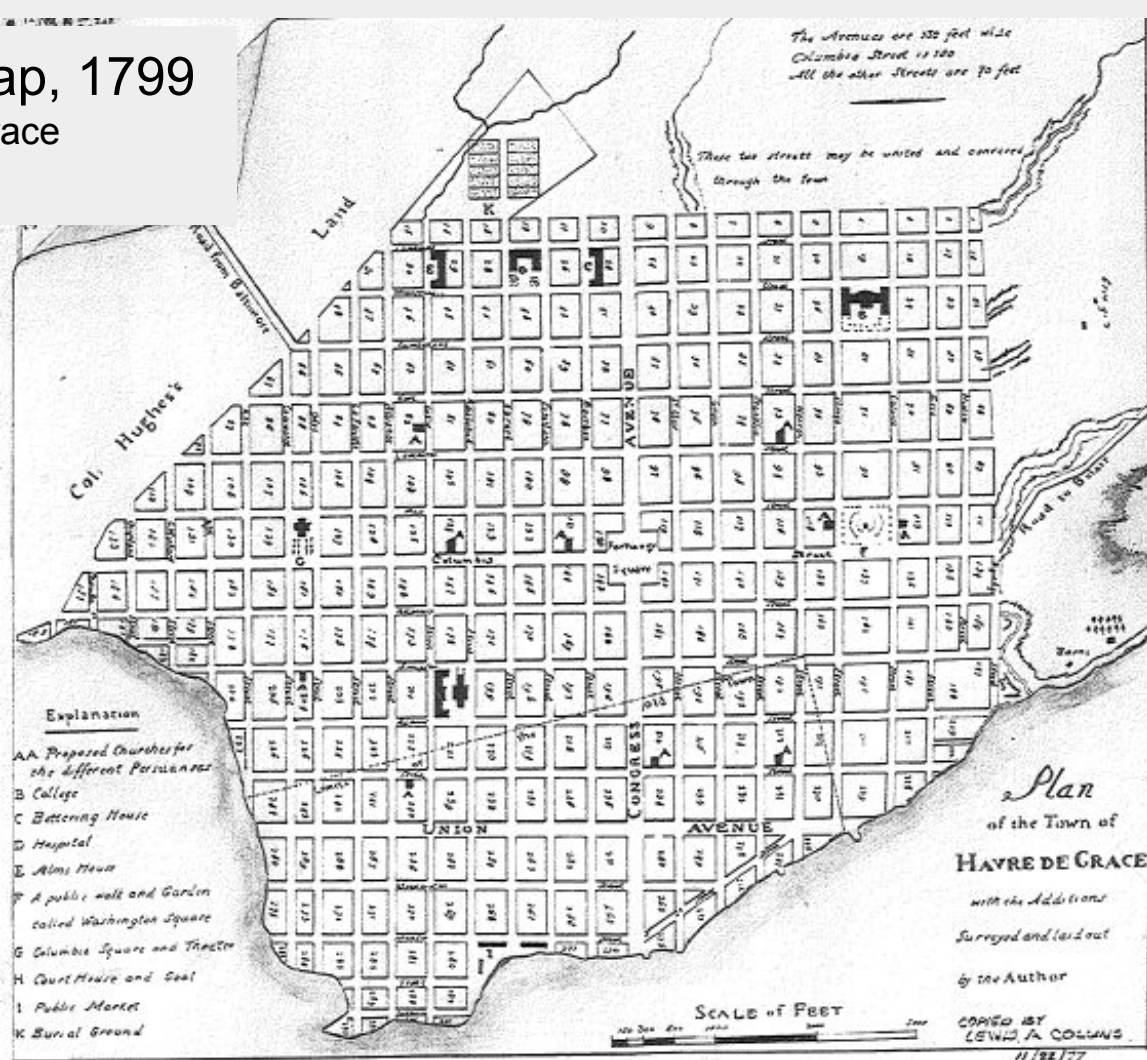
Principal streets are 132 feet wide

Columbia Street is 100 (never built)

All other streets are 70 feet

Locations for Public Square,  
Bettering House  
Hospital  
Alms House  
Court House and Gaol (Jail)

Formed the basis for planning as  
seen in subsequent maps



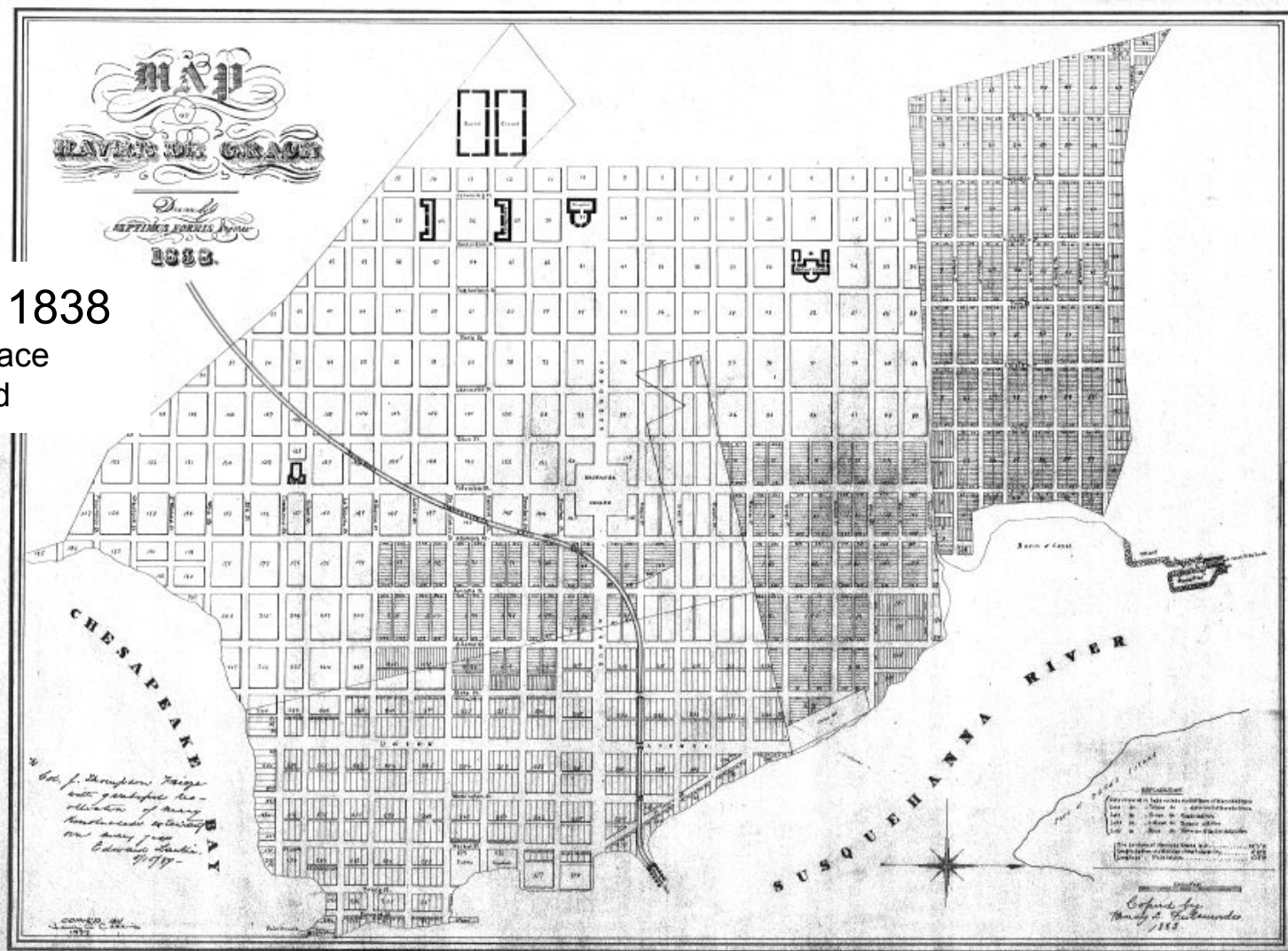
# MAP HAVRE DE GRACE

Drawn by  
SEPTIMUS NORRIS, Esq.  
1838.

## Septimus Norris, 1838

Map of Havre de Grace

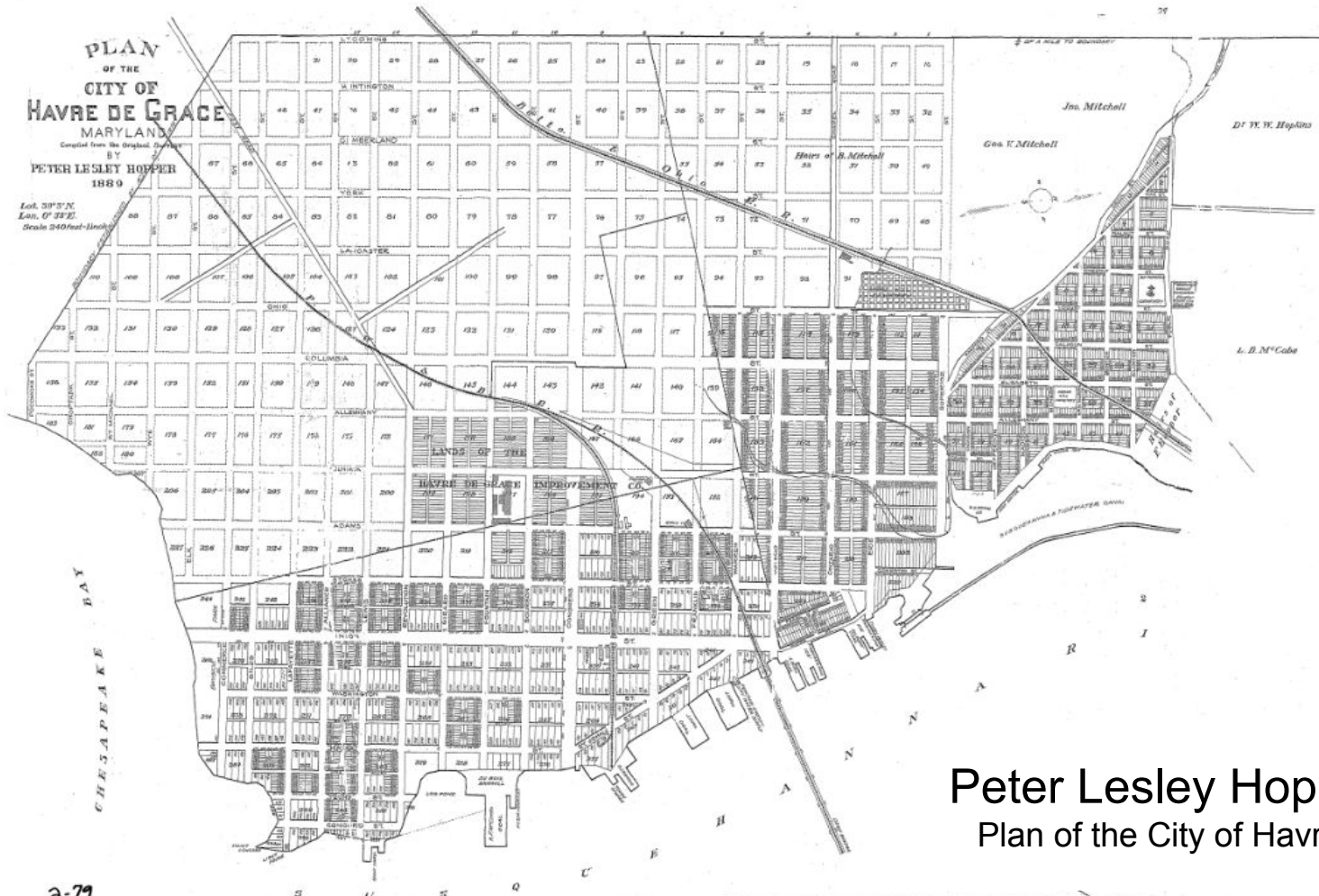
\* Note the railroad



# PLAN OF THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE MARYLAND

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BY  
**PETER LESLEY HOPPER**  
1889

Lat. 39° 5' N.  
Lon. 76° 25' E.  
Scale 240 feet = 1 inch



## Peter Lesley Hopper, 1889 Plan of the City of Havre de Grace





Drawn by T. M. FOWLER, Meriden, Pa.

BIRDS EYE VIEW OF  
**HAVRE DE GRACE**  
MARYLAND

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1907

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**Aerial views of Havre de Grace, 1927**



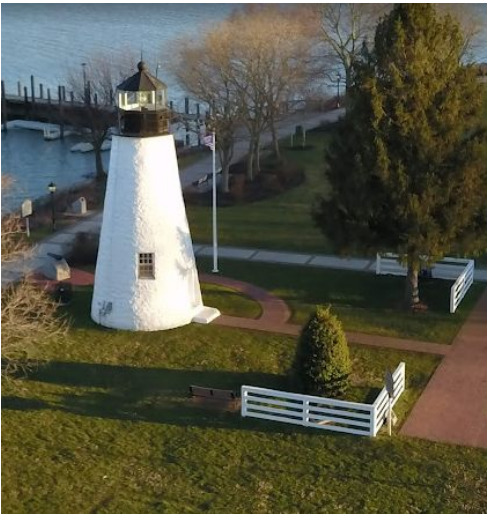


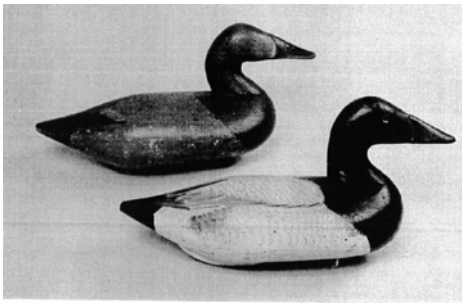
# Local Preservation Framework

## What is Important?



# Publicly-owned Cultural Resources





Bob McGaw canvasbacks, drake painted by Severin Hall.

## Artifacts and historic material





**HA - 1126**

**William Moore  
House as it  
appeared in the  
MHT inventory,  
April 1977**



# Metal detectorists and Archeology volunteers working together



**Moore Family Homestead (HA-1126), Fall 2016 Study with Archaeological Society of the Northern Chesapeake**





**Surviving structures, The War of 1812**

# Unique Structures



**Poplar House details  
(HA-793)**

1st Local Historic Landmark  
Havre de Grace Colored School Museum  
and Cultural Center







Class Room In Old Building.

1949

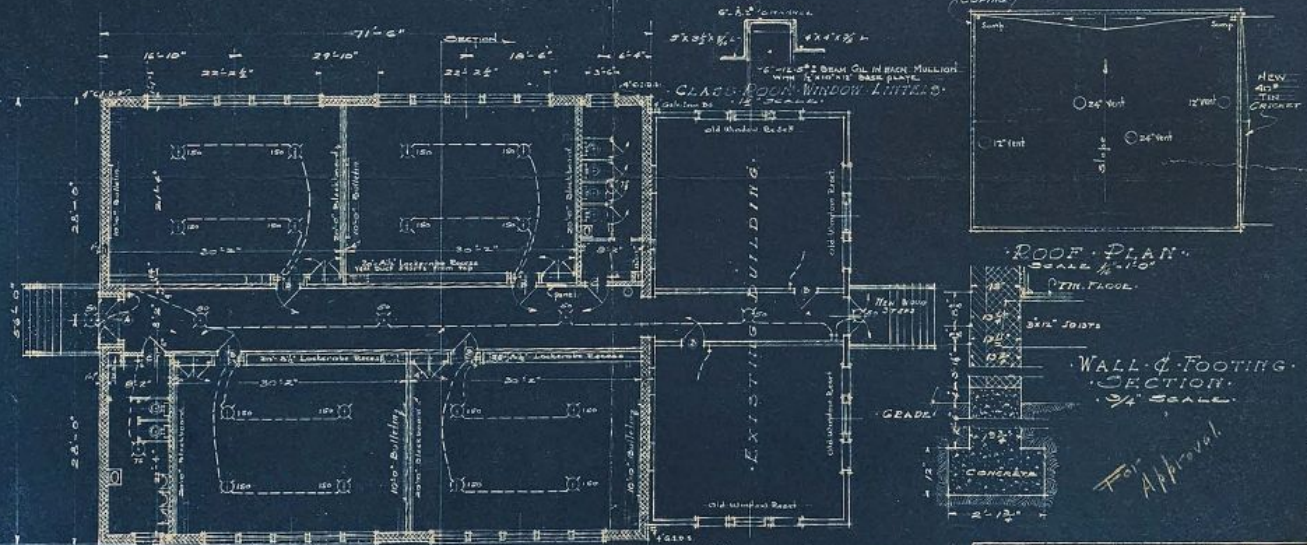
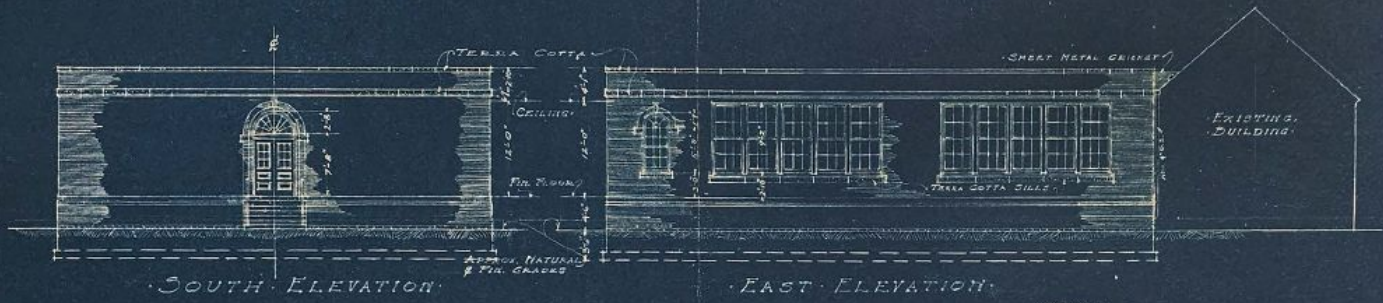
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1949 Classroom

# Faculty and Graduates







**DOOR SCHEDULE**

1. 2'-2 1/2" X 7'-0" X 1 1/2" UPPER PART GLAZED
2. 3'-0" X 7'-0" X 1 1/2" LOWER PART GLAZED
3. 3'-0" X 7'-0" X 1 1/2" PANELLED

**MAIN FLOOR PLAN**  
SCALE 1/8"=1'-0"

NAME AND LOCATION	ADDITIONS TO COLORED SCHOOL HAWK DE GRACE, MD.		DATE 7-22-35
	PROJECT NUMBER 473	DESIGNED BY JOHN C. HAMME 31 WEST 4th STREET 100-102	DRAWING NUMBER 2

ALL DETAILS, DIMENSIONS & MATERIALS INDICATED ON FINISHED PORTION OF DRAWINGS ARE REPEATED AT ALL CORRESPONDING UNFINISHED PORTIONS.

*For Approval*

# Important Outlying Structures

# Sion Hill National Historic Landmark



## Sion Hill National Historic Landmark, cont'd







Blenheim (HA-107), private residence  
The Residences of Bulle Rock





## Mt. Pleasant II (HA-763), MHT easement



# Outlying Lost Structures

Harry C. Mitchell House,  
Cherry Hill Farm  
(HA-760)

Now Scenic Manor



# Mitchell Farm, US 40

## Now Blenheim Run



# Cemeteries





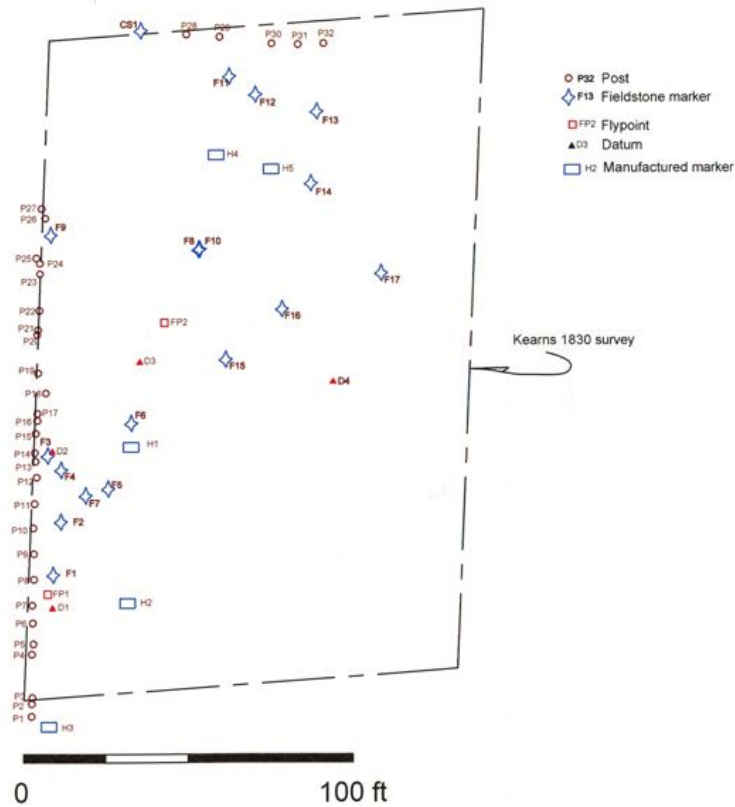
**October 5, 2023 NSDAR at Angel Hill Cemetery  
Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) section**



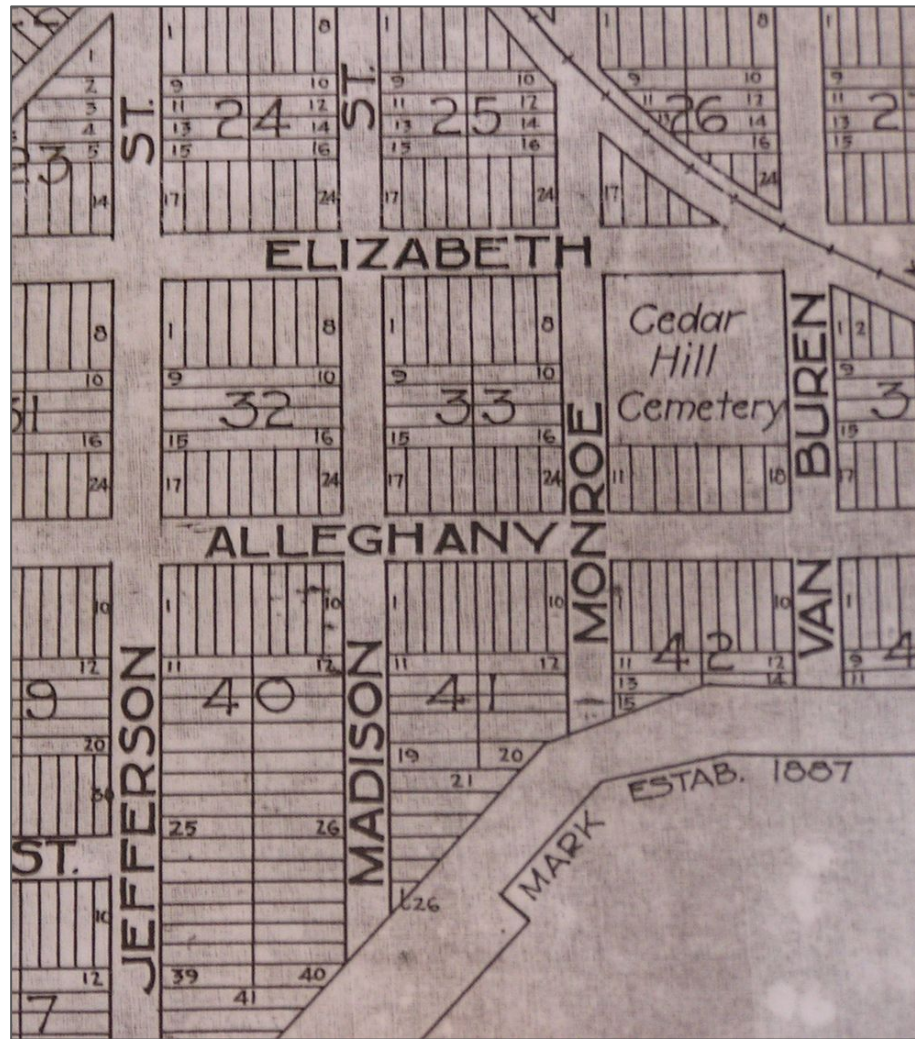
# Forgotten Cemeteries



St. James Church location prior to its move onto Green Street  
(sometimes referred to as Skinner Cemetery due to family names on headstones)



**Cedar Hill (Potter's Field) – Cemeteries as cultural resources and archeological sites**





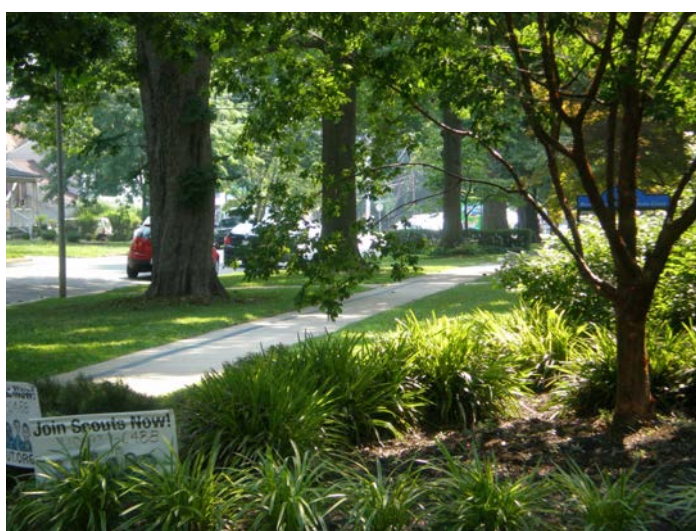


## Mount Erin Cemetery, first Catholic Church cultural site



What is important to you?











THE GREENEST BUILDING IS THE ONE ALREADY BUILT.

**Thank you!**

