



Historic African American Cemeteries: Survey of Funding Needs and Preservation Obstacles

We want to hear from you! Please complete this survey to help us research the needs and opportunities facing historic African American cemeteries in the state. (To complete the form online, take a photo of the QR code on the right with your phone.) Responses will inform a report in spring 2022, recommending actions to help protect and preserve these important sites. For more details about the project, please visit <https://bit.ly/3ECnmmV>.



PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. For each of the obstacles listed below, please indicate if this is a high-, medium-, or low-level concern for historic African American cemeteries or burial sites in your community.

| Obstacles | High | Medium | Low | I don't know |
|---|------|--------|-----|--------------|
| Abandonment | | | | |
| Lack of maintenance | | | | |
| Vandalism | | | | |
| Development pressure | | | | |
| Uncooperative owner | | | | |
| Unknown owner | | | | |
| Cemetery location/burial location(s) unknown | | | | |
| Missing or deteriorated records related to cemetery/burial site | | | | |
| Missing grave markers | | | | |
| Other (write in) | | | | |

2. If funding becomes available, what types of projects should receive support? Please indicate high, medium, or low priority.

| Projects | High | Medium | Low | I don't know |
|--|-------------|---------------|------------|---------------------|
| Maintenance of grave markers and grounds | | | | |
| Mapping and identifying grave sites | | | | |
| Research on cemetery history and interments | | | | |
| Documentation for regulatory protection by local government | | | | |
| Digitization of archival records, including funeral home records | | | | |
| Research for owner identification | | | | |
| Legal fees to clear title, develop stewardship agreements, etc. | | | | |
| Other (write in) | | | | |

3. Besides funding, what types of assistance are needed to support cemetery or burial site preservation in your community (for example: volunteers, best practices for maintenance, networking with other groups)?

4. Are you associated with a particular African American cemetery or burial site? (If the answer is "yes," please continue to Part 2 of the survey, following Question 5. If "no," you may submit your survey after you complete Question 5.)

Yes

No

5. Is there any additional information you would like to share with us today?

PART 1: SPECIFIC CEMETERY INFORMATION

This section should be completed by individuals with an association or interest in one or more African American cemeteries or burial sites. If this does not apply to you, please leave this section blank.

6. Please share the name and/or a description of the cemetery or burial sites with which you are associated. If you are associated with multiple sites, please list them out here.

7. This cemetery is located in the following county (circle all that apply):

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|---------|------------|----------|------------|
| Allegany | Anne Arundel | Baltimore City | Baltimore County | Calvert | Caroline | Carroll | Cecil |
| Charles | Dorchester | Frederick | Garrett | Harford | Howard | Kent | Montgomery |
| Prince George's | Queen Anne's | St. Mary's | Somerset | Talbot | Washington | Wicomico | Worcester |

8. Have there been efforts to preserve and maintain this cemetery? If yes, please describe the types of activities or maintenance undertaken.

Yes
 No
 I don't know
 Multiple sites (add notes below)

9. Has the cemetery benefited from state funding to support preservation activities?

Yes
 No
 I don't know
 Multiple sites (add notes below)

10. Would you like to provide information about your cemetery/cemeteries or cemetery preservation efforts to benefit this project?

Yes
 No

11. Are you a member of a descendent community associated with a Maryland African American cemetery or a descendent of an individual interred in an African American cemetery?

Yes

No

12. If you answered "yes" to Questions 10 or 11, and would like to continue to receive invitations to participate in this project, please provide your name and organization/affiliation (if applicable) and contact information here.

Thank you for taking this survey!

If returning by mail, please send to the following address by **February 28, 2022**:

ATTN: Cemetery Survey

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