

PRESS RELEASE
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Community Legacy Grants Awarded to Town of Port Deposit

Port Deposit, MD – The Mayor and Council of the Town of Port Deposit were notified the Town of Port Deposit received two Community Legacy grant awards through the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development: \$50,000 for a Façade Improvement Program for structural and exterior repair and renovations to improve the historic community; and \$150,000 for the Jacob Tome Gas House Restoration project for the restoration and reuse of the historic structure for a Visitor Center and Research and Education Center for Towson University students to study the endangered Northern Map Turtle.

The Façade Improvement Program will be administered through the town in cooperation with the Town's Historic Area Commission. The program will be used to help preserve the exterior of our historic structures, as well as provide an opportunity to educate property owners of the Historic Tax Credit Program available to home owners under our Sustainable Community designation. The town has released the bid document for the historic Tome Gas House Restoration project and anticipates awarding a contract in February 2016.

Mayor Tome stated, "The Town of Port Deposit is excited to be able to provide a Façade Improvement Program to our residents, and looks forward to the completion of the Tome Gas House restoration project. We anticipate both projects will kick off revitalization efforts in our community."

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