Historic Preservation Commission
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL AND
HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX CREDIT PRE-APPROVAL
Application Instructions

SUBMIT 10 COPIES of this application package, including all supporting materials required on pages 2-5 of this application to Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning. Applications must be received no later than 5:00 pm, 22 days prior to the meeting. Applications can be submitted via mail, but may result in missing the deadline. Applications are not accepted via email or fax.

Address: Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Meeting Information
The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meets at 7:00 pm generally on the first Thursday of each month at 3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD. If a meeting is cancelled, Applicants will be notified and the cancellation will be posted on the County’s website. Emergency meetings are being scheduled and dates can be found at: www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Planning-and-Zoning/Boards-and-Commissions/Historic-Preservation-Commission and www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Planning-and-Zoning/Conservation-and-Preservation/Historic

Applicants are expected to attend the HPC meeting in order to describe the proposed work and to respond to questions. Failure to attend the meeting may delay consideration and approval by the Commission, or result in the application being denied.

Application Information
For questions concerning this application, please contact Samantha Holmes, Historic Preservation Planner, at 410-313-4428 or sholmes@howardcountymd.gov. Applications will be reviewed for completeness and Applicants will be notified if additional information is required to complete the application. Failure to provide all required information may result in the rejection of the application.

Additional Information
No work requiring HPC approval can proceed until the Certificate of Approval is issued. Proposed changes not listed on the application cannot be reviewed by the Commission. All work for tax credits must be pre-approved, the Commission cannot retroactively approve tax credits.

Permit Information
If HPC Approval is received, it does not eliminate the need for a building permit. Those permits may be applied for in the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits located on the first floor at 3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD. Any questions regarding the permit process should be directed to the Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits at 410-313-2455.
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PROPERTY INFORMATION
Address of Subject Property: 

Name of Property Owner: 

Historic District (please check):  □ Ellicott City Local Historic District    □ Lawyers Hill Local Historic District

Is this property listed on the Howard County Historic Sites Inventory?  □ Y  □ N  #HO-______________

APPLICANT INFORMATION
Name of Applicant (please only provide one name for contact purposes): 

Mailing address: 

Phone No. (W) __________________________ (H) __________________________

Email: __________________________ Contact Preference: __________________________

BELOW FOR STAFF USE ONLY
Tax Account Number: __________________________

Map _________   Parcel _________
Part 1: General Application for Certificate of Approval

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE: The information required in this checklist must be provided or the application will be incomplete and may be rejected for consideration by the Commission. Please check each box below to confirm you have provided this information.

☐ Labeled, color photographs of existing property conditions, printed on 8.5x11 paper, no more than two images per page. Do not submit individual 4x6 photographs.

☐ A detailed description of the proposed work (include below or provide on a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed—do not add proposed work into the Guidelines justification section).

☐ Product specification sheets/photographs of product that clearly shows materials, colors, and dimensions.

☐ Plot plan of property, site plans, or elevations (as applicable to proposal; but required for any new construction).

☐ For major alterations: elevation drawings of proposed structure indicating dimensions, design, height, color, and materials. Product spec sheets are required for all new elements.

☐ A completed Part 2 of this application (page 3-4). Application may be rejected if not complete. If Part 2 is not suitable for your project, please type up a detailed explanation on a separate piece of paper.

☐ A completed Part 3 of this application (page 5) if you seek tax credits for any work.

☐ A completed Part 4 of this application (page 5). If the owner is not the applicant, the owner’s signature is also required.

☐ I have read the Ellicott City or Lawyers Hill Design Guidelines and find my proposal complies with the recommendations in the Guidelines, as indicated below.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: If more room is required, please provide write up on a separate sheet of paper to best organize proposed work. Continue to Part 2 (page 3-5) to complete required checklists.

DESIGN GUIDELINES: Consult the Ellicott City or Lawyers Hill Design Guidelines on the Howard County website at https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Planning-and-Zoning/Conservation-and-Preservation/Historic and provide a brief description of how the proposal meets the recommendations of the Guidelines, including the applicable chapter and section. Please type up on a separate sheet of paper if more space is needed.
Part 2: General Application for Certificate of Approval Checklist

TYPE OF ALTERATION: Please check the appropriate box for the proposed work and fill in required blanks. Specs sheets and photos must be provided or the application may be considered incomplete and rejected for consideration by the Commission.

You may create your own document if it better explains the project, be sure to include details such as materials and colors for all existing/previous existing and proposed features.

☐ DOORS AND STORMS DOORS: Refer to page 35 of the Ellicott City Guidelines and pages 26-29 of the Lawyers Hill Guidelines.

- Existing Type: ______________________________
- Proposed Type: ______________________________
- Existing Color: ______________________________
- Proposed Color: ______________________________
- Existing Material: ______________________________
- Proposed Material: ______________________________
- Additional Info Included: Yes ☐ No ☐
- Specs/Photos Included: Yes ☐ No ☐
- Is this item being repaired? Yes ☐ No ☐
- Is this item being replaced? Yes ☐ No ☐

☐ I seek tax credit pre-approval for this item.

For any proposed door replacement—the spec sheets must show the actual panel and window arrangement of new doors. Photos of existing doors should indicate the location on the house of any door proposed to be replaced.

☐ WINDOWS: Refer to page 38 of the Ellicott City Guidelines and page 26 of the Lawyers Hill Guidelines.

- Existing Material: ______________________________
- Proposed Material: ______________________________
- Existing Color: ______________________________
- Proposed Color: ______________________________
- Existing Sash Arrangement: ______________________________
- Proposed Sash Arrangement: ______________________________
- Additional Info Included: Yes ☐ No ☐
- Specs/Photos Included: Yes ☐ No ☐
- Is this item being repaired? Yes ☐ No ☐
- Is this item being replaced? Yes ☐ No ☐

☐ I seek tax credit pre-approval for this item.

For any proposed window replacement—the spec sheets must show the actual sash arrangement of the new windows. Photos of existing windows should indicate the location on the house of any window proposed to be replaced.

☐ WALLS/SIDING: Refer to pages 25-30 of the Ellicott City Guidelines and pages 21-24 of the Lawyers Hill Guidelines.

- Existing Material: ______________________________
- Proposed Material: ______________________________
- Existing Color: ______________________________
- Proposed Color: ______________________________
- Additional Info Included: Yes ☐ No ☐
- Specs/Photos Included: Yes ☐ No ☐
- Is this item being repaired? Yes ☐ No ☐
- Is this item being replaced? Yes ☐ No ☐

☐ I seek tax credit pre-approval for this item.
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TYPE OF ALTERATION: Please check the appropriate box for the proposed work and fill in required blanks. You may create your own document if it better explains the project, be sure to include details such as materials and colors for all existing/previous existing and proposed features.

☐ PAINTING: Refer to page 50 of the Ellicott City Guidelines and page 31 of the Lawyers Hill Guidelines.

Existing Color: ____________________________  Proposed Color: ____________________________
Paint Chip Included: □ Yes  □ No  Area(s) to be painted: ____________________________
Additional Info Included: □ Yes  □ No
☐ I seek tax credit pre-approval for this item.

☐ ROOF: Refer to page 31 of the Ellicott City Guidelines and page 26 of the Lawyers Hill Guidelines.

Existing Material: ____________________________  Proposed Material: ____________________________
Existing Color: ____________________________  Proposed Color: ____________________________
Additional Info Included: □ Yes  □ No  Specs/Photos Included: □ Yes  □ No
Is this item being repaired? □ Yes  □ No  Is this item being replaced? □ Yes  □ No
☐ I seek tax credit pre-approval for this item.

☐ SHUTTERS: Refer to page 42 of the Ellicott City Guidelines and page 28 of the Lawyers Hill Guidelines.

Existing Type: ____________________________  Proposed Type: ____________________________
Existing Color: ____________________________  Proposed Color: ____________________________
Existing Material: ____________________________  Proposed Material: ____________________________
Additional Info Included: □ Yes  □ No  Specs/Photos Included: □ Yes  □ No
Is this item being repaired? □ Yes  □ No  Is this item being replaced? □ Yes  □ No
☐ I seek tax credit pre-approval for this item.

☐ OTHER (such as lighting, railings, other repairs, tree removal, demolition, etc. Please explain in detail): Refer to applicable Guidelines. For signs please use separate Sign Application. For New Construction use separate New Construction Application. Please attach additional pages as necessary or write up separate document.

Description: ____________________________________________

Specs/Photos Included: □ Yes  □ No  Additional Info Included: □ Yes  □ No
Is this item being repaired? □ Yes  □ No  Is this item being replaced? □ Yes  □ No
☐ I seek tax credit pre-approval for this item.
Part 3: Historic Property Tax Credits

Historic Property Tax Credits 20.112 and 20.113 Eligibility Requirements

Please check the appropriate box:

☐ A structure listed on (or eligible for inclusion in) the Howard County Historic Sites Inventory and is designated by the Commission as historically significant.

☐ An existing principal structure or historic outbuilding located within a local historic district in Howard County, which is determined by the Commission to be of historic or architectural significance, or to be architecturally compatible with the historic structures in the district.

☐ A landscape feature located within a local historic district or listed on the Historic Sites Inventory, which is determined by the Commission to be of historic or architectural significance.

☐ A cemetery, at least 50 years old, not operated as a business, which is listed on the Howard County Cemetery and Gravesites Inventory under Section 16.1303 of the County Code.

Please Note: There is a separate application for final tax credit approval. Copies of cancelled checks, receipts and paid invoices are required for final approval. Invoices should be itemized to separate repairs to the items pre-approved from those that are not eligible for the tax credit.

Part 4: Authorizing Signature to Submit Application:

I hereby certify by the below signatures(s) that the information supplied herewith is correct and complete and authorizes such periodic on-site inspections by the Department of Planning and Zoning and its agents as may be necessary to review this application and any petitions filed in connection herewith and to enforce the Historic District Guidelines and other applicable laws. This right-of-entry shall continue until all administrative appeals pertaining to the property have been exhausted. I have read and understand the above terms regarding the Historic Property Tax Credit Programs.

SIGNATURE(S):

If the Applicant is not the owner of the subject property, the owner’s signature authorizing the proposed work is required.

Applicant or Authorized Agent __________________________ Date ___________ Owner (if different than Applicant) __________________________ Date ___________