



## Client:

The Friends of Hancock's Resolution

Hancock's Resolution is one of the few 'Middling Planter' farmsteads from the 18<sup>th</sup> century still extant in North America that is open to the public. The site includes some twenty-six acres, several historic structures and archeological sites on the Patapsco River not far from Baltimore, MD



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## Project Approach:

A small group of volunteers recently spearheaded the restoration of the farmstead structures. The Maryland Historical Trust recognized their effort with its 2003 Preservation Award. The site has a rich and varied history from 1785 to 1862, and an interpretive focus of depicting regional farming in Anne Arundel County,

Maryland during the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries (1785-1850). In co-operation with ERM's land use planning efforts, we developed a master interpretive plan for this very special historic site with many similar components to our other planning projects, including a community workshop and the formation of a Community Working Group. The planning process included working with multiple stakeholders including a friends group, advisory board, foundations, county government, neighbors and family descendants.

## Project Outcomes:

The final report presented an interpretation plan that outlined key topics and themes into an interpretive framework and proposed the creation of interpretive and operational zones. It also explored the issues associated with implementing the plan and evaluated the resources necessary to support the programming recommended. A series of phases of implementation were structured and a timetable for their completion presented.

The client is pursuing this plan through restructuring of site administration. They are also currently seeking architectural services for develop plans for an orientation facility. This complex and other program support facilities may include an historic or recreated barn.

