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Union Mills Accepts \$96,000 State Preservation Grant

Westminster, MD, Wednesday, July 18, 2018 – Yesterday, the Union Mills Homestead Foundation and Executive Director Jane Sewell accepted a \$96,000 Historic Preservation Capital Grant from the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) for the Shriver Grist Mill flume rehabilitation project. The grist mill is nationally significant as a working Oliver Evans mill. The grist mill was the centerpiece of the crossroads early industrial complex at the site and is representative of mills that spearheaded the industrial revolution.

MHT received more than 70 applications and awarded \$600,000 between seven awardees. A [press release](#) from Governor Larry Hogan's office states that "for the first time in nearly a decade, Governor Hogan restored funding for the Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program, which assists bricks-and-mortar historic preservation projects."

"I am thrilled and extremely grateful to receive this grant from Governor Hogan's Maryland Historical Trust on behalf of the Union Mills Homestead," said Executive Director Jane Sewell, "We receive tremendous support from Carroll County and this project will ensure the long-term preservation of this unique historic resource and will advance the public's understating of Maryland's significant industrial heritage."



Left to Right: Elizabeth Hughes, Director of Maryland Historical Trust; Robert S. McCord, Secretary of Maryland Department of Planning; Jane Sewell, Executive Director, Union Mills Homestead Foundation, Inc.; Wendi Peters, Special Secretary for Smart Growth

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The Union Mills Homestead is owned by Carroll County Government and operated by the Union Mills Homestead Foundation, Inc. under a long-term lease as a museum of early American industry and culture.

The Shriver Grist Mill flume rehabilitation project is part of a larger project involving a multi-phased rehabilitation of all the wooden portion of the mill drivetrain that are in contact with the waters of the millrace. Carroll County made a substantial commitment to the larger rehabilitation project in its capital budget. The flume is the wooden frame that delivers water from the mill race to the mill's waterwheel, which in turn powers the interior workings of the mill. The current flume is reaching the end of its useful life and requires repair work in order to keep the mill operational.

Carroll County is proud of the restoration of the Shriver Grist Mill, which required detailed historic research as to the site's history as well as millwrighting techniques of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. The restoration of the mill's wooden drivetrain in the 1980's was headed by English engineer and millwright Derek Ogden, and is recognized as one of the finest and most accurate restorations of its kind.

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