

# PIKESVILLE ARMORY FOUNDATION

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## Background

Built in 1903 as part of the National Guard's 20th Century reorganization and expansion, the Pikesville Armory is the second oldest armory in Maryland. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985 as a remarkable example of 20th Century landscape and architectural composition. However, this 14-acre asset with scenic grounds and historic structures was declared surplus by the Maryland Military Department in 2015 rendering it both an attractive nuisance and a significant opportunity site for the State, County, and Community.

The Governor's Commission on the Future of the Pikesville Armory was established by executive order in 2017 to (1) consult with stakeholders in the Pikesville community and individuals with relevant expertise concerning the potential future uses of the Armory property; (2) hold publicly announced meetings at such times and such places as it deems necessary; (3) recommend options for the future use of the Armory property.

The Governor's Commission produced the following unanimously approved Vision Statement:

**As an historically significant site and a unique community asset, Pikesville Armory should be held in the public trust\* and utilized for the benefit and use by all segments of Pikesville's diverse community. It is envisioned that the Pikesville Armory will be a multi-use venue for recreation, arts, and other community programming, as well as opportunities for revenue-generating development, interests, activities and programs, thereby becoming a cornerstone for the sustainable economic stabilization and revitalization of Pikesville.**

Governor's Commission Vision Report, May 22, 2019

## The Opportunity

Community stakeholders, elected representatives, institutional partners, and civic leaders including 1,000 Friends of Pikesville, The Greater Pikesville Recreation Council, Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Baltimore, Veterans of the Pikesville Military Reservation, The Pikesville-Owings Mills Chamber of Commerce, The Goldseker Foundation, and others have rallied to support this **once in a generation project**.

In support of the vision, these community stakeholders have formed the Pikesville Armory Foundation, a 501 c (3) nonprofit organization. These partners have raised money, crystalized a shared design, and built a strong coalition of support for the Armory project.

With the State, County, and Pikesville Armory Foundation as partners, the Pikesville Armory redevelopment stands as a significant opportunity to form a catalytic public-private partnership that will:

- Unite a diverse community;
- Build regional partnerships between the State, Baltimore County, and Baltimore City;
- Support equitable economic development;

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- Celebrate and honor military service;
- Advance youth development;
- Establish a destination venue for cultural arts & recreation;
- Create dynamic public open space for people of all ages;
- Activate iconic Maryland architecture; and
- Revitalize a declining commercial corridor.

The public is poised to benefit from the realization of this visible and visionary project, which is scheduled to see major milestones achieved within the next 18 months.

The redevelopment plan is proposed as a 6-phase project, which will eventually include the main Armory building and all portions of the campus. The first 3 phases will include:

- the creation of Armory Park in the front section
- the rehabilitation of the NCO Club to be used by veterans' groups of the Pikesville Military Reservation and as a community gathering space
- the construction of playing fields and walking trails on the rear acreage of the campus.

A detailed plan for the phased redevelopment is available here: [Concept Design and Phasing Slides](#)