

Agenda Item No. 13

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Mr. Michael K. Day  
Chief, Office of Preservation Services  
Maryland Historical Trust  
100 Community Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023

**Re: Phillips Packing Company, Factory F**

Mr. Day:

The Cambridge City Council supports the efforts of the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC) and Cross Street Partners (CSP) to adaptively reuse the historic Phillips Packing Company Building, Factory F as a "Food and Farming Exchange." As the last remaining building from the Phillips Packing Company campus, Factory F is vitally important to the historic and cultural legacy of the City of Cambridge, Dorchester County and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Over the years, we have seen this building fall into a state of complete disrepair, and therefore we are pleased that ESLC and CSP plan to undertake a faithful historic preservation of Factory F. We are also pleased that the development plan will support small businesses and bring jobs and workforce training opportunities to Cambridge.

We are aware that the project team is preparing a Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Competitive Tax Credit Application requesting \$3,000,000 for this property, and we enthusiastically support this application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions at \_\_\_\_\_.

Best regards,