ELKTON COLORED SCHOOL MUSEUM



Elkton Colored School at the corner of Booth and Bethel Streets between 1930 and 1935.

Preserving the Legacy of the Elkton Colored School While Forging a New Prosperous Future

ELKTON COLORED SCHOOL MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

The Elkton Colored School Museum and Cultural Center, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization based in the Town of Elkton, Maryland. The purpose of the Elkton Colored School Museum and Cultural Center is to preserve the legacy of the Elkton Colored School.

During the period between 1864 and 1867, a subscription school was established in Elkton, Cecil County's seat of government, devoted to the education of the African American children. Classes were held in the Providence A.M.E Church, where the seeds for the Elkton Colored School were initially planted. The Elkton Colored School was the first school for African Americans in the Cecil County.

The Elkton Colored School Museum and Cultural Center will be a catalytic center focused on:

- Preserving and interpreting Black heritage;
- Stimulating affordable housing;
- Spurring minority businesses;

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Providing Financial Literacy and



Offering space for community involvement and engagement.

MISSION

Our mission is to preserve the memories, stories and legacies of African American children who attended the school during segregation and to provide educational and informational activities to increase public awareness of contributions to American culture made by persons of African descent.

REBUILDING COMMUNITY

VISION

Our vision is to be a catalyst that provides and connects all persons within the community to services that enable them to become self-sufficient and productive members of society.

RESTORING HISTORY

The purpose of this project is to restore the Elkton Colored School located at 205 Booth Street in the Elkton National Register Historic District. This project will re-establish this historical and culturally significant community landmark by 2026 and in doing so the legacy



of African American education will be honored. This 5-million dollar project has engaged a development team including Dr. Dale Green of Sulton Campbell Britt & Associates. The team has created a restoration concept that seeks to adaptively reuse and restore the Elkton Colored School (originally built in the late 1800s, improved in 1926 by the Rosenwald fund and expanded in 1960s when it became Cecil County Operations & Maintenance Building). The project will fully utilize the 15,000 square feet of developable space.

Programmed spaces include archival, research, exhibit, office, classroom and community spaces. Additionally, the development concept includes improvements to the 2- acre site including landscape, signage, lighting and on-site parking spaces.

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