



Maryland: Finding a Way to Freedom Driving Tour [Program]

**3396 Poplar Neck Road
Preston, Maryland 21655-1309**
1st Congressional District

Finding A Way To Freedom: The Underground Railroad in Dorchester and Caroline Counties in the 1850s, is a 105 mile self-guided driving tour, which takes visitors on a journey through nationally significant stories and landscapes associated with the life of the great Underground Railroad conductor, Harriet Tubman, and places associated with the Underground movement in Dorchester and Caroline counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. *Finding a Way to Freedom* guides people to exhibits, homes and home sites, meeting houses, mills, courthouses, roads, churches, wharves, waterways, fields, forests, and other significant landscapes that relate to and illustrate the real life stories of the region's own specific Underground Railroad, including the people who used it, operated it, and the those who sought to destroy it in the decade leading up to the Civil War. The tour guides visitors through a variety of natural environments that were both barriers and pathways to freedom. Through well documented stories and sites, the *Finding A Way to Freedom* tour helps visitors learn about the URR, Harriet Tubman, resistance to slavery, and African American history in the region, and discover how ordinary people in a southern slaveholding community faced extraordinary challenges to help others secure their freedom.



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\$20,000 NTF Grant—

Preston, Maryland: Dr. Anthony C. Thompson Farm in Poplar Neck, Preston, Maryland (1946-ca. 1858)

- This grant will provide a foot-noted, fully referenced land and cultural history report of the area and a report that carefully analyzes the structures in Poplar Neck that date from the period of Tubman's activities in Poplar Neck. These structures include the surviving portions of Dr. Anthony Thompson's dwelling.
- The researched materials, together with the analysis of the structures will be used for enhancement of the *Finding a Way to Freedom Driving Tour*.

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