



Prince William County Government
Comprehensive Plan Update Workshop



Prince William County Comprehensive Plan: Cultural Resources Chapter

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A Cultural Resource is ...



a tangible entity significant for its cultural association(s) and integrity

(adapted from Cultural Resources Management, Vol. 15, No. 10:1 1992.)



Cultural Resource Categories



- Districts
- Sites
- Buildings
- Structures
- Cultural Landscapes, and
- Objects ..

significant in Prince William County History, American history, architecture, archaeology, and engineering

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Planning Categories



- Archaeological Sites
- Architectural Sites
- Cemeteries
- Districts
- Cultural Landscapes
- Structures
- Museum Objects
- Archival Materials, and
- Ethnographic Resources

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Tangible Elements - Recorded



VDHR/ Federal

- 1,641 architectural
- 1,954 archaeology
- 41 NRHP/VLR properties
- 8 Civil War Battlefields
- 2 National Parks
- JTHG National Historic Area

Prince William

- 57 County Registered Historic Sites
- Historic & Prehistoric Sensitive Areas
- Buckland Historic Overlay District
- Two Historical Areas
 - ◆ Buckland
 - ◆ Bristoe Battlefield
- 431+ Cemeteries



Why are Cultural Resources Important?



- Teach us about our shared past
- Part of live, work and play communities
 - ◆ Preserved history gives a sense of place and community
- Increase quality of life
- Maintain or increase property value
- Employers and employees attracted to areas that have visual appeal, i.e. historic sites & districts, open spaces (landscapes), and planned districts
- Historic sites attract high value visitors
 - ◆ Stay longer and spend more



What Are We Trying To Do



- Identify – Inventory
- Evaluate
- Preserve or
- Document before destruction
- Curate
- Interpret and disseminate



How Do We Do It



■ Comprehensive Plan

- ◆ Rezoning, SUP, CPA reviews for consistency with Comprehensive Plan Goals
- ◆ Conduct PH I, PH II & mitigation, artifact curation, interpretation
- ◆ List resources on, i.e. CRHS
- ◆ Use Guidelines – VDHR, NRHP, SOI

■ Historical Commission

- ◆ Advocacy and education
- ◆ Review land application

■ ARB

- ◆ Historic Overlay District



Preservation Actors



Other Actors



- Prince William County Genealogical Society
- Historic Prince William
- Historic Occoquan
- Prince William Conservation Alliance
- Northern Virginia Conservation
- Civil War Trust
- Bull Run Civil War Roundtable
- Manassas National Battlefield Park
- Prince William Forest Park



Trends



- Proffering archaeological research on open space
- VA Code no offsite proffers
- More public interpretation
- Advanced planning and advocates
- Battlefield/Open Space/Rural Area Preservation



Technical Update Progress



- November 2015 – February 2016
 - ◆ Series of Historical Commission work sessions – experts
 - ◆ Series of ARB work sessions - Experts
- Input from the Historic Preservation Division
- All comments incorporated into draft technical update



Next Steps



- Prepare “Final” Technical Update to Cultural Resources Chapter
- Incorporate Recommendations from
 - ◆ Bristoe Station and Kettle Run Battlefield Preservation Study
 - ◆ Cockpit Pit Point Battlefield Studies
 - ◆ Manassas Battlefields Viewsheds Preservation Plan





THE END

