



# ROUTE 29 SMALL AREA PLAN

# CULTURAL RESOURCES

## Introduction and Background

Cultural resources are those tangible elements of our shared history left behind by previous inhabitants. They are found in individual architectural and archaeological sites, historic districts, cemeteries, battlefields, cultural landscapes, museum objects, and archival materials. The intent of this section is to facilitate the identification, research, preservation or documentation, and interpretation of the history of this small area plan.

The Route 29 plan area has a long history of pre-contact land use and historical land use.

Cultural resources survey and subsequent research is still necessary on undeveloped portions of the small area plan. Efforts to link and interpret cultural resources within the small plan area have not started.

### Goal:

Identify and protect Prince William County's significant historical, archaeological, architectural, and other cultural resources, including those significant to the County's minority communities, for the benefit of all of the County's citizens and visitors.

### Policies and Action Strategies

Policy - Identify, document or preserve, and interpret pre-contact Native American archaeology sites, historic archaeology sites, and African-American sites and history.

- Require, on undeveloped land in the plan area, during the rezoning and special use permit review process, Phase I cultural resource surveys to search for evidence of pre-contact, historic period and African-American sites. Phase II evaluation should strongly be considered on all sites found. Sites recommended as significant should be considered for preservation in-situ or subject to Phase III Data Recovery.
- Preserve human burials in-situ in accord with Section 32-250.110 Preservation of Existing Cemeteries, or, if proposed for exhumation and reburial, secure a burial permit from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. Where cemeteries are located on private land, cultivate partnerships with landowners to conduct research prior to site plan submission.
- Identify funding sources, such as grants (matching or fully funded), to fund archaeological surveys. Cultivate private and public partnerships to conduct archaeological research.
- Continue research on The Settlement, the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and the Shady Inn Dance and if warranted prepare documentation for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Consider graduate internships to complete cultural resource actions strategies in this plan by cultivating partnerships with graduate colleges and universities.
- Partner with the Architectural Review Board, the Historical Commission, the Planning Office and the Historic Preservation Division on internship programs and projects in the small area plan.

Policy - Interpret the small area plan's history to the citizens and visitors.

- Study and research African-American history in the plan area and prepare a history of The Settlement.
- Create a multi-use open space adjacent to the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Uses could include open space park, outdoor community event space, shared parking with Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, etc.
- Continue to conduct research and install historical markers and interpretive kiosks in consultation with the Historical Commission, the Planning Office and the Historic Preservation Division. Where possible collocate interpretive elements with planned open spaces and parks or on private land with willing landowners.
- Where appropriate, developers should install historical markers and interpretive kiosks in consultation with the Historical Commission, the Planning Office and the Historic Preservation Division.
- Include interpretation of the small area plan's history in planned open spaces.
- Prepare and distribute, through various interpretive media, the small area plan's history.
- Where technology reduces cost and increases efficiency, employ technology to bring historical interpretation to the public.
- Require developers to use the plan area's history in placemaking.
- Where appropriate, plan and install interpretive trails in the plan area and connect trails to residential trails and areas outside the plan area.
- Cultivate partnerships for trail easements and connections across private land.

