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PLANNING OFFICE
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

RE: Bethel Methodist Church, Prince William County (DHR No. 76-258)

Dear Mr. James:

Recently the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the Commonwealth's agency responsible for administering historic preservation programs, received information regarding the history and significance of Bethel Methodist Church in Prince William County. This information was submitted by John Miller, trustee and president of Bethel Historical Society, and Evelyn Ognowski, vice-president of the Bethel Historical Society, along with a request that the Department consider whether the property is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register. This informal evaluation is intended to assist property owners and other interested parties in deciding whether to go forward with the formal nomination process. This informal evaluation also allows us to provide you with some substantive information that we hope will be helpful to you in your local planning efforts, regardless of whether a formal nomination is ever prepared.

Enclosed is a map showing the location of the property. The Department welcomes any information you may have, particularly if you are aware of any reasons why the property may not meet the criteria for registration. Information regarding the physical setting and extent of modifications to the property is especially helpful.

The National Register and Virginia Register are lists of individual properties, sites and districts, important for their prehistoric and/or historic associations. Only those properties found to be significant for their associations with events or persons or determined to be good examples of an architectural style or method of construction are eligible for inclusion on the registers. Additionally, properties must meet age and integrity standards.

In the event that the property is ultimately added to the registers, that registration applies no restrictions regarding what the owner may do with his property. Registration makes a property eligible for protection and financial incentives such as easement donations, tax credits for rehabilitation and grant funds, not available to unregistered properties. More importantly, registration is a way of honoring the significance of a historic property and recording its history and appearance by collecting information that becomes a permanent record in the Department's archives.

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Should you have any questions or requests for information describing the effects, benefits and process of registration, please contact me or James Hill, the Department's National Register Coordinator.

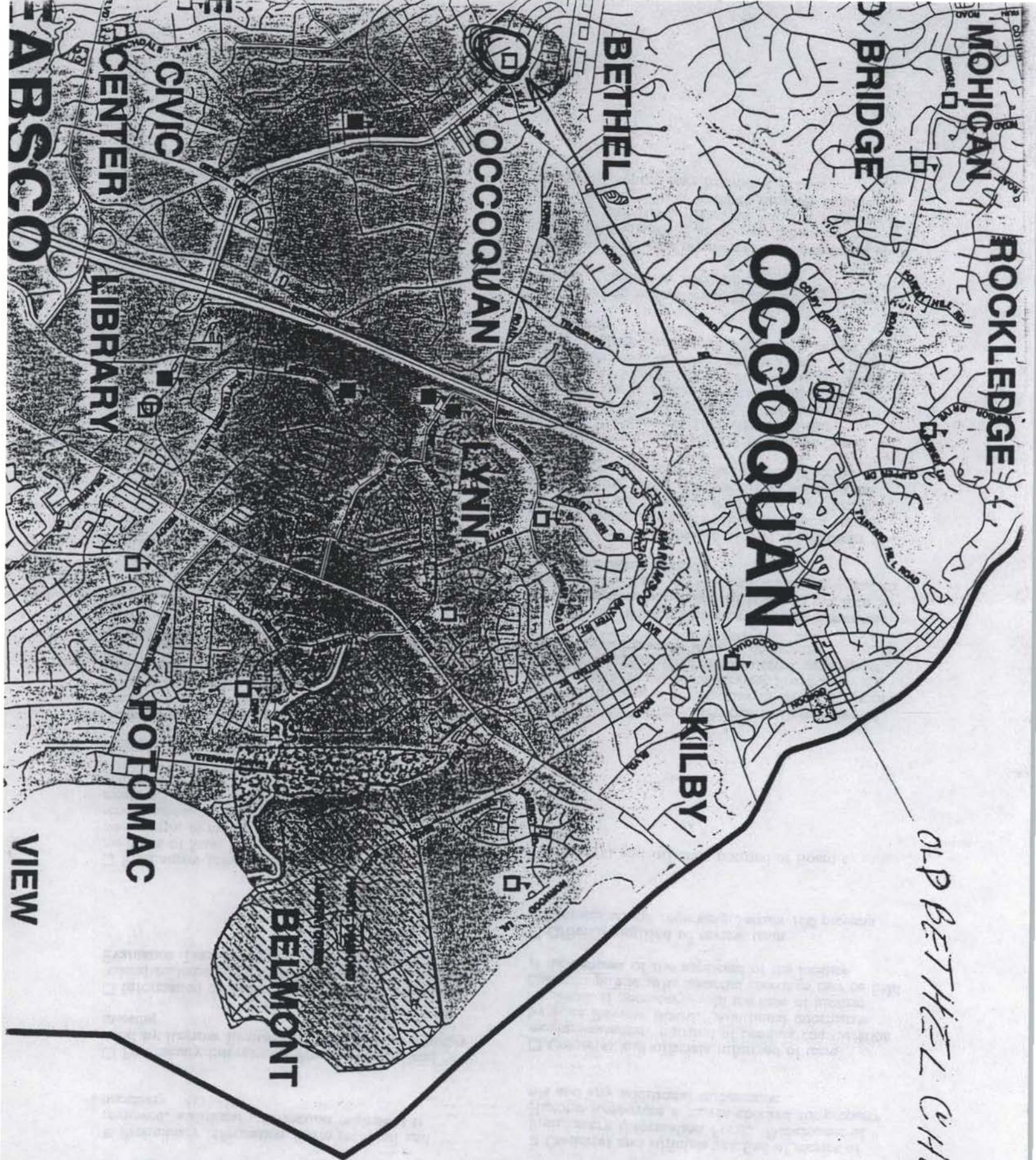
Sincerely,



H. Alexander Wise
Director

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Enclosure (map)



OLD BETHEL CHURCH

MOHICAN

ROCKLEDGE

BRIDGE

BETHEL

OCCOQUAN

OCCOQUAN

LYNN

KILBY

BELMONT

POTOMAC

LIBRARY

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CENTER

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CHECKLIST FOR STATE AND NATIONAL REGISTER PROCESS IN VIRGINIA

(☑ denotes completed step in the process)

Evaluation of Eligibility

☑ Preliminary Information Form received and reviewed, additional information requested if necessary

☐ Preliminary Information Form reviewed and rated by Register Evaluation Team at semi-monthly meeting

☐ Information on properties potentially affected by federal undertakings reviewed and rated by Register Evaluation Team at semi-monthly meeting

☐ Preliminary Information Form mailed to members of State Review Board for review two weeks prior to meeting. Board makes recommendation of eligibility at bi-monthly meeting. Section 106 evaluations are not taken before the board.

Listing on the Registers

If applicant elects to pursue registration, applicant consults with Department staff regarding criteria, areas of significance, period of significance and boundaries.

☐ Department staff reviews nomination drafts upon request and provides technical assistance

☐ Department staff reviews completed nomination

☐ Copies of nomination sent to members of both Boards two weeks prior to meeting

☐ Owner(s), officials, and consultant notified of Boards' decisions

☐ Property is logged in at National Register office

☐ Owner, consultant and local officials notified of Keeper's decision

☑ Owner(s) and officials notified of receipt of Preliminary Information Form. Department of Historic Resources archives checked for property file and any additional information

☐ Owner(s) and officials informed of team recommendation, notified of pending consideration by State Review Board. Additional information requested if necessary. In the case of historic districts, public informational meetings may be held at the request of the applicant or the locality

☐ Officials notified of review team recommendations regarding Section 106 projects

☐ Owner(s) and officials notified of Board's decision

☐ COMPLETE nomination due to Department of Historic Resources by first day of the month prior to the month of the State Review Board and Virginia Board of Historic Resources meetings at which the nomination is to be considered

☐ Owner(s), adjacent property owners, consultant and local officials notified by letter no less than 30 days prior to State Review Board meeting to initiate 30-day comment period

☐ In the case of a historic district, Department of Historic Resources holds a public hearing within the locality not less than thirty days prior to the Board meetings and publishes legal notice in the local paper to initiate 30-day comment period

☐ Nomination presented at State Review Board meeting. If approved, State Review Board recommends that nomination be forwarded to Keeper of the National Register; nominations presented to Virginia Board of Historic Resources if approved without owner objection will be listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register on day of presentation

☐ Nomination is forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register in Washington, D.C.

☐ Following 45 day review period, Department is notified of decision. If approved without owner objection, property is listed on National Register. If owners object, Keeper declares property eligible. Subsequent owners may rescind objection.