



# CITY OF MANASSAS PARK

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Office of:  
Mayor

February 8, 1980

Mr. Tucker Hill, Executive Director  
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission  
221 Governor Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Hill:

The City Council of Manassas Park, meeting in regular session on February 5, 1980, by a unanimous vote, authorized me to relate to you our position regarding the preservation of the Conner House; an historical structure located within our community. It is our contention that the Conner House should be preserved, and restored, for the benefit of present and future generations. It is important to note that this structure is the only historically significant structure in Manassas Park.

The City Council has, over the past several years, appropriated a modest amount of funds for minor improvements to, and upkeep of, this property. I personally stopped the demolition of this building while a member of council in 1976. While we were successful in preventing destruction of this structure then, it is unlikely that similar successes will be forthcoming without the support and assistance of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, and further, the inclusion of this structure on the VHLC register of historic places will provide this body with the necessary encouragement to take whatever action necessary to prevent its demise.

We would like to remind you that the surrounding land uses, both existing and planned, pose an immediate threat to the Conner House. As you may be aware, the property is bounded on two sides by industrially zoned land which is currently being developed and on two sides by school systems properties, which are currently reacting to growth pressures and, therefore, threaten not only the structure but the land itself.

*Frances Embrey is Chairman  
of restoration committee*

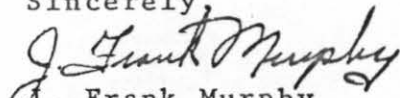
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The City Council and myself do hereby go on record as supporting the designation of the Conner House by VHLC as an historical place in Virginia.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this matter or if I may be of service in any way, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

  
J. Frank Murphy  
Mayor

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cc: Frances Jones, Northern Va. Planning District Commission