



# VLCF

## Historic Area Preservation Category

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## HISTORIC AREA PRESERVATION CATEGORY

# Strong Grant Applications

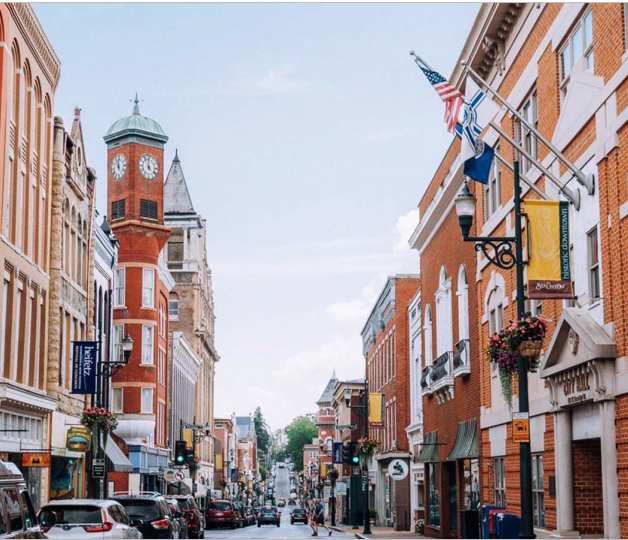
Strong grant applications protect or preserve one or more historic resources that are:

- Listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR); or
- Determined by DHR to be eligible for listing on the VLR within the last five (5) years; or
- Located on a Civil War, American Revolutionary War, or War of 1812 battlefield

### AND

- Retain a high degree of historic integrity; and
- Relate to Virginia's culturally diverse history; and/or
- Have special significance related to a community's history; and
- Included in the Conserve Virginia Cultural and Historic Preservation Layer





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# Criterion #1: Historic Significance

The Resource or Property is listed or eligible for listing on the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR):

- The Property is individually listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR) (25 points);  
or
- The Property is a contributing resource to an historic district listed on the VLR (25 points);  
or
- The Property has been determined eligible for listing on the VLR by DHR staff within the past five years (20 points).

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# Criterion #1: Historic Significance

The Property is a Civil War, Revolutionary War, or War of 1812 Battlefield (25 points).

### Evaluation of Battlefields:

The battlefield must be identified with a priority rating in one of the following reports administered by the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program:

- *Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields* (1993, as amended)
- *Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States* (2007, as amended)







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# Criterion #1: Historic Significance

The Property retains a high degree of historic integrity (5 points).

### Historic Integrity:

The ability of a property to convey its historic significance through attributes such as location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

Maximum Score for Criterion #1,  
Historic Significance is 30 points.



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# Criterion #2: Underrepresented Communities and Resources

(Maximum Score 10 points)

The Property contains documented resources representing Virginia's culturally diverse history, such as places associated with:

- People of Color (ca. 1619 to Civil War)
- Reconstruction Era (1861 to 1898)
- Civil Rights Movement
- African-American
- LGBTQ
- Asian American
- Latino
- Hispanic
- Native American
- Women's History

(5 points)

### AND/OR

The Property has special community significance related to its history, as explained in the application.  
(5 points)



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# Criterion #3: Threat

(Maximum Score 10 points)

- The Property is currently or recently on the market for sale, in an estate being settled, threatened by development OR in imminent danger of demolition (10 points)
- Recently on the market for sale, vacant/unoccupied OR significantly deteriorated and in need of immediate preservation (5 points)
- If no documentation of threat is submitted with the application, the applicant will receive zero points.



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## Criterion #4: Use and Treatment of Historic Resources and Property

(Maximum Score 10 points)

Plans for future use(s) of the property are appropriate and consistent with historic resource stewardship and protection (5 points).

Plans for treatment, alteration, and maintenance of historic resources on the property are appropriate and consistent with historic resource stewardship and protection (5 points).

No documentation of plans for uses of property or treatment of historic resources (0 points).

Please Note:

- Any related reports and plans for the property may be submitted with the application.
- All proposals and/or project plans must be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties





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# Criterion #5: Historic Resource Protection

(Maximum Score 10 points)

The proposed easement terms and restrictions provide comprehensive protection for historic resources AND are *specifically* consistent with the DHR's easement template (10 points)

OR

Proposed easement terms and protections for historic resources are acceptable AND are generally consistent with DHR's easement template (5 points).

Please note:

- All applicants must attach a list or a summary of proposed restrictions to be included with the easement.
- DHR encourages applicants to obtain a copy of DHR's easement template before applying for the VLCF grant.

### BATTLEFIELD EASEMENT TEMPLATE--NONPROFIT

*This sample deed is provided to assist landowners and their attorneys in preparing deeds of easement to be conveyed to the Virginia Board of Historic Resources (VBHR). As each property contains unique Preservation and Conservation Values, the easement language will be tailored to each individual property and the resources to be protected. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) staff may recommend additional provisions appropriate to the individual property and its resources. Landowners should discuss present and future land management practices with staff before preparation of the deed of easement.*

*Many federal and/or state grant funds have been or will be awarded or transferred to the Grantor for the full or partial purchase of the property in fee simple or of this easement, additional restrictions and legal obligations may apply. Please contact the relevant federal and/or state agency responsible for the applicable grant fund for more information.*

*Neither the VBHR nor the VDHR can provide legal or tax advice; grantors are strongly advised to obtain the counsel of independent attorneys and/or tax advisors. This template is designed for nonprofit grantors and does not meet federal or state requirements for a federal deduction or state tax credits as a charitable contribution of an interest in real property.*

*Regardless of the nature of the transaction, this deed of easement is perpetual and runs with the land in perpetuity.  
[September 20, 2018; revised February 8, 2019]*

**NOTE TO TITLE EXAMINERS:** This perpetual easement contains restrictions on permitted uses and activities on the property described below, which run with the land and are applicable to the property in perpetuity.

#### PREPARED BY:

[If prepared by other than VDHR, provide name, organization, address]

[If by an attorney, Name and VSB No.]

Prepared under the supervision of  
The Office of the Attorney General of Virginia

When recorded, please return to:  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources  
2801 Kensington Avenue  
Richmond, VA 23221

Title Insurance: [Name of insurer or None]

[As applicable] Tax Map/GPIN/Parcel Number:

Exempted from recordation taxes  
under the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended,  
§§ 58.1-811(A)(3) and 58.1-811(D)  
and from Circuit Court Clerk's Fees under § 17.1-266

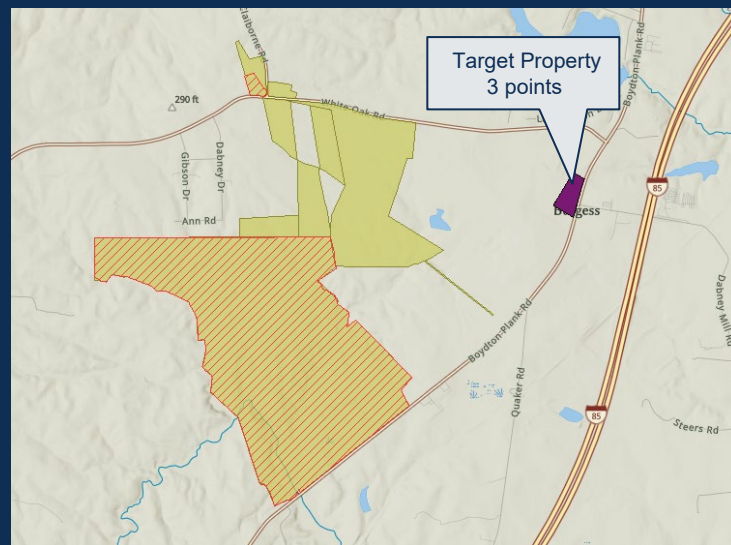
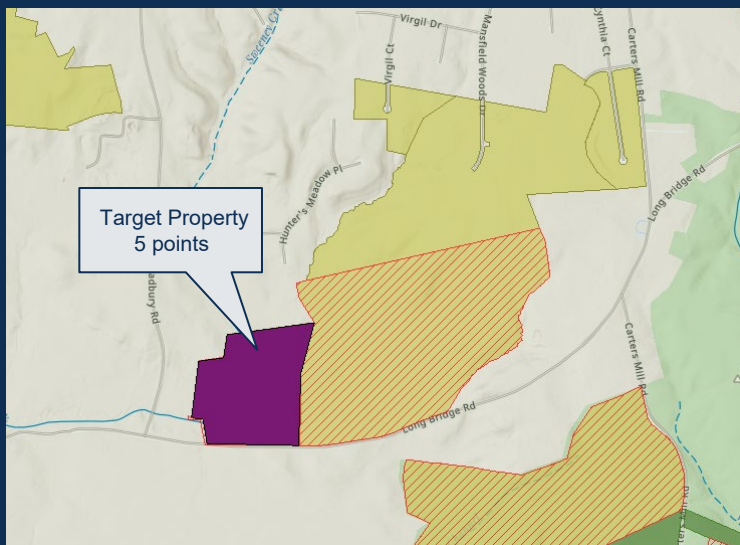
### DEED OF GIFT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND OPEN-SPACE EASEMENT

[PROPERTY NAME]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Battlefield  
\_\_\_\_\_  
County

VDHR EASEMENT FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ep

THIS DEED OF GIFT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND OPEN-SPACE EASEMENT ("Deed of Easement") is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 202\_, by [Grantor name/title], [if nonperson, describe legal status (corporation, nonprofit, etc.)] ("Grantor"), and the COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, BOARD OF HISTORIC RESOURCES ("Grantee") (the



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# Criterion #6: Adjacency to Conserved Lands

(Maximum Score 5 points)

- Adjacent to existing conserved land (5 points)
- In viewshed or in close physical proximity to, significant historic resources and/or existing conserved lands (3 points)
- Not in viewshed of, or in close proximity to, significant historic resources and/or existing conserved land, but represents a unique cultural resource with a geographical area (1 point)





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# Criterion #7: Furthers Public Interests

(Maximum Score 5 points)



The project includes *specific* plans for programs that promote research (5 points)

The project includes *general* plans for programs to be developed that would promote research, education, community outreach or heritage tourism (3 points)

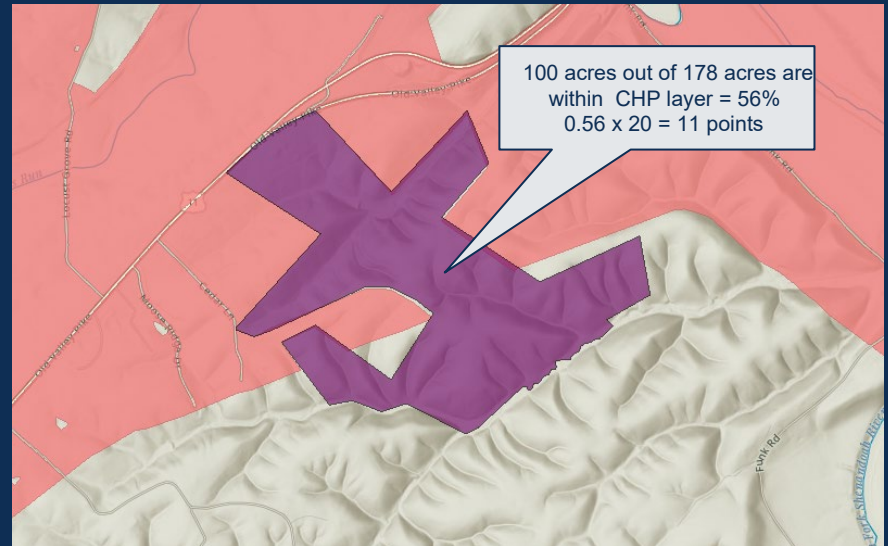
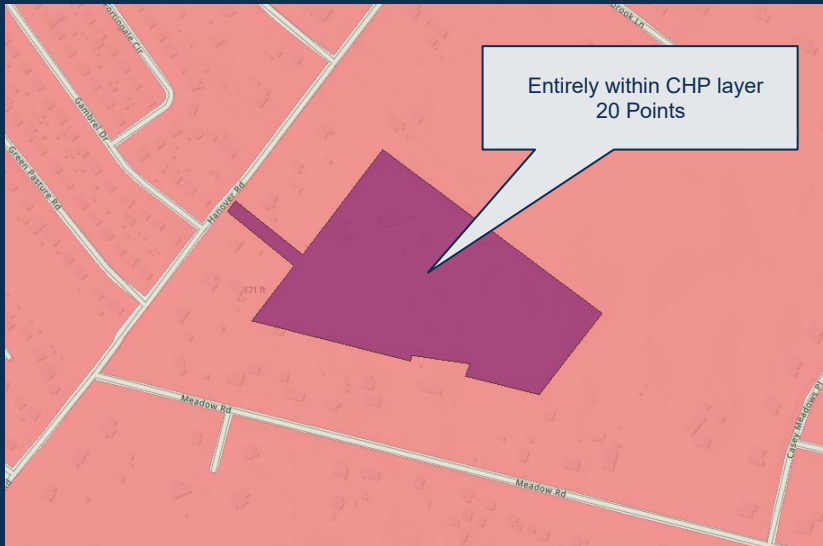
The project contains no plans that further public interest (0 points)



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# Criterion #8: ConserveVirginia (Maximum Score 20 points)

- Project lies entirely or partially within the Cultural and Historic Preservation layer of ConserveVirginia
- To calculate points, multiply the percent of the property within the Cultural and Historic Preservation layer by 20.





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# VLCF Grant Requirements for the Historic Area Preservation Category

- Property owners must offer to convey a perpetual historic preservation and open space easement on the property to the Virginia Board of Historic Resources (VBHR).
  - A separate DHR Easement Application is required but may be submitted after the VLCF grant awards are announced.
  - DHR's Easement Application requires a number of supporting documents including;
    - ✓ Title search to 1940
    - ✓ Title Insurance Policy for VBHR's easement interest
    - ✓ Recent (within 1 year) boundary survey
    - ✓ These expenses may be included in your VLCF grant budget.
- The VBHR will determine whether to accept the easement offer based on established criteria and policies governing DHR's Easement Program.
- Easement properties are required to be open for public access a minimum of two (2) days per year.



# Thank You.

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## RESOURCES

Virginia Department of Historic Resources:  
[www.dhr.virginia.gov](http://www.dhr.virginia.gov)

VLR Listings:  
[www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers](http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers)

DHR Easement Program Information:  
[www.dhr.virginia.gov/programs/easements](http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/programs/easements)

