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Re: Introductions and a chat?

1 message

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Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 10:38 AM

To: Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com>

Cc: "Smith, Jolene" <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov>, "Wilson, Joanna (DHR)" <joanna.green@dhr.virginia.gov>, Brian Palmer <bxpnyrc@earthlink.net>

Yikes - sorry to hear it! We can absolutely reschedule for what I hope will be a less hectic day. The 29th sounds fine to me.

Joanna

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On Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 10:34 AM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

I'm so sorry — now it's our turn to ask to postpone our meeting. We are faced with a few unexpected deadlines and are feeling stressed out and jammed up — not great company. Next week is kind of a nightmare. Could we do our coffee date on Friday, March 29? Same time, same place?

Apologies!

Erin

On Fri, Mar 8, 2019 at 9:52 AM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thanks for being so flexible, everyone! Hopefully I'll have some interesting information from today's site visit to pass along -- see you next Friday.

Joanna

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On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 9:06 AM Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

That works for me!

Jolene

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On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 8:44 AM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Oh, please go ahead and meet with them! What if we meet next Friday, 3/15, instead? We could do the same time.

On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 8:17 AM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hi folks -

In an interesting coincidence I've been given an opportunity to meet with the facilities manager and superintendent of Central State about their cemetery, but it looks like the only availability in the next several weeks is (of course) when we'd planned to get together on Friday. I do have a prior commitment to all of you, and if you'd like to meet on Friday as planned I will reschedule with the folks at CSH. If you are willing to reschedule our coffee date, please let me know when it would work for you and I'll put it on the calendar in permanent ink. :)

I do appreciate everyone's patience here! So much going on and so few days in the week.

Thanks!

Joanna

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:30 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Great — looking forward to it!

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:28 PM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Yep - 1:30 a week from Friday!

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:26 PM Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Both are fine for me. So 3/8 it is unless Joanna is tied up.

Jolene

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:25 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:
Sounds good. Just making sure we mean next week (3/8). I'll be out of town this Friday.

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:22 PM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhv.virginia.gov> wrote:
1:30? That might help to keep me awake long enough to get through the rest of the day 😊

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:05 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:
Midafternoon coffee would be great. Name the time and we'll be there. Looking forward to it!

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:04 PM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhv.virginia.gov> wrote:
Friday works for me - lunch? Midafternoon coffee?

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:56 PM Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhv.virginia.gov> wrote:
Fabulous! Thursday is wide open for me, as is Friday after 11:30.

Jolene

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:51 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:
We can't believe we haven't met either! Coffee at the VMFA would be great. How about Thursday or Friday next week? -Erin

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:50 PM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thanks to Jolene for making the electronic introductions! I'd love to get together for coffee -- looking forward to it.

Joanna

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:20 PM Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hello Erin and Brian,

Meet (virtually) Joanna Wilson Green, copied here. Joanna is our Easement and Stewardship Archaeologist, mortuary archaeologist, and all around cemetery expert here at DHR (and I had completely assumed you'd already met her in the past). Joanna is gathering information that she might have on Central State in response to your message, Erin. We're wondering if one or both of you might like to grab a coffee at VMFA to meet in real life sometime soon? Related to East End, Joanna is interested in your work (and the FOEE). We've also been talking about a more formal project to document state institutional cemeteries, and it seems like the stars are beginning to align. Do you have any availability coming up?

Jolene

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From: [David Mack](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: BuzzFeed Fact Checking
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2016 10:26:34 AM
Attachments: [unnamed-2.png](#)

Hi Stephanie,

I'm an editor at BuzzFeed News in NY.

I'm currently fact checking a piece from a contributor, Brian Palmer, about Virginia's recent decision to grant money to the clean up of East End Cemetery.

I understand he was in touch with you.

I'm wondering if you can confirm two things for me:

- He submitted a FOIA request which revealed the following: Between 7/1/07 and 6/30/16, Virginia paid a total of \$728,325.00 to the United Daughters of the Confederacy and \$28,500 to the Sons of Confederate Veterans to fulfill their [state-sanctioned](#) role to care for Confederate graves and cemeteries.
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Best,

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: ["Brian Palmer"](#)
Subject: cemetery fund documentation
Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 12:55:58 PM

Brian,

Good to talk with you today. Below are the two documents required to apply for funds appropriated for the care and maintenance of cemeteries and graves:

- A. IRS letter verifying the applicant's 501(c)(3) status
- B. Documentation that the applicant is currently registered with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs pursuant to Virginia's Charitable Solicitation of Contributions Law, Sections 57-48 through 57-69 of the Code of Virginia.

Again, I will keep you informed as to the process we will undergo to determine the allocation of the funds in the instances where more than one applicant has applied for the same funding. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks so much,
Stephanie

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From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Comparable figures for slavery sites
Date: Monday, May 9, 2016 3:23:21 PM

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Thank you again.

Brian

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From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
Cc: [Friends of East End](#)
Subject: Correction
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 2:39:35 PM

Please disregard the earlier email related to this. The correction is in bold.

Good afternoon, Ms. Williams.

I have another request.

This is a request under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

I request the following:

—All public records, including correspondence, relating to an upcoming conference, referred to as the African American Cemeteries symposium for Saturday, October 19, 2019. Sponsors are listed as your agency, Enrichmond, **the Virginia Outdoors Foundation**, the AACR Task Force, and Delegate McQuinn. I understand that Preservation Virginia is the organizer of this event.

Please advise me of any costs associated with compliance with this request before those costs are incurred. This request is not being made for commercial purposes. The requested documents will be made available to the general public as a matter of public interest.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Palmer

From: [Wagner, Marc \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Green, Joanna \(DHR\)](#); [Smith, Jolene \(DHR\)](#); [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Draft PIF-Evergreen Cemetery.docx
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:55:26 PM
Attachments: [PIF-Evergreen Cemetery.docx](#)

Hi All:

This is the draft...my role on this is mostly compiler and Joanna and Jolene have given me leads and educated me on some of what I was seeing at the site visit. I am still cleaning up the language.

The historical narrative is 90% Eric Huffstutler, who gave me permission to use some of his two part article in the Church Hill Assoc. Community Newsletter. I have taken out some of the sharper editorializing, but there are some strong statements about the recent operations. I can cut some of that out in a final draft. I left out a paragraph about the defiling of burials.

I am working on picking the best of my 60-70 photos.

Marc

From: [Wagner, Marc \(DHR\)](#)
To: [John Sydnor](#)
Cc: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Draft PIF-Presentation Today
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 7:05:11 AM
Attachments: [PIF-Evergreen Cemetery.docx](#)

Hi John: This is my 80% draft of the PIF that I am presenting to our in-house Register Evaluation Committee this morning. I am still adding in some more sections before I take it to our Board later in September. I will give you more information about the Board meeting (which will be at the Science Museum on September 21st). Sincerely, Marc

From: John Sydnor [mailto:jsydnor@enrichmond.org]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 7:38 AM
To: Wagner, Marc (DHR)
Cc: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: Re: Approval

Thank you both very much. ~John

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On Aug 24, 2017, at 2:54 PM, Wagner, Marc (DHR)
<Marc.Wagner@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hi John: I have your email and I have started work on the form. Marc

-----Original Message-----

From: John Sydnor [mailto:jsydnor@enrichmond.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Wagner, Marc (DHR)
Cc: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: Approval

Stephanie and Marc- What a great meeting today!

I would like to offer our approval to initiate partnering with DHR in establishing Evergreen within the Federal Historic Sites designation.

(If I have that terminology wrong I'll resend)

John

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Leake, Lauren](#)
To: [DHR - ALL EMPLOYEES \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Exhibit at 1708 Gallery: The Afterlife of Jim Crow
Date: Thursday, February 14, 2019 9:50:53 AM

Greetings all,

I know many here at DHR are familiar with the East End Cemetery. There is a new exhibit opening at 1708 gallery that focuses on the cemetery and history. The opening reception is tomorrow from 6-8 and the show will be up until March 23rd. See the quote below and the website for more information.

The Afterlife of Jim Crow is a multifaceted exhibition of photography, historical research, and volunteer programming and explores the restoration of East End Cemetery through the journalism, activism, and artistic perspective of Brian Palmer and Erin Hollaway Palmer.

<https://www.1708gallery.org/exhibitions/exhibition-detail.php?id=99>

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From: [Langan, Julie](#)
To: [Stephanie Williams](#)
Subject: FOIA
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 12:02:29 PM

I added my email to the Brian Palmer file. I did not have many. Much of my communication with Brian was by phone.

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From: [Friends of East End](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Cc: [John Shuck](#); [Erin Hollaway Palmer](#); [Melissa Pocock](#); [Justin Curtis](#); [Bruce Tarr](#); [Mark Schmieder](#); [Brian Palmer](#)
Subject: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 12:16:24 PM
Attachments: [FOEE Tax Exemption 20170519.pdf](#)
[VDACS-OCA Notice.pdf](#)

Good afternoon, Ms. Williams.

Attached please find a letter from the US Internal Revenue Service certifying the 501 (c)(3) status of the Friends of East End Cemetery, Inc. Also attached is a letter from VDACS certifying that our application for nonprofit registration has been received. We will send you the actual registration letter upon receipt in order to complete our application for funding under HB 1547 for our restoration work at East End Cemetery, Henrico County.

If you have questions, please contact me at this email address or by phone at [646-573-4550](tel:646-573-4550).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Erin Hollaway Palmer



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The Friends of East End Cemetery, Inc., is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Green, Joanna \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: BuzzFeed Fact Checking
Date: Thursday, July 7, 2016 5:09:39 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Joanna,

Do you know what this reporter below is referencing with the "African burial ground"? Do you have any info to offer?

Thanks!

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From: David Mack [mailto:david.mack@buzzfeed.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 10:40 AM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: Re: BuzzFeed Fact Checking

Two additional things I forgot:

- Apart from the \$5,000 spent repairing the damage done by the television show, Virginia has allotted no money to the restoration of slave sites.

- In 2011, Virginia turned over a parking lot to the City of Richmond, beneath which lay the "African Burial Ground" dating from the mid-18th century. (Was this the name of the cemetery?)

Thanks!

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Barber, Mike \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: Comparable figures for slavery sites
Date: Friday, May 13, 2016 9:35:21 AM

Mike, please see Patrice's question below and let me know your thoughts. Thanks!

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From: Elliott, Patrice (DHR)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 4:48 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: RE: Comparable figures for slavery sites

You're very welcome Stephanie!

*Thanks,
Patrice*



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From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 4:35 PM
To: Elliott, Patrice (DHR)
Subject: RE: Comparable figures for slavery sites

Thanks Patrice. I'll forward your message to Mike.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: RE: Comparable figures for slavery sites
From: "Elliott, Patrice (DHR)" <Patrice.Elliott@dhr.virginia.gov>
Date: May 12, 2016, 3:55 PM
To: "Williams, Stephanie (DHR)" <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>
Hi Stephanie,

Below is what we pulled from the PO log. We have not paid anything to Hurt and Profitt yet; however, a PO was issued to them for Threatened Site in October 2015 (last year). In speaking to Tyler, he thinks that project is just wrapping up though. Do we need to follow-up with Mike or the vendor to obtain an invoice? Please let me know if you need any additional information.

PCO1777361	10/23/2015	\$ 4,999.00	PR6761704	2016	HURT & PROFFITT, INC.
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Thanks,
Patrice



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From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 8:51 AM
To: Elliott, Patrice (DHR)
Subject: FW: Comparable figures for slavery sites

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From: Barber, Mike (DHR)
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 6:10 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: RE: Comparable figures for slavery sites

Stephanie,

For 2015-2016 fiscal year, DHR Threatened Sites funded one slave relate project, the recovery of data from the Hairston Plantation in Pittsylvania County. Discovery TV had come in to film a show "Confederate Gold" and partially destroyed a well and a slaves' quarters storage pit. DHR funded a \$4,999 project for Hurt and Proffitt, Inc. to salvage the remnants of the pit.

The only other project was related to Jordan's Journey, Prince George County, in 1989-1993, where several African-Americans were recovered. In the timeframe of occupation (first half 17th c), they were not technically slaves. The amount of the project is unknown.

Going through the TS projects from 1985 to present, they are the only slave related projects with which I am familiar.

MBB

From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 10:39 AM
To: Barber, Mike (DHR)
Subject: FW: Comparable figures for slavery sites

Mike,
Thanks for calling me this morning! The request for information is below.

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Jones, Randy \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: Comparable figures for slavery sites
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016 8:57:18 AM

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Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 10:39 AM
To: Barber, Mike (DHR)
Subject: FW: Comparable figures for slavery sites

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Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 3:23 PM

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Langan, Julie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: Comparable figures for slavery sites
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 5:09:23 PM

Have there ever been any funds that you know of?

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Slusser, Catherine \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: Comparable figures for slavery sites
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 10:07:43 AM

Hi Catherine!

Have you ever known the GA to allocate monies to the types of things described below?

Thanks!

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Elliott, Patrice \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: Comparable figures for slavery sites
Date: Friday, May 13, 2016 3:27:26 PM

Fyi.

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From: Barber, Mike (DHR)
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 3:26 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: RE: Comparable figures for slavery sites

Stephanie,

Patrice is correct. The report is promised June 1, 2016. It was to be submitted earlier but H&P continued with some pro bono work which they wanted to include in the final report. They will receive payment once the report is submitted, reviewed, and approved. H&P is a very solid firm so I do not anticipate any problems.

MBB

From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 9:35 AM
To: Barber, Mike (DHR)
Subject: FW: Comparable figures for slavery sites

Mike, please see Patrice's question below and let me know your thoughts. Thanks!

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From: Elliott, Patrice (DHR)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 4:48 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: RE: Comparable figures for slavery sites

You're very welcome Stephanie!

*Thanks,
Patrice*



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From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 4:35 PM
To: Elliott, Patrice (DHR)
Subject: RE: Comparable figures for slavery sites

Thanks Patrice. I'll forward your message to Mike.

----- Original Message -----
Subject: RE: Comparable figures for slavery sites
From: "Elliott, Patrice (DHR)" <Patrice.Elliott@dhr.virginia.gov>
Date: May 12, 2016, 3:55 PM
To: "Williams, Stephanie (DHR)" <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>
Hi Stephanie,

Below is what we pulled from the PO log. We have not paid anything to Hurt and Proffitt yet; however, a PO was issued to them for Threatened Site in October 2015 (last year). In speaking to Tyler, he thinks that project is just wrapping up though. Do we need to follow-up with Mike or the vendor to obtain an invoice? Please let me know if you need any additional information.

PCO1777361	10/23/2015	\$ 4,999.00	PR6761704	2016	HURT & PROFFITT, INC.
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*Thanks,
Patrice*



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Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 8:51 AM
To: Elliott, Patrice (DHR)
Subject: FW: Comparable figures for slavery sites

Good morning, Patrice,
Would you please confirm the dollar amount Mike states in the email below paid to Hurt and Profitt, Inc.? This is a FOIA request.
Thank you,

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Jones, Randy \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: FOIA
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 3:10:29 PM

Hey Randy, here is the FOIA request. Standard. I just sent him a spreadsheet listing all monies disbursed to the UDC and the Confederate Sons.

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From: Hubbard, Quatro (DHR)
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 10:38 AM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Cc: Pullen, Jennifer (DHR); Hare, Jim (DHR)
Subject: RE: FOIA

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Thanks!

Quatro

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From: Brian Palmer [<mailto:bxpnyc@earthlink.net>]
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To: Hubbard, Quatro (DHR)

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Blakely, Bobbie \(DHR\)](#); [Edwards, David \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: FOIA
Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 9:57:00 AM

Bobbie/David,
We need to pull together this information by COB tomorrow.
Thanks!

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To: Pullen, Jennifer (DHR); Hubbard, Quatro (DHR)
Cc: Hare, Jim (DHR); Blakely, Bobbie (DHR); Edwards, David (DHR)
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Yes, Bobbie, would you be able to help pull this information together? I
will reply to acknowledge receipt of this request. I will need to reply by
COB Thursday, May 5th. Thanks, everyone.

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Cc: Hare, Jim (DHR)
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The only info we would have is the monies allocated to the upkeep of Confederate graves--David Edwards would have that.

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To: [Jones, Randy \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: FOIA
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016 8:56:49 AM

Did I let you know about this one? He also has a followup FOIA which I'll forward to you.

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From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2016 4:28 PM
To: 'Brian Palmer'
Subject: RE: FOIA

The UDC is the only organization that I see listed. If you are referring to all of the organizations listed by county, the UDC disburses funds to them directly. DHR is the only organization under this Code section that receives and disburses funds. Does this answer your question?

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Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2016 2:28 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: Re: FOIA

Hello again, Ms. Williams.

The "Virginia Acts of Assembly — 2016 Session, Chapter 43, § 10.1-2211.... Disbursement of funds appropriated for caring for Confederate cemeteries and graves" lists many more groups that receive public funding.

If this funding comes from DHR, I would like those public records. If it does not, I would appreciate it if you would direct me to the relevant authority.

Thank you.

Brian

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On May 4, 2016, at 3:09 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: ["Shankles, Catherine A."](#)
Subject: FW: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 5:12:23 PM
Attachments: [FOEE Tax Exemption 20170519.pdf](#)
[VDACS-OCA Notice.pdf](#)

Catherine,
The referenced documents.
Thanks!
Stephanie

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From: Friends of East End [<mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Cc: John Shuck; Erin Hollaway Palmer; Melissa Pocock; Justin Curtis; Bruce Tarr; Mark Schmieder; Brian Palmer
Subject: Friends of East End Cemetery

Good afternoon, Ms. Williams.

Attached please find a letter from the US Internal Revenue Service certifying the 501 (c)(3) status of the Friends of East End Cemetery, Inc. Also attached is a letter from VDACS certifying that our application for nonprofit registration has been received. We will send you the actual registration letter upon receipt in order to complete our application for funding under HB 1547 for our restoration work at East End Cemetery, Henrico County.

If you have questions, please contact me at this email address or by phone at [646-573-4550](tel:646-573-4550).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Erin Hollaway Palmer



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The Friends of East End Cemetery, Inc., is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 4:42:35 PM

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From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:58 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Cc: John Shuck; Justin Curtis; Melissa Pocock; Brian Palmer; Mark Schmieder; Bruce Tarr; Erin Hollaway Palmer
Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery

Dear Ms. Williams:

Thank you for your reply to our application for HB 1547 funding to support our preservation efforts at East End Cemetery.

As you may be aware, the Friends of East End have been working with community support since June 2013 to reclaim and preserve the 16-acre cemetery. According to Henrico County property records, the grounds were last owned by the East End Burial Association, a nonprofit organization reincorporated in 1970 after its predecessor (of the same name, incorporated in 1897) became legally defunct in 1959.

According to the State Corporation Commission, the later incarnation of the East End Burial Association became legally defunct in 1987.
The property itself has been abandoned for roughly 30 years since the association ceased

operations.

As part of our research efforts, the Friends of East End located and contacted the last surviving member of the East End Burial Association, Earl Gray, in early 2015 to confirm the legal status of the cemetery and to request access to burial records. Mr. Gray told us that the cemetery had gone into default. He was equivocal about burial records, telling our representative that he might have them, but never providing anything. (Relatives of the deceased also made inquiries and received similar replies.) Mr. Gray verbally granted permission to volunteers to continue restoration and preservation efforts. Mr. Gray passed away earlier this year without providing any further information about the former burial association that we know of.

It is the understanding of the Friends of East End that the cemetery currently has no legal owner. We would maintain that the status of the property as an abandoned asset last held by a qualified (but now defunct) charitable organization and our group's status as a 501(c)(3) dedicated to the preservation of this particular cemetery meets the requirements established in the legislation to qualify for funding.

We welcome further information from your department on how to proceed and will gladly provide any additional documentation needed to facilitate our request.

Regards,

Erin Hollaway Palmer
Friends of East End Cemetery

On Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 3:28 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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> Thank you very much for your email and the documentation. Would you be able to provide a proof of ownership of the property or written permission from the property owner to access the property and perform the approved scope of work? If not, please give me a call to discuss possible next steps.

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> Thanks again,

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> Stephanie

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> Stephanie B. Williams

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> Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 12:16 PM
> To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
> Cc: John Shuck; Erin Hollaway Palmer; Melissa Pocock; Justin Curtis; Bruce Tarr; Mark Schmieder; Brian Palmer
> Subject: Friends of East End Cemetery
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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Edwards, David \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 12:55:31 PM

David,

Based on the information below, we need to discuss moving forward with dispersing the appropriated funds for East End Cemetery to the Friends of East End Cemetery. They have provided documentation showing their 501c3 status and that they have registered with vdacs. The email below explains that the cemetery currently has no owner, which coincide with what John Sydnor has said about EnRichmond working through the court system to acquire it. My only last thought is that we need to do our due diligence to determine for ourselves the current status of the cemetery and perhaps where it is in the court system. Not sure how to go about doing that. Thoughts?

I looked through the manual that you drafted and saw that you've drafted an application. If we agree to move forward with the funds, we also then need to agree on the draft of the application as well since technically we would need this friends group to complete it.

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From: Friends of East End [<mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:58 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Cc: John Shuck; Justin Curtis; Melissa Pocock; Brian Palmer; Mark Schmieder; Bruce Tarr; Erin Hollaway Palmer
Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery

Dear Ms. Williams:

Thank you for your reply to our application for HB 1547 funding to support our preservation efforts at East End Cemetery.

As you may be aware, the Friends of East End have been working with community support since June 2013 to reclaim and preserve the 16-acre cemetery. According to Henrico County property records, the grounds were last owned by the East End Burial Association, a nonprofit organization reincorporated in 1970 after its predecessor (of the same name, incorporated in 1897) became legally defunct in 1959.

According to the State Corporation Commission, the later incarnation of the East End Burial Association became legally defunct in 1987.

The property itself has been abandoned for roughly 30 years since the association ceased operations.

As part of our research efforts, the Friends of East End located and contacted the last surviving member of the East End Burial Association, Earl Gray, in early 2015 to confirm the legal status of the cemetery and to request access to burial records. Mr. Gray told us that the cemetery had gone into default. He was equivocal about burial records, telling our representative that he might have them, but never providing anything. (Relatives of the deceased also made inquiries and received similar replies.) Mr. Gray verbally granted permission to volunteers to continue restoration and preservation efforts. Mr. Gray passed away earlier this year without providing any further information about the former burial association that we know of.

It is the understanding of the Friends of East End that the cemetery currently has no legal owner. We would maintain that the status of the property as an abandoned asset last held by a qualified (but now defunct) charitable organization and our group's status as a 501(c)(3) dedicated to the preservation of this particular cemetery meets the requirements established in the legislation to qualify for funding.

We welcome further information from your department on how to proceed and will gladly provide any additional documentation needed to facilitate our request.

Regards,

Erin Hollaway Palmer
Friends of East End Cemetery

On Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 3:28 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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> Thank you very much for your email and the documentation. Would you be able to provide a proof of ownership of the property or written permission from the property owner to access the property and perform the approved scope of work? If not, please give me a call to discuss possible next steps.

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> Thanks again,

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> Stephanie

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Edwards, David \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 11:03:26 AM
Attachments: [FOEE Tax Exemption 20170519.pdf](#)
[VDACS-OCA Notice.pdf](#)

Good morning, David,

Would we consider this notice letter from VDACS as appropriate documentation or would you advise waiting until the actual registration was complete and the organization was listed on VDACS website?

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From: [Crosby, Bill \(DHR\)](#)
To: [DHR - ALL EMPLOYEES \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: NYTimes.com: For the Forgotten African-American Dead
Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:34:08 AM

Sent by Bill Crosby



OPINION

[For the Forgotten African-American Dead](#)

BY BRIAN PALMER

Neglected black cemeteries deserve the same level of care that their Confederate counterparts get.

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Jones, Randy \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: Palmer questions
Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:01:35 PM

Randy, I should have let you know about this foia request this past week.

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Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: Palmer questions

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To: [Edwards, David \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: Palmer questions
Date: Friday, January 6, 2017 9:17:13 AM

Good morning, David. Please see below an email that we should treat as a FOIA request. Do we receive actual "certified statements" as stated in Code from the UDC stating what is cited below? Or anything of the sort?

And is there any documentation from the last survey that was conducted?

Thank you!!

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To: [Edwards, David \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: Palmer questions
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 10:42:32 AM

Hi David, I'm putting together my response to Mr. Palmer's latest request. Do you consider the spreadsheet/financial report that you sent me last week to be the "certified statement" that is referenced in the Code section below?

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To: [Langan, Julie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stratford Hall - Robert E. Lee Memorial Association
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 8:54:22 AM

Good morning,
Please see below the FOIA request. Do you have a sense of whether we will have much or any documentation regarding the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association? I wanted to have some idea before I sent this to Sharon if I could.
Thanks!
Stephanie

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-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Palmer [<mailto:bxpnyc@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 8:11 AM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Cc: Charlie Schmidt
Subject: Stratford Hall - Robert E. Lee Memorial Association

August 23, 2017

Good morning, Ms. Williams.

This is a request under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

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Finally, if I have directed this request to your office in error, I would appreciate your guidance in identifying the relevant authority.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Palmer
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717 N. 33rd Street
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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Erdt, Sharon \(DHR\)](#); [Tune, Elizabeth \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: FW: Stratford Hall - Robert E. Lee Memorial Association
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 9:23:53 AM

Good morning, Sharon and Elizabeth,
Please see below a FOIA request. Let's discuss if there will be a need to charge for this request and if there is a need to extend the 5 working days in which to get him the information.
Thanks,
Stephanie

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From: [Langan, Julie](#)
To: [Stephanie Williams](#)
Subject: Fwd: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 9:11:33 AM

I am inclined to offer to meet with the Friends. Thoughts?

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From: **Friends of East End** <friendsofeastend@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 9, 2019, 5:47 PM
Subject: Re: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
To: mailoag <mailoag@oag.state.va.us>
Cc: Hezel, Flora L. <FHezel@oag.state.va.us>, Williams, Stephanie (DHR) <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>, Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov <Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov>, district09@senate.virginia.gov <district09@senate.virginia.gov>, julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>

Good afternoon.

We received the April 2, 2019, reply from the Office of the Attorney General to our March 29 email. Thank you.

In this email, OAG states: "The Historical African American Cemetery & Graves Fund is solely administered by DHR. While this Office may provide legal advice to DHR, this Office has no discretion over whether to disburse funds, which organizations may receive those funds, or the process by which those decisions are made."

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Mr. John Shuck, Mr. Justin Curtis, Mr. Maurice Fountain, Mrs. Erin Hollaway Palmer, Mr.

Brian Palmer, Ms. Melissa Pocock, Mr. Mark Schmieder, and Mr. Bruce E. Tarr:

Thank you for contacting Attorney General Mark Herring and for writing to our Office regarding East End Cemetery and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR). The Attorney General is appreciative of your group, and others like it, that endeavor to restore and preserve the beauty and integrity of historically significant African American cemeteries, such as East End and Evergreen cemeteries.

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In case it is useful, the Historical African American Cemetery & Graves Fund Program Manual and the Historical African American Cemetery & Graves Fund Application Form can be found at the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall site (<http://townhall.virginia.gov/>) and both are attached.

We have copied DHR, along with the original recipients of your correspondence, for their awareness of our response.

We hope this information is helpful and clarifying.

Very Respectfully,

Jonathan Ward
Director of Constituent Affairs
Office of the Attorney General
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Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 4:24 PM
To: mailoag
Cc: Hezel, Flora L.; Williams, Stephanie (DHR); Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov;
district09@senate.virginia.gov; julie.langan@dhv.virginia.gov
Subject: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund

Dear Attorney General Herring:

We, the Friends of East End Cemetery (FoEE), understand from a March 21, 2019, email that we received from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) that "staff at DHR are under advice of OAG counsel not to disburse funds for work at cemeteries where there are questions regarding ownership, as is the case with East End Cemetery." This email was in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that FoEE filed.

FoEE has learned from DHR that funds have been allocated under Code of Virginia 10.1-2211.2 for restoration efforts at East End Cemetery, a historic African American cemetery located primarily in Henrico County. FoEE, the sole 501(c)(3) organization doing that restoration work, submitted an application for such funds to DHR in 2017 according to the process outlined at the time.

We learned from DHR in April 2018, once again through a FOIA, that a formal application procedure would be put in place. We received no notification that such a procedure or process had officially been established.

We write to OAG as an applicant for these state funds to ask under what terms and through what procedures will these funds be allocated?

Further, we ask that OAG not authorize or allow any disbursement of funds for East End Cemetery restoration by any agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia until all such terms and procedures have been disclosed publicly and all parties that have applied, including those such as FoEE that submitted applications under previous procedures, have had their applications openly reviewed.

We also request that before any awards are made that OAG offer the transparency on these matters that we have been denied by other state agencies. To obtain the most basic information, we have had to submit FOIA requests. As citizens of the Commonwealth, applicants to the state for funding originally approved for a "qualified charitable organization... whose primary purpose is the preservation of historical cemeteries and

graves,” and the de facto stewards of East End Cemetery since June 2013, we are entitled to fair, informed, and open consideration in this process.

We look forward to discussing this matter further with you.

Sincerely,

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Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 8:46:42 AM

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Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 4:24 PM
To: mailoag
Cc: Hezel, Flora L.; Williams, Stephanie (DHR); Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov;
district09@senate.virginia.gov; julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov
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From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [Shankles, Catherine A.](#); [Tarne, Andrew E.](#); [Surface Burks, Katheryn E.](#)
Subject: Fwd: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 11:17:37 AM

Good Morning, Again,
Please see second email from Friends of East End Cemetery.
Thank you,
Stephanie

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From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [REDACTED]; [Langan, Julie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 4:08:05 PM

[REDACTED] and Julie,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Stephanie

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To: mailoag <mailoag@oag.state.va.us>

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Good afternoon.

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We request that OAG clarify what agency/ies was/were responsible for the hold on disbursements so that we may determine the appropriate channels and methods through which to obtain full disclosure regarding the application process for funds under the Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves provision of the state code. We make the same request of DHR. (Ms. Williams: If you require us to make this request directly to DHR in a separate email, please let us know and we will do so.)

Further, so that we may gain clarity on this matter, we request that OAG provide to us—or make public—any of its directives to DHR or other government entities regarding the Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves fund.

We understand that OAG may claim exceptions/exemptions for legal advice to state agencies under Virginia's FOIA law. We request public records that fall outside this category, particularly those that will explain the respective roles of state agencies in any stage of the process relating to the creation, oversight, or functioning of the fund.

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From: [Smith, Jolene](#)
To: [Stephanie Williams](#)
Cc: [Wilson Joanna bws84388](#)
Subject: Fwd: Introductions and a chat?
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:46:19 PM

Hello Stephanie,

See below for a thread arranging a meeting between Brian Palmer, Erin Hollaway Palmer, Joanna Green, and myself.

Jolene

Jolene L. U. Smith

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I am teleworking! Email is the best way to reach me but I will return your voicemail.

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From: **Smith, Jolene** <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov>
Date: Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 12:36 PM
Subject: Re: Introductions and a chat?
To: Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com>
Cc: Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>, Wilson, Joanna (DHR) <joanna.green@dhr.virginia.gov>, Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>

No worries; my day is getting more hectic by the minute, anyway. See you all then!

Jolene

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On Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 11:48 AM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:
Thanks for understanding and being flexible! We'll see you on the 29th at 1:30. Hope you both enjoy the beautiful weekend ahead. -Erin

On Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 10:38 AM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Yikes - sorry to hear it! We can absolutely reschedule for what I hope will be a less hectic day. The 29th sounds fine to me.

Joanna

Joanna Wilson Green
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On Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 10:34 AM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

I'm so sorry — now it's our turn to ask to postpone our meeting. We are faced with a few unexpected deadlines and are feeling stressed out and jammed up — not great company. Next week is kind of a nightmare. Could we do our coffee date on Friday, March 29? Same time, same place?

Apologies!

Erin

On Fri, Mar 8, 2019 at 9:52 AM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thanks for being so flexible, everyone! Hopefully I'll have some interesting information from today's site visit to pass along -- see you next Friday.

Joanna

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On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 9:06 AM Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

That works for me!

Jolene

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On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 8:44 AM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Oh, please go ahead and meet with them! What if we meet next Friday, 3/15, instead? We could do the same time.

On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 8:17 AM Green, Joanna
<joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hi folks -

In an interesting coincidence I've been given an opportunity to meet with the facilities manager and superintendent of Central State about their cemetery, but it looks like the only availability in the next several weeks is (of course) when we'd planned to get together on Friday. I do have a prior commitment to all of you, and if you'd like to meet on Friday as planned I will reschedule with the folks at CSH. If you are willing to reschedule our coffee date, please let me know when it would work for you and I'll put it on the calendar in permanent ink. :)

I do appreciate everyone's patience here! So much going on and so few days in the week.

Thanks!

Joanna

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:30 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer
<ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Great — looking forward to it!

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:28 PM Green, Joanna
<joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Yep - 1:30 a week from Friday!

Joanna Wilson Green

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:26 PM Smith, Jolene

<jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Both are fine for me. So 3/8 it is unless Joanna is tied up.

Jolene

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:25 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer

<ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Sounds good. Just making sure we mean next week (3/8). I'll be out of town this Friday.

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:22 PM Green, Joanna

<joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

1:30? That might help to keep me awake long enough to get through the rest of the day

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:05 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer

<ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Mid-afternoon coffee would be great. Name the time and we'll be there. Looking forward to it!

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:04 PM Green, Joanna
<joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:
Friday works for me - lunch? Midafternoon coffee?

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:56 PM Smith, Jolene
<jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:
Fabulous! Thursday is wide open for me, as is Friday after
11:30.

Jolene

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:51 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer
<ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:
We can't believe we haven't met either! Coffee at the VMFA
would be great. How about Thursday or Friday next week? -
Erin

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:50 PM Green, Joanna
<joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:
Thanks to Jolene for making the electronic introductions!
I'd love to get together for coffee -- looking forward to it.

Joanna

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:20 PM Smith, Jolene

<jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hello Erin and Brian,

Meet (virtually) Joanna Wilson Green, copied here. Joanna is our Easement and Stewardship Archaeologist, mortuary archaeologist, and all around cemetery expert here at DHR (and I had completely assumed you'd already met her in the past). Joanna is gathering information that she might have on Central State in response to your message, Erin. We're wondering if one or both of you might like to grab a coffee at VMFA to meet in real life sometime soon? Related to East End, Joanna is interested in your work (and the FOEE). We've also been talking about a more formal project to document state institutional cemeteries, and it seems like the stars are beginning to align. Do you have any availability coming up?

Jolene

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From: [Langan, Julie](#)
To: [Stephanie Williams](#)
Subject: Fwd: Legal requirement to secure cemetery owner's permission for nonprofit to operate
Date: Friday, June 14, 2019 11:46:20 AM

Once you are back, let's discuss how best to respond.

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From: **Brian Palmer** <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, Jun 14, 2019 at 10:35 AM
Subject: Legal requirement to secure cemetery owner's permission for nonprofit to operate
To: <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>

Good morning, Ms. Langan.

One of our members looked for a legal requirement under §10.1-2211.2 or other legislation for a "qualified organization" such as the Friends of East End to secure permission of a cemetery owner to operate at that private cemetery. He found none. The only requirement for such permission seems to be in the DHR application for these funds.

If there is a such a law, would you please tell me what it is? And if there is not, please tell me under what authority DHR imposed that condition on Historic African American cemetery restoration funds.

Thank you again.

Brian Palmer

Brian Palmer
917-561-1964

From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [Wendy Baker](#); [Geraldine Hayes](#)
Subject: Fwd: Outside Employment form for East End/Brian Palmer website work
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:32:09 PM
Attachments: [DHR Outside Employment Form_DumbartonOaksGrant.doc](#)

Hi Wendy,
We have a foia request for any records referencing 'Brian Palmer.' Is this document from Jolene something that can be included or would it be considered exempt in your opinion?
Thank you,
Stephanie

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Subject: Outside Employment form for East End/Brian Palmer website work
To: Stephanie Williams <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Hi Stephanie,

Potentially for the FOIA request, here's the digital version of my outside employment form for my work outside of DHR to build <https://eastendcemeteryrva.com/> for Brian Palmer. I don't have a signed version in digital form accessible remotely, but it was signed and approved and I successfully completed this project with my own time and resources.

Jolene

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From: [Lisa Bergstrom](#)
To: [Jones, Randy \(DHR\)](#); [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: POSTPONED- Preservation VA African American Cemetery Program in Waterford
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 12:05:11 PM

Hi,

We have decided to postpone the cemetery event in Waterford. Below is the email that went out to all participants. We are working with Pastor Michelle and the Loudoun Freedom Center on another event, probably for April. I will be in touch about planning.

I am out of the office next week, but if you have any questions Sonja can help you. I will be back Monday, October 7.

Best,
Lisa

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From: **Sonja Ingram** <singram@preservationvirginia.org>
Date: Thu, Sep 26, 2019 at 11:08 AM
Subject: POSTPONED- Preservation VA African American Cemetery Program in Waterford
To: <Phyllis.Randall@loudoun.gov>, Ron Campbell <rcampbell@leesburgva.gov>, Margaret Good <mgood@waterfordfoundation.org>, <Kristin.Brown@loudoun.gov>, BERNADETTE WHITSETT-HAMMOND <bernwhit@aol.com>, Edwina St. Rose <strose@montaguemiller.com>, Brett Glymph <bglymph@vofonline.org>, Siebentritt, Heidi <Heidi.Siebentritt@loudoun.gov>, Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>, David Edwards, (DHR) <David.Edwards@dhr.virginia.gov>, Lori Kimball <LoriKimball99@gmail.com>, <Eric.Larsen@loudoun.gov>, <Eric.Larson@loudoun.gov>
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To: [Langan, Julie \(DHR\)](#); [Joanna Green](#); [David Edwards](#); [Mcdonald, Lena \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: POSTPONED- Preservation VA African American Cemetery Program in Waterford
Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019 12:34:14 PM

FYI...

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Date: Thu, Sep 26, 2019 at 12:05 PM
Subject: Fwd: POSTPONED- Preservation VA African American Cemetery Program in Waterford
To: Jones, Randy (DHR) <randy.jones@dhr.virginia.gov>, Williams, Stephanie (DHR) <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Hi,

We have decided to postpone the cemetery event in Waterford. Below is the email that went out to all participants. We are working with Pastor Michelle and the Loudoun Freedom Center on another event, probably for April. I will be in touch about planning.

I am out of the office next week, but if you have any questions Sonja can help you. I will be back Monday, October 7.

Best,
Lisa

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From: [Langan, Julie](#)
To: [Stephanie Williams](#); [David A Edwards](#)
Subject: Fwd: Request for approval to operate at East End Cemetery
Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 11:24:44 AM
Attachments: [FOEE Parity Approval Request 20190515.pdf](#)

FYI

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From: **Friends of East End** <friendsofeastend@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 15, 2019 at 11:17 AM
Subject: Request for approval to operate at East End Cemetery
To: John Sydnor <jsydnor@enrichmond.org>
Cc: Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>

Dear Mr. Sydnor,

Please find attached our request for approval to continue working at East End Cemetery.

We look forward to your reply.

Regards,
The Friends of East End



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From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [Geraldine Hayes](#)
Subject: Fwd: Smithsonian Magazine Fact Checking
Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 10:59:40 AM

Geri,
I know that a couple of applications have been submitted, but have any funds actually been disbursed as of yet?
Thanks

Stephanie B. Williams

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From: **Sonya Maynard** <sonyammaynard@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Oct 30, 2018 at 10:58 AM
Subject: Smithsonian Magazine Fact Checking
To: <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Hi Stephanie,

I'm a fact checker for Smithsonian Magazine and I'm verifying some information for an upcoming article for which you've been in touch with our writer, Brian Palmer.

We'd like to say whether any money has been distributed under HB 1547, the Historic African American Cemeteries and Graves bill. Could you tell me if that has happened yet? And also, does the bill start with "Historic" or "Historical?"

Thanks so much for your help,
Sonya Maynard
Smithsonian Magazine

From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [Geraldine Hayes](#); [Sharon Erdt](#)
Subject: Fwd: UDC Info
Date: Monday, October 22, 2018 11:56:14 AM
Attachments: [UDCDHRMOU.pdf](#)
[UDC Disbursements 2007 to 2019.pdf](#)

Good morning,

Please find in the email forwarded a question regarding our payment to the Ladies Memorial Association of Petersburg. It is my understanding that a separate payment is not made to this association and that it is included in the lump sum that we disburse to the UDC each year, correct?

Thanks!

Stephanie

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From: **Brian Palmer** <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>
Date: Tue, Oct 16, 2018 at 9:12 AM
Subject: Re: UDC Info
To: Williams, Stephanie <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Good morning. A quick follow up.

Do these figures include the \$7,500 that the GA has allocated to the Ladies' Memorial Association of Petersburg or does it only include the number of graves specified in 10.1-2211?

Would you also be able to tell me what year the payments to Ladies' Memorial Association of Petersburg (meaning payments beyond the 10.1-2211 per grave allotment) began and how often they are made? Are they annual, biannual, something else?

Thank you.

Brian

Brian Palmer
917-561-1964
Journalist

On Sep 13, 2018, at 2:05 PM, Williams, Stephanie
<stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Brian,
Please find attached the records that we discussed.
Thanks so much,
Stephanie

Stephanie B. Williams

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To: [Langan, Julie \(DHR\)](#); [David Edwards](#); [Smith, Jolene](#); [Joanna Green](#)
Subject: Fwd: Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request: References to Brian Palmer
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:00:40 PM

Good Morning, All,
Please see email below containing a FOIA request regarding any records referencing Brian Palmer. I have created a new folder named "KReed_BPalmerRecords" in the FOIA folder: U:\FOIA REQUESTS IN PROCESS\KReed_BPalmerRecords

Please place any records referencing this person in that folder by Thursday if you can. Our response is due COB Monday April 13, 2020.

If there is anyone on this email that you think MIGHT have records relating to this request, please let me know.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions,
Stephanie

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Date: Sun, Apr 5, 2020 at 5:21 PM
Subject: Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request: References to Brian Palmer
To: <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Virginia Department Of Historic Resources
FOIA Office
2801 Kensington Avenue
Richmond, VA 23221

April 5, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

* all public records that reference Brian Palmer in connection with African American cemeteries, East End Cemetery, Evergreen Cemetery, and the Enrichmond Foundation

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Kristin Reed

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From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [Shankles, Catherine A.](#); [Tarne, Andrew E.](#); [Surface Burks, Katheryn E.](#)
Subject: Fwd: Virginia Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
Date: Monday, April 1, 2019 11:16:29 AM

Good Morning, All,
Please see email from the Friends of East End Cemetery.
Thank you,
Stephanie

Stephanie B. Williams

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Date: Fri, Mar 29, 2019 at 4:07 PM
Subject: Re: Virginia Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR) <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov>
Cc: <Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov>, <district09@senate.virginia.gov>, <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>, <mail@oag.state.va.us>

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Subject: Fwd: Virginia Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 9:41:08 AM

Catherine,
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Cc: Matthew Strickler <Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov>, <district09@senate.virginia.gov>, Langan, Julie (DHR) <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>, <mail@oag.state.va.us>

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From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [David Edwards](#); [Sharon Erdt](#)
Subject: Fwd: Writing for Free Press about Historic African American cemeteries legislation
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 10:20:58 AM

David/Sharon,
Please see the additional FOIA request regarding specifically Evergreen Cemetery. I need to gather the application and any correspondence regarding allocation of the \$10,500 for Evergreen. Sharon, I have the agreement and acknowledgement documents that you sent me yesterday.
Thank you both,
Stephanie

Stephanie B. Williams

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From: **Brian Palmer** <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>
Date: Wed, Mar 6, 2019 at 10:13 AM
Subject: Re: Writing for Free Press about Historic African American cemeteries legislation
To: Williams, Stephanie <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov>
Cc: Bonnie Winston <bonniewinston@richmondfreepress.com>

Thank you again for your very swift reply.

I will set the East End matter aside for the moment, lest I mix my roles here.

Regarding the funding provided to Enrichmond for Evergreen, which is directly relevant to this piece, I saw no public announcement of this.

My questions to you are:

— Was such a public announcement made, and if so when and in what forums/publications?
Please email me any such announcements.

Finally, I request documents, correspondence, applications for funding, and other records related to this \$10,500 payment to Enrichmond under 10.1-2211.2 that are releasable under Virginia's FOIA law.

I regard this as a comprehensive request unlike my earlier query. If there are fees associated with my request, please inform me. I would, of course, prefer that they be waived, because my request is in the public interest.

Thank you.

Brian Palmer

Brian Palmer
Journalist
917-561-1964

On Mar 6, 2019, at 8:58 AM, Williams, Stephanie
<stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Good Morning, Brian,
It is DHR's understanding that East End Cemetery is being acquired by the EnRichmond Foundation and that they will apply for the funds once that is official. As for the African American Burial Ground for the Enslaved at Belmont, the only thing I know is that according to a newspaper article it is owned by the Loudoun Freedom Foundation. If they qualify under the legislation, they could apply, and I suppose that Loudoun could also apply for the funds. These funds are reverting, so what is not disbursed in a fiscal year is returned to the General Fund.
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On Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 5:05 PM Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net> wrote:
Thank you for your swift reply, Ms. Williams.

I see that there are two allocations, for East End and the burial ground of the enslaved in Belmont, that have not yet been disbursed. What entities will receive these funds? If that determination has not yet been made, when will it be made? Will it be announced publicly?

Thank you.

Brian

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On Mar 5, 2019, at 4:47 PM, Williams, Stephanie
<stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, Brian,
DHR is in receipt of your FOIA request. As for your first question, DHR staff determine through survey and, if necessary, other available and reliable documentation the number of eligible graves in a given cemetery. As for the "certified statements," they are not due to our office until after July 1st, so we have not received any of yet. Lastly, please find attached the record for payments made under 10.1-2211.2.
Thank you and hope all is well,
Stephanie

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Good morning, Ms. Williams.

I'm writing an article that includes a section about the new cemeteries added to the eligible list under § 10.1-2211.2.

— Would you tell me how the number of eligible graves is arrived at? Who or what entity ultimately decides on that number?

— I would like records for all payments allocated or made under § 10.1-2211.2 to date. I am not requesting a comprehensive search for documents, only the records (e.g., spreadsheets) required to account for all eligible cemeteries and graves.

— I also request copies of the "certified statements" that the legislation requires recipients of these funds to submit under Section D.

Thank you!

Brian

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From: [Loux, Jennifer \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Pullen, Jennifer \(DHR\)](#); [Jones, Randy \(DHR\)](#); [Udachin, Vlad \(DHR\)](#)
Cc: [Hare, Jim \(DHR\)](#); [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Highway Marker Memo
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 2:02:55 PM
Attachments: [2017_3_16_BHR_memorandum.docx](#)

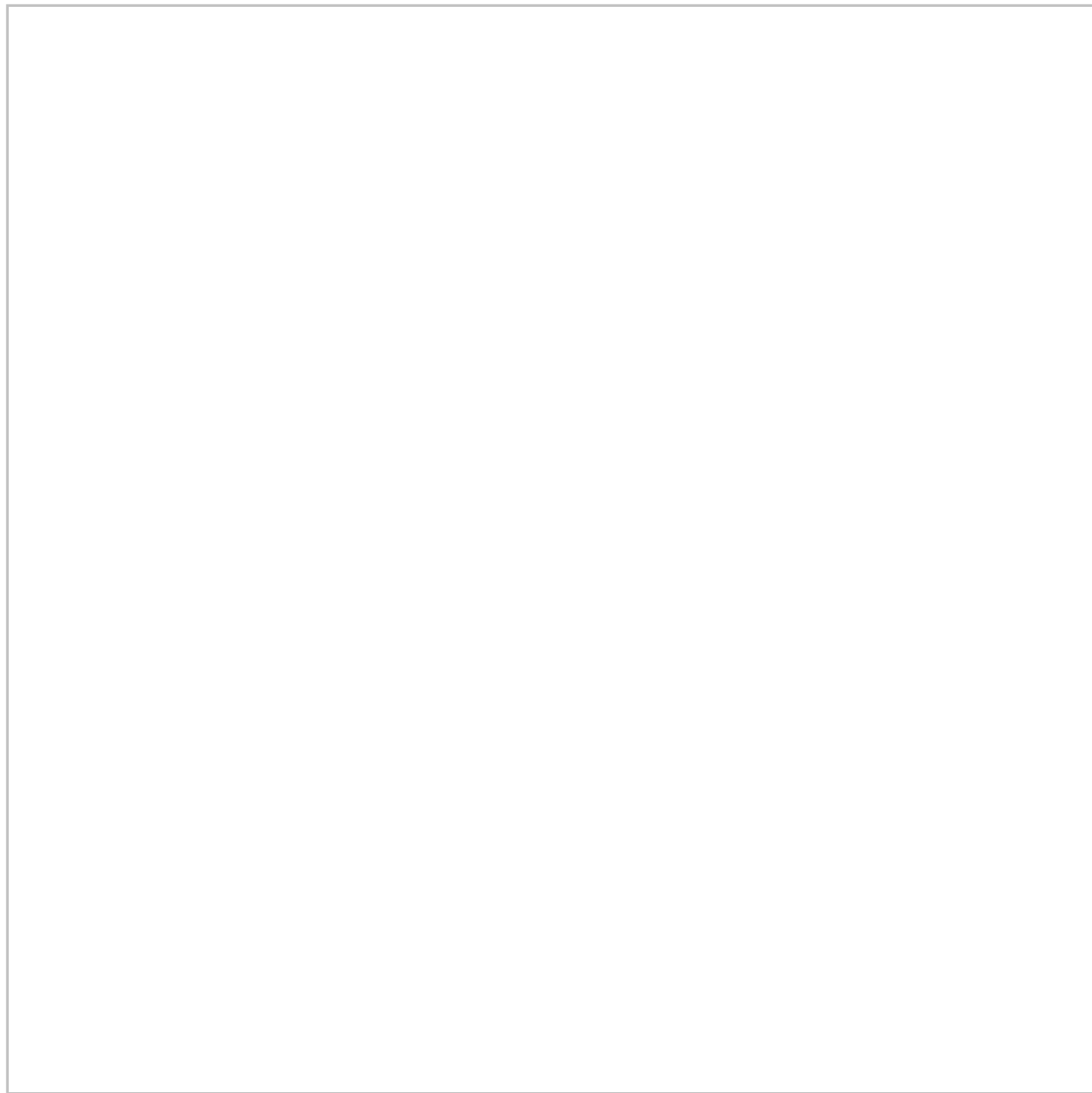
Jen and Vlad,

Attached is the marker memo to be sent to the BHR members and to be posted on the DHR website. I will also place a copy at the Archives desk.

Thank you,
Jen

From: [Preservation Virginia](#)
To: [Stephanie Williams](#)
Subject: Historic African American Cemeteries Conference
Date: Thursday, September 19, 2019 9:09:09 AM





This year, instead of one centralized multi-day conference, Preservation Virginia will be hosting a series of single-day, single-topic intensives throughout the year and across the Commonwealth. Because you have attended our conference or workshops in the past, we wanted you to be the first to have a chance to register for the first in our series, Historic African American Cemeteries.

Historic African American Cemeteries

October 19

Hosted in partnership with **the Loudoun Freedom Center, Waterford Foundation** and the **Virginia Department of Historic Resources** at the Historic African American **John Wesley Church**, 40125 Bond Street, Waterford, VA 20197

[This daylong event](#) will bring together advocates, historians and preservationists for an in-

depth look at researching and protecting African American cemeteries in Virginia, growing in part from relationships formed as a result of Preservation Virginia's *African American Cemeteries, Statewide* [Virginia's Most Endangered Historic Places](#) listings in 2016 and 2017.



Tentative Schedule of Events

Welcome by Elected Officials

African American Cemeteries: Advocacy, Public Policy, and Community Engagement

Brett Glymph, Virginia Outdoors Foundation and Viola Baskerville of Enrichmond

Protecting African American Cemeteries: Case Studies in Community Organizing

Pastor Michelle Thomas, African American Burial Ground for the Enslaved at Belmont,

Loudoun County

Brian Palmer, Evergreen and East End Cemeteries, Richmond

Edwina St. Rose and Bernadette Whitsett-Hammond, Daughters of Zion Cemetery,
Charlottesville

Preserving Sacred Places: Tools for Recording and Preserving Cemeteries

David Edwards, Virginia Department of Historic Resources; Lori Kimball, Loudoun County Heritage Commission; representatives from Loudoun County Government and the Black History Committee of the Thomas Balch Library will address tools such as GIS mapping, historical records research, ground-penetrating radar and other means for recording and protecting cemeteries.

Afternoon Site Visit to the African American Burial Ground for the Enslaved at Belmont, Loudoun County

Led by Pastor Michelle Thomas of the Loudoun Freedom Center

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To: mailoag@oag.state.va.us
Cc: fhezel@oag.state.va.us; [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#); Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov; district09@senate.virginia.gov; julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov
Subject: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
Date: Friday, March 29, 2019 4:24:34 PM

Dear Attorney General Herring:

We, the Friends of East End Cemetery (FoEE), understand from a March 21, 2019, email that we received from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) that "staff at DHR are under advice of OAG counsel not to disburse funds for work at cemeteries where there are questions regarding ownership, as is the case with East End Cemetery." This email was in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that FoEE filed.

FoEE has learned from DHR that funds have been allocated under Code of Virginia 10.1-2211.2 for restoration efforts at East End Cemetery, a historic African American cemetery located primarily in Henrico County. FoEE, the sole 501(c)(3) organization doing that restoration work, submitted an application for such funds to DHR in 2017 according to the process outlined at the time.

We learned from DHR in April 2018, once again through a FOIA, that a formal application procedure would be put in place. We received no notification that such a procedure or process had officially been established.

We write to OAG as an applicant for these state funds to ask under what terms and through what procedures will these funds be allocated?

Further, we ask that OAG not authorize or allow any disbursement of funds for East End Cemetery restoration by any agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia until all such terms and procedures have been disclosed publicly and all parties that have applied, including those such as FoEE that submitted applications under previous procedures, have had their applications openly reviewed.

We also request that before any awards are made that OAG offer the transparency on these matters that we have been denied by other state agencies. To obtain the most basic information, we have had to submit FOIA requests. As citizens of the Commonwealth, applicants to the state for funding originally approved for a "qualified charitable organization... whose primary purpose is the preservation of historical cemeteries and graves," and the de facto stewards of East End Cemetery since June 2013, we are entitled to fair, informed, and open consideration in this process.

We look forward to discussing this matter further with you.

Sincerely,

Justin Curtis
Maurice Fountain
Erin Hollaway Palmer
Brian Palmer
Melissa Pocock

Mark Schmieder
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From: [Langan, Julie](#)
To: [Brian Palmer](#)
Cc: [Stephanie Williams](#)
Subject: Legal requirement to secure cemetery owner's permission for nonprofit to operate
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 11:15:27 AM

Brian:

Thanks for your call this morning.

Stephanie Williams and I have conferred regarding the questions posed in your email and we agree that there is no state law or DHR requirement "to secure permission of a cemetery owner to operate at that private cemetery." Rather, "Attachment D" in the application requests "written approval from the current owner of a proposed scope of work." In order to ensure this agency's responsible administration of this grant program, we have deemed it necessary to require non-property owners to submit proof that the property owner agrees with the kind and type of work a third party intends to perform.

With another round of funding available after July 1, I remain hopeful that the FOEE and enRichmond find a mutually agreeable way to work together.

Sincerely,

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From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
Cc: [Friends of East End](#)
Subject: October 19, 2019 conference FOIA
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 2:32:57 PM

Good afternoon, Ms. Williams.

I have another request.

This is a request under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

I request the following:

—All public records, including correspondence, relating to an upcoming conference, referred to as the African American Cemeteries symposium for Saturday, October 19, 2019. Sponsors are listed as your agency, Enrichmond, the Department of Historic Resources, the AACR Task Force, and Delegate McQuinn. I understand that Preservation Virginia is the organizer of this event.

Please advise me of any costs associated with compliance with this request before those costs are incurred. This request is not being made for commercial purposes. The requested documents will be made available to the general public as a matter of public interest.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Palmer

From: [Lisa Bergstrom](#)
To: [Jones, Randy \(DHR\)](#); [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Cc: [Sonja Ingram](#)
Subject: October 19, African American Cemeteries Event
Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 10:27:00 AM
Attachments: [African American Cemeteries Mini-Conference Press Release.docx](#)

Hi Stephanie and Randy,

Attached is a copy of the press release we have prepared. We would like your review before sending it out. Will you take a look and let us know as soon as possible if you have any questions or edits?

Also, if you have any press/promotion ideas you'd like us to use let us know!

Thanks,
Lisa

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From: [Smith, Jolene](#)
To: [Stephanie Williams](#)
Subject: Outside Employment form for East End/Brian Palmer website work
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:50:58 PM
Attachments: [DHR Outside Employment Form_DumbartonOaksGrant.doc](#)

Hi Stephanie,

Potentially for the FOIA request, here's the digital version of my outside employment form for my work outside of DHR to build <https://eastendcemeteryrva.com/> for Brian Palmer. I don't have a signed version in digital form accessible remotely, but it was signed and approved and I successfully completed this project with my own time and resources.

Jolene

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I am teleworking! Email is the best way to reach me but I will return your voicemail.

From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Cc: [Brian Palmer](#)
Subject: Palmer NY Times essay
Date: Monday, January 9, 2017 12:25:58 PM

Good afternoon, Ms. Williams.

The NY Times posted and published an opinion piece I wrote on House Bill 1547 that contains some of the FOIA information you provided. Here is the link:

http://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/07/opinion/sunday/for-the-forgotten-african-american-dead.html?partner=rssnyt&emc=rss&_r=1

I hope to do follow-up after the General Assembly's session.

Have a fine day, and thank you again.

Brian
917-561-1964

From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Palmer questions
Date: Thursday, January 5, 2017 4:27:28 PM

Good afternoon, Ms. Williams.

I gather that you are not getting emails I send from my personal account.

Below is my earlier email, which I am resending from this, my VCU account:

Here's the email I referred to in my voicemail. Thank you for returning my call so quickly.

If I may ask one more question:

Section 10.1-2211 of the state code refers to

- “certified statement[s] that the funds appropriated to the association or organization in the preceding fiscal year were or will be expended for the routine maintenance of cemeteries specified in this section and the graves of Confederate soldiers and sailors...”;

and

- the “biennial survey of at least four properly maintained cemeteries.”

I would like to obtain some examples of these. Would this be possible without FOIAing?

Brian

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From: [Lisa Bergstrom](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Preservation Virginia Working Document - Conference Agenda
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 10:21:38 AM
Attachments: [Conference2017ExploringtheValueofPartnershipsJASLB6-02-17.docx \(1\).docx](#)

Good morning!

I have attached our latest working agenda. Of course, things will change, but this gives you a good idea of the direction we are taking.

Let me know if you need anything else, or how I can help you!

Lisa

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From: [David Mack](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Re: BuzzFeed Fact Checking
Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2016 10:40:23 AM
Attachments: [unnamed-2.png](#)

Two additional things I forgot:

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Green, Joanna \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: RE: BuzzFeed Fact Checking
Date: Friday, July 8, 2016 8:47:10 AM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)

Thank you, Joanna! You guys nailed it yesterday, btw. ☺

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From: Green, Joanna (DHR)
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 5:17 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: RE: BuzzFeed Fact Checking

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Date: Thursday, July 7, 2016 5:17:12 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: ["David Mack"](#)
Subject: RE: BuzzFeed Fact Checking
Date: Thursday, July 7, 2016 5:07:48 PM
Attachments: [image006.png](#)

David,

Answers to your questions are below. Please let me know if you have any questions about any of this.

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To: ["David Mack"](#)
Subject: RE: BuzzFeed Fact Checking
Date: Thursday, July 7, 2016 4:21:53 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

David,

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To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: RE: Comparable figures for slavery sites
Date: Saturday, May 14, 2016 6:25:49 PM

Oops. It's been crazy this week (and worse next week) and I haven't even checked office email for days.

Slave grave sites? No. Traditionally the GA only had the Confederate grave program. Basic underlying theory was that those graves were men who fought for Virginia and didn't qualify for federal military grave markers/cemeteries. Rev War has been added fairly recently. Slave graves are natural progression of expectations that we have included in LAS's since early 1990s, but that has still not passed.

GA grants to sites associated with formerly enslaved African Americans (not specific grave program) may have occurred as part of the general historic preservation grants that were stopped as a result of Cucinelli's "no grants to charities" AG opinion, but those would have been case-by-case, project specific, and I was not sufficiently involved in those grants to remember what individual grants were for.

Sorry. Day late and dollar short as far as being helpful.

From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 10:07 AM
To: Slusser, Catherine (DHR)
Subject: FW: Comparable figures for slavery sites

Hi Catherine!

Have you ever known the GA to allocate monies to the types of things described below?

Thanks!

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Date: Friday, May 13, 2016 3:59:27 PM

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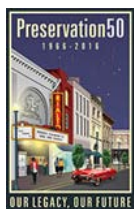


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To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
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Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016 4:47:46 PM

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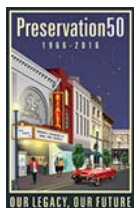
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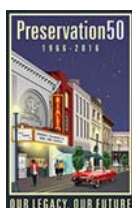
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Subject: RE: Comparable figures for slavery sites
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 5:10:02 PM

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Slusser, Catherine \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: RE: Comparable figures for slavery sites
Date: Monday, May 16, 2016 12:20:21 PM

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Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2016 6:26 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: RE: Comparable figures for slavery sites

Oops. It's been crazy this week (and worse next week) and I haven't even checked office email for days.

Slave grave sites? No. Traditionally the GA only had the Confederate grave program. Basic underlying theory was that those graves were men who fought for Virginia and didn't qualify for federal military grave markers/cemeteries. Rev War has been added fairly recently. Slave graves are natural progression of expectations that we have included in LAS's since early 1990s, but that has still not passed.

GA grants to sites associated with formerly enslaved African Americans (not specific grave program) may have occurred as part of the general historic preservation grants that were stopped as a result of

Cucinelli's "no grants to charities" AG opinion, but those would have been case-by-case, project specific, and I was not sufficiently involved in those grants to remember what individual grants were for.

Sorry. Day late and dollar short as far as being helpful.

From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 10:07 AM
To: Slusser, Catherine (DHR)
Subject: FW: Comparable figures for slavery sites

Hi Catherine!

Have you ever known the GA to allocate monies to the types of things described below?

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Subject: Re: Comparable figures for slavery sites
Date: Friday, May 13, 2016 4:48:17 PM

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On May 13, 2016, at 3:59 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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From: Brian Palmer [<mailto:bxpnyc@earthlink.net>]

Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 3:23 PM

To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

Subject: Comparable figures for slavery sites

Good afternoon, Ms. Williams.

Would it be possible to obtain comparable figures for Virginia state funds allotted to the preservation of sites of history of formerly enslaved African Americans? I understand that DHR is deeply involved in the landmarking and preservation of such sites. I'm trying to determine how much funding legislators have allotted to this task.

I am making my request in the context of the failure of bills presented by Delegates Rob Marshall and Delores McQuinn (HB 1273 and HB 122, respectively) to establish committees to examine the preservation of such sites.

Thank you again.

Brian

Brian Palmer
Newsday/David Laventhol Visiting Professor of Journalism
Columbia Graduate School of Journalism
917-561-1964

From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
Cc: friendsofeastend@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Correction
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 3:51:46 PM

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Brian
Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
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Subject: Re: Correction
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 3:09:55 PM

Another correction. I am referring not to the 3/19 conference but the 10/19 being organized by Preservation Virginia discussed in this email from PV in which DHR is listed as a partner: "our partners on this event include VOF, Enrichmond, DHR, the AACR Task Force and Delegate McQuinn"

BP

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Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 3:05:32 PM

Yes. I was quoting Justin Sarafin's email describing the conference. That was the language he used. It is one and the same, I gather.

Brian Palmer
917-561-1964
brianpalmer.photos

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Mr. Palmer,
DHR is in receipt of your FOIA request and will respond by COB March 13, 2019. If an extension is required or if a fee will be incurred, I will advise.
Thank you,
Stephanie Williams

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From: [Langan, Julie](#)
To: [Edwards, David](#)
Cc: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
Subject: Re: East End Cemetery
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 12:30:14 PM

I have called Brian Palmer as I promised him I would. Move ahead with disbursement.

Julie V. Langan
Director/State Historic Preservation Officer
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On Tue, Jun 11, 2019 at 12:01 PM Edwards, David <david.edwards@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hello.

Just wanted to let you know that I approved the latest revised application from John Sydnor for East End Cemetery, and I have prepared the payment request form for \$24,375. Please let me know when I should submit it to Sharon for payment. Thanks.

David

From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [Edwards, David](#)
Subject: Re: East End
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2019 4:43:20 PM

Thanks, David.

Before submitting to Sharon, we need to give Julie an opportunity to communicate with Brian Palmer regarding our intentions to disburse the funds as it is my understanding that she made this commitment in good faith to him.

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<stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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Subject: Fwd: East End

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Date: Wed, Jun 5, 2019 at 3:04 PM

Subject: East End

To: Edwards, David <david.edwards@dhr.virginia.gov>

Good afternoon David. Good to speak with you today.

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~John

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From: [Edwards, David](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
Subject: Re: East End
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2019 4:45:25 PM

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From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOIA Request
Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016 2:31:04 PM

Thank you for your swift response. Ms. Williams.

Brian
917-561-1964

On Apr 28, 2016, at 11:18 AM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Mr. Palmer,
DHR is in receipt of your FOIA request. We will respond with any information by COB
Thursday May 5th.
Thank you,

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: ["Brian Palmer"](#)
Subject: RE: FOIA
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2016 4:28:06 PM

The UDC is the only organization that I see listed. If you are referring to all of the organizations listed by county, the UDC disburses funds to them directly. DHR is the only organization under this Code section that receives and disburses funds. Does this answer your question?

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Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2016 2:28 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: Re: FOIA

Hello again, Ms. Williams.

The "Virginia Acts of Assembly — 2016 Session, Chapter 43, § 10.1-2211.... Disbursement of funds appropriated for caring for Confederate cemeteries and graves" lists many more groups that receive public funding.

If this funding comes from DHR, I would like those public records. If it does not, I would appreciate it if you would direct me to the relevant authority.

Thank you.

Brian

Brian Palmer

Newsday/David Laventhol Visiting Professor of Journalism

Columbia Graduate School of Journalism

917-561-1964

On May 4, 2016, at 3:09 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Brian Palmer](#)
Subject: Re: FOIA
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2016 1:54:27 PM

Mr. Palmer this is what I have sent you. We have no other records pertaining to this request. Please let me know if you have other questions.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: FOIA
From: Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>
Date: May 5, 2016, 1:51 PM
To: "Williams, Stephanie (DHR)" <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Good afternoon, Ms. Williams.

My request is for all public documents relating to expenditures on Confederate sites across the state and payments to organizations including, but not limited to, UDC and SCV. I request the last two years for which you have complete information and the first year for which DHR has records.

Thank you for this first batch of information.

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Jones, Randy \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOIA
Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 4:18:38 PM

Sure. Not a big deal.

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From: Jones, Randy (DHR)
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 3:15 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: RE: FOIA

Dang, I just submitted the Weekly Report -- do you think we can report
this next week?

R

Randall Jones
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From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Sent: Wednesday, May 04, 2016 3:10 PM
To: Jones, Randy (DHR)

Subject: FW: FOIA

Hey Randy, here is the FOIA request. Standard. I just sent him a spreadsheet listing all monies disbursed to the UDC and the Confederate Sons.

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From: Hubbard, Quatro (DHR)
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 10:38 AM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Cc: Pullen, Jennifer (DHR); Hare, Jim (DHR)
Subject: RE: FOIA

Hi Stephanie:

A formal FOIA request has just come in. I have not responded to Mr. Palmer. I assume that we don't have any data that would be of use to him, but otherwise let me know how you wish for me to proceed.

Thanks!

Quatro

Quatro Hubbard, Archivist
Division of Survey and Register
Department of Historic Resources
2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221-2470
Phone: 804.482.6102
Fax: 804.367.2391

-----Original Message-----

From: Brian Palmer [<mailto:bxpnyc@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 10:25 AM
To: Hubbard, Quatro (DHR)
Subject: FOIA

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Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2016 3:10:48 PM

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Cc: Hare, Jim (DHR)
Subject: RE: FOIA

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Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016 10:37:39 AM

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From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Re: FOIA
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2016 5:20:22 PM

It does. Thank you, Ms. Williams.

Brian
917-561-1964

Sent from my iPhone

On May 5, 2016, at 16:28, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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From: Brian Palmer [<mailto:bxpnyc@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2016 2:28 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: Re: FOIA

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On May 4, 2016, at 3:09 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Jones, Randy \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: RE: FOIA
Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016 9:08:46 AM

I guess. You're familiar with him?

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From: Jones, Randy (DHR)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 9:04 AM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: RE: FOIA

Is this the Columbia Journalism School fella?

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Randall Jones
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From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2016 8:57 AM
To: Jones, Randy (DHR)
Subject: FW: FOIA

Did I let you know about this one? He also has a followup FOIA which I'll forward to you.

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<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Friends of East End](#)
Subject: RE: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Friday, October 27, 2017 2:43:59 PM

Thank you so much for the documentation.

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From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Cc: Bruce Tarr; Erin Hollaway Palmer; John Shuck; Melissa Pocock; Brian Palmer; Mark Schmieder; Justin Curtis
Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery

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<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:45 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Cc: Justin Curtis; Erin Hollaway Palmer; Brian Palmer; Melissa Pocock; Mark Schmieder; John Shuck; Bruce Tarr

Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery

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Enclosed you will find all of the supporting documentation referenced here. We have also enclosed the obituary for Mr. Gray from earlier this year. It is our understanding that there is now no living person associated with EEBA-1970 and therefore no legal owner of East End Cemetery. As we’ve written before, we would maintain that the status of the property as an abandoned asset last held by a qualified but now defunct charitable organization and our group’s status as a 501(c)(3) constituted to preserve East End Cemetery meets the requirements established in HB 1547 for us to qualify for funding.

This is our understanding based on the documents in our possession. If DHR has additional documentation related to this matter, we would appreciate your sharing it with us.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Sep 13, 2017 at 11:35 AM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thank you very much, Ms. Palmer. If it is not too much trouble, would you be able to send me any of the documentation that you might have regarding the research that you mention in your last email pertaining to history of ownership of East End Cemetery?

We will be in touch as soon as possible with next steps.

Thanks again,

Stephanie

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From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:58 PM

To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

Cc: John Shuck; Justin Curtis; Melissa Pocock; Brian Palmer; Mark Schmieder; Bruce Tarr; Erin Hollaway Palmer

Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery

Dear Ms. Williams:

Thank you for your reply to our application for HB 1547 funding to support our preservation efforts at East End Cemetery.

As you may be aware, the Friends of East End have been working with community support since June 2013 to reclaim and preserve the 16-acre cemetery. According to Henrico County property records, the grounds were last owned by the East End Burial Association, a nonprofit organization reincorporated in 1970 after its predecessor (of the same name, incorporated in 1897) became legally defunct in 1959.

According to the State Corporation Commission, the later incarnation of the East End Burial Association became legally defunct in 1987.

The property itself has been abandoned for roughly 30 years since the association ceased operations.

As part of our research efforts, the Friends of East End located and contacted the last surviving member of the East End Burial Association, Earl Gray, in early 2015 to confirm the legal status of the cemetery and to request access to burial records. Mr. Gray told us that the cemetery had gone into default. He was equivocal about burial records, telling our representative that he might have them, but never providing anything. (Relatives of the deceased also made inquiries and received similar replies.) Mr. Gray verbally granted permission to volunteers to continue restoration and preservation efforts. Mr. Gray passed away earlier this year without providing any further information about the former burial association that we know of.

It is the understanding of the Friends of East End that the cemetery currently has no legal

owner. We would maintain that the status of the property as an abandoned asset last held by a qualified (but now defunct) charitable organization and our group's status as a 501(c)(3) dedicated to the preservation of this particular cemetery meets the requirements established in the legislation to qualify for funding.

We welcome further information from your department on how to proceed and will gladly provide any additional documentation needed to facilitate our request.

Regards,

Erin Hollaway Palmer
Friends of East End Cemetery

On Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 3:28 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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> Thank you very much for your email and the documentation. Would you be able to provide a proof of ownership of the property or written permission from the property owner to access the property and perform the approved scope of work? If not, please give me a call to discuss possible next steps.

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> Thanks again,

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> Stephanie

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> From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]

> Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 12:16 PM

> To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

> Cc: John Shuck; Erin Hollaway Palmer; Melissa Pocock; Justin Curtis; Bruce Tarr; Mark Schmieder; Brian Palmer

> Subject: Friends of East End Cemetery

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> Good afternoon, Ms. Williams.

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> Attached please find a letter from the US Internal Revenue Service certifying the 501 (c)(3) status of the Friends of East End Cemetery, Inc. Also attached is a letter from VDACS certifying that our application for nonprofit registration has been received. We will send you the actual registration letter upon receipt in order to complete our application for funding under HB 1547 for our restoration work at East End Cemetery, Henrico County.

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> If you have questions, please contact me at this email address or by phone at [646-573-4550](tel:646-573-4550).

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> Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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> Sincerely,

> Erin Hollaway Palmer

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Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Friday, October 20, 2017 8:41:14 AM

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To: [Edwards, David \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: RE: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 11:22:26 AM

That makes sense. This Friends group has not reached out to us again regarding dispersement of funds, but I wanted to get your thought on this if and when they do. And because of the property rights issue being up in the air and unresolved, I am still under advice of counsel to hold off on dispersing the funds until the issue of property rights is resolved.

Thanks, David,
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Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:44:33 PM
Attachments: [EE_1970_Court_Case.zip](#)
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Date: Friday, September 22, 2017 2:10:38 PM

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Have a great weekend; it is supposed to be beautiful here in Richmond,

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017 9:43:30 AM
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Hi Catherine,
Sorry to just be getting this to you.
Thank you!
Stephanie

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Cc: [REDACTED]
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Thanks, Stephanie. Can you also send us a new matter request so we can open a file?

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From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR) [<mailto:Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 5:12 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Friends of East End Cemetery

Catherine,
The referenced documents.
Thanks!
Stephanie

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Subject: RE: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 11:35:13 AM

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From: [Edwards, David \(DHR\)](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: RE: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 1:38:35 PM

Stephanie,

It seems the Friends have met the requirements for a charitable organization which is set forth in the manual and application we devised. The ownership question may require an opinion by the OAG. I suppose I could ask Elizabeth and Marc, both good researchers, to do their own research into ownership. Perhaps the Friends could lend us their research so we don't reinvent the wheel? I'll review the manual and application again to suggest any revisions if any are needed. Otherwise, I think we can ask the Friends to complete the application and go from there. Any suggestions from your review of the manual and application?

David

From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 12:56 PM
To: Edwards, David (DHR) <David.Edwards@dhr.virginia.gov>
Subject: FW: Friends of East End Cemetery

David,

Based on the information below, we need to discuss moving forward with dispersing the appropriated funds for East End Cemetery to the Friends of East End Cemetery. They have provided documentation showing their 501c3 status and that they have registered with vdacs. The email below explains that the cemetery currently has no owner, which coincide with what John Sydnor has said about EnRichmond working through the court system to acquire it. My only last thought is that we need to do our due diligence to determine for ourselves the current status of the cemetery and perhaps where it is in the court system. Not sure how to go about doing that. Thoughts?

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Subject: RE: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Friday, November 17, 2017 1:43:16 PM

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From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery

Good morning, Ms. Williams,

Please find attached a scan of the letter from VDACS notifying us that the Friends of East End Cemetery Inc. is recognized as a charitable organization in the state of Virginia. We believe that this completes our application for HB 1547 funding. Please let us know if anything else is required of us.

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On Fri, Oct 27, 2017 at 2:43 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 8:41 AM

To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

Cc: Bruce Tarr; Erin Hollaway Palmer; John Shuck; Melissa Pocock; Brian Palmer; Mark Schmieder; Justin Curtis

Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery

Good morning, Ms. Williams. We are writing to notify you that we received notification of our successful registration with VDACS Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs as a Virginia nonprofit. The link is [here](#).

We will email DHR a scan of the official notification letter after we receive it.

Thank you.

The Friends of East End



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On Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 2:10 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thank you very much for all of this history and documentation. It should prove helpful to our representatives at the Attorney General's Office who are vetting your request for funding to determine that there will be no property rights issues. And yes, whatever documentation they may uncover, I will be glad to share with you and your group.

Again, thanks so much for your thorough email, and I hope to be back in touch very soon.

Have a great weekend; it is supposed to be beautiful here in Richmond,

Stephanie

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From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:45 PM

To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

Cc: Justin Curtis; Erin Hollaway Palmer; Brian Palmer; Melissa Pocock; Mark Schmieder; John Shuck; Bruce Tarr

Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery

Dear Ms. Williams:

The following is a summary of the research the Friends of East End Cemetery have compiled regarding the past and present ownership of the cemetery property as well as the corporate status of the former burial associations. Over the past several years we have gathered documentary records from the property record offices in the City of Richmond and the County of Henrico, court records at the Henrico County Circuit Court, and archival records of the State Corporation Commission (SCC) of Virginia. Enclosed you will find the property deeds for the grounds dating back to 1891 as well as the entire case file of the 1970 court case referenced below.

The founding East End Burial Association (which we will refer to as EEBA-1891) purchased the cemetery grounds in two parcels in 1897 and 1917. By 1959, EEBA-1891's founders and board members had died and the organization was legally defunct as a result of non-filing of required corporate papers with the SCC (see the 1970 case file regarding this revocation of corporate status).

Despite the legal termination of EEBA-1891 in 1959, burials continued through the 1960s. The burials that occurred during this time were technically not legal, as a legally defunct organization can no longer transact any business other than winding down its business—essentially, settling any debts it has, selling off or transferring any remaining assets (including real estate), and/or (if a 501c3) finding another similarly situated nonprofit to carry on its mission/business. If no person remains who is authorized to carry on the defunct organization's business, the organization's assets can be placed into receivership by court order. The receivership's duty is to carry out the wind-down process and assign any remaining assets to an appropriate entity (again, if a 501c3, another nonprofit with similar mission/goals would be appropriate).

When Interstate 64 was built in the mid-1960s and the new bridge over the interstate (from Nine Mile Road) was put in, Henrico County wanted to extend the Stony Run road to East Richmond Road (there was no road there prior to about 1970, according to aerial photos).

However, since EEBA-1891 was legally defunct and there were no living board members, there was no one left for the county to deal with.

At that time, three individuals (Irma R. Gee, Edna B. Singleton, and Otto L. Singleton) created a “new” nonprofit, also called East End Burial Association (which we will refer to as EEBA-1970), and filed suit in Henrico County court to place the cemetery and its assets (the 16-acre property and about \$15,000 in the bank) into receivership.

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> Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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> Sincerely,

> Erin Hollaway Palmer

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From: [Friends of East End](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery
Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 9:43:52 AM
Attachments: [FOEE Registration VDACS 20171019.pdf](#)

Good morning, Ms. Williams,

Please find attached a scan of the letter from VDACS notifying us that the Friends of East End Cemetery Inc. is recognized as a charitable organization in the state of Virginia. We believe that this completes our application for HB 1547 funding. Please let us know if anything else is required of us.

Thank you,
Erin Hollaway Palmer for the Friends of East End



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On Fri, Oct 27, 2017 at 2:43 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thank you so much for the documentation.

Stephanie B. Williams

Deputy Director

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From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 8:41 AM

To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

Cc: Bruce Tarr; Erin Hollaway Palmer; John Shuck; Melissa Pocock; Brian Palmer; Mark Schmieder; Justin Curtis

Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery

Good morning, Ms. Williams. We are writing to notify you that we received notification of our successful registration with VDACS Office of Charitable and Regulatory Programs as a Virginia nonprofit. The link is [here](#).

We will email DHR a scan of the official notification letter after we receive it.

Thank you.

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On Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 2:10 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR) <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thank you very much for all of this history and documentation. It should prove helpful to our representatives at the Attorney General's Office who are vetting your request for funding to determine that there will be no property rights issues. And yes, whatever documentation they may uncover, I will be glad to share with you and your group.

Again, thanks so much for your thorough email, and I hope to be back in touch very soon.

Have a great weekend; it is supposed to be beautiful here in Richmond,

Stephanie

Stephanie B. Williams

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From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 1:45 PM

To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

Cc: Justin Curtis; Erin Hollaway Palmer; Brian Palmer; Melissa Pocock; Mark Schmieder; John Shuck; Bruce Tarr

Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery

Dear Ms. Williams:

The following is a summary of the research the Friends of East End Cemetery have compiled regarding the past and present ownership of the cemetery property as well as the corporate status of the former burial associations. Over the past several years we have gathered documentary records from the property record offices in the City of Richmond and the County of Henrico, court records at the Henrico County Circuit Court, and archival records of the State Corporation Commission (SCC) of Virginia. Enclosed you will find the property deeds for the grounds dating back to 1891 as well as the entire case file of the 1970 court case referenced below.

The founding East End Burial Association (which we will refer to as EEBA-1891) purchased the cemetery grounds in two parcels in 1897 and 1917. By 1959, EEBA-1891's founders and board members had died and the organization was legally defunct as a result of

non-filing of required corporate papers with the SCC (see the 1970 case file regarding this revocation of corporate status).

Despite the legal termination of EEBA-1891 in 1959, burials continued through the 1960s. The burials that occurred during this time were technically not legal, as a legally defunct organization can no longer transact any business other than winding down its business—essentially, settling any debts it has, selling off or transferring any remaining assets (including real estate), and/or (if a 501c3) finding another similarly situated nonprofit to carry on its mission/business. If no person remains who is authorized to carry on the defunct organization's business, the organization's assets can be placed into receivership by court order. The receivership's duty is to carry out the wind-down process and assign any remaining assets to an appropriate entity (again, if a 501c3, another nonprofit with similar mission/goals would be appropriate).

When Interstate 64 was built in the mid-1960s and the new bridge over the interstate (from Nine Mile Road) was put in, Henrico County wanted to extend the Stony Run road to East Richmond Road (there was no road there prior to about 1970, according to aerial photos). However, since EEBA-1891 was legally defunct and there were no living board members, there was no one left for the county to deal with.

At that time, three individuals (Irma R. Gee, Edna B. Singleton, and Otto L. Singleton) created a “new” nonprofit, also called East End Burial Association (which we will refer to as EEBA-1970), and filed suit in Henrico County court to place the cemetery and its assets (the 16-acre property and about \$15,000 in the bank) into receivership.

The court-appointed receiver awarded the assets (including title/ownership of the property) to EEBA-1970, which then legally continued ownership/operation of the cemetery. At some point in the 1970s or 1980s (by 1982), Earl Gray appears to have become one of the board members of EEBA-1970 (or was at least authorized to conduct business for EEBA-1970 as the registered agent). By 1993, Irma Gee, the last of the other EEBA-1970 board members passed away, leaving Mr. Gray as the apparent sole “owner” of the cemetery or authorized agent of EEBA-1970.

EEBA-1970 itself became legally defunct in 1987 when it was “purged” from the SCC system. According to the SCC, once an entity has been purged, “it is not eligible for reinstatement or restoration”—meaning that an entity cannot be reconstituted with its assets (the property, in the case of East End Cemetery) intact.

Enclosed you will find all of the supporting documentation referenced here. We have also enclosed the obituary for Mr. Gray from earlier this year. It is our understanding that there is now no living person associated with EEBA-1970 and therefore no legal owner of East End Cemetery. As we’ve written before, we would maintain that the status of the property as an abandoned asset last held by a qualified but now defunct charitable organization and our group’s status as a 501(c)(3) constituted to preserve East End Cemetery meets the requirements established in HB 1547 for us to qualify for funding.

This is our understanding based on the documents in our possession. If DHR has additional documentation related to this matter, we would appreciate your sharing it with us.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Sep 13, 2017 at 11:35 AM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thank you very much, Ms. Palmer. If it is not too much trouble, would you be able to send me any of the documentation that you might have regarding the research that you mention in your last email pertaining to history of ownership of East End Cemetery?

We will be in touch as soon as possible with next steps.

Thanks again,

Stephanie

Stephanie B. Williams

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From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:58 PM

To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

Cc: John Shuck; Justin Curtis; Melissa Pocock; Brian Palmer; Mark Schmieder; Bruce Tarr; Erin Hollaway Palmer

Subject: Re: Friends of East End Cemetery

Dear Ms. Williams:

Thank you for your reply to our application for HB 1547 funding to support our preservation efforts at East End Cemetery.

As you may be aware, the Friends of East End have been working with community support since June 2013 to reclaim and preserve the 16-acre cemetery. According to Henrico County property records, the grounds were last owned by the East End Burial Association, a nonprofit organization reincorporated in 1970 after its predecessor (of the same name, incorporated in 1897) became legally defunct in 1959.

According to the State Corporation Commission, the later incarnation of the East End Burial Association became legally defunct in 1987.

The property itself has been abandoned for roughly 30 years since the association ceased operations.

As part of our research efforts, the Friends of East End located and contacted the last surviving member of the East End Burial Association, Earl Gray, in early 2015 to confirm the legal status of the cemetery and to request access to burial records. Mr. Gray told us that the cemetery had gone into default. He was equivocal about burial records, telling our representative that he might have them, but never providing anything. (Relatives of the deceased also made inquiries and received similar replies.) Mr. Gray verbally granted permission to volunteers to continue restoration and preservation efforts. Mr. Gray passed away earlier this year without providing any further information about the former burial association that we know of.

It is the understanding of the Friends of East End that the cemetery currently has no legal owner. We would maintain that the status of the property as an abandoned asset last held by a qualified (but now defunct) charitable organization and our group's status as a 501(c)(3) dedicated to the preservation of this particular cemetery meets the requirements established in the legislation to qualify for funding.

We welcome further information from your department on how to proceed and will gladly provide any additional documentation needed to facilitate our request.

Regards,

Erin Hollaway Palmer
Friends of East End Cemetery

On Thu, Aug 31, 2017 at 3:28 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR) <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.

virginia.gov> wrote:

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> Thank you very much for your email and the documentation. Would you be able to provide a proof of ownership of the property or written permission from the property owner to access the property and perform the approved scope of work? If not, please give me a call to discuss possible next steps.

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> Thanks again,

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> Stephanie

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> Stephanie B. Williams

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> Deputy Director

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> From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]

> Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 12:16 PM

> To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

> Cc: John Shuck; Erin Hollaway Palmer; Melissa Pocock; Justin Curtis; Bruce Tarr; Mark Schmieder; Brian Palmer

> Subject: Friends of East End Cemetery

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From: [Langan, Julie](#)
To: [Friends of East End](#)
Cc: [mailoag: Hezel, Flora L.](#); [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#); Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov; district09@senate.virginia.gov
Subject: Re: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 11:30:26 AM

Dear Friends of East End Cemetery:

Let's meet at 10:00 on May 7th at the headquarters of DHR located at 2801 Kensington Avenue. Parking is available in the lot to the rear of the building as well as along Kensington. DHR is colocated with the Virginia Museum of History & Culture and our entrance is on the north (Kensington) side of the building.

I look forward to our meeting.

Sincerely,

Julie V. Langan
Director/State Historic Preservation Officer
Department of Historic Resources
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Richmond, VA 23221
Office: (804) 482-6087
Cell: (804) 385-6936

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On Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 9:21 AM Friends of East End <friendsofeastend@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning, Ms. Langan,

Apologies for the delay — we've been trying to coordinate schedules. If you are still available on Tuesday, May 7, that would be ideal for us. We can make any time work. Otherwise, the morning of Friday, May 10, would be a possibility. Please let us know what's best for you.

Thank you,
The Friends of East End

On Mon, Apr 15, 2019 at 11:50 AM Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:
Dear Friends of East End:

I am not available the two dates in April that you suggest but have quite an open schedule during the week of May 6. Please let me know what date and time would suit you best:

Monday, May 6: 3:00 - 5:00
Tuesday, May 7: 8:30 - 2:30

Thursday, May 9: 8:30 - 5:00
Friday, May 10: 8:30 - 5:00

I look forward to meeting and discussing your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

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On Mon, Apr 15, 2019 at 11:31 AM Friends of East End <friendsofeastend@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Langan,

Thank you for your swift reply to our email—and for the update on the status of the funding.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the East End Cemetery situation with you before we submit our updated application for the restoration funds. It looks as if Friday, April 26, might be a good day for many of us. Would you happen to have time for a meeting that morning? If not, other possibilities for us are Thursday, April 25, and just about anytime during the week of May 6. Please let us know what would suit you best.

We are grateful to you for taking on this matter.

Sincerely,

Erin Hollaway Palmer for the Friends of East End Cemetery

On Fri, Apr 12, 2019 at 9:14 AM Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:
Dear Friends of East End Cemetery:

We have not communicated directly regarding your questions and concerns as your primary point of contact at DHR has been our Deputy Director, Stephanie Williams.

I would very much like to address your concerns and questions and am wondering if we could schedule a meeting to discuss them? I defer to you to decide whether you prefer to meet before or after the submission of your updated application for funding.

DHR has not yet disbursed any of the funding available to East End Cemetery, nor do

we have any pending applications at this time. You have my word that no funds will be disbursed until after we have had a chance to meet.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Apr 9, 2019 at 5:47 PM Friends of East End <friendsofeastend@gmail.com> wrote:

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In this email, OAG states: "The Historical African American Cemetery & Graves Fund is solely administered by DHR. While this Office may provide legal advice to DHR, this Office has no discretion over whether to disburse funds, which organizations may receive those funds, or the process by which those decisions are made."

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We request that OAG clarify what agency/ies was/were responsible for the hold on disbursements so that we may determine the appropriate channels and methods through which to obtain full disclosure regarding the application process for funds under the Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves provision of the state code. We make the same request of DHR. (Ms. Williams: If you require us to make this request directly to DHR in a separate email, please let us know and we will do so.)

Further, so that we may gain clarity on this matter, we request that OAG provide to us—or make public—any of its directives to DHR or other government entities regarding the Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves fund.

We understand that OAG may claim exceptions/exemptions for legal advice to state agencies under Virginia's FOIA law. We request public records that fall outside this category, particularly those that will explain the respective roles of state agencies in any stage of the process relating to the creation, oversight, or functioning of the fund.

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If such a freeze is beyond OAG's purview, we request your timely advice on how we may pursue such a freeze or injunction through our government organs. As applicants for the funds, we believe that it would be irresponsible and unfair for the state to disburse such funds until the public obtains answers to fundamental questions.

We look forward to discussing this matter further with you.

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On Tue, Apr 2, 2019 at 4:07 PM mailoag <mailoag@oag.state.va.us> wrote:

Mr. John Shuck, Mr. Justin Curtis, Mr. Maurice Fountain, Mrs. Erin Hollaway Palmer, Mr. Brian Palmer, Ms. Melissa Pocock, Mr. Mark Schmieder, and Mr. Bruce E. Tarr:

Thank you for contacting Attorney General Mark Herring and for writing to our Office regarding East End Cemetery and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR). The Attorney General is appreciative of your group, and others like it, that endeavor to restore and preserve the beauty and integrity of historically significant African American cemeteries, such as East End and Evergreen cemeteries.

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In case it is useful, the Historical African American Cemetery & Graves Fund Program Manual and the Historical African American Cemetery & Graves Fund Application Form can be found at the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall site (<http://townhall.virginia.gov/>) and both are attached.

We have copied DHR, along with the original recipients of your correspondence, for their awareness of our response.

We hope this information is helpful and clarifying.

Very Respectfully,

Jonathan Ward
Director of Constituent Affairs

Office of the Attorney General

202 North 9th Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
<http://www.ag.virginia.gov>



From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 4:24 PM
To: mailoag
Cc: Hezel, Flora L.; Williams, Stephanie (DHR); Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov; district09@senate.virginia.gov; julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov
Subject: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund

Dear Attorney General Herring:

We, the Friends of East End Cemetery (FoEE), understand from a March 21, 2019, email that we received from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) that "staff at DHR are under advice of OAG counsel not to disburse funds for work at cemeteries where there are questions regarding ownership, as is the case with East End Cemetery." This email was in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that FoEE filed.

FoEE has learned from DHR that funds have been allocated under Code of Virginia 10.1-2211.2 for restoration efforts at East End Cemetery, a historic African American cemetery located primarily in Henrico County. FoEE, the sole 501(c)(3) organization doing that restoration work, submitted an application for such funds to DHR in 2017 according to the process outlined at the time.

We learned from DHR in April 2018, once again through a FOIA, that a formal application procedure would be put in place. We received no notification that such a procedure or process had officially been established.

We write to OAG as an applicant for these state funds to ask under what terms and through what procedures will these funds be allocated?

Further, we ask that OAG not authorize or allow any disbursement of funds for East End Cemetery restoration by any agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia until all such terms and procedures have been disclosed publicly and all parties that have applied, including those such as FoEE that submitted applications under previous procedures, have had their applications openly reviewed.

We also request that before any awards are made that OAG offer the transparency on these matters that we have been denied by other state agencies. To obtain the most basic information, we have had to submit FOIA requests. As citizens of the Commonwealth, applicants to the state for funding originally approved for a “qualified charitable organization... whose primary purpose is the preservation of historical cemeteries and graves,” and the de facto stewards of East End Cemetery since June 2013, we are entitled to fair, informed, and open consideration in this process.

We look forward to discussing this matter further with you.

Sincerely,

Justin Curtis
Maurice Fountain
Erin Hollaway Palmer
Brian Palmer
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Bruce E. Tarr



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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Langan, Julie](#)
Cc: [Stephanie Williams](#); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 11:13:25 AM

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From: Langan, Julie [mailto:julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 11:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Stephanie Williams; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund

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On Wed, Apr 10, 2019, 9:08 AM [REDACTED]
wrote:

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From: Williams, Stephanie [mailto:stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 8:47 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund

[REDACTED]

Thank you,
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To: mailoag <mailoag@oag.state.va.us>

Cc: Hezel, Flora L. <FHezel@oag.state.va.us>, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

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Good morning, Ms. Langan,

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On Mon, Apr 15, 2019 at 11:50 AM Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:
Dear Friends of East End:

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Williams, Stephanie](#); [Langan, Julie \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: RE: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 4:11:52 PM

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From: Williams, Stephanie [mailto:stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 4:08 PM
To: [REDACTED] Langan, Julie (DHR)
Subject: Fwd: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund

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Thank you,
Stephanie

Stephanie B. Williams

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Subject: Re: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 1:04:06 PM

Thank you — we've marked our calendar. We'll let you know exactly who's attending as the date approaches.

We look forward to meeting you.

Regards,
FOEE

On Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 11:30 AM Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhv.virginia.gov> wrote:
Dear Friends of East End Cemetery:

Let's meet at 10:00 on May 7th at the headquarters of DHR located at 2801 Kensington Avenue. Parking is available in the lot to the rear of the building as well as along Kensington. DHR is colocated with the Virginia Museum of History & Culture and our entrance is on the north (Kensington) side of the building.

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On Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 9:21 AM Friends of East End <friendsofeastend@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning, Ms. Langan,

Apologies for the delay — we've been trying to coordinate schedules. If you are still available on Tuesday, May 7, that would be ideal for us. We can make any time work. Otherwise, the morning of Friday, May 10, would be a possibility. Please let us know what's best for you.

Thank you,

The Friends of East End

On Mon, Apr 15, 2019 at 11:50 AM Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Dear Friends of East End:

I am not available the two dates in April that you suggest but have quite an open schedule during the week of May 6. Please let me know what date and time would suit you best:

Monday, May 6: 3:00 - 5:00
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Sincerely,

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On Fri, Apr 12, 2019 at 9:14 AM Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [Smith, Jolene](#)
Subject: Re: Introductions and a chat?
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:30:45 PM

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On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 12:46 PM Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hello Stephanie,

See below for a thread arranging a meeting between Brian Palmer, Erin Hollaway Palmer, Joanna Green, and myself.

Jolene

Jolene L. U. Smith

Historic Resources Data Coordinator

Archaeologist

Department of Historic Resources

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I am teleworking! Email is the best way to reach me but I will return your voicemail.

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From: **Smith, Jolene** <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov>

Date: Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 12:36 PM

Subject: Re: Introductions and a chat?

To: Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com>

Cc: Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>, Wilson, Joanna (DHR) <joanna.green@dhr.virginia.gov>, Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>

No worries; my day is getting more hectic by the minute, anyway. See you all then!

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Thanks for understanding and being flexible! We'll see you on the 29th at 1:30. Hope you both enjoy the beautiful weekend ahead. -Erin

On Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 10:38 AM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Yikes - sorry to hear it! We can absolutely reschedule for what I hope will be a less hectic day. The 29th sounds fine to me.

Joanna

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On Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 10:34 AM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

I'm so sorry — now it's our turn to ask to postpone our meeting. We are faced with a few unexpected deadlines and are feeling stressed out and jammed up — not great company. Next week is kind of a nightmare. Could we do our coffee date on Friday, March 29? Same time, same place?

Apologies!

Erin

On Fri, Mar 8, 2019 at 9:52 AM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thanks for being so flexible, everyone! Hopefully I'll have some interesting information from today's site visit to pass along -- see you next Friday.

Joanna

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On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 9:06 AM Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 8:44 AM Erin Hollaway Palmer

<ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Oh, please go ahead and meet with them! What if we meet next Friday, 3/15, instead? We could do the same time.

On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 8:17 AM Green, Joanna

<joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hi folks -

In an interesting coincidence I've been given an opportunity to meet with the facilities manager and superintendent of Central State about their cemetery, but it looks like the only availability in the next several weeks is (of course) when we'd planned to get together on Friday. I do have a prior commitment to all of you, and if you'd like to meet on Friday as planned I will reschedule with the folks at CSH. If you are willing to reschedule our coffee date, please

let me know when it would work for you and I'll put it on the calendar in permanent ink. :)

I do appreciate everyone's patience here! So much going on and so few days in the week.

Thanks!

Joanna

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:30 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer
<ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Great — looking forward to it!

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:28 PM Green, Joanna

<joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Yep - 1:30 a week from Friday!

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:26 PM Smith, Jolene

<jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Both are fine for me. So 3/8 it is unless Joanna is tied up.

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:25 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer

<ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Sounds good. Just making sure we mean next week (3/8). I'll be out of town this Friday.

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:22 PM Green, Joanna

<joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

1:30? That might help to keep me awake long enough to get through the rest of the day

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:05 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer

<ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Midafternoon coffee would be great. Name the time and we'll be there. Looking forward to it!

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:04 PM Green, Joanna

<joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Friday works for me - lunch? Midafternoon coffee?

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:56 PM Smith, Jolene

<jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Fabulous! Thursday is wide open for me, as is Friday after 11:30.

Jolene

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:51 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer

<ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

We can't believe we haven't met either! Coffee at the VMFA would be great. How about Thursday or Friday next week? -Erin

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:50 PM Green, Joanna

<joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thanks to Jolene for making the electronic introductions! I'd love to get together for coffee -- looking forward to it.

Joanna

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:20 PM Smith, Jolene

<jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hello Erin and Brian,

Meet (virtually) Joanna Wilson Green, copied here. Joanna is our Easement and Stewardship Archaeologist, mortuary archaeologist, and all around cemetery expert here at DHR (and I had completely assumed you'd already met her in the past). Joanna is gathering information that she might have on Central State in response to your message, Erin. We're wondering if one or both of you might like to grab a coffee at VMFA to meet in real life sometime soon? Related to East End, Joanna is interested in your work (and the FOEE). We've also been talking about a more formal project to document state institutional cemeteries, and it seems like the stars are beginning to align. Do you have any availability coming up?

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From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [Langan, Julie](#)
Subject: Re: Legal requirement to secure cemetery owner's permission for nonprofit to operate
Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2019 11:10:31 AM

Mr. Palmer,

There is no DHR requirement "to secure permission of a cemetery owner to operate at that private cemetery." I believe what you are referring to is "Attachment D" in the application, "written approval from the current owner of a proposed scope of work." Again, in order to ensure this agency's responsible administration of this grant program, we have deemed it necessary to require non-property owners to submit proof that the property owner agrees with the kind and type of work a third party intends to perform.

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On Fri, Jun 14, 2019 at 11:46 AM Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:
Once you are back, let's discuss how best to respond.

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From: **Brian Palmer** <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>

Date: Fri, Jun 14, 2019 at 10:35 AM

Subject: Legal requirement to secure cemetery owner's permission for nonprofit to operate

To: <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>

Good morning, Ms. Langan.

One of our members looked for a legal requirement under §10.1-2211.2 or other legislation for a "qualified organization" such as the Friends of East End to secure permission of a cemetery owner to operate at that private cemetery. He found none. The only requirement for such permission seems to be in the DHR application for these funds.

If there is a such a law, would you please tell me what it is? And if there is not, please tell me under what authority DHR imposed that condition on Historic African American cemetery restoration funds.

Thank you again.

Brian Palmer

Brian Palmer
917-561-1964

From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Langan, Julie](#)
Cc: [Stephanie Williams](#); [Mark Schmieder](#); [Bruce Tarr](#); [Erin](#); [Melissa Pocock](#)
Subject: Re: Legal requirement to secure cemetery owner's permission for nonprofit to operate
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 11:45:15 AM

Good morning, Ms. Langan and Ms. Williams.

This provision, which you point out is not a law but a requirement imposed by DHR, has given Parity LLC veto power over any other organization applying for such funding. The effect is to give Parity LLC exclusive claim to taxpayer dollars.

DHR's rule has granted Parity LLC/Enrichmond, as owner AND applicant for these funds, the power to eliminate any and all competition for these funds, regardless of the qualifications of that applying organization. This is precisely what Parity did with the Friends of East End.

My position is that this rule cedes governmental power to a single nongovernmental entity. This is undemocratic and profoundly unfair.

I too look forward to working together with the owner of the cemeteries—as well as the state organization's that subsidized and enabled Parity/Enrichmond's acquisitions of the cemeteries—but under a new regime that is transparent, has adequate state oversight, and is fair to the grassroots groups that have done the work of cemetery reclamation. We are not there yet.

Respectfully,

Brian Palmer

On Jun 19, 2019, at 11:14 AM, Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Brian:

Thanks for your call this morning.

Stephanie Williams and I have conferred regarding the questions posed in your email and we agree that there is no state law or DHR requirement "to secure permission of a cemetery owner to operate at that private cemetery." Rather, "Attachment D" in the application requests "written approval from the current owner of a proposed scope of work." In order to ensure this agency's responsible administration of this grant program, we have deemed it necessary to require non-property owners to submit proof that the property owner agrees with the kind and

type of work a third party intends to perform.

With another round of funding available after July 1, I remain hopeful that the FOEE and enRichmond find a mutually agreeable way to work together.

Sincerely,

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To: [Baker, Wendy](#)
Cc: [Geraldine Hayes](#)
Subject: Re: Outside Employment form for East End/Brian Palmer website work
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:46:56 PM

Thanks, Wendy! We are making the best of the time together! Hope you are doing well, also. It was good to hear everyone's voices last Friday!!!

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On Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 4:37 PM Baker, Wendy <wendy.baker@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Stephanie - The document should be left out if it provides personal information which it does not.

Let me know if you have questions.

Hope you and your family are doing well.

On Tue, Apr 7, 2020 at 3:32 PM Williams, Stephanie

<stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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To: Stephanie Williams <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

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Subject: Re: Outside Employment form for East End/Brian Palmer website work
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Hi Stephanie - Let me check on that. My first initial response is to include it because it does not disclose any personal information about Jolene.

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From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [Smith, Jolene](#)
Subject: Re: Outside Employment form for East End/Brian Palmer website work
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:51:14 PM

Thanks, Jolene. I have included this since it does not contain any PII.

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: ["Brian Palmer"](#)
Subject: RE: Palmer questions
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 4:00:29 PM

If there are surveys completed by those groups, I will certainly send them. If not, I will send a sample of what I do have.

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From: Brian Palmer [mailto:bpalmer3@vcu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: Re: Palmer questions

I apologize, Ms. Williams. I should have specified "completed survey" or past survey that has been completed by one of the groups. If ones are available for Oakwood/SCV and the Richmond-Stonewall Jackson Chapter, U.D.C, that would be great.

Thank you for the report and the budget link.

Thank you.

Brian
917-561-1964

On Thu, Jan 12, 2017 at 3:47 PM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)

<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Mr. Palmer,

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Also, I just remembered I was going to send you a link to the budget bill. Please find it below. Once on this page, click on Budget Bill, Introduced, Office of Natural Resources, Item 376. This will show you the appropriation for the next biennium. Hope this helps.

<http://budget.lis.virginia.gov/>

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Brian
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Thank you, Ms. Williams. I will review the documents.

Brian Palmer
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On Thu, Jan 12, 2017 at 11:40 AM, Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
<Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Mr. Palmer,

Please find attached examples of documents that you requested in your most recent FOIA request.
Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. And thank you very much for sending the link to your article.

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Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Subject: Palmer questions

Good afternoon, Ms. Williams.

I gather that you are not getting emails I send from my personal account.

Below is my earlier email, which I am resending from this, my VCU account:

Here's the email I referred to in my voicemail. Thank you for returning my call so quickly.

If I may ask one more question:

Section 10.1-2211 of the state code refers to

- “certified statement[s] that the funds appropriated to the association or organization in the preceding fiscal year were or will be expended for the routine maintenance of cemeteries specified in this section and the graves of Confederate soldiers and sailors...”;

and

- the “biennial survey of at least four properly maintained cemeteries.”

I would like to obtain some examples of these. Would this be possible without FOIAing?

Brian

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From: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
To: ["Brian Palmer"](#)
Subject: RE: Palmer questions
Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 3:46:39 PM
Attachments: [DHR Funds Report.pdf](#)

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Date: Thursday, January 12, 2017 12:07:12 PM

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Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:05:04 PM

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Subject: RE: Palmer questions
Date: Friday, January 6, 2017 9:59:54 AM

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Date: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:15:21 PM
Attachments: [CemeterySurveys.pdf](#)

Mr. Palmer,
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To: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
Subject: Re: Smithsonian Magazine Fact Checking
Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 11:45:30 AM

Hi Stephanie,

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On Tue, Oct 30, 2018 at 11:00 AM Williams, Stephanie
<stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

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From: **Sonya Maynard** <sonyammaynard@gmail.com>

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Subject: Smithsonian Magazine Fact Checking

To: <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

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Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 1:41:48 PM

Stephanie,

We have disbursed \$960 to The Daughter's of Zion Cemetery in Charlottesville, VA.
Transaction date 10/01/2018.

If there are more requests, please let me know. Since Sharon is not in, Muriel and I will make sure they are processed.

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Subject: RE: Stratford Hall - Robert E. Lee Memorial Association
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 3:06:35 PM

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To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#); [Tune, Elizabeth \(DHR\)](#)
Subject: RE: Stratford Hall – Robert E. Lee Memorial Association
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:50:27 AM

Hi Stephanie

All I am able to find is that:
Did Robert E Lee Memorial Assoc used to be called Stratford Hall?

In SFY17 State Corporation Commission funded Robert E Lee Memorial Assoc
\$25

In SFY17 Dept of Forestry funded \$9,745 to Stratford Hall under the same
Vendor ID number.

Nothing from DHR. Does that sound correct?

My query went back to July 1, 2005.

Recall the Commonwealth went to a new Accounting System. This is all I am
able to find. Details on the above activity would be addressed to the
other state agencies. Do let me know if you need anything else or if I
need to search more but I'm not finding anything.

Sharon

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From: Williams, Stephanie (DHR)
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 9:24 AM
To: Erdt, Sharon (DHR) <Sharon.Erdt@dhr.virginia.gov>; Tune, Elizabeth
(DHR) <Elizabeth.Tune@dhr.virginia.gov>
Subject: FW: Stratford Hall – Robert E. Lee Memorial Association

Good morning, Sharon and Elizabeth,
Please see below a FOIA request. Let's discuss if there will be a need to
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Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 8:51:10 AM

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Attachments: [096-0024 ep Stratford Hall 2006 Easement.pdf](#)

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Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 12:20:53 PM

None that I can find in my searches.

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Sharon, the Robert E. Lee Association is the non-profit entity that owns Stratford Hall. So, to confirm, there are no records of any expenditures, pass through or otherwise, from DHR to the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association, dating back to 2006?

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Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 4:35:17 PM
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Subject: Re: UDC Info
Date: Monday, October 22, 2018 12:43:17 PM

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From: [Hayes, Geraldine](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
Subject: Re: UDC Info
Date: Monday, October 22, 2018 12:02:07 PM

Yes, The UDC is supposed to distribute the \$7500

On Mon, Oct 22, 2018 at 11:56 AM Williams, Stephanie
<stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Please find in the email forwarded a question regarding our payment to the Ladies Memorial Association of Petersburg. It is my understanding that a separate payment is not made to this association and that it is included in the lump sum that we disburse to the UDC each year, correct?

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Attachments: [UDCDHRMOU.pdf](#)
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From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [Edwards, David](#)
Subject: Re: Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request: References to Brian Palmer
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 12:13:44 PM

Thanks, David. The request is also for any records that "reference" Mr. Palmer. Do you have any of those?

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Stephanie,

I did a Gmail search through emails and files and found no direct communications from me or to me from Brian Palmer. Just wanted you to know.

David

On Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 12:01 PM Williams, Stephanie <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Good Morning, All,

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Please place any records referencing this person in that folder by Thursday if you can. Our response is due COB Monday April 13, 2020.

If there is anyone on this email that you think MIGHT have records relating to this request, please let me know.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions,
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Date: Sun, Apr 5, 2020 at 5:21 PM

Subject: Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request: References to Brian Palmer

To: <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Virginia Department Of Historic Resources
FOIA Office
2801 Kensington Avenue
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April 5, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

* all public records that reference Brian Palmer in connection with African American cemeteries, East End Cemetery, Evergreen Cemetery, and the Enrichmond

Foundation

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In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Kristin Reed

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Subject: Re: Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request: References to Brian Palmer
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:38:46 PM

Hey! I moved a few emails into the folder - let me know if you need anything else.

J

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Date: Friday, March 29, 2019 4:07:05 PM

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As we have documented, FoEE is qualified to receive these funds because it is a certified "charitable corporation . . . that has been granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose primary purpose is the preservation of historical cemeteries and graves" as specified in § 10.1-2211.2 of the Code of Virginia as modified by HB 1547 (2017) and HB 284 (2018) relating to historic African American cemeteries. In addition, FoEE is a registered charity with VDACS, as we have noted.

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Sincerely,

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Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 3:38:35 PM
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[AFRICAN AMERICAN CEMETERY AND GRAVES FUND APPLICATION FORM Evergreen.pdf](#)
[EnRichmond Foundation Payment Request SFY19.pdf](#)
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From: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
To: [Brian Palmer](#)
Subject: Re: Writing for Free Press about Historic African American cemeteries legislation
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 4:47:54 PM
Attachments: [Payments 10.1-2211.2 thru March 5, 2019.xlsx](#)

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To: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
Subject: Re: Writing for Free Press about Historic African American cemeteries legislation
Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 3:55:19 PM
Attachments: [Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - Fwd - Enrichmond.html](#)
[Untitled attachment 32064.htm](#)
[AFRICAN AMERICAN CEMETERY AND GRAVES FUND APPLICATION FORM Evergreen.pdf](#)
[Untitled attachment 32067.htm](#)
[EnRichmond Foundation Payment Request SFY19.pdf](#)
[Untitled attachment 32070.htm](#)
[Evergreen Cemetery Maintenance Agreement 2019.pdf](#)
[Untitled attachment 32073.htm](#)
[Evergreen Acknowledgement of Reporting Requirements 2019.pdf](#)
[Untitled attachment 32076.htm](#)
[Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - Fwd - Evergreen and East End Cemeteries.html](#)
[Untitled attachment 32079.htm](#)
[Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - Fwd - Evergreen Cemetery.html](#)
[Untitled attachment 32082.htm](#)

Thank you. I will review the documents.

Brian

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Journalist
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On Mar 6, 2019, at 3:38 PM, Williams, Stephanie
<stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Brian,
As to your first question, no public announcements are made. Please find attached the records that match this request.
Thanks,
Stephanie

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On Wed, Mar 6, 2019 at 10:13 AM Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net> wrote:
Thank you again for your very swift reply.

I will set the East End matter aside for the moment, lest I mix my roles here.

Regarding the funding provided to Enrichmond for Evergreen, which is directly relevant to this piece, I saw no public announcement of this.

My questions to you are:

— Was such a public announcement made, and if so when and in what forums/publications? Please email me any such announcements.

Finally, I request documents, correspondence, applications for funding, and other records related to this \$10,500 payment to Enrichmond under 10.1-2211.2 that are releasable under Virginia's FOIA law.

I regard this as a comprehensive request unlike my earlier query. If there are fees associated with my request, please inform me. I would, of course, prefer that they be waived, because my request is in the public interest.

Thank you.

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<stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Good Morning, Brian,

It is DHR's understanding that East End Cemetery is being acquired by the EnRichmond Foundation and that they will apply for the funds once that is official. As for the African American Burial Ground for the Enslaved at Belmont, the only thing I know is that according to a newspaper article it is owned by the Loudoun Freedom Foundation. If they qualify under the legislation, they could apply, and I suppose that Loudoun could also apply for the funds. These funds are reverting, so what is not disbursed in a fiscal year is returned to the General Fund.

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On Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 5:05 PM Brian Palmer

<bxpnyc@earthlink.net> wrote:

Thank you for your swift reply, Ms. Williams.

I see that there are two allocations, for East End and the burial ground of the enslaved in Belmont, that have not yet been disbursed. What entities will receive these funds? If that determination has not yet been made, when will it be made? Will it be announced publicly?

Thank you.

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From: [Sonya Maynard](#)
To: Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov
Subject: Smithsonian Magazine Fact Checking
Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 10:58:17 AM

Hi Stephanie,

I'm a fact checker for Smithsonian Magazine and I'm verifying some information for an upcoming article for which you've been in touch with our writer, Brian Palmer.

We'd like to say whether any money has been distributed under HB 1547, the Historic African American Cemeteries and Graves bill. Could you tell me if that has happened yet? And also, does the bill start with "Historic" or "Historical?"

Thanks so much for your help,
Sonya Maynard
Smithsonian Magazine

From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Cc: [Charlie Schmidt](#)
Subject: Stratford Hall – Robert E. Lee Memorial Association
Date: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 8:10:38 AM

August 23, 2017

Good morning, Ms. Williams.

This is a request under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

I am a journalist and educator living in Richmond, VA.

I request public records relating to the expenditure of public funds on, granting of tax credits to, or any other financial arrangements between your department and the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association and Stratford Hall. Such documents include but are not limited to contracts, invoices, audits, account statements, easements, photographs, and correspondence.

I understand that this request may return a large volume of documents. I will therefore limit this initial request to the earliest year for which you have relevant records, and the fiscal years 2006 to 2018.

If your office grants fee waivers to journalists or educators, I request one. If not, please notify me if you anticipate that the cost of this request will exceed \$150.

Finally, if I have directed this request to your office in error, I would appreciate your guidance in identifying the relevant authority.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Brian Palmer
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717 N. 33rd Street
Richmond, VA 23223

From: 91328-66420042@requests.muckrock.com
To: Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov
Subject: Virginia Freedom of Information Act Request: References to Brian Palmer
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 5:21:44 PM

Virginia Department Of Historic Resources
FOIA Office
2801 Kensington Avenue
Richmond, VA 23221

April 5, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, I hereby request the following records:

* all public records that reference Brian Palmer in connection with African American cemeteries, East End Cemetery, Evergreen Cemetery, and the Enrichmond Foundation

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes.

In the event that there are fees, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 5 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Kristin Reed

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From: [Friends of East End](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie \(DHR\)](#)
Cc: Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov; district09@senate.virginia.gov
Subject: Virginia Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 4:57:02 PM

Deputy Director Williams:

In August 2017, the Friends of East End Cemetery (FoEE) submitted our application to the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) for the funds that would be made available for restoration efforts at East End Cemetery through the Historical African American Cemetery and Graves provision of the Code of Virginia.

We followed the procedure that DHR outlined: provide proof of FoEE's 501(c)(3) status and registration with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS).

After we submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in April 2018, DHR informed us in its reply that it had not finalized the application process or finished creating procedures and regulations to evaluate grant requests and make awards. Although we applied for these funds under the standing procedures, we were never notified by DHR that a full application process had been put in place.

We learned through a DHR reply to a March 2019 FOIA that funds for cemetery care and maintenance have been released to other qualified organizations during the past year. Also, we have learned that the initial year's funds for East End Cemetery have been allocated by the legislature, although DHR has not released them to date. We understand further that these funds will be disbursed after the Enrichmond Foundation acquires East End Cemetery.

Again, as applicants under DHR's original process, we ask DHR to clarify our status and not to release any funding for East End Cemetery restoration until FoEE has been allowed to participate in the new application process. Further, if any award has been made or is pending for East End Cemetery restoration funds, we request that this process be frozen.

Please provide us with the appropriate materials so that we may apply for the funding through a fair and transparent process.

As we have documented, FoEE is qualified to receive these funds because it is a certified "charitable corporation . . . that has been granted tax-exempt status under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and whose primary purpose is the preservation of historical cemeteries and graves" as specified in § 10.1-2211.2 of the Code of Virginia as modified by HB 1547 (2017) and HB 284 (2018) relating to historic African American cemeteries. In addition, FoEE is a registered charity with VDACS, as we have noted.

DHR previously contacted us about the ownership of East End Cemetery and the

need for the owner's approval to be granted funds. We provided detailed information on the cemetery's ownership from 1897 through 2017. Nowhere in these bills can we find any reference to having the permission of a cemetery's owner being a qualification for receiving these funds. Please clarify the source of this requirement.

Since June 2013, thousands of volunteers coordinated by FoEE have cleared and documented roughly 6.5 acres and nearly 3,200 marked graves at East End Cemetery. We are the qualified nonprofit organization leading the restoration effort—both the physical and the historical reclamation of the cemetery. At the very least, FoEE's stewardship of East End Cemetery, our unbroken commitment to its protection and preservation, and our clear track record of accomplishments merit serious consideration by DHR of our application.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Justin Curtis
Maurice Fountain
Erin Hollaway Palmer
Brian Palmer
Melissa Pocock
Mark Schmieder
John Shuck
Bruce E. Tarr



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The Friends of East End Cemetery, Inc., is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Williams, Stephanie](#)
Cc: [Bonnie Winston](#)
Subject: Writing for Free Press about Historic African American cemeteries legislation
Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 11:05:59 AM

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Re: Headstone restoration questions

1 message

Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>
To: Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>

On a related note, I had a lovely email conversation with your friend Adam Rosenblatt -- we've put him in touch with the Central State facilities manager and have high hopes that a student re Thanks for facilitating a much-needed collaboration, and for all the good work you're doing.

Best,

Joanna

Joanna Wilson Green
Easement and Stewardship Archaeologist
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On Tue, Jun 18, 2019 at 9:08 AM Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net> wrote:
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Thank you for considering this question.

Have a fine day.

Best regards,

Brian







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1 message

Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>

To: Brian Palmer <bxpny@earthlink.net>

Sounds good - I will check with her at this end. Thanks!

Joanna Wilson Green**Easement and Stewardship Archaeologist**

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On Wed, Jun 26, 2019 at 1:36 PM Brian Palmer <bxpny@earthlink.net> wrote:

Good afternoon, Joanna. Thank you for following up. I haven't heard from Kate yet... I'll check my spam/junk folder just in case. It eats things it shouldn't.

BP

Brian Palmer

917-561-1964

On Jun 26, 2019, at 10:59 AM, Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hi Brian - I talked with Kate a day or two ago and she said she would send you some information in response to your request. Just checking to make sure that happened and to ask i

Best,

Joanna

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headstone restoration

1 message

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To: Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>

Fri, Jun 28, 2019 at 11:13 AM

Hello Brian - turns out this one was my fault. Kate actually responded to me and I was supposed to forward it to you! My apologies - here is the text of her email. If you'd like her contact info or a site visit, please let me know.

Best,

Joanna

Hey Joanna,

It's not far, so I'd be happy to visit it with them if they'd like. This would just give me a sense of if there are any on site issues causing the cracking. My guess is that it is just the concrete giving way. The break in the arm of the cross will be very susceptible to freeze-thaw damage where water gets in in the winter and it freezes and expands and widens the crack, then it thaws and can start the process all over again. I'm going to attach some contacts for them to the end of this email. I would really talk to Howard Wellman. He might be able to do something for the part that already broke off. He might also have some advice for the crack in the arm. I would guess that protecting this marker from the elements in some way is the best bet. I'm not sure if they have the option of preserving it indoors and putting out a replica. On the plus side, there doesn't seem to be any sign of iron on the interior which is a good thing for it's future preservation. Let me know if they have any other questions or if I can help in any other way!

Kate

Howard Wellman

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Re: Term hire

1 message

Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>
To: Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>
Cc: "Hodierne, Robert" <rhodiern@richmond.edu>

Thu, Jul 25, 2019 at 11:02 AM

Hello Robert (and congratulations Brian!)

Happy to help in any way I can. Feel free to contact me directly.

Best,

Joanna

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On Thu, Jul 25, 2019 at 10:33 AM Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net> wrote:

This is great news, Robert. Thank you. I will await the dean's call/email.

The person to talk to you for the UR cemetery is Joanna Wislon Green at the Virginia Dept of Historical Resources. She knows the state's cemetery law inside and out.

joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov

Brian Palmer
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On Jul 22, 2019, at 1:38 PM, Hodierne, Robert <rhodiern@richmond.edu> wrote:

Brian,

Good news. The dean's office officially approved your term hire for next spring. You will teach four courses: Photojournalism (the advanced still photography course), a seminar of your choosing and two sections of Practicum. I don't know if we talked about Practicum. It is required for the major and minor. Students comes up with story ideas, report them, write them and endeavor to get them published. The faculty member acts a bit like a city editor. Or to put it another way, no prep required.

Kathrin Bower from the dean's office will be in touch about the nitty gritty details.

On an unrelated matter:

One of our students is doing a story about the very real possibility that there is a slave burial ground on campus. I have attached a draft of the story FYI. One part of the story that caught my attention was the discovery of some bones in 1949 when there was some construction. The remains were reburied nearby, or so contemporary accounts say. No one knows for sure where the reburial was. Do you have any idea if the university would have had to get any permits or other official permission to do that?

If you have any questions about this, you know how to reach me.

Robert



Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>

Re: Perpetual care trust funds

1 message

Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>
To: Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>

Mon, Jul 8, 2019 at 12:56 PM

Hi Brian -

I think you're referring to Article 3, Chapter 57 (attached), most enacted 1919 or thereabouts - the pertinent section appears to be 57-32, but the verbiage is "may" rather than "shall", which indicates to me that this statute allows for but does not mandate. It would be worth your time/expense to have an attorney chase this down, though. Virginia Code is a notoriously shaggy thing, and there may be case law that is more pertinent to this question. My feeling is that black cemeteries were not so much exempted as ignored.

I've also attached a copy of Section 54.1 -- speaks to the prohibition against selling a plot, etc. billed as "perpetual care" in the absence of adequate provision for such. It was passed in 1998, and I'm sure all kinds of bad behavior went on for decades before anyone thought about legislating against it.

Big gap between the two... I can't find any continuity there, or much of anything predating the 1990s that specifically references perpetual care. Again, it may be more useful to chase down case law.

Sorry I couldn't be of more help!

Joanna

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On Mon, Jul 8, 2019 at 12:01 PM Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net> wrote:

Good morning, Joanna. I'm having trouble finding answers to three questions. I'm hoping you can help.

- 1) When were perpetual care funds made mandatory in Va.? I hear 1919 thrown around, but can't find a solid citation in a primary source (1919 Va. Code or journals of the General Assembly).
- 2) Were cemeteries already in operation required to set up such funds? Were black cemeteries included?
- 3) If black cemeteries such as East End and Evergreen were not included, was there a rationale presented by lawmakers or others at the time that you know of?

This is not for direct quote or attribution, just general background information.

Thank you.

Brin

2 attachments **54.1.pdf**
16K **Article3Chapter57.pdf**

4/6/2020

Commonwealth of Virginia Mail - Re: Perpetual care trust funds

16K

**Board of Historic Resources Quarterly Meeting
16 March 2017**

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1. Ashburn School

Sponsor: Farmwell Station Middle School/Loudoun Education Foundation

Locality: Loudoun County

Proposed Location: 20579 Ashburn Road

Sponsor Contact: Anthony Dodson

Original text:

Ashburn Colored School

On this site stands the Ashburn Colored Schoolhouse, a one room schoolhouse that educated hundreds of African American students in Loudoun County beginning in 1892. This school taught children ranging from age 6 to age 17. Segregation in American society was legalized when the Plessy vs. Ferguson case was decided in 1896, and this site stands as a reminder of those “separate but equal” days in the Ashburn community. In the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education decision, the Supreme Court ruled that segregated schools were unconstitutional, but this school did not close until 1959, when another school opened for black students in the county. Loudoun’s public schools were not fully integrated until 1969.

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Edited text:

Ashburn School

On this site stands Ashburn Colored School, a one-room public schoolhouse built ca. 1892 for African American students. Virginia’s public school system, established in 1870, was racially segregated from its inception. Schools for black children received less funding and offered fewer educational opportunities than those for whites. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954) that segregated schools were unconstitutional, but Virginia’s government resisted integration. This school closed in 1958, when its students were transferred to a new segregated school in Leesburg. Loudoun County schools were fully desegregated in the 1968-1969 school year.

97 words/ 675 characters

Sources:

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Ashburn Historic District, National Register of Historic Places nomination (2014)

Washington Post, 26 Feb., 5, 9 Oct. 2016.

Leesburg Today, 30 April 2015.

Loudoun Now, 27 June 2016.

Larry W. Roeder Jr., ed., “Documenting Pre-Integration Schools of Loudoun County: Ashburn (Colored),” The Edwin Washington Project.

Ashburn African American School, Preliminary Information Form, VDHR (2016)

Evelyn D. Causey and Julia Claypool, “Desegregation in Loudoun County Public Schools, 1954-1970,” History Matters LLC (2010)

Inspection and Survey Report, Property of Loudoun County School Board (1940)

Chain of Title for Land of “Colored School in Ashburn”

2. Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute

Sponsor: Morgan State University

Locality: Lynchburg

Proposed Location: intersection of Campbell Ave. (US 501) and Seabury Ave.

Sponsor Contact: Dale Green, dale.green@morgan.edu

Original text:

Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute (Morgan College Annex) 1891-1917

The Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute was established in 1891 as a branch of Morgan College in Baltimore, Maryland. The Jackson Street Methodist Episcopal Church purchased the land on for the school for \$12,000 and \$5,000 for the building. The institute was financially supported by the Freedmen's Aid Society. The first principal was noted African American Frank Trigg, Jr., who presided over 200 students. The mission of the institute was to train African American teachers to educate and uplift their own community. The institute contributed to the growth of rural Virginia teachers of African descent. In 1917, the institute main campus building was destroyed by fire.

106 words/683 characters

Edited text:**Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute**

The Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute opened just east of here in 1893 as a branch of Morgan College in Baltimore, Maryland. The school offered college preparation, industrial education, and teacher training to African American students. Jackson Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Lynchburg purchased land for the campus and provided additional financial support. The Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church contributed funds for operating expenses. African American educator Frank Trigg was the institute's first principal. After a fire destroyed the main building in Dec. 1917, the school closed and its students were transferred to Morgan College in Baltimore.

100 words/ 693 characters

Sources:

Nancy Elizabeth Fitch, "For God and the Race—Virginia Collegiate and Industrial Institute, 'In the Valley of Virginia'—An Introduction"

"An Era of Progress and Promise" (The Clifton Conference)

Nancy Elizabeth Fitch, "Trigg, Frank J." in *African American National Biography*

Richmond Planet, 21 Dec. 1895, 29 May 1897

Morgan College Bulletin (1917)

3. Ota Benga (ca. 1885-1916)

Sponsor: Ann van de Graaf

Locality: Lynchburg

Proposed Location: Garfield Avenue near the Virginia University of Lynchburg

Sponsor Contact: Ann van de Graaf, arvdg@hotmail.com

Original text:**Ota Benga (ca. 1883-1916)**

Ota Benga was brought from his home in the Kasai District of the Belgian Congo by missionary and explorer Rev. Samuel Phillips Verner to be exhibited, along with four other Batwa (known then as "Pygmies") at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. Two years later Benga was exhibited in the "Monkey House" of the Bronx Zoo in New York in the same cage with an orangutan and

several chimpanzees. Outraged African American ministers managed to get him released from the zoo and placed in an orphanage in Brooklyn. In 1910 Benga was sent to the Virginia Seminary in Lynchburg, where he lived until his death by suicide in 1916.

109 words

Edited text:

Ota Benga (ca. 1885-1916)

Mbye Otabenga, later known as Ota Benga, was born in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In 1904 the Rev. Samuel P. Verner, a Presbyterian missionary and adventurer, brought Benga and eight other Congolese purported to be “Pygmies” to be displayed at the St. Louis World’s Fair. Two years later the Bronx Zoo in New York exhibited Benga in its “Monkey House” alongside an orangutan. Outraged African American ministers secured his release from the zoo and placed him in an orphanage in Brooklyn. In 1910 Benga was brought to Lynchburg to attend the Virginia Theological Seminary and College. Despondent over his inability to return to Africa, he committed suicide nearby in 1916.

115 words/693 characters

Sources:

Pamela Newkirk, *Spectacle: The Astonishing Life of Ota Benga* (New York: HarperCollins, 2015).

Ann van de Graaf, *Ota Benga and the Pygmies: An Ongoing Story* (Lynchburg, VA: 2006).

Ted Delaney, “Ota Benga (ca. 1893-1916),” *Encyclopedia Virginia* (2015).

Pamela Newkirk, “The Man Who Was Caged in a Zoo,” *The Guardian*, 3 June 2015.

Pygmies.org

Washington Post, 4 Nov. 1906, 10 Mar. 1907.

Richmond Times-Dispatch, 22 Mar. 1916.

4. Nathaniel Lee Hawthorne (1923-1975)

Sponsor: Voter Registration March Re-Enactment Committee

Locality: Lunenburg County

Proposed Location: 701 Mecklenburg Avenue, Victoria

Sponsor Contact: Patricia Harper-Tunley, votenow1966@gmail.com

Original text:

Nathaniel Lee Hawthorne, Civil Rights Pioneer

Dedicated to Nathaniel L. Hawthorne a courageous and passionate civil rights advocate who fought for justice and dignity for all residents of Southside Virginia. During 1965-1966 Hawthorne worked with the Virginia Students' Civil Rights Committee ensuring the Civil Rights Act was enforced. Operating from the "Freedom House," he chaired the Lunenburg NAACP from 1965-1974. He was instrumental in the desegregation of schools, led voting drives and fought for extended registration hours. Organized the celebratory Voters Rights March-1965. Erected to mark the route of the March of 1965 by Voters Rights Re-enactment Committee 2017.

93 words

Edited text:

Nathaniel Lee Hawthorne (1923-1975)

Nathaniel Lee Hawthorne, civil rights leader, campaigned for racial and social justice for the people of Southside Virginia. A native of Lunenburg County and a World War II veteran, he conducted his work despite death threats and other attempts at intimidation. Operating from the "Freedom House" in Victoria, Hawthorne chaired the Lunenburg branch of the NAACP from 1965 to 1974 and was a coordinator of the Virginia Students' Civil Rights Committee. He led efforts to desegregate schools, register voters, gain equal access to restaurants and stores, and secure African American representation in local government. In 1965 he organized a voting rights march that passed along this route.

107 words/ 689 characters

Sources:

U.S. Army World War II Enlistment Records

Dale Brumfield, "Nathaniel Lee Hawthorne, Virginia's Forgotten Civil Rights Pioneer," *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 18 July 2015

Virginia House of Delegates Resolution No. 72, 14 Jan. 2016

Nathaniel Lee Hawthorne to Martin Luther King Jr., 22 March 1968

Gay Weeks Neale, *The Lunenburg Legacy* (Lunenburg County Historical Society)

Richmond Times Dispatch, 19 Nov., 24 Dec. 1965, 2 June, 1 Aug., 6 Oct. 1966, 28 Feb., 3, 6 June, 8 Nov. 1967, 23 Jan., 16 Nov. 1968, 22 March, 2 Nov. 1969, 13 June 1970, 4 March, 4 Nov. 1971, 9 April, 11 May, 2 June 1972, 13 Jan., 9 July 1973, 10 June 1975

Washington Post, 19 Dec. 1965, 16 Nov. 1966, 29 Nov. 1968

Norfolk Journal and Guide, 16 July, 3 Sept. 1966, 7 Jan. 1967, 14 Sept. 1968, 25 Sept. 1971, 26 Feb., 25 March, 20 May 1972

5. Martha E. Forrester (1863-1951)

Sponsor: Ms. Beatrice L. White and Robert Russa Moton Museum

Locality: Farmville

Proposed Location: 501 Race Street

Sponsor Contact: Beatrice White, blwhite3@embarqmail.com; Larissa Fergeson, fergesenls@longwood.edu

Original text:

Martha E. Forrester

In this home lived Martha E. Forrester, founder of the Council of Colored Women. Born in Richmond in 1863, Forrester became a teacher in Richmond. Upon her husband's death in 1907, Forrester moved to Farmville to live with her daughter Jeanette Clark, who was one of the founders of the Farmville Reading Room. Forrester and five other women founded the Council of Colored Women on 6 April 1920 to focus on improving educational opportunities for African Americans. As a result of its efforts, the construction of the first high school for black students in Prince Edward County, later the R.R. Moton High School, began in 1926. Forrester served as president for 32 years before her death on 12 Nov. 1951. She is interred in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. The organization that now bears her name, the Martha E. Forrester Council of Women, purchased the R.R. Moton High School building from Prince Edward County in 1996. The former school is now the Robert Russa Moton Museum.

165 words/ 971 characters

Edited text:

Martha E. Forrester (1863-1951)

Martha E. Forrester lived in this house. In 1920 she helped establish the Council of Colored Women to foster community uplift. As the organization's president for 31 years, she led its campaigns to improve educational opportunities for African American students in Prince Edward County, securing a longer school term and higher-level courses. She was instrumental in convincing the county to build its first high school for African Americans, which opened in 1939

and was named for educator Robert Russa Moton. The Martha E. Forrester Council of Women, renamed in her honor, later played a central role in establishing the Moton Museum to interpret the history of civil rights in education.

110 words/ 690 characters

Sources:

“Council Tribute to Martha E. Forrester,” *Farmville Herald*.

“Martha E. Forrester Rites at Baptist Church Thursday”

“Twenty-Seventh Anniversary, 1920-1947, Council of Colored Women”

“Fiftieth Anniversary of Martha E. Forrester Council of Women”

Norfolk Journal and Guide, 15 May 1948, 9 May 1970.

6. East End Cemetery

Sponsor: Friends of East End Cemetery

Locality: Henrico County

Proposed Location: 50 Evergreen Road

Sponsor Contact: Sharon Gregory, churnita@hotmail.com

Original text:

East End Cemetery

East End is a historic African American cemetery in Henrico County, Virginia. Established in 1897, next to Evergreen Cemetery, East End is the final resting place of an estimated 13,000 people, among them some of the most prominent black Richmonders of the turn of the 20th century: Rosa D. Bowser, a pioneering educator and civic leader; Hezekiah F. Jonathan, a business owner and the vice president of the Mechanics’ Savings Bank; William Custalo, the longtime proprietor of Custalo House, a noted bar and restaurant on Broad Street; and Dr. Richard F. Tancil, a Howard University–educated physician and bank president.

100 words

Edited text:

East End Cemetery

The East End Memorial Burial Association of Richmond purchased six acres here in 1897 and established East End Cemetery for African Americans. The cemetery, which was later expanded, featured sidewalks and enclosed plots. It is the final resting place of an estimated 13,000 people, among them some of the most prominent black Richmonders of the early 20th century. Interred here are Rosa D. Bowser, educator and civic leader; Hezekiah F. Jonathan, business owner and vice president of the Mechanics' Savings Bank; William Custalo, proprietor of a noted bar and hotel; and Dr. Richard F. Tancil, Howard University-educated physician and president of the Nickel Savings Bank.

106 words/ 674 characters

Sources:

Veronica A. Davis, *Here I Lay My Burdens Down: A History of the Black Cemeteries of Richmond, Virginia*

Richmond Planet, 22 Jan. 1898, 19 April 1902, 23 July 1904, 21 Sept. 1907, 25 Sept. 1909.

Michael Paul Williams, "Couple's Cemetery Research Seeks to Heal Sorrows, Reclaim History," *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, 1 Oct. 2015.

Brian Palmer, "For the Forgotten African-American Dead," *New York Times*, 7 Jan. 2017.

<http://eecemetery.weebly.com>

Veronica Alease Davis, "Bowser, Rosa L. Dixon," *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* 2:160-162.

Richmond Times-Dispatch, 8 Sept. 1907.

Washington Evening Star, 8 March 1882.

7. Newtown (East Elkton) School

Sponsor: Shenandoah Valley Black Heritage Project

Locality: Rockingham County

Proposed Location: intersection of Newtown Road (Route 759) and Samuels Road (Route 638)

Sponsor Contact: Rosemarie Palmer, shenrose129@gmail.com

Original text:

Newtown East Elkton Rosenwald School

The Newtown East Elkton Rosenwald School, built here in 1921-22, served African American students during the segregation era. Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck, and Co., collaborated with Booker T. Washington in a school-building campaign beginning in 1912. The Rosenwald Fund, incorporated in 1917, helped build more than 5,000 schools and supporting structures for African Americans in the rural South by 1932. The cost of this school was \$4,500. The Rosenwald Fund contributed \$1,000, while local residents donated \$872 and the Stonewall School District contributed \$2,628. The land was deeded to the School Board by William and Emma J. Reed in 1921. African American merchant Robert Nizer sold 1.5 acres of land for the school for \$200. This three-teacher type school closed in 1965, the last colored school to close in Rockingham County, and was sold to Frank and Selena Duncan for \$6,300. This is the only remaining Rosenwald School in Rockingham County, Virginia.

154 words/988 characters

Edited text:

Newtown (East Elkton) School

The Newtown School, built here in 1921-1922, served African American students during the segregation era. Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck, and Co., collaborated with Booker T. Washington in a school-building campaign beginning in 1912. The Rosenwald Fund, incorporated in 1917, helped build more than 5,000 schools and supporting structures for African Americans in the rural South by 1932. The Rosenwald Fund contributed \$1,000 toward the Newtown School, while local African Americans donated \$872 and Rockingham County provided \$2,628. The three-teacher school, the county's last solely for black students, closed in 1965 and is the only remaining Rosenwald-funded school building in the county.

96 words/ 665 characters

Sources:

Fisk University Rosenwald Fund Database

Dale MacAllister, "Rosenwald Schools in Rockingham County, Virginia"

Rosemarie Palmer, "Rosenwald School in Elkton," *Massanutten Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia Newsletter* (2016).

DHR Survey Report, East Elkton Rosenwald School (082-5173), 2000.

Sponsor Markers

1. U.S. Army Map Service

Sponsor: Analemma Society

Locality: Fairfax County

Proposed Location: 925 Springvale Road (Route 674), Great Falls

Sponsor Contact: Jeffrey Kretsch, jlkretsch@verizon.net

Original text:

U.S. Army Map Service

This former Nike missile site served as a support facility for geo-location and navigation beginning in 1961, establishing precise geographical reference points on the Earth's surface. In 1963, the U.S. Army Map Service initiated a significant satellite tracking program that became part of the Defense Mapping Agency in 1972. The satellite tracking system contributed fundamentally to the Global Positioning System or GPS. Until 1993, the data gathered at this facility also enabled geospatial scientists to further refine both their estimates of the Earth's true shape and variations in its gravity field.

89 words

Edited text:

U.S. Army Map Service

Here, at a former Nike missile site, the U.S. Army Map Service established a research station to support geo-location and navigation in 1961. Two years later, the Map Service initiated a significant satellite tracking program that became part of the Defense Mapping Agency in 1972. This tracking system contributed fundamentally to the Global Positioning System (GPS). The data gathered here enabled geospatial scientists to establish precise geographical reference points on the Earth's surface and to refine their estimates of the Earth's true shape and variations in its gravity field. This facility closed in 1993.

94 words/ 618 characters

Sources:

"DMA Celebrates 30 Years of Satellite Tracking" (1993), Box 104, DMA Collection, Historical Research Center, NGA.

"Master Plan, Analysis of Existing Facilities" (1965), Box 42 Army Map Service Collection, Herndon Area, Historical Research Center, NGA.

"History and Current Function of the DMA Herndon Site" (1995), Box 75, DMA Collection, Historical Research Center, NGA.

Washington Post, 27 June 1954, 24 Oct. 1961, 7 Oct. 1993, 5 Nov. 1998.

NGA Reference Chronology.

2. Sunnydale Farm

Sponsor: Historical Society of the Pound

Locality: Wise County

Proposed Location: 9725 Mountain Cove Road (Route 631)

Sponsor Contact: Paul Varson, pvarson@verizon.net

Original text:

Sunnydale Farm

HISTORIC SUNNYDALE FARM HOME OF CHANT BRANHAM KELLY (1894-1979)
FOUNDING FATHER OF POUND

13 words

Edited text:

Sunnydale Farm

Sunnydale Farm, just to the north, was the home of Chant Branham Kelly (1894-1979), known as the “Father of Pound.” Kelly grew up here, served in the U.S. Army during the Mexican Expedition (1916-1917) and World War I, and returned in the 1920s. Eager to promote community development, he built much of Pound’s business district, opened several stores, and recruited other merchants. He led efforts to secure the town’s first paved road, electric and telephone service, a water system, a fire department, and a crucial dam to alleviate flooding. Kelly is buried in the family cemetery at Sunnydale Farm. The farm is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

110 words/ 667 characters

Sources:

Sunnydale Farm, National Register of Historic Places Nomination, 2011.

Nancy Charles Baker, “Chant B. Kelly—‘Pioneer of Pound’”

Coalfield Progress, 6 Sept. 2016.

“Chant Kelly, Pound’s Founding Father,” *Stateline Press*, 30 Jan. 1969.

“Tribute to Chant Kelly,” *Coalfield Progress*, 29 Nov. 1979.

3. Mount Jackson

Sponsor: Mt. Jackson Museum, Inc.

Locality: Mt. Jackson

Proposed Location: Route 11 (Main St.)

Sponsor Contact: Kenna W. Fansler, kwwhit@shentel.net

Original text:

Mount Jackson

Mount Jackson was established by an act of the Virginia General Assembly on 28 January 1826 in honor of Andrew “Old Hickory” Jackson, later US President in 1828. Known as Mount Pleasant prior to 1826, early inhabitants were Shendo Indians. Families named Allen, Beale, Harrison and White began settling in the vicinity in the early 18th century. Early industry was milling and agriculture with Benjamin Allen having a mill before 1746. The Manassas Gap railroad first arrived in town 2 March 1859. The Civil War prevented the railroad from going farther south until 1868. Mount Jackson became a prominent hospital center during the Civil War as a large hospital was available in addition to private homes and churches. “Our Soldiers Cemetery” located north of town was established as a result of the hospital’s presence. The area today remains mainly agricultural with many farms producing corn and soy beans.

148 words/ 909 characters

Edited text:

Mount Jackson

This area was a Native American hunting territory before settlers of European descent arrived early in the 18th century. Fertile land and powerful streams supported an agricultural and milling economy. In 1826 the Virginia General Assembly established the town of Mount Jackson here in a community formerly known as Mount Pleasant. Named for Andrew Jackson, later U.S. president, the town became a regional transportation hub because of the Valley Turnpike, built in the 1830s to improve previous roads, and the Manassas Gap Railroad, extended here in 1859. Union and Confederate troops passed through frequently during the Civil War, and several Confederate hospitals were established here.

105 words/ 691 characters

Sources:

Acts Passed at a General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia (1826), 90-92.

William Couper, *History of the Shenandoah Valley* (New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1952).

John Wayland, *History of Shenandoah County* (Strasburg, VA: Shenandoah Publishing House, 1927).

Mt. Jackson, Virginia *The Past of the Present and the Future* (Mt. Jackson Chamber of Commerce, 1989).

Mount Jackson Historic District National Register nomination (1993).

Alexandria Gazette, 15, 17 Feb. 1859.

William M. Gardner, *Lost Arrowheads and Broken Pottery: Traces of Indians in the Shenandoah Valley* (1986).

4. Effingham

Sponsor: Effingham Manor Winery

Locality: Prince William County

Proposed Location: intersection of Aden Road and Trotters Ridge Place, Nokesville

Sponsor Contact: Jennifer Goldman, Jennifer@Resonance.us

Original text:**Effingham Manor**

Effingham Manor, circa 1767, is located amidst a bucolic setting that was once the 42-square mile plantation of Col. William Alexander, grandson of John Alexander, for whom the city of Alexandria was named. He was responsible for the construction of the manor house, smokehouse, slave quarters, blacksmith shop and terraced gardens; all of which still stand today as a monument to both American and Virginian history. The original family cemetery, located just northwest of the manor house, is the final resting place of Alexander, and once included the daughter-in-law of Martha Washington. Effingham Manor, now fully restored, continues to share its unique, rich history and old-world grandeur.

107 words

Edited text:

Effingham

Effingham, just south of here, was built ca. 1777 and was the home of William Alexander. In 1774 Alexander was elected to the Prince William County Committee of Safety, charged with enforcing an embargo on trade with Great Britain. During the Revolutionary War he served as a lieutenant colonel in the county militia. Alexander was a great-grandson of John Alexander, for whom the city of Alexandria, Virginia, was named. An enslaved workforce of African Americans lived at Effingham. Remaining on the property are a blacksmith shop, smokehouse, slave quarters, traces of a terraced garden, and a family cemetery, where William Alexander is buried.

103 words/ 648 characters

Sources:

Calder Loth, ed., *Virginia Landmarks Register*, 403.

Effingham National Register of Historic Places nomination (1989)

Effingham Farm Pole Barn and Septic Fields, Phase I Cultural Resources Investigation (Thunderbird Archeology, 2015).

Virginia Gazette, 12 Jan. 1775.

William Alexander, Personal Property Tax Records (Prince William County), 1782, 1800, 1809.

5. Desmond Thomas Doss (1919-2006)

Sponsor: Military Order of Purple Heart, Chapter 1607

Locality: Lynchburg

Proposed Location: southeast corner of Mosby St. and Campbell Ave.

Sponsor Contact: Douglas Harvey, d.harvey@lynchburgva.gov

Original text:

Desmond Thomas Doss

Desmond T. Doss was born in Lynchburg in 1919 and grew up nearby in the Fairview Heights neighborhood. A member of the Seventh Day Adventists and a pacifist, Doss volunteered for service during WW II but refused to carry a weapon. While labeled a “conscientious objector” by the army, he considered himself a “conscientious cooperator.” Serving as a medic with the 77th Infantry Division during the Battle of Okinawa, April - May, 1945, Pfc. Doss saved over 75 men while under intense fire. Lowering many of the men down a cliff, he was later wounded and gave

up his place on a litter to another wounded soldier. Doss received the Medal of Honor from President Harry S Truman on 12 October, 1945 and was the first non-combatant to be so honored. He died in 2006.

135 words/765 characters

Edited text:

Desmond Thomas Doss (1919-2006)

Lynchburg native Desmond T. Doss grew up nearby in the Fairview Heights neighborhood. A member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and a pacifist, Doss was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II but refused to bear arms. Though officially labeled a conscientious objector, he considered himself a “conscientious cooperator.” Doss served as a medic with the 77th Infantry Division on Okinawa in the spring of 1945. On 5 May, under intense fire, he saved about 75 wounded men by lowering each one down a cliff. Later in May he was badly wounded but gave up his place on a litter to another soldier. In Oct. 1945 Doss became the first conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor.

121 words/ 693 characters

Sources:

Roy E. Appleman, et al., *The Battle for Okinawa in United States Army in World War II: The War in the Pacific*, Center of Military History, United States Army (1947).

Booton Herndon, *The Unlikeliest Hero: The Story of Pfc Desmond T. Doss, The Soldier Who Wouldn't Touch a Gun* (Boise, Idaho: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1967).

Washington Post, 26 March 2006.

New York Times, 25 March 2006.

Heber H. Votaw, “A Noncombatant Receives the Nation’s Highest Honor,” *Liberty: A Magazine of Religious Freedom* (vol. 41, no. 1), 1947.

Lynchburg Advance, 25 Oct. 1945.

Marc Leepson, “Desmond Thomas Doss,” *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* (www.lva.virginia.gov)

6. Col. John Thorowgood Jr.

Sponsor: Ms. Jorja Jean

Locality: Virginia Beach

Proposed Location: 5381 Northampton Blvd.

Sponsor Contact: Jorja Jean, jkjean@vbschools.com

Original text:

Col. John Thorowgood Jr.

Col John Thorowgood Jr was a prominent leader of Princess Anne County, serving as a justice, County Lieutenant, a member of the May Virginia Convention of 1776 and six terms as a member of the General Assembly. During the Revolutionary War, he was a Colonel in the militia, later joining George Rogers Clark's Regiment in 1781. By September of that year he was captured by the British. Pleas were made to the Governor for his exchange in 1781 and 1782. At the conclusion of the war, he assisted with the transfer of British and American POWs on his plantation on the shores of Little Creek and the Chesapeake. In his will he made a provision to free his slaves.

119 words

Edited text:

Col. John Thorowgood Jr.

John Thorowgood Jr., Revolutionary-era leader, lived on an 840-acre plantation near here, on Little Creek. He was elected to the Convention of 1776, which adopted Virginia's resolutions for independence, the Virginia Declaration of Rights, and the state's first Constitution. Thorowgood represented Princess Anne County in the inaugural session of the Virginia House of Delegates in 1776 and served for six additional terms. During the Revolutionary War he commanded the county militia and by 1781 was a prisoner of war. In his will, written in 1786, he directed that his enslaved African Americans be freed after the deaths of his siblings, to whom they were bequeathed.

105 words/ 671 characters

Sources:

Robert L. Scribner and Brent Tarter, eds., *Revolutionary Virginia: The Road to Independence* 6:378, 381.

Hampden Smith III, "The Virginia Resolutions for Independence," *Virginia Cavalcade* (vol. 25, no. 4), 148-157.

Cynthia Miller Leonard, ed., *The General Assembly of Virginia* (1978).

Calendar of Virginia State Papers, 2:450-451, 3:252, 458.

Princess Anne County loose court papers, LVA.

John H. Gwathmey, *Historical Register of Virginians in the Revolution* (1938).

Princess Anne County Will Book 1, 1782-1794.

7. Civilian Conservation Corps Company 1392

Sponsor: John A. Neal

Locality: Tazewell County

Proposed Location: intersection of SR 637 and Vivian Lane

Sponsor Contact: John Neal, j-neal@comcast.net

Original text:

Civilian Conservation Corps Company 1392

Franklin Roosevelt established the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933. The North Tazewell CCC Camp 54 was located at this site. Built in June 1933, Camp 54 housed CCC Company 1392 which was comprised of approximately 200 young men from this region under the supervision of U.S. Army Reserve officers. Originally, the Camp was briefly located on the John Lambert farm in nearby Bandy but was moved due to problems with water and electricity. The men planted trees, established fire breaks, and built roads and telephone lines. The camp was closed at the end of 1934.

95 words

Edited text:

Civilian Conservation Corps Company 1392

The Civilian Conservation Corps, part of Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal, was created in 1933 to employ young men during the Great Depression. CCC Company 1392 established Camp 54 near Bandy, about three miles to the west, early in June 1933. Three weeks later the camp moved here because of problems with the water supply and electricity. About 200 men, many

from Southwest Virginia, lived and worked at this site under the supervision of U.S. military officers. They planted trees, established fire breaks, built roads, and strung telephone lines. The camp closed in Oct. 1934 when the company was transferred to Cambridge, Maryland.

104 words/ 642 characters

Sources:

Annual, 1933-1934, 1392nd Company CCC, Camp P-54-Va. (1934)

Clinch Valley News, 9 June 1933.

Terry W. Mullins, ed., *Hidden Histories of Tazewell County, Virginia* (Charleston, WV: Quarrier Press, 2010).

Ronald Heinemann, "Civilian Conservation Corps," *Encyclopedia Virginia* (2014).

8. Cape Henry Railroads

Sponsor: Christopher Pieczynski

Locality: Virginia Beach

Proposed Location: Fort Story

Sponsor Contact: Chris Pieczynski, Christopher.Pieczynski@gmail.com

Original text:

Cape Henry Railroads

The first railroad to Cape Henry was a tram-way built in 1880 to move construction materials for the new Cape Henry Lighthouse from Lynnhaven Inlet. In 1902 the Chesapeake Transit Company established an electric rail line to the growing village of Cape Henry as a stop in the service loop between Norfolk and Virginia Beach. Located two hundred and fifty yards northwest is the original Cape Henry Station. The line merged with the Norfolk & Southern Railroad in 1905. The U.S. Army acquired the surrounding land and the rail line in 1941 to expand Fort Story where the tracks were used to move the coastal defense system railway artillery and ammunition from storage bunkers. Commercial and passenger service to Cape Henry ended in 1947.

124 words/ 742 characters

Edited text:

Cape Henry Railroads

The first railroad to Cape Henry was a temporary tramway built in 1880 to transport materials for the construction of the new Cape Henry Lighthouse. In 1902 the Chesapeake Transit Company opened an electric rail line from Norfolk to the cape, allowing a resort village to develop. A brick passenger depot, 250 yards northwest of here, opened in 1904. Later that year, the line merged with the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. The U.S. Army established Fort Story here in 1914 and laid new track. During World War II the army used these tracks to transport artillery and ammunition for the coastal defense system. Commercial and passenger service to Cape Henry ended in 1947.

113 words/ 672 characters

Sources:

Jonathan Mark Souther, "Twixt Ocean and Pines: The Seaside Resort at Virginia Beach, 1880-1930" (M.A. Thesis, University of Richmond, 1996).

Annual Report of the Light-House Board (1881)

Street Railway Journal, 30 April 1904.

Fortifications Bill, 1919, Hearings Before Subcommittee of House Committee on Appropriations (1918)

History of the Norfolk & Southern Railroad Company and of its Constituent Companies (1905)

Richmond Times, 30 Jan. 1901, 20 Sept. 1902.

Richmond Dispatch, 7 Sept. 1902.

Washington Times, 9 Feb. 1903.

Richmond Times-Dispatch, 29 March, 21 Oct. 1903.

Washington Evening Star, 16 April 1904.

Stephen S. Mansfield, *Princess Anne County and Virginia Beach* (1989).

9. Bumpass

Sponsor: Sharon Christian Church

Locality: Louisa County

Proposed Location: near C&O Railroad crossing at Route 601

Sponsor Contact: J. Robert Edwards, jamesfirst@earthlink.net

Original text:

The Village of Bumpass

Bumpass Turnout, a sidetrack off Louisa Railroad Company's main line, was built in the early 1800's. Named for the Bumpass family who donated land to the Railroad, the tracks were destroyed by Union troops under Col. Ulric Dahlgren. After the Civil War, the tracks were rebuilt and the village of Bumpass grew into a thriving community, boasting a school, post office, three mercantile stores, undertaker, and a lumber mill. The area's Chicken Coop Co., Grasberger Spoon Co., and barrel stave factory shipped goods all over the United States. Sharon Christian and St. Thomas Baptist Churches (both still active) were built within walking distance of the village.

106 words

Edited text:

Bumpass

Bumpass Turnout, named for a family of local landowners, was a side track along the Louisa Railroad, which opened in 1837. A small community, including a post office, general store, and boys' academy, developed near the turnout's passenger and freight station. During the Civil War, Union troops under Col. Ulric Dahlgren in Feb. 1864 and under Maj. Gen. George A. Custer in Mar. 1865 destroyed track in this area. Major 20th-century businesses included the B. J. Grasberger Co., which manufactured wooden ice cream spoons for shipment across the eastern United States, and the Bumpass Coop Co. Central to community life were Sharon Christian and St. Thomas Baptist Churches.

108 words/ 675 characters

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Charles W. Turner, "The Virginia Central Railroad at War, 1861-1865," *Journal of Southern History* (Nov. 1946), 510-533.

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10. Woodrow Wilson General Hospital

Sponsor: Delegate Richard Bell

Locality: Augusta County

Proposed Location: Woodrow Wilson Ave., approximately 0.5 mile beyond intersection with US 250, Fishersville

Sponsor Contact: Nancy Sorrells, lotswife@comcast.net

Original text:

World War II General Hospital

With entry into WWII, the U.S. Army began constructing stateside medical facilities such as the Woodrow Wilson General Hospital, named for President Wilson born in nearby Staunton. Groundbreaking occurred June 26, 1942. A year later the first of over 4,000 sick, injured, and wounded military personnel arrived by train to be cared for in the complex consisting of about 135 single-story brick buildings with 2.5 miles of sheltered walkways. Declared surplus in 1946, half the repurposed hospital became the nation's first state comprehensive rehabilitation facility. The rest became part of the Augusta County public school system.

96 words

Edited text:

Woodrow Wilson General Hospital

The U.S. Army, needing stateside medical facilities during World War II, broke ground for Woodrow Wilson General Hospital here in June 1942. Named for the former U.S. president born in nearby Staunton, the hospital consisted of about 135 single-story brick buildings with 2.5 miles of sheltered walkways. In June 1943, the first of more than 4,000 sick and wounded military personnel arrived by train. The complex was declared surplus in 1946, and the Commonwealth of Virginia repurposed part of it in 1947 as the nation's first state-owned comprehensive rehabilitation facility for disabled individuals. The rest of the complex became part of the Augusta County public school system.

109 words/ 687 characters

Sources:

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TEA-funded marker

1. Plummer Bernard Young Sr. (1884-1962)

Sponsor: TEA

Locality: Norfolk

Proposed Location: TBD

Sponsor Contact: Peggy Haile-McPhillips, peggy.haile-mcphillips@norfolk.gov

Original text:

Plummer Bernard Young Sr. (1884-1962)

North Carolina native Plummer Bernard (P. B.) Young moved to Norfolk in 1907 to work at the Lodge Journal and Guide, a black fraternal newspaper. He bought the paper in 1910, renaming it the Journal and Guide. By 1935, it had the largest circulation of any black Southern newspaper, and Young became one of Norfolk’s most influential black citizens. His national award-winning newspaper championed racial equality, urging better housing, schools, jobs and municipal services for blacks. Young, a trustee of Howard University and Hampton Institute, also chaired the Advisory Board of Norfolk Division of Virginia State College, later Norfolk State University.

101 words

Edited text:

Plummer Bernard Young Sr. (1884-1962)

North Carolina native Plummer Bernard (P. B.) Young moved to Norfolk in 1907 to work at the *Lodge Journal and Guide*, the newspaper of an African American fraternal organization. He bought the paper in 1910, expanded its scope, and renamed it the *Journal and Guide*. By the 1940s, it was among the most widely circulated African American weeklies in the nation, and Young became one of Virginia's most influential black citizens. His newspaper championed racial equality, urging better housing, schools, jobs, and municipal services for blacks. Young, a trustee of Howard University and Hampton Institute, also chaired the advisory board of what is now Norfolk State University.

107 words/ 676 characters

Sources:

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Peter Wallenstein, "Young, Plummer Bernard," *African American National Biography*.

"Journal-Guide Publisher Dies," *Virginian-Pilot*, 10 Oct. 1962.

"P. B. Young and His Newspaper" (editorial), *Virginian-Pilot*, 11 Oct. 1962.

"Death Ends Guide Publisher's 64 Years in Journalism," *Norfolk Journal & Guide*, 13 Oct. 1962.

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"Story of Journal and Guide is Story of P. B. Young," *Norfolk Journal & Guide*, 25 Oct. 1975.

Replacement Markers (VDOT project)

For each of the 17 markers, I have included the VDOT district, county, original text, proposed replacement text, and word/character count.

1. Bristol VDOT District; Grayson County

First Court of Grayson County UE-5

Near here, in the barn of William Bourne, was held the first court of this county, May 21, 1793.

First Court of Grayson County UE-5

Grayson County was formed from Wythe County in 1792 at the request of settlers near the New River, who could not easily reach the county seat at present-day Wytheville. The first court of Grayson County was held near here at the farm of William Bourne on 21 May 1793. The county erected its first courthouse ca. 1794 at present-day Old Town, 10 miles southeast of here. Grayson County later shifted its seat westward to present-day Independence, where the court began meeting in 1851.

83/484

2. Culpeper VDOT District; Louisa County

Providence Church V-19

Half a mile northeast stands Providence Presbyterian church, built probably in 1749 and little altered since. John Todd, Senior, a founder of Hampden-Sydney College, was pastor for forty years (1753-1793). Hanover Presbytery met there in October, 1762.

Providence Church V-19

Providence Church, ca. 1747, was among the earliest Presbyterian churches built in Virginia. Its first minister was Samuel Davies, the eloquent New Side preacher who led the Hanover Presbytery and later became president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University). John Todd, pastor from 1752 to 1793, established a classical school at his nearby house and was an original trustee of Hampden-Sydney College. George Whitefield, the evangelical itinerant who helped spark the Great Awakening, preached here in 1755. Providence is one of the few remaining wood-frame colonial churches in Virginia.

92/606

3. Hampton Roads VDOT District; Northampton County

Towne Fields WY-7

This site, two and a half miles west, was the first seat of local government on the Eastern Shore. Francis Bolton preached there in 1623, and the first church was built before 1632. The oldest

continuous county records in the English Colonies began there in 1632. The first courthouse (built for that purpose) on the Eastern Shore was erected in 1664 and used until Court moved to the Eastville area in 1677.

Town Fields WY-7

About two miles west was Town Fields, the first seat of local government on Virginia's Eastern Shore. English tenants settled there in 1620 after the Virginia Company of London set aside 500 acres to be used as a source of income for the Secretary of the Colony. In 1632 a commission was appointed to oversee the colony's Eastern Shore settlements. The commission began holding court at Town Fields later that year, and its minutes are the genesis of the oldest continuous court records in the United States. Northampton County built its first courthouse at Town Fields in 1664. The county seat moved to present-day Eastville in 1677.

107/634

4. Lynchburg VDOT District; Amherst County

Lynchburg Defenses R-4

During the Civil War, a line of trenches and fortified artillery positions extending past here were built late in 1863 to defend Lynchburg against attack from the north. Brig. Gen. Francis T. Nicholls was responsible for ensuring that the local militia, invalids, and convalescents properly manned the fortifications. On 12 June 1864, Nicholls ordered the local militia and invalids into these lines to repel a possible advance by Federal cavalry commanded by Brig. Gen. Alfred Duffié, but the Federals altered their course to Lexington. Soon after, the Confederates moved into defense works south of the city to face Maj. Gen. David Hunter's assault on 17-18 June 1864.

Lynchburg Defenses R-4

Confederate earthworks and artillery positions, likely built by enslaved African Americans, were established near here late in 1863 to defend Lynchburg against attack from the north. On 12 June 1864, Confederate Brig. Gen. Francis T. Nicholls, commander of the post of Lynchburg, ordered local militia and convalescent soldiers into these works to repel a possible advance by Federal cavalry under Brig. Gen. Alfred Duffié, but the Federals turned away before reaching this point. Soon after, Nicholls's men moved into defensive works in Lynchburg. Reinforced by Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early's corps, they helped repel Union Maj. Gen. David Hunter's assault from the southwest on 17-18 June.

106/686

5. Lynchburg VDOT District; Appomattox County

Appomattox Court House Confederate Cemetery MG-1

Here were buried eighteen Confederate soldiers who died April 8 and 9, 1865 in the closing days of the War Between the States. The remains of one unknown Union soldier found some years after the war are interred beside the Confederate dead. About 500 yards east of this cemetery is the McLean House where Lee and Grant signed the surrender terms.

Appomattox Court House Confederate Cemetery MG-1

Union and Confederate forces engaged in combat near here on 8 and 9 April 1865, in the closing days of the Civil War. A number of Confederate soldiers who died during this campaign were buried outside formal cemeteries. Local women established the Ladies Memorial Association of Appomattox in May 1866 to provide a final resting place for these soldiers. Here, on land donated by John Sears, the bodies of 18 Confederates were reinterred on 1 Dec. 1866. The names of 10 of them are unknown. One unknown Union soldier is also buried here.

93/537

6. Lynchburg VDOT District; Buckingham County

Female Collegiate Institute F-54

Two miles east is the site of the first college for women in Virginia, the Female Collegiate Institute. Opened in 1837, it failed in 1843. Reopened in 1848, it survived until 1863. The school building has been destroyed but the "President's Cottage" still stands.

Female Collegiate Institute F-54

About two miles east, along the Richmond-Lynchburg stage road, is the site of the Female Collegiate Institute, the first college for women chartered in Virginia. Established in 1837, the college offered a rigorous curriculum including courses in rhetoric, moral philosophy, chemistry, mathematics, Greek, and Latin. Much of its leadership and support came from Methodist clergymen. The Institute closed in 1843 and was reopened in 1849. After closing permanently in 1863, it housed residents of northern Virginia displaced during the Civil War. The main building was demolished in 1906.

88/586

7. Lynchburg VDOT District; Buckingham County

March to Appomattox F-59

Part of Lee's army passed here retreating westward, April 8, 1865. The Sixth (Wright's) Corps of Grant's army passed here, in pursuit, in the afternoon of the same day, moving on toward Appomattox.

March to Appomattox F-59

Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's surplus artillery and wagon trains, under Brig. Gen. Reuben Lindsay Walker, passed here on the night of 7 April 1865, retreating westward along the Buckingham Plank Road. Lee, traveling with Lt. Gen. James Longstreet's combined First and Third Corps, followed the next day. The Federal Sixth Corps under Maj. Gen. Horatio G. Wright was in close pursuit. The columns proceeded through the small village of New Store, about five miles west of here. On 9 April, at Appomattox Court House, Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant.

98/594

8. Lynchburg VDOT District; Charlotte County

Henry and Randolph's Debate FR-10

Here, in March 1799, took place the noted debate between Patrick Henry and John Randolph of Roanoke on the question of States' Rights. Henry denied the right of a state to oppose oppressive Federal laws. Randolph affirmed that right. This was Henry's last speech and Randolph's first. Henry died three months later.

Henry and Randolph FR-10

Early in 1799, at the urging of George Washington, Patrick Henry emerged from retirement to run for Charlotte County's seat in the Virginia House of Delegates. He gave a speech here in March in front of a large crowd. Although Henry had opposed the ratification of the U.S. Constitution in 1788 because he feared a strong federal government, he now warned that states must not undermine federal law. John Randolph of Roanoke, a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives, rose to defend states' rights. This was Henry's last public speech and Randolph's first. Each man won his election. Henry died three months later.

104/623

9. Lynchburg VDOT District; Charlotte County

Edgehill FR-6

Three miles north is Edgehill, home of Clement Carrington. He ran away from Hampden-Sydney College to join the Revolutionary army, served in Lee's Legion, 1780-81, and was wounded at Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781.

Edgehill FR-6

Three miles north is the site of Edgehill, built ca. 1810 for Clement Carrington (1762-1847). During the Revolutionary War, Carrington left his studies at Hampden-Sydney College, served under Lt. Col. Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee, and was wounded at the Battle of Eutaw Springs in South Carolina on 8 Sept. 1781. Carrington owned several plantations and many enslaved African Americans. Historian Hugh Blair Grigsby, Carrington's son-in-law, lived at Edgehill after Carrington's death. Grigsby was president of the Virginia Historical Society and chancellor of the College of William and Mary. Edgehill burned in the 1930s.

94/624

10. Lynchburg VDOT District; Nelson County

William H. Crawford RA-6

William Harris Crawford was born in this vicinity, February 24, 1772. Early in life he was taken to Georgia and became a leading politician of the era. He was United States Senator; Minister to France; Secretary of War and of the Treasury; candidate, 1824, for the Presidency, which was decided by the House of Representatives.

William H. Crawford (1772-1834) RA-6

William Harris Crawford was born in this vicinity on 24 Feb. 1772 and moved with his family to Georgia during his childhood. He studied law, served in the state legislature, and in 1807 was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he championed the Bank of the United States and supported the War of 1812. Pres. James Madison appointed Crawford minister to France in 1813, secretary of war in 1815, and secretary of the treasury in 1816, a post he held for eight years under Pres. James Monroe. He reorganized the treasury and oversaw several major improvements to the federal infrastructure. Crawford was an unsuccessful candidate for U.S. president in 1824.

110/652

11. Northern Virginia VDOT District; Prince William County

Second Battle of Manassas C-27

The center of Lee's army rested here on August 30, 1862; Jackson was to the north of this road, Longstreet to the south. Late in the afternoon, after Jackson had repulsed Pope's assaults, Longstreet moved eastward, driving the Union forces facing him toward Henry Hill. Jackson advanced southward at the same time.

Second Battle of Manassas C-27

East of here, near Groveton, Confederates under Maj. Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson engaged Union troops under Maj. Gen. John Pope on the evening of 28 Aug. 1862, beginning the Second Battle of Manassas. The following day, Pope repeatedly attacked Jackson's position but was repulsed. On 30 Aug. the battle concluded when Pope's Fifth Corps was routed at Deep Cut and Confederate Maj. Gen. James Longstreet's corps launched a furious counterattack, sweeping the Union forces eastward toward Centreville. The battle resulted in more than 22,000 total casualties.

87/565

12. Richmond VDOT District; Goochland County

Dahlgren's Raid SA-14

Here Colonel Ulric Dahlgren, Union cavalryman, coming from the north, turned east. Dahlgren, who acted in concert with Kilpatrick, left Stevensburg, Culpeper County, on February 28, 1864, and moved toward the James River, tearing up the Virginia Central Railroad near Frederick's Hall. He went on toward Richmond, burning mills and barns.

Dahlgren's Raid SA-14

Union Col. Ulric Dahlgren and his cavalry left Culpeper County on 28 Feb. 1864 and rode toward Richmond in a raid designed by Brig. Gen. H. Judson Kilpatrick to free Federal prisoners of war. Here on the morning of 1 March, Dahlgren's troops turned east and moved down the James River, burning mills and barns in their path. A number of enslaved African Americans left with the Federal column. Repulsed five miles from Capitol Square, Dahlgren headed north and east of Richmond in search of Kilpatrick and was killed on the night of 2 March in King and Queen County.

100/566

13. Richmond VDOT District; Hanover County

Scotchtown W-214

A mile north is Scotchtown, Patrick Henry's home, 1771-1777. Dolly Madison, President James Madison's wife, lived here in her girlhood. Lafayette was here in May, 1781, retreating northward before Cornwallis. Cornwallis passed here in June, 1781, moving westward.

Scotchtown W-214

Scotchtown, about a mile north of here, was built ca. 1719 for Charles Chiswell, a land speculator and iron mine owner. Patrick Henry bought the property by 1771 and lived there until he sold it in 1778. During these years he represented Virginia at the First and Second Continental Congresses, delivered his "Liberty or Death" speech in Richmond in March 1775, and served for six months as commander in chief of the Virginia militia. He also helped write the Virginia Constitution and Declaration of Rights and was elected the first governor of the independent Commonwealth of Virginia. Henry's first wife, Sarah, died at Scotchtown in 1775.

106/642

14. Richmond VDOT District; Lunenburg County

Craig's Mill SN-45

Two miles south of Kenbridge stood Craig's Mill on Flat Rock Creek. There flour was ground and supplies were stored for the Revolutionary army. Tarleton, the British cavalryman, burned the mill in July, 1781, when raiding through the Southside. Rev. James Craig, the owner, is said to have been forced to help kill hogs for the troopers.

Craig's Mill SN-45

Two miles southwest of Kenbridge stood Craig's Mill on Flat Rock Creek. The Rev. James Craig, minister of Cumberland Parish and proponent of American independence, purchased the property in 1775 and built a complex that included a fulling and grist mill, grain storehouse, cloth-finishing shop, and blacksmith's shop. In July 1781 the mill was serving as an American supply depot when British Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton raided Southside Virginia. Tarleton's cavalry burned Craig's milling establishment, destroyed his crops and livestock, and held him prisoner while searching for arms at his nearby home, the Glebe of Cumberland Parish.

98/637

15. Salem VDOT District; Botetourt County

Cloverdale Furnace AK-82

Here was situated Cloverdale Furnace, an early iron industry, developed by Carter Beverly, in 1808.

Cloverdale Furnace AK-82

Robert Harvey established an agricultural and industrial complex here about 1790 that processed iron ore. The operation, known as Cloverdale Furnace, expanded in the 19th century under the ownership of John Tayloe III. About 150 enslaved African Americans worked here, many in highly skilled positions. A second Cloverdale Furnace, built eight miles northeast of here in the 1840s, was also largely operated by enslaved workers. The furnace supplied high-quality gun metal to the Tredegar ironworks in Richmond during the 1840s and 1850s, but production lagged during the Civil War. Union Brig. Gen. William W. Averell's cavalry burned Cloverdale in June 1864.

101/660

16. Staunton District; Rockbridge County

Virginia Inventors A-51

A mile and a half northwest, Cyrus H. McCormick perfected, in 1831, the grain reaper. In that vicinity, in 1856, J. A. E. Gibbs devised the chainstitch sewing machine.

Virginia Inventors A-51

At Walnut Grove farm, about a mile northwest of here, Cyrus H. McCormick and Jo Anderson, an enslaved African American, developed a mechanical grain reaper by 1831. McCormick later built a factory in Chicago and, using innovative marketing techniques, far outsold other manufacturers. The reaper revolutionized agricultural efficiency. James E. A. Gibbs, who patented a number of improvements to the sewing machine, was born near here in 1829. His company, Willcox and Gibbs, became a leading producer of commercial sewing machines late in the 19th century.

86/557

17. Staunton VDOT District; Shenandoah County

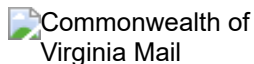
Sevier's Birthplace A-34

Near here was born John Sevier, pioneer and soldier, September 23, 1745. He was a leader in the Indian wars and at the battle of King's Mountain, 1780. He was the only governor of the short-lived state of Franklin and the first governor of Tennessee. Sevier died in Georgia, September 24, 1815.

Sevier's Birthplace A-34

John Sevier, frontiersman, was born near here on 23 Sept. 1745. By 1773 he and his family had moved to western North Carolina (present-day Tennessee), where he fought against the Cherokee and engaged in land speculation. As a lieutenant colonel in the North Carolina militia, Sevier won fame for his role in defeating Loyalist forces at King's Mountain in 1780. After the Revolution he was governor of the breakaway state of Franklin, which never received official recognition. Elected Tennessee's first governor in 1796, he served for five additional terms before representing the state in the U.S. House of Representatives.

99/625

**Williams, Stephanie** <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Fwd: Enrichmond

1 message

Edwards, David <david.edwards@dhr.virginia.gov>
To: "Williams, Stephanie" <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Wed, Mar 6, 2019 at 2:07 PM

Email for FOIA

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From: **Edwards, David** <david.edwards@dhr.virginia.gov>
Date: Wed, Jan 16, 2019 at 10:20 AM
Subject: Re: Enrichmond
To: Hayes, Geraldine <geri.hayes@dhr.virginia.gov>

Great! I know they will be happy too.

On Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 6:05 PM Hayes, Geraldine <geri.hayes@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:
Hi David,

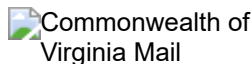
We processed the \$10,500 for enRichmond today.

-- Thanks,

Geri Hayes,

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Fwd: Evergreen and East End Cemeteries1 message

Edwards, David <david.edwards@dhr.virginia.gov>
To: "Williams, Stephanie" <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Wed, Mar 6, 2019 at 2:06 PM

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From: **Williams, Stephanie** <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov>
Date: Thu, Sep 13, 2018 at 10:18 AM
Subject: Re: Evergreen and East End Cemeteries
To: David Edwards <david.edwards@dhr.virginia.gov>

Hi David! Evergreen has been acquired by EnRichmond, and according to them, East End is nearly a done deal, but I have not received any official word from them that it has been acquired nor any documentation.

I do not recall having heard from anyone at Belmont either. According to a news article I read last session, it is owned by the Loudon Freedom Foundation.

Stephanie B. Williams

Deputy Director

VA Department of Historic Resources

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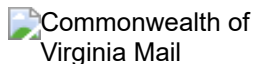
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On Wed, Sep 12, 2018 at 1:26 PM Edwards, David <david.edwards@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hi Stephanie.

Are we still waiting to establish ownership of these cemeteries? I wanted to send the responsible parties the final cemetery expenses acknowledgement and reporting forms.

I have not heard from the folks caring for the African American Belmont Cemetery in Loudoun County. Do you have any contact information? Need to send them forms as well.



Williams, Stephanie <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Fwd: Evergreen Cemetery1 message

Edwards, David <david.edwards@dhr.virginia.gov>
To: "Williams, Stephanie" <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Wed, Mar 6, 2019 at 2:06 PM

Email for FOIA

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From: **Edwards, David** <david.edwards@dhr.virginia.gov>
Date: Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 2:15 PM
Subject: Re: Evergreen Cemetery
To: Erdt, Sharon <sharon.erdtdhr.virginia.gov>

Very good! Thanks, Sharon.

On Tue, Jan 15, 2019 at 2:14 PM Erdt, Sharon <sharon.erdtdhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hello

This has been keyed!

Sharon

Sharon Erdt
Finance and Grants Manager

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On Mon, Jan 7, 2019 at 12:24 PM Edwards, David <david.edwards@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

And now for the electronic Payment Request Form. Let me know if you need anything else. I'll mail the signed original Payment Request Form. Thanks
David

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Exploring the Value of Partnerships

32nd Annual Virginia Preservation Conference

Friday, October 6, 2017 in Petersburg

Preservation Virginia is pleased to be hosting the 32nd annual Virginia Preservation Conference, an event that brings together architects, builders, preservationists, government leaders, developers, lawyers, local planning officials and people like you from across the Commonwealth. This year's conference will take place in Petersburg, Friday, October 6.

For the 32nd year, friends of historic preservation gather to explore preservation ideas and initiatives. Save the date for the Virginia Preservation Conference on Friday, October 6. This year, Petersburg will be the host city where we explore the collaborations between organizations in the private and public sector that are strengthening Virginia communities. New restaurants and other businesses are leveraging the opportunities for heritage tourism and the synergy of a creative community.

Friday, October 6th, 2017

Union Train Station, Petersburg

8:00am: Breakfast & Registration

9:00am: Welcome

9:15am: Preservation Pitch

9:30am: Keynote Speaker (David Trowbridge, Marshall University) Clio; partnerships, community involvement, heritage tourism and etc.

10:30am: Break

10:45am: Panel Presentation/Discussion. Five minutes intro/relevance from each panelist. Discussion to follow, with moderator and prepared bullet points and questions.

Topic: Community Partnerships and Historic Resource Management: Cameron Foundation, City of Petersburg, Petersburg Preservation Task Force, Historic Petersburg Foundation, Battersea Foundation, Preservation Virginia, DHCD, DHR, local business owner's perspective

Noon: Lunch on your own on historic Petersburg (map provided; Clio tour provided)

1:45pm (travel to site included): **Concurrent Educational Mobile Workshops** (90 minutes program content; break; 45 minute tour of respective site led by local orgs):

Blandford Church: Lynn Rainville and Brian Palmer and LCHS re: Cemeteries

Siege Museum: Rick Barker and tax credits (and lobbying- Trip Pollard); tour re: physical plant

Centre Hill: Crowdsourcing and heritage tourism with case studies: LCHS Cemeteries Survey w/GIS or Rwalk and associated omeka website, Dede Smith and GIS-based audio tours, Clio walking tours (Petersburg example), film industry (see DHR program), heritage tourism, followed by tour. Vehicles by which local cultural info gets disseminated- food, recreation, shops, historic sites, etc.

4:00pm: Closing Reception at local restaurant tbd

4:30pm: Welcome, Preservation Pitch Winner Announcement

6:00 pm: Conference concludes (encourage people to stay for dinner and other activities (arrange with local business, like Ammo Brewery, for later activities?))

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ACCEPT OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT**

DATE: 2/9/2016

NAME: Jolene Smith

TITLE: Archaeological Data Manager **DIVISION:** Survey & Register

OUTSIDE EMPLOYER INFORMATION

BUSINESS NAME: Brian Palmer

BUSINESS ADDRESS: 717 N. 33rd St. Richmond, VA 23223

PHONE NUMBER: **TYPE OF BUSINESS:** Non profit organization

POSITION: web developer **DATE OF HIRE:** 2/8/2017

DUTIES: Design and launch an interactive website for East End and Evergreen cemeteries. Project "Reclaiming an Outdoor Archive" funded by Dumbarton Oaks Research Library.

WORK SCHEDULE (DAYS/HOURS): 10 hours/week as needed, primarily on weekends and after DHR business hours. This should not interfere to any significant degree with my DHR work schedule.

TYPE AND DATES OF ASSIGNMENT:

☒ **TEMPORARY** ☐ **PERMANENT** **DATES:** Upon approval through 12/31/2017

I have read and understand DHR Outside Employment Policy. I understand that the approval of this request does not preclude my working overtime when the need arises and that DHR's requirements for my services shall take precedence over the outside employment covered by this request. Further, I understand this agreement, if approved, will remain in effect until cancelled by me in writing, or the stated termination date is reached, or upon written notice of agreement termination by the agency.

Employee Signature

Date

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The request is ☐ approved ☐ denied based on the following: _____

Supervisor's Signature

Date

The request is ☐ approved ☐ denied based on the following: _____

Division Manager

Date

The request is ☐ approved ☐ denied based on the following: _____

Agency Director/Human Resources Director

Date

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From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov
Subject: Legal requirement to secure cemetery owner's permission for nonprofit to operate
Date: Friday, June 14, 2019 10:35:46 AM

Good morning, Ms. Langan.

One of our members looked for a legal requirement under §10.1-2211.2 or other legislation for a "qualified organization" such as the Friends of East End to secure permission of a cemetery owner to operate at that private cemetery. He found none. The only requirement for such permission seems to be in the DHR application for these funds.

If there is a such a law, would you please tell me what it is? And if there is not, please tell me under what authority DHR imposed that condition on Historic African American cemetery restoration funds.

Thank you again.

Brian Palmer

Brian Palmer
917-561-1964

From: [Langan, Julie](#)
To: [Brian Palmer](#)
Cc: [Stephanie Williams](#)
Subject: Legal requirement to secure cemetery owner's permission for nonprofit to operate
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 11:14:50 AM

Brian:

Thanks for your call this morning.

Stephanie Williams and I have conferred regarding the questions posed in your email and we agree that there is no state law or DHR requirement "to secure permission of a cemetery owner to operate at that private cemetery." Rather, "Attachment D" in the application requests "written approval from the current owner of a proposed scope of work." In order to ensure this agency's responsible administration of this grant program, we have deemed it necessary to require non-property owners to submit proof that the property owner agrees with the kind and type of work a third party intends to perform.

With another round of funding available after July 1, I remain hopeful that the FOEE and enRichmond find a mutually agreeable way to work together.

Sincerely,

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PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

The Preliminary Information Form (PIF) constitutes an application for preliminary consideration of a property for eligibility for the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. The PIF is **not** the same as a nomination to the Registers, but is a means for evaluating the **eligibility** of a property for listing. The PIF is evaluated by Department of Historic Resources (DHR) staff and the State Review Board and their recommendations regarding the property's eligibility will be provided to the property owner in writing.

Before Preparing a PIF

Contact DHR's Archivist for assistance in obtaining any information DHR may have on file about your property, such as a previous architectural survey record or eligibility evaluation. You are welcome to use this information in preparing your PIF. Contact DHR's Archivist by phone at (804) 482-6102, or by email at Quatro.Hubbard@dhr.virginia.gov.

Staff at one of DHR's three Regional offices are available to answer questions you may have as you begin preparing your PIF. Locations and contact information for each office is at http://dhr.virginia.gov/regional_offices/regional_offices.htm. (You also are welcome to ask DHR's Archivist for the contact information.)

Preparing a PIF

A PIF consists of three equally important parts:

1. **Form:** Complete the attached form to the best of your ability, using your own research about the property to be evaluated as well as any information that DHR has provided. Remember that DHR's Regional staff also are available to assist you. The form may be completed using Microsoft Word software, typed, or hand-written. If using MS Word, the PIF can be submitted via CD, email, ftp, or other file sharing means.

Your PIF will not be evaluated if it is missing any of the following information:

- Property owner's signature
 - Contact information for the person submitting the form (if different from the property owner)
 - Contact information for the City Manager or County Administrator where the property is located
2. **Photos:** Provide color photographs of your property's exterior and major interior spaces, with emphasis on architectural features instead of furnishings. Photos typically include views of the main building from all sides, as well as important ornamental and/or functional details; any outbuildings or secondary resources; and the property's general setting. Submit photo prints on 4" x 6" glossy photo paper and digital images on CD or other file sharing means approved by DHR's Regional staff.
 3. **Maps:** A minimum of two maps must accompany your PIF:
 - **Location map:** This map shows the exact location of your property. The map can be created using Google Maps, Google Earth, Bing, or other mapping websites. A copy of a road map also may be used as long as the property's exact location and physical address are shown on the map. DHR's Archivist can assist in providing an acceptable location map with boundaries.
 - **Sketch map:** This map shows the locations of all resources on your property, such as the main building; any secondary resources (often referred to as outbuildings); major landscape features such as a stream, formal gardens, driveways, and parking areas, and the road on which the property fronts. The sketch map can be drawn by hand, or an annotated aerial view, tax parcel map or survey map may be used.

Submitting a PIF

Once you have completed the PIF, submit it to the appropriate Regional office. The Regional staff member will inform you when DHR staff will review your PIF and answer any questions you may have about the evaluation process.

Note: All submitted materials become the property of DHR and will be retained in our permanent Archive. In addition, the materials will be posted on DHR's public website for a period of time during the evaluation process.

*Thank you for taking the time to submit this Preliminary Information Form.
Your interest in Virginia's historic resources is helping to provide better stewardship of our cultural past.*



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 127-0821-1073

Purpose of Evaluation

Please use the following space to explain briefly why you are seeking an evaluation of this property. Evergreen Cemetery is one of several of the Richmond regions' African American historical cemeteries. It has been since the 1850s. It was abandoned some time ago and there are focused efforts to restore Evergreen and the adjacent East End cemetery. The Enrichmond group has obtained ownership of Evergreen Cemetery and they are making every effort to bring attention to this very significant resource.

Are you interested in applying for State and/or Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credits? Yes _____ No X

Are you interested in receiving more information about DHR's easement program? Yes _____ No TBD

1. General Property Information

Property name: Evergreen Cemetery

Property address: Evergreen Rd

City or Town: City of Richmond

Zip code: 23223

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: City of Richmond

Category of Property (choose only one of the following):

Building _____ Site X Structure _____ Object _____

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 59.2 acres

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban X Suburban _____ Town _____ Village _____ Hamlet _____ Rural _____

Briefly describe the property's overall setting, including any notable landscape features:

Evergreen Cemetery is located directly east of downtown Richmond, where the City borders Henrico County. The topography features plateaus with deep cut creek ravines. The 59 acre cemetery is adjacent to Oakwood Cemetery on the west; East End Cemetery, immediately to the north; and is also adjacent to areas that are referred to as the Pauper's Cemetery. Evergreen Cemetery is accessed from Evergreen Road on the north, extending from Nine Mile Road. Evergreen Road passes through East End Cemetery. Evergreen is marked by a gate, two brick piers that both display panels showing the name "Evergreen Cemetery." The entrance area consists of an open field (with burials) edged by a circular road network. This field area is referred to as the "new" cemetery. The older historic section, dating to the pre-WWII era, is on the west side of the property, forming a bluff, edged by a hill that drops to Stony Run, the western border of the property. Most of the western and southern sections of the property are heavily wooded.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): Not Applicable

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here: Layed out by James T. Redd and Sons,

If the builder is known, please list here: _____

Date of construction (can be approximate): c. 1890s and later

Narrative Description:

In the space below, briefly describe the general characteristics of the entire property, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the architectural style, materials and method(s) of construction, physical appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions, remodelings, or other alterations.

Evergreen Cemetery is 59.2 acres and is comprised mostly of wooded area. The “new” Evergreen cemetery, known as Metropolitan Memorial Park when the owners updated the design, is an open field surrounded by a circular drive. It is somewhat overgrown with high grass, but there are no large trees. The open field features modest sized headstones, and some metal tag markers. The field area is approximately one eighth of the cemetery. The original James T. Redd and Sons plan shows a moderately regular gridded area with several wider east-west vehicle roads subordinated smaller roads and paths that run north-south and east-west. At the center of the cemetery there are some triangular block and a curvilinear street. That one curved lot is where the Walker family is buried, including Maggie Walker. The prominent Mitchell and Farrar families are also buried close by. When the landscape was open, this was a bluff with a southern and western view towards Fulton, Church Hill and downtown Richmond.

Many of the older family plots are edged in concrete curbing, some include iron work, bars and chains, and some show traditional African American funerary decoration, such as the use of tiles; conch shells, and Yucca plantings. There is at least one mausoleum structure, one that is within 50 yards south of the Walker family burial area.

Not all burials are marked: some may have never been marked, some have lost their markers or headstones. The Find A Grave website lists 8,480 recorded interments. The headstones range in style from simple sparsely marked stone markers to the more elaborate carved works, such as the large cross for Maggie Walker or the carved shrouded angel for John Mitchell. Some markers are simple metal tags on stands. Overall, the wester area, the older section, of the cemetery is heavily overgrow with trees, vines and kudzu. Recent efforts to clear the cemetery have kept the central section open and some of the subordinated smaller roads towards the north, a flatter section of landscape, are open. The majority of the burial plots, headstones, ornamental curbing is obscured by the dense vegetation.

Briefly describe any outbuildings or secondary resources (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

Not Applicable

4. Property's History and Significance

In the space below, briefly describe the history of the property, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property. Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

The oldest known documented burial ground for Richmond's African American community is in Shockoe Valley, near Broad Street and old 15th Street, the area that is close to Interstate 95 and the network of railroad tracks that lead to Main Street Station. This burial ground may date to the mid-18th century.

The register-listed Barton Heights cemetery located on a sloping hillside overlooking Bacon's Quarter Branch Valley, consists of six contiguous burial grounds that African American churches and fraternal organizations established beginning in 1815. The six cemeteries are Cedarwood (originally Phoenix Cemetery), Union Mechanics (formerly Union Burial Ground), Methodist, Ebenezer, Sons and Daughters of Ham, and Sycamore. Together they are important reflections of what African Americans achieved in establishing cemeteries for their own. Burial societies helped establish the cemeteries offering death benefits, the most basic of insurance. These burial societies were the precursors of the benevolent organizations and fraternal orders and the black insurance companies of the later 19th and early 20th centuries. The Barton Heights Cemeteries are the final resting place of prominent African Americans in the city. [NPS Itinerary]

Further to the north and to the east, more African American cemeteries developed from the mid nineteenth into the early twentieth century. These include Woodland Cemetery (Henrico County), East End Cemetery (Henrico County), Pauper's Cemetery (City of Richmond and Henrico County) and Evergreen Cemetery (City of Richmond). Oakwood Cemetery (white burials) lies just south of the East End and Evergreen cemeteries.

[The following section was adapted from a two part article by author Eric S. Huffstutler, "And They Weep... A Richmond Disgrace," part 1 in Church Hill Association's Community Newsletter, October 2014 and part 2 in Church Hill Association's Community Newsletter, November/December 2014]

The land in which Oakwood, Evergreen, East End and Pauper's cemeteries sits on today was part of a 333 acre patent issued on April 27, 1686 to Samuel Bridgewater (1637-1704) that ran between Stony Run and Gillie Creeks and up to current Nine Mile Road. Around 1669, Samuel likely would have owned a small amount of land near Gillie (Gilly) Creek. A year later he acquired another 404 acres in what is now the Fulton area. Both grants to expand on his property were in exchange for Samuel's paying the passage for immigrants to the Virginia colony at 50 acres per sponsored person. The intent was to plant tobacco and wheat. Unfortunately, the land in Henrico County was not conducive to crops. The landscape was undulating with steep ravines, groves of trees, and mixed quality soil, which produced either high yield low quality crops, or unprofitable high quality with low yields. This was true despite the fact his neighbor John Rolfe (Pocahontas) planted the first tobacco crops in Virginia 80-years earlier at Varina Plantation. At that time Henrico was also called Varina Parish. Samuel and his wife Frances were no strangers to colonial courts. He was dealing extensively with William Paggen & Co., of London, and ran up a debt of 8,542 pounds of tobacco. In 1688 he mortgaged 400 acres and personal property to John Pleasants, Paggen's consignee, to satisfy the debt. The note was finally satisfied after Samuel's death, when, in 1708, his three sons bought back the deed being held in trust. Several changes in ownership as well as division of the land occurred, including a grant on February 5, 1798 to Reuben Smith Blakey (1758-1833) of what previously was known as the Thomas Calder farm. Calder left no heirs and Blakey, who was renting the land, purchased it and it became known as Blakey's Mill well into the 20th century. Joseph Anthony Starke was selling 200 acres he

acquired in 1842, with 120 acres cleared and wheat planted by Sept 1852, including a dwelling house 60x30 and out buildings to sell or trade. It was here during the Civil War that various artillery companies camped. In 1873, on the property's edge, one of the last formal gun duels in Virginia between Page McCarty and John Brooke Mordecai took place. But by the mid-1850s, much of this land had been spent and was then considered "Condemned Ground." The committee for cemeteries came across a need to take over "pieces of land in Henrico county, condemned some years since for a burying ground near the eastern limits of the city." This is how Oakwood Cemetery got its start. Oakwood is directly adjacent to Evergreen, East End and Pauper's cemeteries.

On August 24, 1891 the Evergreen Cemetery Association was founded and purchased the land once known as Lots 4 & 5 of the former Reuben Blakey property. They are seen on an 1849 survey map lying along a high ridge overlooking the valley formed by Stony Run. It was to be a cemetery for people of "color" who were discriminated against, and one section close to East Richmond Road was reserved for shunned Mulattos, Native Americans, and Asians. The view and landscape mimicked the beauty of Hollywood Cemetery and even featured stepped walkways and a decorative garden fountain now long gone. Evergreen became the final resting place for many of Richmond's leading African- American citizens, including Maggie Lena Walker, John Mitchell, Jr., Alfred D. Price, Col. Thomas W. Mitchell, William M. T. Forrester, and the Rev. Andrew Bowler. One of the cemetery founders was secretary Daniel Joseph Farrar Sr. (1862-1923) and a rare photograph of his grave (courtesy of the Swem Library at William & Mary College) gives a sense of how the landscape looked in the glory days. By 1899 Evergreen were already struggling and owed back taxes when William H. Kennon tried, unsuccessfully, a legal takeover of the cemetery. Land was added, most likely in 1902, to its current 59.2 acre size. Then owner Roderick Randal Beard (1875-1952) was seen to hold stockholder meetings advertised in the 1909 newspapers. He was still owner in 1947 when an outside investor named H. E. Hicks from Washington, DC became the new owner. Big plans were in the works promising modernization, perpetual care, and construction of new roads, which never materialized.

Sometime prior to 1964 Richmond City had possession of the proper ties per tax cards which, oddly, start in 1958 for these cemeteries. As with the East End Cemetery, perpetual care was not a provision within the charter and it wasn't long before the grounds started to be dotted with overgrowth, escalated in part due to Jim Crow laws and The Great Migration north. By the 1950s it was already an unmanageable dumping ground with some people abandoning their plots or disinterring loved ones to new locations. There was even a petition to remove Maggie Walker's grave, but the cost was prohibitive. Today nature has turned it into a virtual jungle. On January 15, 1970 - Metropolitan Memorial Services, Inc. (DB 662-C p 454) paid \$50,000 and came in with a whole different attitude. Immediately, they placed a newspaper ad stating that families could no longer maintain their own gravesites in the old sections but had to go through them. It depended on who you asked as to how the cemetery was run. When asked for the policies in writing, they refused. In a 1972 interview the major stockholder, Oley Burgess "O.B." Rust Jr. (1916-1975), who purchased Woodland and Evergreen said "What these people don't realize is that they don't own those gravesites; they just have burial rights there." "When we bought the cemeteries, we did not buy the obligations but the property." His company didn't want either of the older cemeteries but had to buy them as a package deal for the land it did want, which was an underdeveloped and cleared part of Evergreen. This section was named Metropolitan Memorial Park (today dubbed "new" Evergreen). At the time it was well maintained and under perpetual care but they soon went bankrupt. Claiming the cemetery was full by 1968, it is said that they began burying bodies under roads and paths or wherever they could find a spot. The Braxton mausoleum was mysteriously vandalized during this same time.

For the past 6-years, John G. Shuck has been volunteering his time organizing crews to help clear both Evergreen and East End. In 2014 he estimated that approximately 5% has been tackled with the help of numerous organizations and a few dedicated average citizens. Virginia Department of Historic Resources staff helped as part a public service day. Forest Ranger James "Jim" Bell, who worked at Evergreen years prior to Shuck, started a group in 2000 called the Virginia Foundation for the Preservation of Historic Black

Cemeteries. Shuck is part of Virginia Roots, Inc., a non-profit organization founded in 2010 by author of black history and researcher Veronica A. Davis in Hampton.

The cemetery restoration work is ongoing. John Shuck has established a Face Book page and there is a web site that coordinates donations and volunteer service.

African American Burial Societies

Burial societies helped establish the cemeteries offering death benefits, the most basic of insurance. These burial societies were the precursors of the benevolent organizations and fraternal orders and the black insurance companies of the later 19th and early 20th centuries.

In 2011, the Virginia Historic Resources Board, approved a Historic Highway Marker for Evergreen Cemetery, it reads:

In 1891, Evergreen Cemetery was established as a preeminent resting place for many of Virginia's most influential African-American residents. These include Maggie L. Walker, president and founder of the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank, and John Mitchell, Jr., champion of African-American rights and editor of the Richmond Planet newspaper. J. Henry Brown, a stonemason by trade, designed many of the tombstones erected here. By the early 1970s, the cemetery had fallen into disrepair. In 1975, volunteers from the Maggie L. Walker Historical Foundation led an effort to restore Evergreen to its original glory.

A Cross Section of Individuals Buried at Evergreen Cemetery

The following list are some of the individuals buried at Evergreen. The information is from the Find A Grave website: <https://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&GSln=Thompson&GSiman=1&GScid=50175&CRid=50175&pt=Evergreen%20Cemetery&>

Research for many of the descriptions are the work of John Shuck and Nadia K. Orton, but there are also many family members who have contributed to the site.

Christopher "Chris" Baker: Unknown-1919. From the Richmond Times Dispatch Obituary: "Custodian of Medical College Morgue Dead - Chris Baker served at the Institution for the Past Seventy Years - Chris Baker, colored, former custodian of the dissecting room of the Medical College of Virginia, and holding the distinction of never having been farther from the building in which he lived than Memorial Hospital, died yesterday morning at 1:15 o'clock at the scene of his lifework."

John Andrew Bowler: 1862-1935. Reverend and Educator

Reverend Nelson Benjamin Brown: Unknown-1934.

Sergeant Edmond Carter: Unknown-1922. U.S. Colored Infantry.

Hinton Thomas Coleman: Unknown-1942. U.S. Army Private Quarter Master Corps (1912)

Frances Cooney: Unknown-1919. Memberships listed on headstone: Women Ideal Benf. Club No. 1, Lincoln Benf. Club No. 1, Helena Social Club No. 1, Sons & Dau's Star of Bethlehem No. 1, Four & Twenty Elders Mt. N. L. No. 5, Women Mesiah Club No. 2, Presd. Union No. 1, Sick & Distress Club No. 1

Arthur Hiawatha Edwards: 1897-1957. "Virginia SC2 USNRF World War I"

Daniel J. Farrar, Sr.: 1862-1923. According to *African-American Architects: A Biographical Dictionary 1865-1946*, Daniel J. Farrar, Sr. was involved with fourteen buildings in the 1890s as designer, builder, or both. He was the contractor on the now-demolished St. Luke Penny Savings Bank. There was an expansion of home ownership by blacks in the city of Richmond, VA following the Civil War, many constructed by Daniel and financed by his father, Joseph. Farrar was a member of many fraternal organizations including the Elks and Masons, and was Secretary of the Evergreen Cemetery Assn. He was a resident of the Jackson Ward community and lived at 610 North First Street. His funeral was held at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Built by Blacks (Richardson) reports that he is interred in the hilltop section of Evergreen Cemetery near the graves of Maggie Walker and John Mitchell, Jr.

William Manning T "W.M.T." Forrester: 1847-1910. Black leader who served as the Grand Master of the Grand United Order of Odd-Fellows in America (colored) for 35-years. Was also the secretary of the Independent Order of St. Luke before Maggie L. Walker took over. And was the founder of Greenwood Cemetery, the early incarnation of Evergreen Cemetery.

Private Daniel Gordon: Unknown-1898. Served 3 years in the 54th Regiment Massachusetts Infantry (Colored)

William H. Hankins: 1858-1902. "Captain 48 US VOL INF"

Wilfred Baker "Freddie Baker" Johnson: 1912-1945. "Virginia CPL 365 INF"

Dr. Joseph Endom Jones: 1852-1922.

1st Sergeant Josiah Jones: Unknown-1914. Battery B, 2nd Regiment, U.S. Colored L. Artillery

Dr. Marie Janie "Janie" Boyd Jones: 1869-1963: "Practiced medicine in Richmond from 1914 to 1962."

Dr. Miles Berkley Jones: 1862-1931. Physician.

Sarah Garland Boyd Jones: 1865-1905. Sarah Garland (Boyd) Jones was the first black person and first woman to be certified to practice medicine by the Virginia State Board of Medicine. She graduated in 1883 in a class of six from the Richmond Colored High and Normal School along with Maggie L. Walker and Wendell Dabney. Her father, George W. Boyd, was considered Richmond's premier black builder. (He built the Maggie L. Walker house which is a national historic site.) Sarah received her teaching diploma and was hired to teach at Baker Street School (built by her father). There she met Miles Berkley Jones who also was a teacher. Miles and Sarah were married at the Second Street Baptist Church in 1888.

Unable to teach after she married, Sarah decided to become a doctor. She moved to Washington, DC in 1890 to attend Howard Institute Medical College returning to Richmond, VA on weekends. In 1893 she finished her studies and moved back to Richmond, becoming the first black person to pass the medical exam by the Virginia Board of Medicine. Miles decided to become a doctor also and specialized in the treatment of ear, nose, and throat diseases. Sarah, Miles, and Dr. Oswald Barrington Bowser co-founded the Richmond Hospital aka Women's Central Hospital. It was a twenty-five bed facility that treated only black female patients, but was staffed by both black and white physicians. In 1901 the Board opened a training school for nurses within the hospital. It remained open until 1920.

On May 11, 1905 Sarah became ill and died suddenly at her home at 908 N. Third St. Her funeral was held at Second Baptist Church. She was eulogized by Dr. George Ben Johnston, cofounder of Johnston-Willis Hospital. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery. At the time of her death, Jones was the only black woman in the commonwealth practicing medicine. She was a member of the Star of Bethlehem Fountain of True Reformers (Rosebud Chapter), and was a founding member of the Medical and Chirurgical Society.

In 1912 the hospital was incorporated and named the Sarah G. Jones Memorial Hospital in Sarah's honor. In 1932 the hospital moved to Overbrook Road near Virginia Union University and in 1945 the name was changed to Richmond Community Hospital.

Sarah was born in 1865 in Albemarle County, VA to George W. and Ellen Boyd. She had one sister, Marie Boyd. (Sources: Richmond Times Dispatch and Inspiring African American Women of Virginia (Veronica Davis)).

Private Edward Mitchell: Unknown-1905. Served in the 54th Regiment Massachusetts Infantry. Enlisted in 1863.

Elizabeth Draper Mitchell: 1851-1922. Slave, Washer Woman, Domestic. Maggie Lena Walker's mother.

John Mitchell, Jr.: 1863-1929. Civil Rights Pioneer. Though born a slave he became one of the first Black newspaper editors in the United States, the first Black candidate for Governor of a southern state, and one of the first two Black bank presidents. The child of a family which remained as servants to their pre-Civil War master, Mitchell was educated in the same Richmond school system that produced Maggie Walker. After working as a teacher in the then-segregated schools he got his start in journalism by writing articles for the "New York Globe" then joined the staff of the "Richmond Planet", becoming its editor in December of 1884 and remaining in the job until his death. The demise of General Billy Mahone's Readjuster Party in the early 1880s paved the way for Jim Crow laws in Virginia and forced Mitchell to become an active reformer who was to crusade for better treatment of Blacks by the court system and for the end of lynching. Though well-known as a defender of his fellow blacks he supported anybody he considered unfairly oppressed, on one occasion intervening to stop the execution of a mentally incompetent 15 year old white boy accused of rape. In 1895 he organized a six month boycott of the segregated Richmond streetcars that bankrupted the trolley company. A successful politician he represented Jackson Ward, then called the 'Black Wall Street', on the Richmond Board of Aldermen for several years beginning in 1892 and also served as a delegate to at least two Republican National Conventions during the era when Republican leadership in the Old South was largely black; in 1902 Mitchell founded and chartered the Mechanics' Savings Bank and was later the first Black man to address the American Bankers' Association. Thru his bank he ran the quasi-secret Knights of Pythias until regulation changes forced the separation of financial institutions from fraternal societies and along the way became quite wealthy, even owning some white neighborhoods in which he was not allowed to live. In 1921 Mitchell ran an unsuccessful campaign as a Republican to be Governor of Virginia; financial scandals clouded his final years with his bank going under in 1923 and at his death after collapsing in his office he was buried in an unmarked grave next to that of his mother. Today the Library of Virginia houses a large collection of material on his life and career. In 2012, through the efforts of volunteers from the Richmond Black History Project, Mr. Mitchell's grave finally was marked with an appropriate headstone. Looking back at his struggles he once said: "The best remedy for a lyncher or a cursed midnight rider is a 16-shot Winchester rifle in the hands of a dead-shot Negro who has nerve enough to pull the trigger". (bio by: Bob Hufford)

Thomas William Mitchell: 1869-1900. He was the manager of the Richmond Planet and brother of the editor, John Mitchell."

George Mosby: Unknown-1938. "Virginia Pvt. [Co L] 811 Pioneer Inf." (World War I)

Dr Jeremiah Milton Newman: 1880-1956. Physician.

Ora Arnetta Johnson Newman: 1894-1963. Assistant Principle of Maggie Walker High School/former professor at Howard University and Virginia Union University.

Charles Augustus Page: 1922-1946. “Virginia TEC. 5 4002 Trans. Corps. Truck Co. World War II”

Alfred Douglas Price: 1860-1921. Founder of the A.D. Price Funeral Home in Jackson Ward. Reinterred in Riverview Cemetery.

Violet E. Robinson: 1918-1945. Faculty George Mason School.

Robert C. Shelton: 1896-1962. “Virginia Private US Army World War I”

Dr Albert Alonzo Tennant: 1880-1938. Physician

Armstead Walker, Jr.: 1860-1915. Wed to Maggie Lena Walker. He was a building contractor. The successful husband of the famous Maggie Walker was shot to death on the back porch of his home by his son, Russell. The shooting was accidental. Russell mistook his father for a burglar for whom both were searching. The father and son had borrowed a handgun after being disturbed by suspected burglars. The next night when awakened again by sounds from the roof, the two went searching, armed. Nothing was found from the roof. Russell went back the way he came up. Armstead went the other way, to a second story back porch. When Russell came upon his father from the other direction, he mistook him for the burglar they had heard. He had no knowledge that his father had not followed him. Russell shot Armstead through the head, killing him instantly. A Richmond detective arrested Russell, due to a discrepancy in the account. Maggie Walker bailed him out. Russell was twenty-five at the time, his father, fifty-four. There was talk of some discord between the two, but Russell and his mother discredited that. The trial was sensational and contentious. A verdict of not guilty was reached. Russell buried his face in his hands and thanked God, while Maggie Walker wept for joy. The crowded courtroom was divided.

Maggie Lena Mitchell Walker: 1867-1934. Noted African American businesswoman, civil leader, newspaper founder, lecturer and the first African American woman bank president in the United States. In spite of humble beginnings in post-Civil War Richmond, Virginia, Maggie Lena Walker became one of the most profoundly influential activists of her time in a wide range of local and national black organizations. Her business acumen, personality, and lifelong commitment to a beneficial burial society fueled her climb to success. She believed that Black American women had an instrumental part to play in the economic and political success of the Black American community. Walker won special renown as head of the Independent Order of Saint Luke (founded in 1903), a society through which she created businesses that provided employment for African Americans, especially black women, in over twenty states. As a result, she became the first woman bank president in the United States. As a leader her successes and vision offered tangible improvements in the way of life for African Americans and women. Walker retired for health reasons in 1933 and died a year later. The bank survived the depression and remains solvent to this day as the oldest continually black-owned and black-run bank (St. Luke Bank and Trust Company) in the nation. In addition to her work for the Independent Order of Saint Luke, Walker was active in civic groups. Among them were the National Association of Colored Women (NACW) and the Virginia Interracial Commission. To assist race relations she helped to organize and served locally as vice president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and was a member of the NAACP board. (bio by: Curtis Jackson)

Russell Eccles Talmadge Walker: 1890-1923. The first child of Armstead and Maggie Walker. His birth was very difficult. The three doctors used forceps to the extent of causing damage. Russell was not expected to survive. His mother was bedridden for five months afterward. In June 1915 Russell Walker shot and killed his father after mistaking him for an intruder. He was arrested for murder and, after five months awaiting trial, was declared innocent. Russell Walker never recovered from the accident, however, and after eight years battling depression and alcoholism, he died on November 23, 1923.

Margaret Wallace: 1839-1911. Margaret Wallace was born in Virginia as a slave prior to the Civil War and lived c. 1839-1911. She appears to have lived most of her adult life in Richmond, VA. She first appears in the 1880 Census of Richmond, VA living at 709 North Fourth St., Richmond, Henrico, Virginia. She is listed in the 1880 census with her husband, James Wallace, age 30 – a driver, and she was 40 – a nurse, along with her daughter Nora Williams – one limb lost, age 20, her son-in-law Phil Williams – worked for the rail road, age 23 and (his?) sister Mary Williams, age 20, who also was a nurse.

In 1880, Margaret Wallace also appears in the Richmond Census as working as a nursemaid for the Richard Buffon Lee family who lived at 838 W. Grace St., Richmond, VA. Richard and Mary Jo Day Lee had two children: Ronald Currie Lee age 3 and Mary Day Lee age 1. Also living with them was Mary Jo Day's mother Mary Ann Hampton Day and her daughter (Mary Jo's sister) Elizabeth Jane Day (who eventually married Charles Winn.) At this time, Richard also employed a coachman, a cook, three servants and a nurse or nanny.

She next appears in 1900, age 61, working for the Pleasanton L. Conquest family in Richmond, Madison Ward, 110 Cherry St., Richmond City, Virginia as a nurse. She was widowed by this time.

In 1910, Margaret Wallace appears again, living and perhaps working at the boarding house owned by Charles W. Winn and his wife Elizabeth Jane Day Winn and their two daughters: Mary Day Winn and Elizabeth Jarvis Winn plus 13 boarders, and five staff including herself.

It is significant that both Mary Day Winn and Elizabeth Jarvis Winn chose to have a formal portrait of themselves taken with Margaret Wallace – clearly showing their respect and affection for her and her 30 year connection with the Lee/Day/Winn Families. In the photograph, she is 71 years old, wearing wire rimmed glasses, with her left eye askew or with a cataract.

Margaret Wallace died February 3, 1911 in Richmond and was buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Richmond City, Virginia in Plot: Section K. There is a touching inscription on her simple granite head stone which reads: Margaret Wallace died February 3, 1911 – “Erected by her white friends in loving memory of her faithfulness.”

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5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: X Public\Local Public\State Public\Federal

Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)

name/title: John Sydnor

organization: The Enrichmond Foundation

street & number: 100 North 17th Street

city or town: Richmond state: VA zip code: 23219

e-mail: jsydnor@enrichmond.org telephone: (804) 646-0954

Legal Owner's Signature: *Permission Given by Email (part of PIF package) Date: 8/23/17

• • Signature required for processing all applications. • •

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: John Sydnor, Executive Director

Daytime Telephone: (804) 646-0954

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

name/title: Marc C. Wagner (Compiled Research) with Joanna Green and Jolene Smith contributing information.

organization: Virginia Department of Historic Resources

street & number: 2801 Kensington Avenue

city or town: Richmond state: VA zip code: 23228

e-mail: marc.wagner@dhr.virginia.gov telephone: 804-482-6099

6. Notification

In some circumstances, it may be necessary for DHR to confer with or notify local officials of proposed listings of properties within their jurisdiction. In the following space, please provide the contact information for the local County Administrator or City Manager.

name/title: Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

locality: City of Richmond

street & number: 900 E. Broad St., Suite 201

city or town: City of Richmond state: VA zip code: 23219

telephone: (804) 646-7970

From: [Langan, Julie](#)
To: [Brian Palmer](#)
Subject: Re: East End Cemetery veteran's headstones survey
Date: Monday, May 27, 2019 6:01:12 PM

Brian:

Thanks so much for passing this along. I look forward to taking a look and learning more.

On Mon, May 27, 2019, 4:39 PM Brian Palmer <delivery@spaces.hightailmail.com> wrote:



Brian Palmer has shared **1 file**.



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Good afternoon. I meant send this to you before the latest developments. I'm sending now via the large-file delivery website Hightail. Erin and I completed this report about the condition of veterans' headstones at East End Cemetery earlier this year. I had spoken to US Congressman Donald McEachin about the general situation at the cemetery, where his great-grandparents are buried. He offered to look into providing some support or assistance from Dept. of Veterans Affairs for these graves. Erin and I completed the report shortly after going live with eastendcemeteryva.com, which we update and add to periodically. We will continue to do projects such as these at East End. If you have time, we would love for you to read it. We hope you had a peaceful Memorial Day. Best regards, Brian Palmer



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From: [Erin Hollaway Palmer](#)
To: [Langan, Julie](#)
Cc: [Friends of East End](#); [Brian Palmer](#)
Subject: Re: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund
Date: Monday, May 13, 2019 10:00:04 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Good morning, Ms. Langan. Brian can give you a call tomorrow morning at 10. Just in case, his number is 917-561-1964.

Thank you,
Erin

On Mon, May 13, 2019 at 9:38 AM Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:
Dear Friends:

Thanks so much for taking the time to come in and meet with me last week.

I have something to discuss - could one of you please give me a call or provide me a number to call? Today I am tied up until @ 4:30. Tomorrow, I am available from 10:00 - 2:00.

Many thanks-

Julie V. Langan
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On Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 1:04 PM Friends of East End <friendsofeastend@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you — we've marked our calendar. We'll let you know exactly who's attending as the date approaches.

We look forward to meeting you.

Regards,
FOEE

On Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 11:30 AM Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Dear Friends of East End Cemetery:

Let's meet at 10:00 on May 7th at the headquarters of DHR located at 2801 Kensington

Avenue. Parking is available in the lot to the rear of the building as well as along Kensington. DHR is colocated with the Virginia Museum of History & Culture and our entrance is on the north (Kensington) side of the building.

I look forward to our meeting.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 9:21 AM Friends of East End <friendsofeastend@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning, Ms. Langan,

Apologies for the delay — we've been trying to coordinate schedules. If you are still available on Tuesday, May 7, that would be ideal for us. We can make any time work. Otherwise, the morning of Friday, May 10, would be a possibility. Please let us know what's best for you.

Thank you,
The Friends of East End

On Mon, Apr 15, 2019 at 11:50 AM Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Dear Friends of East End:

I am not available the two dates in April that you suggest but have quite an open schedule during the week of May 6. Please let me know what date and time would suit you best:

Monday, May 6: 3:00 - 5:00
Tuesday, May 7: 8:30 - 2:30
Thursday, May 9: 8:30 - 5:00
Friday, May 10: 8:30 - 5:00

I look forward to meeting and discussing your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

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On Mon, Apr 15, 2019 at 11:31 AM Friends of East End
<friendsofeastend@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Langan,

Thank you for your swift reply to our email—and for the update on the status of the funding.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the East End Cemetery situation with you before we submit our updated application for the restoration funds. It looks as if Friday, April 26, might be a good day for many of us. Would you happen to have time for a meeting that morning? If not, other possibilities for us are Thursday, April 25, and just about anytime during the week of May 6. Please let us know what would suit you best.

We are grateful to you for taking on this matter.

Sincerely,

Erin Hollaway Palmer for the Friends of East End Cemetery

On Fri, Apr 12, 2019 at 9:14 AM Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Dear Friends of East End Cemetery:

We have not communicated directly regarding your questions and concerns as your primary point of contact at DHR has been our Deputy Director, Stephanie Williams.

I would very much like to address your concerns and questions and am wondering if we could schedule a meeting to discuss them? I defer to you to decide whether you prefer to meet before or after the submission of your updated application for funding.

DHR has not yet disbursed any of the funding available to East End Cemetery, nor do we have any pending applications at this time. You have my word that no funds will be disbursed until after we have had a chance to meet.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Apr 9, 2019 at 5:47 PM Friends of East End
<friendsofeastend@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon.

We received the April 2, 2019, reply from the Office of the Attorney General to our March 29 email. Thank you.

In this email, OAG states: "The Historical African American Cemetery & Graves Fund is solely administered by DHR. While this Office may provide legal advice to DHR, this Office has no discretion over whether to disburse funds, which organizations may receive those funds, or the process by which those decisions are made."

The Department of Historic Resources (DHR) informed us in a March 21, 2019, email (as well as a May 2018 email) that "staff at DHR are under advice of OAG counsel not to disburse funds for work at cemeteries where there are questions regarding ownership, as is the case with East End Cemetery."

We request that OAG clarify what agency/ies was/were responsible for the hold on disbursements so that we may determine the appropriate channels and methods through which to obtain full disclosure regarding the application process for funds under the Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves provision of the state code. We make the same request of DHR. (Ms. Williams: If you require us to make this request directly to DHR in a separate email, please let us know and we will do so.)

Further, so that we may gain clarity on this matter, we request that OAG provide to us

—or make public—any of its directives to DHR or other government entities regarding the Historical African American Cemeteries and Graves fund.

We understand that OAG may claim exceptions/exemptions for legal advice to state agencies under Virginia's FOIA law. We request public records that fall outside this category, particularly those that will explain the respective roles of state agencies in any stage of the process relating to the creation, oversight, or functioning of the fund.

We also reiterate our request to OAG to freeze the disbursement of restoration funds for East End Cemetery until all applicants, including the Friends, have had an opportunity to make their case in a clear, open, and fair process. To this end, we will update our application for the funding in the coming days, following the procedures instituted by DHR. We request that the state allow us to complete this process.

If such a freeze is beyond OAG's purview, we request your timely advice on how we may pursue such a freeze or injunction through our government organs. As applicants for the funds, we believe that it would be irresponsible and unfair for the state to disburse such funds until the public obtains answers to fundamental questions.

We look forward to discussing this matter further with you.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Apr 2, 2019 at 4:07 PM mailoag <mailoag@oag.state.va.us> wrote:

Mr. John Shuck, Mr. Justin Curtis, Mr. Maurice Fountain, Mrs. Erin Hollaway Palmer, Mr. Brian Palmer, Ms. Melissa Pocock, Mr. Mark Schmieder, and Mr. Bruce E. Tarr:

Thank you for contacting Attorney General Mark Herring and for writing to our Office regarding East End Cemetery and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR). The Attorney General is appreciative of your group, and others like it, that endeavor to restore and preserve the beauty and integrity of historically significant African American cemeteries, such as East End and Evergreen cemeteries.

The Historical African American Cemetery & Graves Fund is solely administered by DHR. While this Office may provide legal advice to DHR, this Office has no discretion over whether to disburse funds, which organizations may receive those funds, or the process by which those decisions are made. It is our understanding that as of April 1, 2019 the property in question was transferred to Enrichmond by the Circuit Court of Richmond City, which may affect the application and grant awarding process, so we recommend you continue to stay in close contact with DHR regarding your interest in the program.

In case it is useful, the Historical African American Cemetery & Graves Fund Program Manual and the Historical African American Cemetery & Graves Fund Application Form can be found at the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall site (<http://townhall.virginia.gov/>) and both are attached.

We have copied DHR, along with the original recipients of your correspondence, for their awareness of our response.

We hope this information is helpful and clarifying.

Very Respectfully,

Jonathan Ward
Director of Constituent Affairs
[Office of the Attorney General](#)

202 North 9th Street
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<http://www.ag.virginia.gov>



From: Friends of East End [mailto:friendsofeastend@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2019 4:24 PM
To: mailoag
Cc: Hezel, Flora L.; Williams, Stephanie (DHR); Matt.Strickler@governor.virginia.gov; district09@senate.virginia.gov; julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov
Subject: Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund

Dear Attorney General Herring:

We, the Friends of East End Cemetery (FoEE), understand from a March 21, 2019, email that we received from the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) that "staff at DHR are under advice of OAG counsel not to disburse funds for work at cemeteries where there are questions regarding ownership, as is the case with East End Cemetery." This email was in response to a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request that FoEE filed.

FoEE has learned from DHR that funds have been allocated under Code of Virginia 10.1-2211.2 for restoration efforts at East End Cemetery, a historic African American cemetery located primarily in Henrico County. FoEE, the sole 501(c)(3) organization doing that restoration work, submitted an application for such funds to DHR in 2017 according to the process outlined at the time.

We learned from DHR in April 2018, once again through a FOIA, that a formal application procedure would be put in place. We received no notification that such a procedure or process had officially been established.

We write to OAG as an applicant for these state funds to ask under what terms and through what procedures will these funds be allocated?

Further, we ask that OAG not authorize or allow any disbursement of funds for East End Cemetery restoration by any agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia until all such terms and procedures have been disclosed publicly and all parties that have applied, including those such as FoEE that submitted applications under previous procedures, have had their applications openly reviewed.

We also request that before any awards are made that OAG offer the transparency on these matters that we have been denied by other state agencies. To obtain the most basic information, we have had to submit FOIA requests. As citizens of the Commonwealth, applicants to the state for funding originally approved for a “qualified charitable organization... whose primary purpose is the preservation of historical cemeteries and graves,” and the de facto stewards of East End Cemetery since June 2013, we are entitled to fair, informed, and open consideration in this process.

We look forward to discussing this matter further with you.

Sincerely,

Justin Curtis
Maurice Fountain
Erin Hollaway Palmer
Brian Palmer
Melissa Pocock
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From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov
Subject: Re: Request for approval to operate at East End Cemetery
Date: Friday, May 17, 2019 4:10:49 PM

Good afternoon.

I see that John Sydnor CCed you, as we did earlier. We are obviously very disappointed, but not surprised.

I will call you to discuss this latest development, if I may.

BP

On May 17, 2019, at 3:49 PM, Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: John Sydnor <jsydnor@enrichmond.org>
Date: Fri, May 17, 2019 at 3:40 PM
Subject: Re: Request for approval to operate at East End Cemetery
To: Friends of East End <friendsofeastend@gmail.com>
Cc: Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>, Stephanie Williams <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov>, Ted Maris-Wolf <tmariswolf@enrichmond.org>

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Always good to hear from you all.

Your letter and urgent need of a reply was unexpected. Fortunately we were able to consult with our board of directors, staff, volunteers, community partners, planning and review advisory team, funding partners, and attorneys on your request.

Currently, we are unable to approve the scope of work provided.

Enrichmond and the Evergreen Planning and Review Team (ExPRTs) will have a partnering MOU for all volunteer groups to review soon. This agreement will ensure a path forward for all volunteers, including FOEE, to receive the caretakers consent for scope of work and also standard rules of conduct while work is conducted in the historic cemeteries.

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Thanks for all you do. In partnership~John Sydnor

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<friendsofeastend@gmail.com> wrote:

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Please find attached our request for approval to continue working at East End Cemetery.

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Regards,
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From: [Langan, Julie](#)
To: [Brian Palmer](#)
Subject: Re: Request for approval to operate at East End Cemetery
Date: Friday, May 17, 2019 4:12:51 PM

I spoke with John yesterday. I am not available this afternoon but lets speak early next week.

On Fri, May 17, 2019, 4:10 PM Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net> wrote:
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From: [Brian Palmer](#)
To: [Joanna Wilson Green](#)
Cc: [Julie Langan](#); [Friends of East End](#); [Mark Schmieder](#)
Subject: Yesterday's meeting bout East End Cemetery
Date: Friday, November 15, 2019 10:20:35 AM

Good morning, Ms. Wilson Green.

You will receive an "official" thank you from the president of the Friends of East End, Mark Schmieder. I'm taking this opportunity to extend my personal thanks to you for attending—and to Director Langan for making the meeting possible.

I believe that the concern you and your department have shown for East End and other historic African American cemeteries bodes well for their future. I'm happy and relieved that DHR is doing what it can to ensure that the stewardship of these sites is the best that it can be. We stand ready to cooperate and to assist.

Thank you again.

Brian Palmer

Brian Palmer
917-561-1964



Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>

Re: VA Dept. of Forestry report for East End Cemetery

1 message

Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>
To: Brian Palmer <bxpny@earthlink.net>

Tue, Oct 29, 2019 at 11:13 AM

Good morning! Still digesting this, and I want to talk to our conservator when she gets back to the office tomorrow - I'll be happy to discuss my opinions on the use of glyphosate and D2 when I see you on Saturday.

Joanna Wilson Green
Easement and Stewardship Archaeologist
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On Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 3:05 PM Brian Palmer <bxpny@earthlink.net> wrote:

Good afternoon, Joanna.

I was just reading the Dept. of Forestry's report on East End (attached). I was surprised to see the department recommend the use of herbicides as part of a proposed "Integrated Forest Vegetation Management" plan for the cemetery (p. 6).

We've been told that pretty much any chemical (other than D2) can damage stones. Does DHR have any guidance on matters such as this?

Thank you. Erin and I look forward to seeing you on the 2nd.

Brian

Brian Palmer
917-561-1964



Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>

Re: Yesterday's meeting bout East End Cemetery

1 message

Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>

Fri, Nov 15, 2019 at 10:38 AM

To: Brian Palmer <bxpny@earthlink.net>

Cc: Julie Langan <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>, Friends of East End <friendsofeastend@gmail.com>, Mark Schmieder <marknkaren@msn.com>

Thank you so much for the kind words - it was my pleasure to be there and I hope it was helpful. It was definitely good to see you both again!

Joanna

Joanna Wilson Green**Easement and Stewardship Archaeologist**

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Application Form



Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR)

2801 Kensington Avenue

Richmond, Virginia 23221

VIRGINIA HISTORICAL AFRICAN AMERICAN CEMETERY AND GRAVES FUND APPLICATION

CEMETERY INFORMATION		
Cemetery Name Historic Evergreen Cemetery		
DISBURSEMENT REQUEST		
Number of eligible graves: 15,000		
Historical African American Cemetery and Graves Fund Request: \$ 75,000		
APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Name of Organization/Applicant: Enrichmond Foundation		
Contact Name & Title: John Sydnor		
Address: 100 N. 17 th St.		
City/Town: Richmond	State: VA	Zip Code:
Phone:	Email: jsydnor@enrichmond.org	
CEMETERY OWNER INFORMATION (If different from applicant)		
Current Cemetery Owner: Parity LLC c/o Enrichmond Foundation		
Contact Name: John Sydnor		
Address: 100 North 17 th Street		
City/Town: Richmond	State: VA	Zip Code: 23219

Phone:	Email:
USE OF FUNDS	
<p>Briefly describe the cemetery, its physical condition, types of markers, memorials, and monuments, and describe the scope of work for this state-funded project by answering the following questions.</p> <p>Historic Evergreen Cemetery is a 60-acre parcel situated in the East End of Richmond, Virginia, and is the resting place for many of the city's notable African American leaders of the 19th and 20th centuries, including Maggie L. Walker, John Mitchell, Jr., and Dr. Sarah Garland Boyd Jones. Founded in 1891 by the Evergreen Cemetery Association, the cemetery served as one of the principal resting places for African Americans in Richmond through 1970. Beginning in 1970, the cemetery changed hands several times, entering a nearly fifty-year period of decline and neglect. Though the first organized volunteer clean-up efforts began in the mid-1970s, nearly one-sixth of the cemetery remains overgrown and in need of clearing, repair, and restoration.</p> <p>There is a wide range of headstones, markers, memorials, and monuments at Evergreen. While most known headstones are granite or marble, others consist of concrete or slate. In the case of perhaps as many as half of the cemetery's interments, aluminum "courtesy markers," rather than headstones, mark grave sites. As a part of the restoration process, we seek to replace the courtesy markers, which were intended to be temporary, with proper headstones throughout the cemetery.</p> <p>In nearly every instance, family plots and individual grave markers require repair, replacement, or restoration. Family plots were typically framed by concrete and can include inlaid ceramic tiles denoting the family name. Markers and monuments often feature delicate and elaborate iconography featuring symbols of fraternal organizations, vegetation, animals, and other symbols.</p> <p>The Enrichmond Foundation has embarked on a multiyear restoration effort that will secure, preserve, and maintain Historic Evergreen Cemetery for future generations.</p> <p>1. Is routine care and maintenance needed? What kind?</p> <p>Yes. The roughly ten acres of Evergreen Cemetery that have been cleared by volunteers and Enrichmond staff require constant care and maintenance to maintain a manicured appearance and accessibility for families and visitors, and to prevent the return of undergrowth and invasive plants. From spring to fall, all grassy/cleared areas fall under a weekly rotation of mowing and weed trimming, demanding a significant, ongoing investment of time and labor.</p> <p>As additional cemetery plots and sections are cleared by volunteer groups and Enrichmond staff, these areas are folded into the regular maintenance rotation, increasing demands on time, labor, and equipment.</p> <p>In addition to regular maintenance of cleared areas, there is much work to be done in sections that have not yet been systematically cleared of undergrowth, debris, or brush. For example, there are hundreds of trees in the cemetery that require trimming or removal due to safety issues or deleterious effects to cemetery infrastructure, including gravestones and family plots.</p> <p>Nearly 2.5 miles of accessways have been opened over the past year and, as a result, regular cleaning and trimming is required along these paths and roadways, to ensure visitor safety and accessibility. Erosion control continues to be a concern.</p> <p>Finally, the cemetery's paths and roadways require constant maintenance and repair. Addressing drainage issues, erosion, and the persistent presence of potholes requires regular attention and resources.</p>	

2. Is restoration of monuments, grave markers needed? How do you intend to perform this work? Have you consulted DHR for guidance?

Yes. Nearly all of the monuments, grave markers, and existing infrastructure on the cemetery's sixty acres require restoration.

The Enrichmond Foundation formed a restoration Executive Planning and Review Team (ExPRT) comprising 25 descendant family members and institutional stakeholders. This advisory team is composed of 25 descendant family and key institutional stakeholders and began its monthly meetings in June 2018 at partner institution Virginia Union University. ExPRT members have helped to increase awareness of the restoration planning process, spark community volunteer participation onsite, and are inspiring other groups across the City of Richmond to work together to help honor long-marginalized public spaces and parks, especially those associated with African American historical memory. Members of the ExPRT include descendants of Evergreen and East End families, as well as longtime volunteer leaders who have championed the preservation and maintenance not only of Evergreen, but of adjacent East End Cemetery and nearby Paupers Cemetery located on Stony Run Parkway. The group is committed to expanding community involvement in and awareness of preservation needs of African American sacred places throughout the city and region. In September, the ExPRT adopted its vision and mission statements for a restored Evergreen Cemetery. Positioning Evergreen as a national treasure, the team defined its vision as seeking "to inspire present and future generations to honor the nation's African American cultural, historical, and spiritual inheritance." The team defined Evergreen's mission moving forward as striving "to reveal and celebrate African American cultural and spiritual experiences, legacies, and places through public programming." Community development, wellness, and equity are primary concerns of the ExPRT, and the seeds of sustainability are sown in the very fabric of the group itself, as members include leaders from the Black History Museum & Cultural Center of Virginia, Elegba Folklore Society, the African American Historical and Genealogical Society, the Maggie L. Walker National Historic Site, and Virginia Union University.

In October 2018, the ExPRT is facilitating nine Community Conversations in the City of Richmond concerning the restoration of Evergreen. The goal of the meetings is to increase awareness of the project, invite community members to share questions, ideas, and memories, and to spark greater volunteerism and involvement in maintenance, improvements, and wellness in and around Evergreen's East End community.

Results of the Community Conversations will then be presented by the ExPRT to a consultant planning team, which will then draw-up preliminary designs for Evergreen's restoration by February 2019. The preliminary designs will then be presented to the general public for comment and suggestions. The goal is to have a final restoration plan for Evergreen Cemetery in hand by June 2019, with Phase I of the restoration process commencing by Fall 2019.

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) has been quite helpful in an advisory capacity and with drawing-up the Preliminary Information Form for Evergreen Cemetery in January 2017. We look forward to DHR guidance and involvement throughout the restoration planning and implementation phases.

3. Is erection of new markers, memorials, or monuments needed? Have you consulted DHR for guidance?

Yes. Restoration of Evergreen Cemetery will involve the repair of existing markers, memorials, and monuments, as well as the installation of new and replacement markers, memorials, and monuments. Again, The DHR has been quite helpful in an advisory capacity and with drawing-up the Preliminary Information Form

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QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION ELIGIBILITY

All “qualified organizations” as defined in §10.1-2211.2 applying for funds under this program must provide:

1. Attachment A: Documentation of the organization’s active tax exempt status under § 501(c)3 of the United States Internal Revenue Tax Code.
2. Attachment B: Documentation that the primary purpose of the organization is the preservation and maintenance of historical cemeteries (e.g. mission statement, work plan, by-laws, policies, etc.)
3. Attachment C: Documentation that the organization is currently registered or actively seeking registration with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs pursuant to Virginia’s Charitable Solicitation of Contributions Law, Sections 57-48 through 57-69 of the Code of Virginia.
4. Attachment D: If applicant is not the owner of the cemetery, written approval from the current owner of a proposed scope of work.

OWNER ELIGIBILITY

Any “person” or “locality” applying for funds under this program must provide a copy of the deed of ownership.

Mail or scan and email all documents by May 30, 2019 to:

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Williams, Stephanie <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

FOIA

1 message

Langan, Julie <julie.langan@dhr.virginia.gov>
To: Stephanie Williams <stephanie.williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 12:01 PM

I added my email to the Brian Palmer file. I did not have many. Much of my communication with Brian was by phone.

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Fwd: Introductions and a chat?

1 message

Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov>
To: Stephanie Williams <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>
Cc: Wilson Joanna bws84388 <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>

Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 12:46 PM

Hello Stephanie,

See below for a thread arranging a meeting between Brian Palmer, Erin Hollaway Palmer, Joanna Green, and myself.

Jolene

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I am teleworking! Email is the best way to reach me but I will return your voicemail.

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From: **Smith, Jolene** <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov>

Date: Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 12:36 PM

Subject: Re: Introductions and a chat?

To: Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com>

Cc: Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov>, Wilson, Joanna (DHR) <joanna.green@dhr.virginia.gov>, Brian Palmer <bxpnyc@earthlink.net>

No worries; my day is getting more hectic by the minute, anyway. See you all then!

Jolene

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On Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 11:48 AM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks for understanding and being flexible! We'll see you on the 29th at 1:30. Hope you both enjoy the beautiful weekend ahead. -Erin

On Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 10:38 AM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Yikes - sorry to hear it! We can absolutely reschedule for what I hope will be a less hectic day. The 29th sounds fine to me.

Joanna

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On Fri, Mar 15, 2019 at 10:34 AM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

I'm so sorry — now it's our turn to ask to postpone our meeting. We are faced with a few unexpected deadlines and are feeling stressed out and jammed up — not great company. Next week is kind of a nightmare. Could we do our coffee date on Friday, March 29? Same time, same place?

Apologies!

Erin

On Fri, Mar 8, 2019 at 9:52 AM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Thanks for being so flexible, everyone! Hopefully I'll have some interesting information from today's site visit to pass along -- see you next Friday.

Joanna

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On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 9:06 AM Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

That works for me!

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On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 8:44 AM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Oh, please go ahead and meet with them! What if we meet next Friday, 3/15, instead? We could do the same time.

On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 8:17 AM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hi folks -

In an interesting coincidence I've been given an opportunity to meet with the facilities manager and superintendent of Central State about their cemetery, but it looks like the only availability in the next several weeks is (of course) when we'd planned to get together on Friday. I do have a prior commitment to all of you, and if you'd like to meet on Friday as planned I will reschedule with the folks at CSH. If you are willing to reschedule our coffee date, please let me know when it would work for you and I'll put it on the calendar in permanent ink. :)

I do appreciate everyone's patience here! So much going on and so few days in the week.

Thanks!

Joanna

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:30 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Great — looking forward to it!

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:28 PM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Yep - 1:30 a week from Friday!

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:26 PM Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Both are fine for me. So 3/8 it is unless Joanna is tied up.

Jolene

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:25 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

Sounds good. Just making sure we mean next week (3/8). I'll be out of town this Friday.

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:22 PM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

1:30? That might help to keep me awake long enough to get through the rest of the day 😊

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:05 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:
Midafternoon coffee would be great. Name the time and we'll be there. Looking forward to it!

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 4:04 PM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhvirginia.gov> wrote:
Friday works for me - lunch? Midafternoon coffee?

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:56 PM Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhvirginia.gov> wrote:
Fabulous! Thursday is wide open for me, as is Friday after 11:30.

Jolene

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:51 PM Erin Hollaway Palmer <ehollaway@gmail.com> wrote:

We can't believe we haven't met either! Coffee at the VMFA would be great. How about Thursday or Friday next week? -Erin

On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:50 PM Green, Joanna <joanna.wilson@dhvirginia.gov> wrote:

Thanks to Jolene for making the electronic introductions! I'd love to get together for coffee -- looking forward to it.

Joanna

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On Mon, Feb 25, 2019 at 3:20 PM Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov> wrote:

Hello Erin and Brian,

Meet (virtually) Joanna Wilson Green, copied here. Joanna is our Easement and Stewardship Archaeologist, mortuary archaeologist, and all around cemetery expert here at DHR (and I had completely assumed you'd already met her in the past). Joanna is gathering information that she might have on Central State in response to your message, Erin. We're wondering if one or both of you might like to grab a coffee at VMFA to meet in real life sometime soon? Related to East End, Joanna is interested in your work (and the FOEE). We've also been talking about a more formal project to document state institutional cemeteries, and it seems like the stars are beginning to align. Do you have any availability coming up?

Jolene

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Outside Employment form for East End/Brian Palmer website work

1 message

Smith, Jolene <jolene.smith@dhr.virginia.gov>

Mon, Apr 6, 2020 at 12:50 PM

To: Stephanie Williams <Stephanie.Williams@dhr.virginia.gov>

Hi Stephanie,

Potentially for the FOIA request, here's the digital version of my outside employment form for my work outside of DHR to build <https://eastendcemeteryva.com/> for Brian Palmer. I don't have a signed version in digital form accessible remotely, but it was signed and approved and I successfully completed this project with my own time and resources.

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**DHR Outside Employment Form_DumbartonOaksGrant.doc**

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES
HISTORIC AFRICAN AMERICAN CEMETERIES AND GRAVES
FUND
PAYMENT REQUEST FORM

FED I.D. # :	541610700
ENTITY :	EnRichmond Foundation
ATTENTION :	John Sydnor, Treasurer
ADDRESS :	100 North 17 th Street
CITY/STATE:	Richmond, VA 23219

Administrative Services Division
Received
JAN 07 2019
Received by e-mail
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PAYMENT INFORMATION:

TRANS	AGY	FUND	PGM	OBJ	PROJ	AMOUNT	COST
	423	01000	502004	501452		\$10,500.00	811

PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION STATEMENT: I HEREBY CERTIFY THE ABOVE ENTITY HAS MET ALL OF THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN ABOVE TO ENRICHMOND FOUNDATION FOR THE CARE OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND.

David Edwards
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

January 7, 2019
DATE

Administrative Services Division
Received
JAN 15 2019
Received signed
original
SAC

Acknowledgement of reporting requirements for disbursement of funds appropriated to caring for cemeteries and graves pursuant to § 10.1-2211, § 10.1-2211.1, and § 10.1-2211.2

In order to support the fiscally responsible administration of these funds, “certified statement” shall include the following:

1. a detailed reconciliation of the disbursement of funds including payees, dates, amounts, and, when necessary, descriptions of expenditures. The reconciliation should follow the reporting format provided and detail disbursements made in the prior state fiscal year (July-June).
2. a signed, dated, and attested letter from the fund recipient to the VDHR confirming the validity and accuracy of the reconciliation.

Reporting Deadline:

All certified statements and accompanying documentation as outlined above shall be received by the VDHR within 90 days after July 1st of each year. After review of the documentation, if more detailed information is required, that information must be provided to DHR’s Grants Manager.

§ 10.1-2211(A). Disbursement of funds appropriated for caring for Confederate cemeteries and graves.

“...All such associations and organizations, through their proper officers, are required after July 1 of each year to submit to the Director a certified statement that the funds appropriated to the association or organization in the preceding fiscal year were or will be expended for the routine maintenance of cemeteries specified in this section and the graves of Confederate soldiers and sailors and in erecting and caring for markers, memorials and monuments to the memory of such soldiers and sailors. An association or organization failing to comply with any of the requirements of this section shall be prohibited from receiving moneys allocated under this section for all subsequent fiscal years until the association or organization fully complies with the requirements.”


§ 10.1-2211.1(A). Disbursement of funds appropriated for caring for Revolutionary War cemeteries and graves.

“...All such associations, through their proper officers, are required after July 1 of each year to submit to the Director a certified statement that the funds disbursed to the association or organization in the preceding fiscal year were or will be expended for the routine maintenance of cemeteries and graves specified in this section and in erecting and caring for markers, memorials, and monuments to the memory of such soldiers, sailors, and persons rendering service to the Patriot cause in the Revolutionary War. If a cemetery association fails to comply with any of the requirements of this section, such

association shall be prohibited from receiving moneys allocated under this section for all subsequent fiscal years until the association fully complies with the requirements....”

§ 10.1-2211.2(D). Disbursement of funds appropriated for caring for historical African American cemeteries and graves.

“Each qualified organization, through its proper officer, shall after July 1 of each year submit to the Director a certified statement that the funds appropriated to the organization during the preceding fiscal year were or will be expended for the purposes set forth in subsection C. No organization that fails to comply with any of the requirements of this section shall receive moneys allocated under this section for any subsequent fiscal year until the organization fully complies with the requirements.”



Funding Recipient/Responsible Party Signature

12/19/2018

Date

Evergreen Cemetery

Cemetery Name (if applicable)

CEMETERY ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

*ELIGIBLE USES OF FUNDING PROVIDING UNDER
§10.1-2211, 2211.1, & 2211.2*

ACCEPTABLE:

- Vegetation management
 - Mowing or trimming grass
 - Trimming or pruning trees and shrubs
 - Removal of climbing vines and invasives
- Care of existing monuments
 - Conditions assessments
 - Basic cleaning
 - Professional repairs or resetting
- Installation of new monuments
- Maintenance and repair of fences, walls, and other plot enclosures
 - Conditions assessments
 - Treatment of iron fencing
 - In-kind repairs to stone, brick, and concrete walls and enclosures
 - In-kind repairs to wood and woven wire fencing
- Maintenance and repair of existing mausolea and other aboveground funerary structures
 - Conditions assessments
 - Professional repairs
- Installation of interpretive or wayfinding signage
- In-kind repairs to existing roads, paths, and parking areas

NOT ACCEPTABLE (INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO):

- Tree removal
- New construction
- Excavation (other than that required for installation or resetting of monuments)
- Employee salaries
- Equipment purchase

I acknowledge and understand the eligible uses of these state funds.



Funding Recipient Signature

01/03/2019

Date

Evergreen Cemetery

Cemetery Name

CITIZENS' GUIDE TO CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

In general, DHR strongly recommends thorough documentation of the cemetery both BEFORE and AFTER any maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, or other work. This documentation can be useful to future caretakers, and may also be helpful with fundraising and increasing public awareness of your unique historic resource.

Vegetation Management:

1. Ornamental and traditional plantings: In Virginia, several plant and tree species were traditionally used as both ornaments and grave markers. We recommend taking care not to damage or remove the following species as they may have been purposefully planted by the family or community:
 - a. Trees: include willow, holly, magnolia, oak, cedar, dogwood.
 - b. Shrubs: include gardenia, camellia, sweetbush, boxwood, rose.
 - c. Plants: include flowering bulbs (daffodil, crocus), periwinkle/vinca, running cedar, yucca.
2. Mowing/trimming grass: Try to avoid using riding or deck mowers around monuments, fences and other cemetery features (these are difficult to control in tight spaces, and the blades can throw rocks or otherwise damage fragile headstones). Hand-trimming around monuments and fences is best when possible. If string trimmers are used, we recommend installing the lightest/softest cord available and keeping the head of the trimmer aimed at the ground and away from monuments, fences, etc. Try to keep grass clippings from accumulating on headstones - wet or decomposing grass causes staining and biological growth that can be very difficult to remove.
3. Trimming/pruning trees and shrubs: Regular maintenance of trees and shrubs can prevent damage to headstones and other cemetery features. Removal of dying, dead, or unstable limbs before they can fall is recommended if this activity can be done safely. Pruning trees and shrubs away from headstones allows air to circulate, which can help to prevent mildew, moss, and other biological growth. Trees that show signs of disease, crown death, or other loss of stability should be assessed by a tree specialist to determine whether they pose a threat to headstones or graves. If trees must be removed this should be performed by a professional tree service. Stumps should be left in place, not pulled or otherwise removed. A stump grinder may be used if the stump is located away from monuments or other cemetery features. NOTE: grant funds cannot be used for tree removal.
4. Climbing vine removal: Vine species that do not attach themselves to monuments (honeysuckle, kudzu, etc.) can be removed by clipping at ground level and gently pulling away. Vine species that attach (including all species of ivy) should be clipped at the ground surface and again at about six inches up the stem, and then be allowed to die back completely. Once the vine has died back completely – leaves dry, stems snap easily – gently pull the vegetation away from the monument. If the vine does not easily release, leave it alone and try again in a few weeks.
5. Herbicide use: Broadcast herbicides (both sprays and granular forms) are generally not recommended as they can cause spalling or staining of monuments. To avoid damaging headstones and fences, herbicide can be painted onto the cut ends of removed vines, saplings, etc. with a small paintbrush to discourage regrowth. Be sure to read all directions and use safety gear.

Care of Existing Monuments:

1. Conditions assessment: When possible, a conditions assessment of all markers, fences, and other cemetery features is recommended. This should include both written and photographic documentation for future reference. Inscriptions should be recorded.
 - a. Monuments: Is the monument in place, leaning, or fallen? What is it made of? Is the inscription legible and can it be transcribed? Is there any visible damage to the monument and, if so, what kind/where? Is there any visible biological growth and, if so, what kind/where?
 - b. Fences: What is the fence made of? Is the fence in place, leaning, or fallen? Are portions missing? Does the fence enclose the entire cemetery? If not, how many monuments or other markers does the fence enclose? What is it made of? Is there any visible damage and, if so, what kind/where? Is

there any visible biological growth and, if so, what kind/where?

- c. Walls and other enclosures: What type of wall/enclosure? Is it intact or damaged in any way? Does it enclose the entire cemetery? If not, how many monuments or other markers does it enclose? Is there any visible damage and, if so, what kind/where? Is there any visible biological growth and, if so, what kind/where?
2. Basic cleaning: The Department of Historic Resources recommends that monuments be cleaned with nothing stronger than clear running water and a soft, natural-bristle brush, using circular motions to avoid abrading the monument. If soiling or biological growth does not respond to this method, the Department strongly recommends contacting the Department or a conservation professional rather than utilizing any commercial cleaning products.
 - a. The black crust often visible on marble monuments cannot be effectively treated – it is an environmental byproduct resulting from a chemical reaction between the marble and acid rain. Attempts to remove this crust will result in damage to the underlying stone.
 - b. Mosses may sometimes be removed by thoroughly wetting the accumulation and carefully peeling it away with a wooden or rubber spatula. If the moss does not easily come away, or if any evidence of stone damage is noted, do not attempt further removal.
 - c. Lichens grow beneath the surface of stone monuments and are extremely difficult to remove without damage to the underlying stone. If lichen removal is desirable the Department strongly recommends working with a conservation professional to prevent damage.
3. Repairs: The Department recommends working with a trained stonemason or monument company when monuments require repair. The use of mortar, epoxy, mastic, and other commercially-available adhesives is not recommended as repairs made using these materials are unreliable at best and may result in the monument failing in another location.
4. Resetting: Stone generally weighs between 150 and 175 pounds per cubic foot. This means that the average monument may outweigh the person attempting to reset it – a recipe for considerable damage to both the stone and anyone around it. As a result, the Department recommends that leaning or fallen monuments be reset by a monument company or trained cemetery personnel.

Installation of New Monuments: Small modern markers that lie flat on the ground may be relatively easily installed by cemetery caretakers. The Department recommends that larger or upright monuments be installed by a monument company to avoid injury. Note: care should be taken to avoid excavation of more than a few inches as the depth of historic interments is notoriously unpredictable. Graves may be as shallow as 1.5 feet below modern ground surface.

Maintenance and Repair of Fences, Walls and Other Enclosures:

1. Conditions assessment: As with monuments, this should include both written and photographic documentation.
2. Treatment of decorative iron fencing: Painted fencing that is generally in good condition can be treated where necessary with a commercial rust inhibitor and repainted. Unpainted fencing and fencing that is damaged or missing sections should be assessed and treated by a professional.
3. In-kind repairs to stone, brick, and concrete walls and enclosures: “In-kind” is replacement with materials matching that which already exists. Protective clothing and safety gear is recommended when working with stone and brick.
4. In-kind repairs to wood and woven wire fencing: Rotted or broken fenceposts should be replaced in the existing postholes. Additional excavation should be avoided.

Maintenance and Repair of Mausoleums and Other Structures: Mausoleums, crypts, and other fully or partially aboveground funerary structures can be constructed of stone, brick, concrete, or a mixture of building materials. Repairs should be performed by or under the supervision of a mason. As these structures usually house human remains, the Department strongly recommends that efforts be made to contact the family or descendants and

request permission if the structure must be opened or dismantled in any fashion. DO NOT expose or disturb human remains without first contacting the Department.

Installation of Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage: To avoid inadvertent disturbance of interments, the Department recommends installation of wayfinding and other signage along public paths and roadways only. If installation at or near gravesites is preferred, care should be taken.

In-kind Repairs to Existing Paths, Roads, and Parking Areas: The Department recommends the use of same or similar surface treatments when repairing existing paths, roads, and parking areas. The use of heavy machinery and mechanical regrading should be avoided.



May 15, 2019

Mr. John Sydnor
Parity, LLC
100 North 17th Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Mr. Sydnor:

As defined in § 10.1-2211.2 of the Code of Virginia, the Friends of East End Cemetery, Inc. (FoEE), is a fully qualified, charitable organization eligible to receive funds for the purpose of maintaining and preserving East End Cemetery in Henrico County. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) requires that FoEE obtain approval of the cemetery owner, Parity, LLC, for our proposed scope of work. We are requesting your approval.

FoEE proposes to continue our work restoring and documenting East End Cemetery while performing routine maintenance of the cemetery and graves and caring for the existing markers and monuments. All appropriate vegetation removal and grave marker care will be performed in accordance with the best practices referenced in the DHR program manual and the National Park Service's *Preservation Brief 48: Preserving Grave Markers in Historic Cemeteries*.

We will appreciate your review of this request and a reply by Friday, May 17, 2019. If you are unable to reach a decision by then, please inform us of your anticipated date. Please reply with any questions concerning this request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

The Friends of East End Cemetery

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