



# Town of Ashland

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January 13, 2017

JAMES R.  
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MAYOR

Dear Stakeholder,

JAMES D.  
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VICE MAYOR

The Town of Ashland is pleased to announce that we are updating our historic district to include development between 1934 and 1964. This project will be accomplished in coordination with the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) and Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc.

GEORGE F.  
SPAGNA, JR.  
COUNCIL MEMBER

Benefits include the following:

STEVEN P.  
TRIVETT  
COUNCIL MEMBER

- Increased federal and state tax credit availability to spur investment in rehabbing historic homes and buildings (e.g. Ashland Theater).
- Improved accounting of Ashland's post-WWII build-out, civil rights, and massive resistance era history.
- Corrected errors in the original nomination.
- Preservation and protection of Ashland's small town character.

KATHLEEN K.  
ABBOTT  
COUNCIL MEMBER

This update would NOT add regulations to prohibit property owners (e.g. painting their house a certain color) or install an architecture review board.

JOSHUA S.  
FARRAR  
INTERIM  
TOWN MANAGER

Bring your questions and comments to the community kick-off meeting at the **Ashland Museum (105 Hanover Avenue) on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

ANDREA E.  
ERARD  
TOWN ATTORNEY

Attached to this letter are the following:

JOSEPH A.  
COLLINS  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

- Map of Ashland's historic district
- Proposed project timeline
- DHR project description letter
- Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc., team

Please contact me at (804) 798-1073 or [gprior@town.ashland.va.us](mailto:gprior@town.ashland.va.us) with any questions.

Sincerely,

Garet Prior  
Senior Planner



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## Department of Historic Resources

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The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) has contracted with Commonwealth Heritage Group to conduct a historic resources survey and National Register of Historic Places Nomination update of the Ashland Historic District. Commonwealth Heritage Group staff involved in this project include: Laura Knott (Project Manager), Sarah Traum (Architectural Historian), and Christina Osborn (Historic Preservation Specialist).

Commonwealth Heritage Group is performing this work under DHR's Cost Share Survey and Planning program. The Cost Share Survey and Planning program is a unique program designed to support Virginia's local governments in their efforts to carry out historic preservation planning activities. Under the Cost Share Program, a locality and DHR typically share the cost for the survey work.

The purpose of a historic resources survey is to locate and identify properties within a specific geographic area and document them to an established standard. Historic resources survey involves collecting and organizing data from field observations and gathering data from historical research, interviews, and other research resources. As part of the survey effort, photographs and limited architectural data will be collected. No ownership information will be recorded in the field. The information collected during the Ashland field survey will be used to update the 1983 National Register of Historic Places Nomination for the Ashland Historic District.

Please contact Blake McDonald, Architectural Survey Coordinator at (804) 482-6086 or [blake.mcdonald@dhr.virginia.gov](mailto:blake.mcdonald@dhr.virginia.gov) with any questions regarding the Cost Share Survey and Planning program and/or the Ashland project.

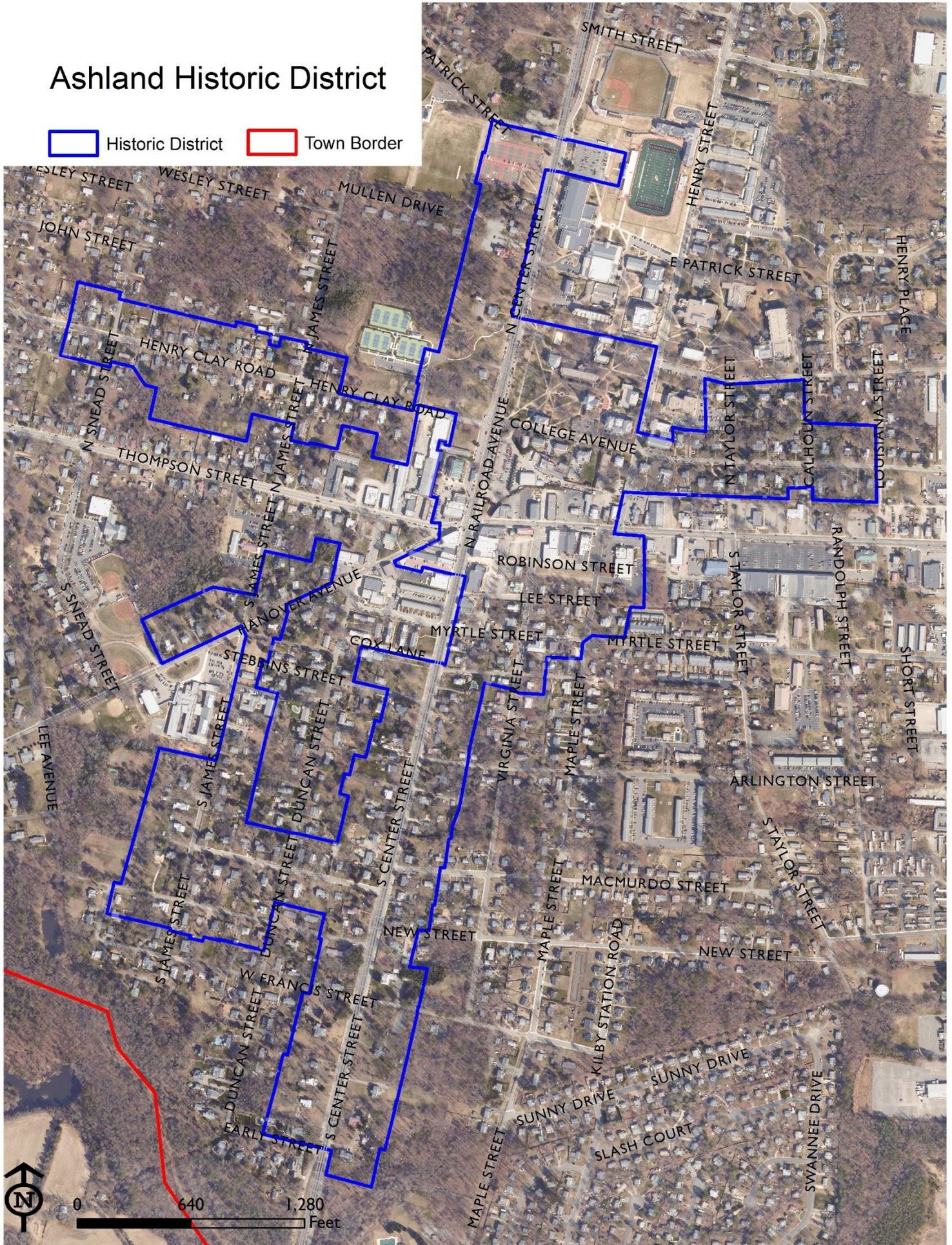
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# Ashland Historic District

 Historic District     Town Border





## Town of Ashland

### Historic District Survey and Nomination Update Schedule

TASK	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
1. Project Initiation (12/19/16)	x						
2. Background Research and first public meeting (January 25, 2017)	xx	xxxx	xx				
3. Preparation of 75 Forms (02/10/17)		xxxx	xx				
4. Preparation of 125 Forms (03/24/17)			xxxx	xxxx			
5. Preparation of 50 Forms and draft National Register update (05/12/17)				xxxx	xxxx	xx	
6. Project Completion (by 06/23/17)						xx	xxxx
7. Public Presentation (by 06/23/17)							x



# COMMONWEALTH

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## **Laura K. Knott, ASLA, MSHP**

Regional Director

Historical Landscape Architect

Ms. Knott is a licensed landscape architect with a background in archaeology and graduate training in historic preservation. She has spent twenty-seven years practicing landscape architecture in Virginia, Maryland, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Texas, specializing in research and design for historic properties, and design of parks and other public landscapes. Laura is Regional Director in the Charlottesville, Virginia, office of Commonwealth, and provides historical landscape architectural and preservation planning services.



## **Sarah G. Traum, MSHP**

Architectural Historian

Sarah G. Traum holds an undergraduate degree in architecture from Lehigh University and a graduate degree in historic preservation planning from Cornell University. She is a member of local and national history and preservation organizations, including the Vernacular Architecture Forum and the Historic Annapolis Foundation. Ms. Traum's professional architectural history experience includes investigations at the reconnaissance and intensive level throughout the Mid-Atlantic, Northeast, and Midwest. She has investigated and evaluated urban, rural, industrial, and landscape resources. In addition, she is familiar with many of collections of historical and architectural records within the eastern United States. Sarah Traum has authored or co-authored 76 cultural resources reports and co-written two National Register nominations. She has 16 years of cultural resource management experience and 13 years with this firm.



## **Christina M. Osborn, ASLA**

Historic Preservation Specialist

Ms. Osborn holds an undergraduate degree in landscape architecture from Virginia Tech. Prior to joining Commonwealth, she worked in both historic landscape preservation and traditional landscape architecture with the National Park Service in Washington, DC, and the Community Design Assistance Center in Blacksburg, Virginia. She has been with Commonwealth in Charlottesville, Virginia, since November 2007. Ms. Osborn is Charlottesville's lead GIS data management and mapping specialist.

