



Montross Town Council

Proposed Montross Historic District

Tuesday, June 22, 2021
7:30 p.m.

Presentation by:
Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR)



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Historic Resources

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The Virginia Department of Historic Resources is the
State Historic Preservation Office.

Our mission is to foster, encourage, and support the
stewardship of Virginia's significant historic
architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources.

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Tonight's Meeting Topics

- Overview and background of project
- What is a National Register Historic District and what it means to be included
- ESHPF Storm Grant
- Architectural Survey
- Questions and Answers



Montross Historic District Project Background

- **2013 – First recommendation for a potential historic district, initiated because of a federal HUD grant.**
- **2020: ESHPF assistance grants became available in Virginia. DHR staff encouraged the Westmoreland County Museum to apply for funds.**
- **2021 – DHR prepared a Preliminary Information Form (PIF) for the Montross Historic District. It was found eligible by the Virginia State Historic Review Board and confirmed by the National Park Service in 2021.**



DHR maintains two Registers



Register Baseline

- Property must be at least 50 years old
- Property must meet one of the Register Criteria
- Property must retain physical integrity



What are the Criteria for Historic Designation?

A. For Historic Events/Patterns

B. Important Person

C. Architecture-Engineering-Art-Craftsmanship

D. Information Potential-Archaeology



Physical Integrity-Intactness

Properties must retain the ability to communicate their significance through:

- Location
- Design
- Setting
- Materials
- Workmanship
- Feeling
- Association



Restrictions? No!



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Community Benefits

- Community Education/ Awareness
- Local Pride
- Planning
 - Local
 - State
 - Federal



Planning for Weather Events

Hurricanes



Tides!



Wind



Tornados



Economic Benefits

Easements

- May lower tax burden
- Lessens inheritance taxes
- Preserves property
- Priority during emergencies

Rehabilitation Tax Credits

- State and federal credits available
- Dollar-for-dollar reductions in income tax liability for taxpayers who rehabilitate historic buildings
- State credit: 25% of approved expenses
- Federal credit: 20% of approved expenses



Personal Benefits

- Entry in VLR book

(new edition online)

- Info on your property
- Technical advice

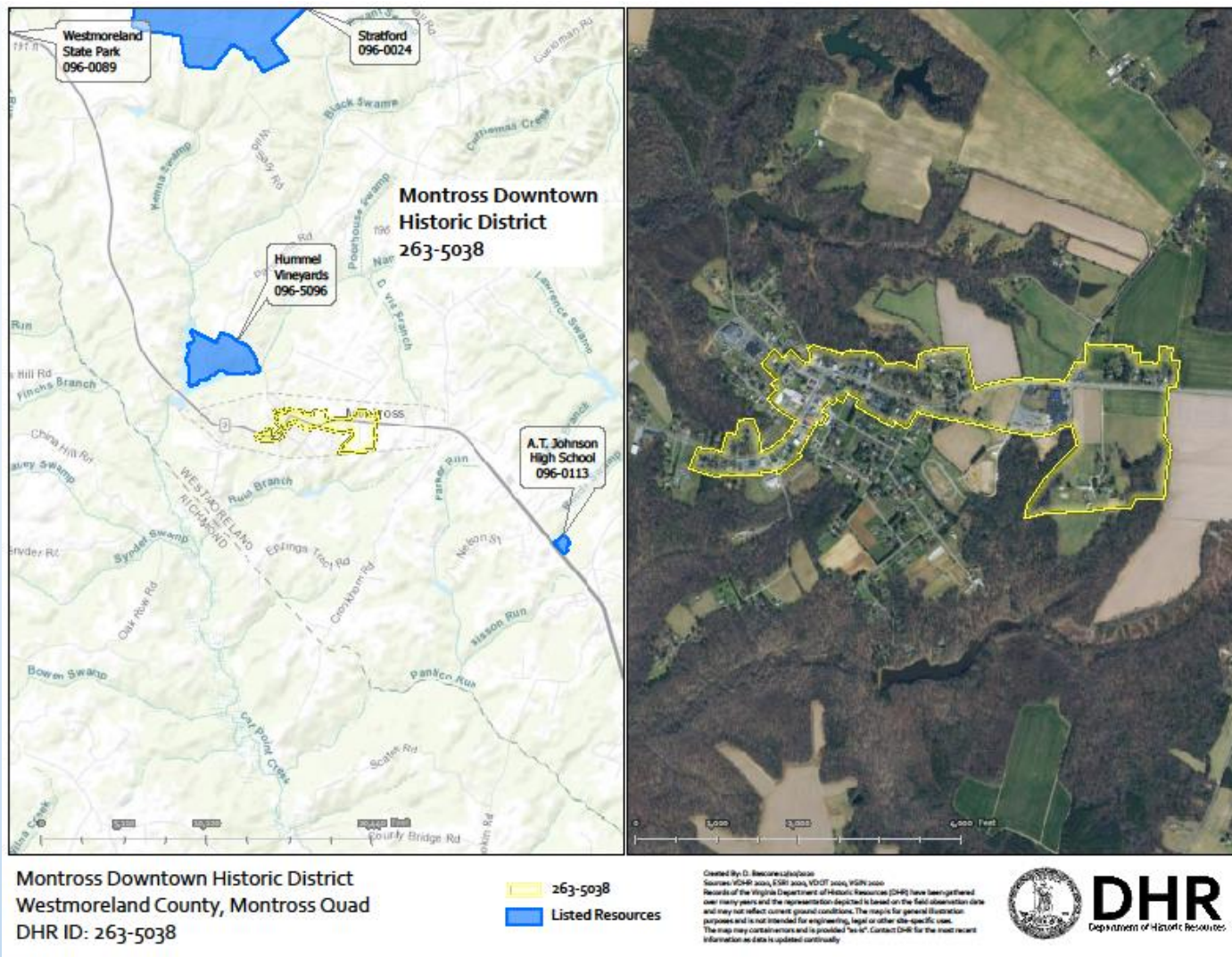


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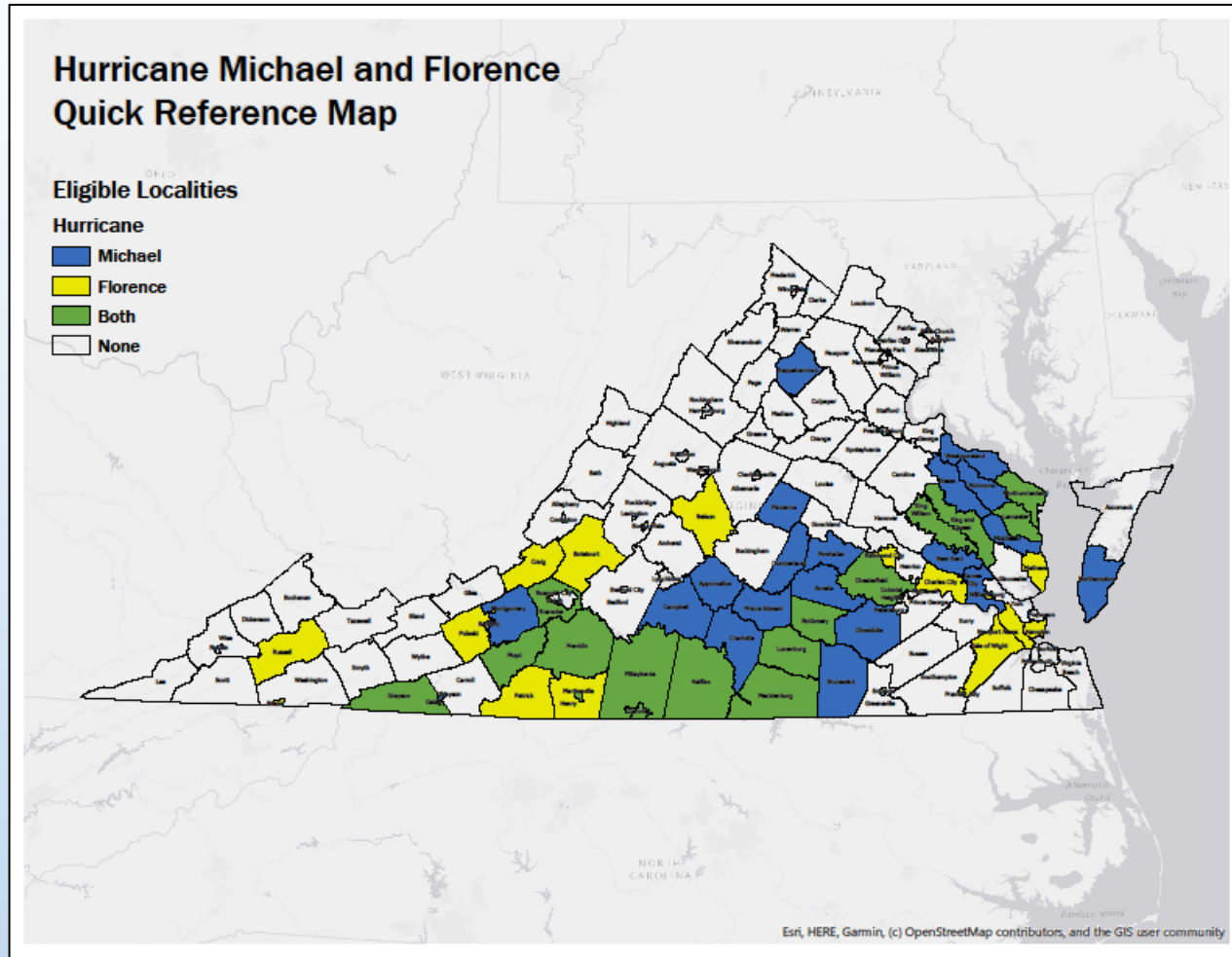
- Level of Significance: Local & State
- Period of Significance: ca.1685 – 1970
- National Register Criteria: A and C
- Areas of Significance: Architecture, Commerce, and Politics/Government



Montross Historic District



ESHPP Disaster Assistance Grants for Historic Resources



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- Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund
- DHR ran two applications: development projects and survey and planning projects
- Montross Historic District survey and nomination project approved by the National Park Service
- There is no cost to the Town or the County
- ESHPP survey and planning project will all be run in-house at the DHR:
 - With input from the Westmoreland County Museum and locality, DHR will conduct the survey, and work as the project administrator. Deborah McClane will prepare the nomination materials.



Montross Historic District Tentative Schedule

- DHR staff will conduct survey work and data entry this summer and fall.
- Deborah McClane will prepare a Nomination Report for submission to DHR in Spring 2022.
- DHR will conduct a Public Hearing.
- State Historic Review Board will review report and consider recommending the designation.



What is a historic resources survey?

A **process** of identifying and gathering data on a community's historic resources.



What will be included in this survey?

Everything! All standing structures, buildings, sites, and objects that are within the proposed historic district boundaries.



Historic Resource Survey

For each property:

- Number of buildings
- Property size
- Site features
- Historical information
- Historic district status:
contributing/noncontributing



For each building:

- Resource type
- Construction date
- Architectural style
- Unique features



Thank you for your time and consideration



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Questions?

