

Department of Historic Resources: Putting Virginia's History to work

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Mission

- Identify, evaluate, and recognize historic resources, and provide services to help public and private agencies, communities and citizens preserve, interpret, and use Virginia's rich historic assets for economic, educational and cultural benefit.

Mission is Broad and Far Reaching: Economic & Community Revitalization



Roanoke



Bath
County



South Boston

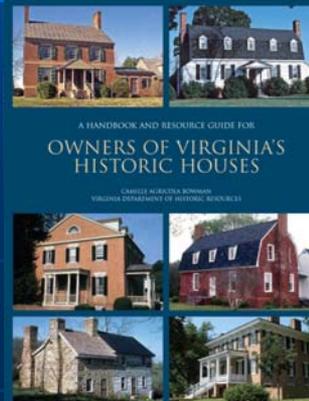
- Consistently ranked #1 or #2 nationally for rehabilitation projects—\$331 million private investment in SFY 2008
- “Prosperity Through Preservation” study in partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University analyzed the economic benefits of 10 years of the Virginia Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit
 - Nearly \$1.6 billion total economic impact
 - 60% of those surveyed said that their project would not have been possible without the credits

Mission Supports Transportation, Tourism & Education

- Backbone of \$17.7 billion tourism industry
 - Visitors to historic sites spend 2.5 times more and stay longer than other travelers
- Sponsored & Cosponsored Educational Activities Reach Museums, Schools, Community Leaders & Public Statewide
 - Historic places provide vivid learning experiences for young and old alike
 - Historic sites and museums help teachers and students meet the SOLs
 - Archaeology brings forgotten people and events to light



Martha Washington Inn, Abingdon



Field School at Chippokes

DHR CUSTOMERS: Stakeholders as diverse as the historic resources they use and benefit from



Inter-related State and Federal Mandates

State

- Title 10.1
Chapters 22 & 23
- Title 58.1 Section 339.2 et seq.
- Cross references throughout Code
- Annual Appropriation Act

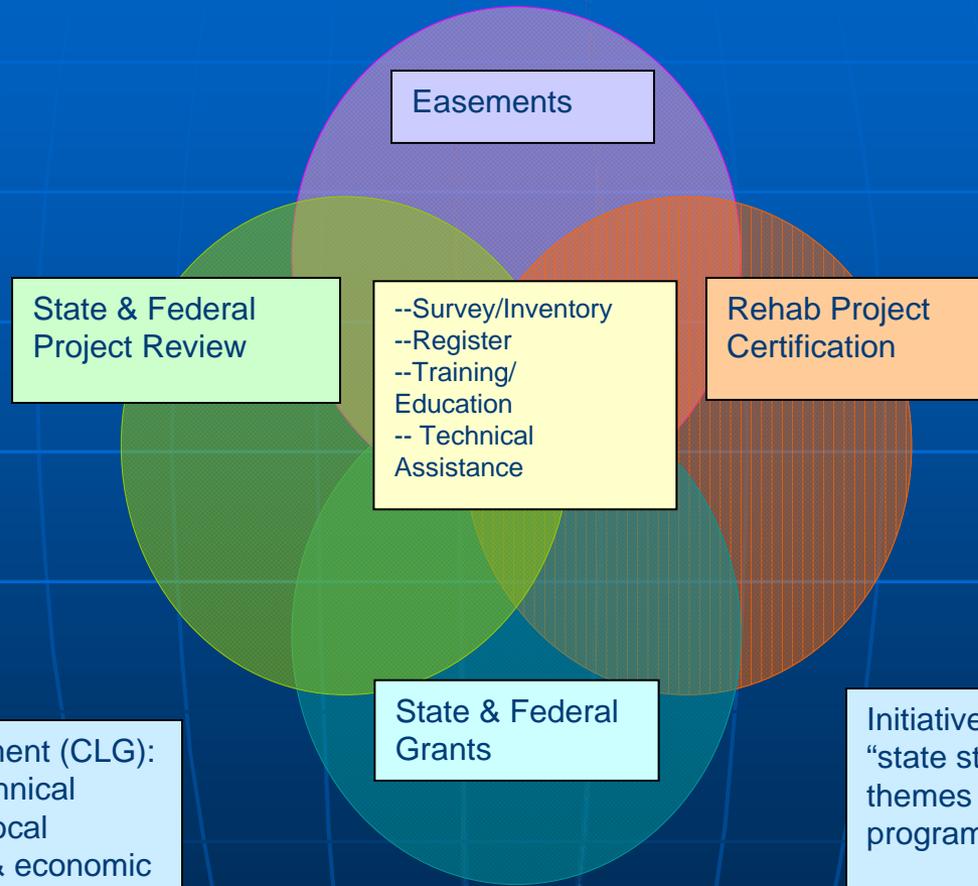
Federal

- National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (amended) and implementing regulations
- Abandoned Shipwreck Act of 1987
- Native American Graves and Repatriation Act

DHR Services are Interrelated and Interdependent

Archaeological and architectural services support easements, state projects, grant projects, educational programs & document important sites before they are destroyed

Variety of educational products including historical highway markers, field schools, & major traveling museum exhibits



Certified Local Government (CLG): Grants, Training, & Technical Assistance supporting local preservation, planning & economic goals; relies on survey & register

Initiatives like “diversity” and “state stewardship” are themes cross-cutting several program services

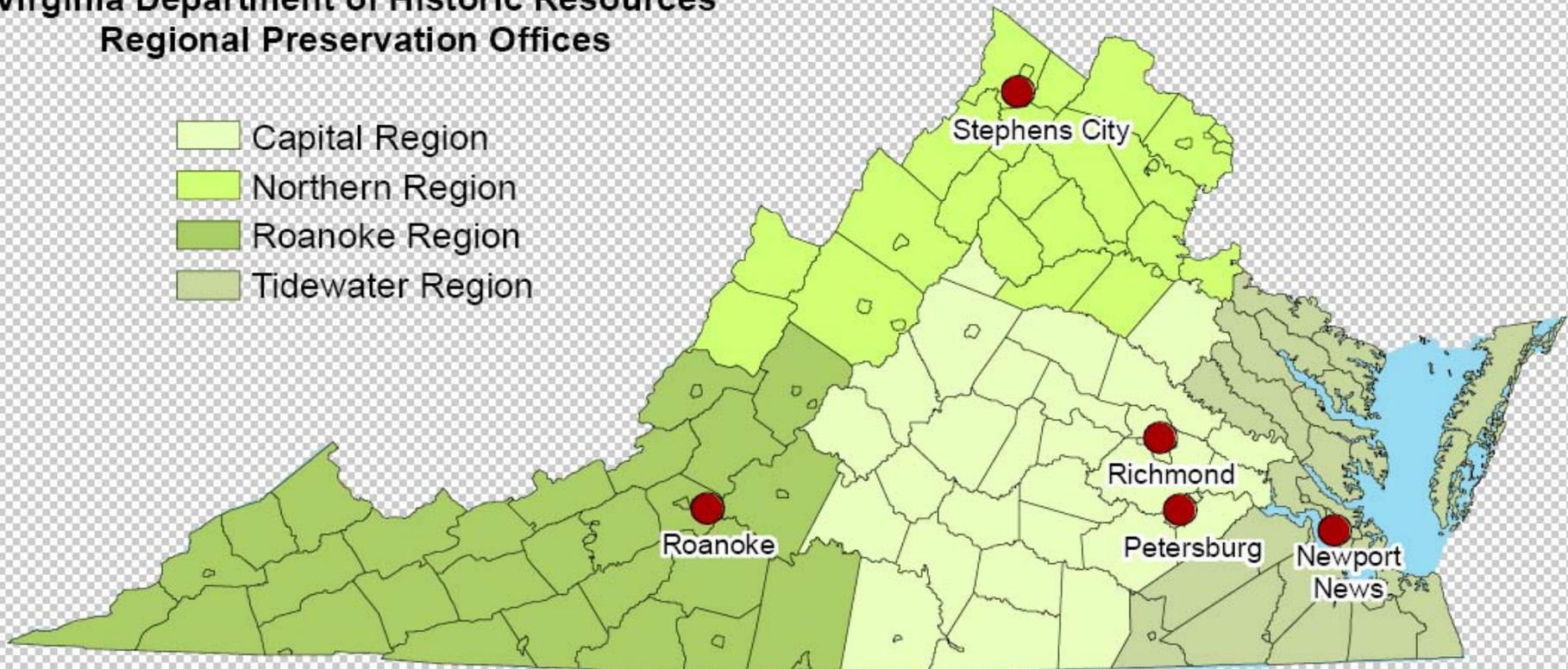
Organization



Regional Offices

Virginia Department of Historic Resources Regional Preservation Offices

- Capital Region
- Northern Region
- Roanoke Region
- Tidewater Region



Collaboration with Resource Agencies

- DEQ – State environmental review; delegated federal review (Corps of Engineers)
- DCR – Land conservation issues; guidance re historic parks; cave permits
- DGIF – Technical assistance and review of impacts to archaeological sites and other historic resources
- VMRC – Advisory role in issuing permits
- VOF – Easement coholder; technical assistance regarding archaeological and historic resources
- VCI – Technical assistance; recognizing historic sites, people & events important to VA tribes
- VMNH – Educational programs
- Forestry – Technical assistance; Forest Stewardship Program

Other Interagency Collaboration

- VDOT – collaborative approach to review, plus partnering on DSS
- Colleges and Universities
- Military Installations

Initiatives/Challenges

- Military Partnerships
 - Force Protection, Housing Initiatives, Sustainability Initiatives
 - BRAC -- Fort Monroe
- Land Conservation
 - Battlefields – Disappearing Resource
 - Easements – Enhancing Stewardship
- Improving Service
 - Diversity
 - Technology
 - Rising costs
 - DSS

