

Approved Minutes
Art and Architectural Review Board
July 10, 2026, at 10:00 am
Patrick Henry Building, East Reading Room
1111 E Broad St, Richmond VA 23219

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

1.1 CALL TO ORDER – 10:04am

DGS Staff

Board Members Present: Lynden Garland (Chair), Anca Lipan (Vice Chair), Megan Melinat (DHR), Jill Nolt, Stanley Rayfield, Gaby Rengifo

Absent: None, one vacancy

Department of General Services Staff Present: E.Y. Boggs, Sarah Burns

**A quorum was established.*

1.2 ELECTION OF CHAIR

DGS Staff

Motion to Nominate Lynden Garland as Chairperson: Anca Lipan

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 5-Y 0-N (Stanley Rayfield absent at time of voting)

1.3 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Motion to Nominate Anca Lipan as Vice Chairperson: Gaby Rengifo

Second: Jill Nolt

Vote: 5-Y 0-N (Stanley Rayfield absent at time of voting)

1.4 PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

1.5 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve: Megan Melinat

Second: Anca Lipan

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 abstain (Jill Nolt)

1.6 OTHER BUSINESS

1.6.1 For agenda items 2.1, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8, 2.14, 2.17, 2.18, and 2.19: Anca Lipan discloses that her firm is working on the project or other projects for the

submitting Agency, but does not personally represent or provide services to that Agency, and can be fair, objective, and participate in the public interest.*

**Disclosures made pursuant to the Code of Virginia § 2.2-3112(B)(2) and § 2.2-3114(G).*

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Virginia Community College System (VCCS) / J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College Downtown Campus – Repair Retaining Wall

(Final Approval)

This project will repair the existing stone and masonry landscape and retaining walls on the east and west sides of the JSRCC building site at the above address.

Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Comments: This project was submitted for DHR review on 6/24/26 and we will have comments issued within our 30-day review period.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.2 Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) / Bon Air Expansion Building Canopy Extension

(Final Approval)

The project is to extend the current front entrance canopy approximately 25' to protect staff from the weather as they are waiting in line to check into the building. Electric heaters will also be provided to help when the temperature drops during the fall and winter months. New LED lighting fixtures will be provided, as well as new landscaping to replace the bushes removed to accommodate the new work.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this project and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.3 Old Dominion University (ODU) / Welcome Center Demolition

(Final Approval)

ODU wishes to demolish the building located at 4901 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk. This building has been damaged by a fire and no longer meets code for safe use. It is intended to remove the building and return the site to green space.

DHR Comments: This project was submitted for DHR review on 7/6/26 and we will have comments issued within our 30-day review period.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.4 Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services (DBHDS) / Catawba Hospital Building 15 & 16 HVAC Replacement

(Final Approval)

This project involves a complete HVAC system replacement in both Building No. 15 and Building No. 16. Because of the very shallow floor plate heights of 10'-0" and type of construction there are limited means by which to convey conditioned and code-required outside air to the multiple floors. As a result, ductwork serving floor levels adjacent to new or renovated mechanical rooms will be fed by ductwork which extends through existing window openings up and/or down the exterior face of the north elevation in three locations.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this project, and we will need to review this. Building 15 (ca. 1953) and Building 16 (ca. 1922) are both contributing buildings to the Virginia Landmark Register (VLR) and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible Catawba Hospital Historic District (DHR ID # 080-0073). The district is considered eligible as an antebellum resort, as an early hospital, and as a planned medical facility with buildings dating from the early 20th century into the 1950s.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.5 VCCS / MA MX Relocate Bus Lane & Install Shelter

(Final Approval)

This project includes improvements related to installing a new bus shelter and concrete pad along a new bus route located in Parking Lot A1 at the Manassas Campus.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this project and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.6 VCCS / Northern Virginia Community College – Alexandra Campus Replace Rooftop Windscreen

(Final Approval)

This project involves removing the existing cracked and deficient brick and CMU walls around four sides of an existing rooftop cooling tower and replacing them with aluminum louver walls with structural steel framing behind them. The height and orientation of the louvered walls will match the existing brick walls. The walls being removed and replaced are approximately 15 feet high and the total length of all four sides is approximately 87 feet long.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this project and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.7 VCCS / Germanna Community College – Replace French Slaughter Building; Demolition of Existing Buildings

(Final Approval)

Capital Project 260-18340-000 was created to construct a replacement for the French Slaughter Building and includes the demolition of the existing buildings. The existing French Slaughter building and the associated modular office trailers have all exceeded their useful life and it was determined that renovation was not practical.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this project and it will not result in adverse impacts to historic resources.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.8 VCCS / Laurel Ridge Community College – Wolk Hall Exterior Improvements

(Final Approval)

This project consists of replacing six existing metal storage sheds with a new, single-story, 80-foot by 40-foot prefabricated metal building for Facilities & Grounds operations. The building will have a 14-foot eave height, light gray metal wall panels, a black metal roof, transom windows, and an overhead door for equipment access. The project also includes a covered outdoor student seating area beneath a roof canopy, and updated landscaping improvements surrounding the new facility.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this project and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.9 VCCS / Laurel Ridge Community College – Middletown Storage Building

(Final Approval)

The project consists of a new single-story, 80-foot by 40-foot prefabricated metal building with a 14-foot eave height to replace the current outdoor storage containers (sea crates) serving the Facilities Operations Center. The building will provide a dedicated, permanent storage solution for Facilities Operations and equipment.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this and will need to review this. The project area is within the immediate vicinity of a Virginia Landmark Register (VLR) and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible archaeological site.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Stanley Rayfield

Second: Gabby Rengifo

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 abstain (Anca Lipan)

2.10 Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) / DMV Farmville CSC Roof Replacement

(Final Approval)

One-Story, 5,702 SF rectangular shape building with a front entry overhanging roof. The main roof is hipped with a gabled central roof peak, in keeping with the barn roof vernacular. The gables are louvered with custom triangular louver units and insect screening. It has a brick veneer façade with double-hung wood windows. The existing

roofing consists of asphalt shingles. There is painted wood trim at roof eaves and front entry overhanging roof, and gutters with downspouts surround the building.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this project and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.11 Department of General Services (DGS) / Central Virginia Training Center Demolition

(Final Approval)

The Central Virginia Training Center is an approximately 386.53-acre developed site in Amherst County, Virginia home to +/- 85 existing buildings on the site. The proposed demolition encompasses the buildings identified as "Priority 1", consisting of approximately thirty-one (31) buildings. Buildings selected for demolition will be razed to the ground with foundations to remain, and any buildings with basements will have the footprints filled in to be level with the surrounding grade. Existing pavements, including sidewalks, roads, parking areas, etc., will remain. Utilities will be cut and capped 5' outside remaining building footprint(s), for those which have not already been disconnected.

DHR Comments: DGS is consulting with DHR on this project. This project will result in adverse impacts to historic resources, and a Memorandum of Understanding is being drafted to memorialize mitigation. See the attached letter on the last pages of this document below.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending Result of DHR Consultation: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 recuse (Anca Lipan)

2.12 Christopher Newport University (CNU) / Ferguson Digital Monument Sign

(Final Approval)

The project consists of a brick, precast, and GFRC monument sign with digital display near the entrance of campus.

DHR Comments: DHR has not received this project and does not need to unless required by another agency.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.13 University of Virginia (UVA) / Former University Police Building Demolition
(Final Approval)

UVA proposes to demolish this building, backfill the slope, and cover the new soil with meadow mix. The agency will also remove several temporary parking spots west of the building and plant that area with meadow mix.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this project and no historic resources will be impacted as a result of this project.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.14 Virginia Military Institute (VMI) / Renovate Financial Aid & Admission Office
(Final Approval)

This project renovates 307 and 309 Letcher Avenue on the Virginia Military Institute campus. Both buildings, originally residences, have been converted to support office space after being purchased by VMI. 307 and 309 Letcher Avenue are located within the Virginia Military Institute Historic District. Still, only 309 Letcher (the Pendleton-Coles Cottage) is described in the National Register of Historic Places Nomination Form that was submitted and listed on the VLR in 1969 and later listed on the NRHP in 1974. The Virginia Military Institute Historic District is also part of the Lexington Historic District.

DHR Comments: VMI has been coordinating with our office on this project. DHR provided the following comments to VMI on this project on 7/7/2026:

In DHR's initial comments, we had concerns regarding the stone wall enclosure on the rear elevation of 307 Letcher being too visually competitive with both 307 and 309, despite being a VMI standard used elsewhere across campus. We also recommended VMI explore if Division of Engineering & Buildings (DEB) could grant an allowance to retain the second floor historic stair rail and posts at 307 leading to the attic, although the walkway would not be wide enough to meet current code.

In the additional information provided on June 17, 2026, the material on the wall on the back of 307 Letcher has been changed to be less visually competitive

with the original building. Additionally, the historic stairs and railings to the attic of 307 Letcher will be retained and restored with the removal of the modern wall that encloses most of it. DHR appreciates the changes to the design, and we do not have any issues with the changes.

In addition, DHR does not oppose any of the submitted Preliminary Design:

Proposed Finishes, which includes:

- Proposed limestone wall at rear of 307/309 Letcher Avenue;
- Stucco (Tammscoat) & Limestone application to basement of 309 Letcher Avenue to match VMI standards found across campus; and
- Hardie® Artisan® Siding (Lap Siding for the 309 Letcher Back Enclosed Porch and V-Groove for the 307 Letcher Back Enclosed Porch Reconstruction).

An initial product idea from VMI was submitted as well; the Spengler Industries Copper Panels for Double-Locked Standing Seam Roof for the rear "porch"/stairwell reconstruction roof product. DHR does not oppose this, but we will need to review the copper finish when options are selected.

The additional information regarding archaeology was submitted to our office on June 25, 2026, and we will have comments issued within our 30-day review period. At that time, we can better comment on the ultimate impacts of this project.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending Further DHR Review: Anca Lipan

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.15 UVA / The Park Phase 1

(Final Approval)

The Park Phase 1 project creates a secure facility for Recreation Maintenance operations located in a remote corner of the complex where the former varsity softball field is located. The facility is centered around a 7,200 square foot pre-engineered metal maintenance building. The building has vertical ribbed wall panels, a standing seam metal gable roof, and a series of overhead doors along the front. The office/breakroom space included in the building has windows on the front and side, an entrance door with a window, and a standing seam metal canopy over the entrance. A three-sided, 2,550 square foot covered storage building and a three-sided, 1,200 square foot covered bulk material storage building are located across a paved yard from the maintenance

building. These buildings are constructed of the same exterior materials as the maintenance buildings with shed roofs. The bulk material storage building is constructed on a 5-foot-high concrete base which creates stalls for bulk material storage. The facility is enclosed with a 10' height black chain-link fence.

DHR Comments: UVA has been consulting with DHR on this project. We are currently awaiting the results of an archaeological survey in progress.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending Results of Archaeological Survey: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.16 DMV / Franconia Roof Replacement

(Final Approval)

This project is a total roof replacement for the Franconia Customer Service Center. The Existing exterior walls are to remain a brown brick, and the existing roof is a light gray standing seam metal roof. The new roof is to be an architectural asphalt shingle and will be gray in color.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this project and no historic resources will be impacted as a result of this project.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.17 Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation / Jamestown Settlement Lobby Flooring Renovation

(Final Approval)

The Project consists of the removal and replacement of the existing lobby and vestibule flooring, including installation of conduit and floorboxes for power and data, the addition of two new entry/exit doors at the adjacent gift shop, and the removal and replacement of twenty single entry/exit doors at the lobby vestibules with ten double entry/exit doors on automatic openers. Ten single exterior doors with a fixed middle mullion between the doors are being removed to allow for wider doors that can accommodate strollers and needed equipment. There will then be five new pairs of wider doors. The new doors will be painted storefront. All new trim will be wood to match the existing trim. At the Gift Shop, a storefront window is being removed and a pair of exterior doors with fixed glass above are being added for direct exterior access.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this project and no historic resources will be impacted as a result of this project.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval: Gaby Rengifo

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.18 Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) / McAdams House HVAC Renovation
(Final Approval)

The proposed project is located at the McAdams House, 914 West Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia 23284. The scope of work is limited to an existing altered window opening located within the small courtyard between the McAdams House and the adjacent Stagg House. The window opening is located within this enclosed courtyard area and is not visible from any public vantage point. The existing masonry opening contains a wood double-hung window assembly that has previously been modified. The original glazing has been removed and replaced with plywood infill panels, and mechanical penetrations have been introduced through the opening to serve HVAC equipment. The proposed work consists of carefully removing the existing wood window frame and sashes in their entirety and salvaging the removed components for storage on site in the building basement. The existing masonry opening, including the surrounding brick masonry, arched brick lintel, jambs, and wood sill, will remain intact.

DHR Comments: This project was submitted for DHR review on 6/24/26 and we will have comments issued within our 30-day review period.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending DHR Review: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

2.19 VCU / Williams House Roof Replacement & Mechanical and Electrical Renovation
(Final Approval)

The roof replacement project will restore the slate tile siding, terracotta roof tiles, gutters, and copper roofs, alongside the installation of a new EPDM low-slope roof with integrated structural curbs, and associated weather-tight enclosures detailed to maintain the building's historic aesthetic while ensuring long-term envelope integrity. The mechanical and electrical renovation project will replace the building's electrical and mechanical systems. The doghouse on the rear of the building provides a single point of

penetration of the roof for the ductwork for the new HVAC system. VCU is referencing both the roofing and mechanical/electrical project as it is unclear as to whether the roofing contractor or the mechanical/electrical contractor will construct the doghouse. The roofing work is required by the mechanical/electrical project but may be installed during the roof replacement project so the agency has combined the two projects into one AARB submission.

DHR Comments: DHR provided comments on the roof replacement on 5/27/26. We do not oppose the roof replacement, but we will need additional information. DHR will need to see product samples and mockups to understand if this could adversely impact the historic resource.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending Further DHR Review: Jill Nolt

Second: Megan Melinat

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Virginia Tech (VT) / New Residence Halls

(Final Approval)

This return submission is focused on the site and landscape plan in response to the Board's recommendation following the June 5, 2026 presentation. Buildings are included in the overall project rendering and as background context within landscape-focused views to help clarify the relationship between the approved building organization, site circulation, landscape spaces, and pedestrian experience.

DHR Comments: As stated in our 6/5/26 comments, DHR is consulting on this project directly with VT. The new construction will be highly visible from the three (3) resources, including the NRHP-listed Fraction Family House/Solitude, and will substantially diminish the historic integrity of the rural setting. Mitigation is being discussed and a Memorandum of Understanding will be drafted to memorialize minimization and mitigation measures.

Board Comments:

1. In future submissions, the agency is encouraged to more clearly label plants on the planting plan renderings.
2. Consider finding native alternatives for the non-native plants in the courtyard area.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval with Board Comments, and Pending Further Collaboration with DHR: Jill Nolt

Second: Stanley Rayfield

Vote: 5-Y 0-N; 1 abstain (Anca Lipan)

3.2 VCCS / Central Virginia Community College – Renovate Amherst & Campbell Halls

(Final Approval)

The project includes renovations and minor additions to Amherst Hall and Campbell Hall. The renovations include the reconfiguration and modernization of 82,200 GSF of the two buildings' 104,231 GSF of existing space. The work also includes approximately 8,195 GSF of new construction spread between four small additions. Renovations will include new finishes, ceilings, flooring, casework and upgrades or replacement of all major building systems and components. The project will include the installation of new roofing systems on both Amherst and Campbell Halls and the addition of an emergency generator. Aesthetic enhancements at the primary entrances to both buildings and the exterior elevations, in general, are desired to improve the overall appearance of these buildings.

DHR Comments: VCCS has been coordinating this project with DHR.

The Central Virginia Community College Historic District is one of six prototype campuses, drawn by well-known architect Marcellus Wright, Jr. Appomattox and Amherst Halls (including attached exterior walkways) are contributing resources to the district, along with the flagpoles and parking lots. The replacement of exterior character-defining historic fabric with incompatible features on contributing buildings to a VLR/NRHP-listed historic district is considered an adverse impact.

VCCS is currently procuring a Reconnaissance-Level Architectural Survey of Virginia Highlands Community College (VHCC) as mitigation as it is a well-preserved example of the VCCS prototype. VCCS is drafting a Memorandum of Understanding for DHR's review as well.

Board Comments: None.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval Pending Further Collaboration with DHR: Anca Lipan

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

3.3 Virginia School for the Deaf & Blind / Renovate Main Hall Interior

(Preliminary Approval)

A modest 920 SF addition is proposed on the north side of the building (opposite the portico) and centered on the ridgeline of the roof. This addition will expand central

circulation by providing a new extension of the central stair from Level 2 to Level 3. It will also incorporate a new double elevator connecting all four floors – there is not currently an elevator in the building. While these functions were initially considered within the existing footprint of the building, it was ultimately determined to be too damaging to the existing interior historical fabric.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed the submitted 50% Schematic Design and provided comments on 6/17/26. The Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind (VSDB) ca. 1845 Main Hall, is individually listed in the Virginia Landmark Register (VLR) and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). It is also a contributing resource to the VLR/NRHP-eligible VSDB Historic District (DHR ID #132-5095). The building is nationally significant as one of the preeminent Greek Revival public buildings in the United States.

While this project is thus far adhering to the Standards, DHR needs further details as the project progresses in order to understand the ultimate impacts of the project (i.e. on materials/finishes such as for the exterior of the new stairwell enclosure/elevator bulkhead, more details regarding the design of the two-story library/museum, brick sample photos if the brick louver is used, and all other interior finish details including paint colors, tiles, etc.) We will also need to review further design iterations.

Board Comments:

1. Consider opting for the Alt Monitor Concept.
2. Further study ways to relate the addition to the existing structure; consider incorporating the vocabulary of the existing elements.
3. If feasible by the Agency, consider adding landscaping scope for the ADA path.
4. Study ways to mitigate the heaviness of the metal.
5. Provide more renderings from the ground-level pedestrian perspective and from the perspective of surrounding buildings to elaborate on the addition's visual impact.

Motion to Recommend Preliminary Approval with Board Comments, and Pending Further

DHR Review: Stanley Rayfield

Second: Anca Lipan

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

3.4 UVA / School of Data Science Entrepreneurship Building *(Final Approval)*

With the success of the new School of Data Science serving as the anchor of the Discovery Nexus, the addition of the new SDS Entrepreneurship Building is envisioned to create a new interdisciplinary computational research environment within a state-of-the-art facility. The project was approved by the Board of Visitors in June 2025 as an addition to the 2025 Major Capital Plan, and the Concept, Site, and Design Guidelines were approved in September 2025.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this project and it will not result in adverse impacts to historic resources.

Board Comments:

1. If feasible, consider slightly more delineation of building's entrance.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval with Board Comments: Stanley Rayfield

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

3.5 College of William and Mary & Virginia Institute of Marine Science / Marine Operations Center

(Final Approval)

The Marine Operations Center consists of two buildings: the Administration Building and Operations building with combined total area of 12,002 square feet. The Administration Building is two stories, and Operations building is a single story. Both buildings feature single slope split roof forms with standing seam metal roofing. The exterior materials include concrete, wood-look aluminum panels, and glue laminated timber beams and columns.

DHR Comments: DHR reviewed this project and there will be no adverse impact to historic resources as a result of this project.

Board Comments:

1. Consider breaking up the expanse of the roof on the admin building to mitigate its large and monolithic appearance.
2. Continue to study and consider the flood impact and regulations to minimize wear on both the structures and the landscaping.

Motion to Recommend Final Approval with Board Comments: Jill Nolt

Second: Gaby Rengifo

Vote: 6-Y 0-N

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4.1** The next AARB meeting will be held on Friday, August 7th in the Patrick Henry Building in the East Reading Room.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED



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June 10, 2026

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Re: Central Virginia Training Center Demolitions – Cultural Resources Reconnaissance Memo
Madison Heights, Amherst County
DHR File No. 2026-3634

Dear Mr. Stein:

The Department of Historic Resources (DHR) is writing in response to the Department of General Service's (DGS) request for review of the above-referenced project. The reconnaissance memo was received on May 15, 2026. DGS's request for review was submitted in accordance with the Section V.2 of Division of Engineering and Buildings Directive #1, Revised 1984 (§ 2.2-2402 *Code of Virginia*).

As you know, the Central Virginia Training Center (DHR ID #005-0190; CVTC) is eligible for listing in the Virginia Landmark Register (VLR) and National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) at the state level under Criteria A, B and C. Only the buildings constructed between 1910 and 1972 are contributing to the historic district. Buildings 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 are non-contributing due to loss of integrity.

In 2022, DGS was actively trying to surplus CVTC. Since no buyer was found over the last few years to take the property, DGS plans to demolish some of the buildings as part of the sale marketing. At this time, the full extent of the project and proposed demolitions is not finalized, however, the submitted reconnaissance memo is intended to provide an update of existing conditions of buildings within the project study area to inform the development of a programmatic approach for the treatment of historic resources.

In our May 1, 2026, letter we requested an update to the 2017 survey of CVTC to discuss any changes in condition. The reconnaissance memo discusses existing conditions recorded on a site visit conducted April 13, 2026. The site visit to the CVTC in April was used to determine the overall condition of the campus, and the relative condition and integrity of individual buildings, with a focus on Demolition Priority Area 1 (See attached demolition map).

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The reconnaissance memo concluded that:

Deterioration is particularly prevalent in the area defined by the VDHR as Significant Level 1 as these tend to be the oldest buildings on the campus. Many of these buildings were already in poor condition as of 2017, and despite previous boarding of some door and window openings, additional deterioration has occurred. The buildings in the VDHR Significant Level 2 area also exhibit minor deterioration since 2017, although boarding of exterior openings since then appears to have better preserved these buildings.

Based on the submitted documentation, CVTC still retains the adequate historic integrity to convey the time period for which it is significant and remains eligible for listing in the VLR/NRHP. As an eligible historic resource, demolition of contributing buildings at the CVTC constitutes an adverse impact to historic resources warranting mitigation and this should be memorialized in a programmatic Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), since the final scope of demolitions is currently unknown.

Mitigation options should be discussed in consultation with DHR. Please contact Adrienne Birge-Wilson at (804) 482-6092, or via email at adrienne.birge-wilson@dhr.virginia.gov at your earliest convenience to discuss next steps, mitigation and to begin drafting an MOU.

Sincerely,



Samantha Henderson, Director
Division of Review and Compliance

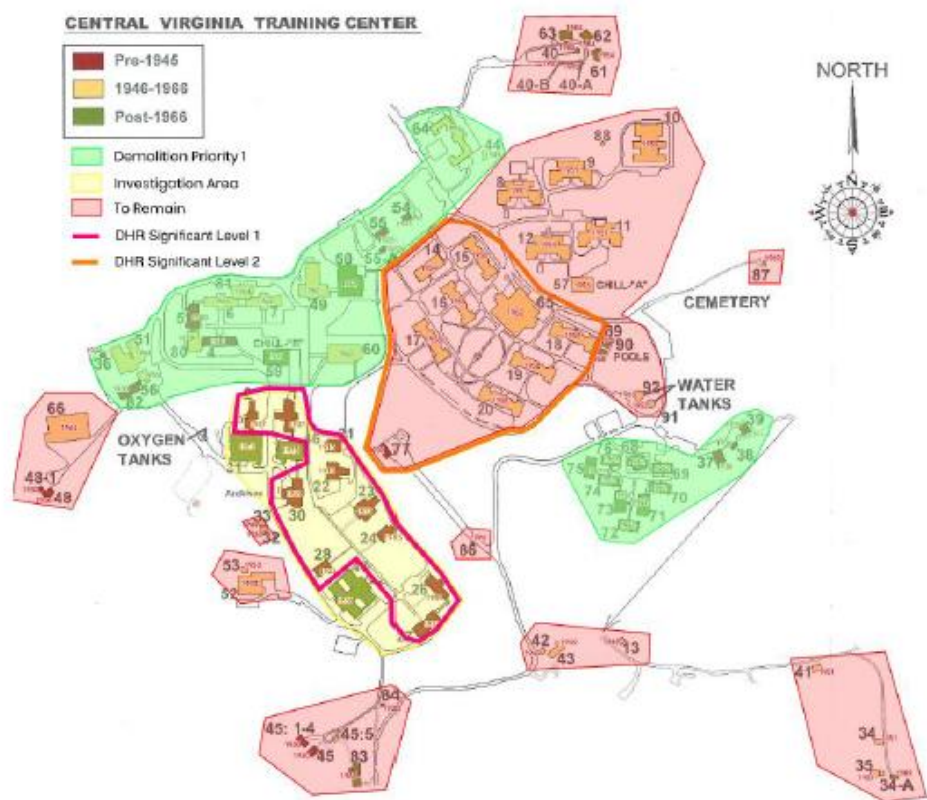
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Attachment: Demolition Map 4/9/2026



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