

Unified Regulatory Plan of the Department of Historic Resources for State Fiscal Year 2025



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VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT
OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

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Virginia Board of Historic Resources

The Board of Historic Resources (the Board) considers nominations of historic places for listing in the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR) and the National Register of Historic Places. The Virginia Board of Historic Resources is authorized by Title 10.1, Chapter 22 of the Code of Virginia to approve new (or revised) state historical highway markers. Additionally, the Board of Historic Resources is authorized by statute to hold easements to protect historic resources throughout the Commonwealth. DHR staff administers those easements on behalf of the Board. During quarterly meetings, the Board of Historic Resources considers for approval new historical marker texts and easement donations. The Virginia Board of Historic Resources is supported by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and operates under the supervision of the Secretariat of Natural and Historic Resources.

Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)	
Action 5798 / Stage 9597	
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document	
Regulations Governing Contextualization of Monuments or Memorials for Certain War Veterans [17 VAC 5 - 40]	
Brief Overview	
These are new regulations pursuant to Chapters 1100 and 1101 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly. The chapters mandate in the 4th enactment clause: “That the Board of Historic Resources shall promulgate regulations governing the manner in which any monument or memorial may be contextualized pursuant to the provisions of this act.” These regulations provide guidance to local governing bodies that choose to contextualize certain war monument or memorials within their jurisdiction. This guidance includes general provisions regarding the markers including their appearance, location, and ownership and the application requirements and approval process.	
Regulatory Stage (check one box)	<input type="checkbox"/> NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency or Emergency/NOIRA <input type="checkbox"/> Revised Proposed <input type="checkbox"/> Fast-Track
Additional Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Review Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt Action <input type="checkbox"/> Guidance Document
Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary Action
Deregulatory Component	Minimizes confusion and ambiguity and provides guidance to local governing bodies that choose to contextualize certain war monument or memorials within their jurisdiction.
Expected Date	October 2024

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Action/Stage or Guidance Document Forum ID (if available)		
Guidance Document Forum ID 4632		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
Guidelines for Conducting Historic Resources Survey in Virginia		
Brief Overview		
<p>The Secretary of the Interior (SOI) and the National Park Service have developed broad national performance standards and guidelines to assist agencies and individuals with the implementation of historic preservation activities. These federal standards and guidelines are titled "Archeology and Historic Preservation: Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines." DHR prepared <i>DHR Guidelines</i> around these federal standards, augmenting the guidance that they provide with information specific to the requirements for conducting historic resources survey in Virginia. The information contained in <i>DHR Guidelines</i> is intended for use by a wide range of individuals with varying degrees of training and experience in conducting survey work in Virginia, from the novice to the professional. Therefore, the guidance provided herein covers basic material along with advanced historic resources documentation concepts and approaches.</p> <p><i>DHR Guidelines</i> is also designed to provide direction on researching and documenting various property types, both above and below ground, including archaeological, architectural, and cultural landscape resources. In many cases, projects will require consideration of multiple resource types. DHR intends <i>DHR Guidelines</i> to promote thorough consideration of all aspects of any geographic area under study, so that all resource types present within a given study area receive sufficient consideration.</p>		
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Legal Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> Action required by federal statute <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discretionary Action <input type="checkbox"/> Action required by state statute
Deregulatory Component	<p>The DHR Guidelines for Conducting Historic Resources Survey in Virginia includes only internal agency procedures and imposes no requirements on any regulants. Removing the document from the agency's guidance document list will not affect the number of the agency's discretionary regulatory requirements imposed on the public. It will reduce the agency's guidance document aggregate word count by approximately 73,000 words.</p>
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Guidance Document Forum ID 4631		
Title of Proposed Regulatory Action or Guidance Document		
DHR State Collections Management Standards		
Brief Overview		
<p>The Department of Historic Resources maintains the State Collection Management Facility for archaeological collections at 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, Virginia. Archaeological collections are unique in that once a site has been excavated it has been destroyed and the collections remain the only tangible resource left for examination. The department’s mission is to make the irreplaceable archaeological collections available for research and study, exhibit them for the education of the public, and house all collections in archival materials within a safe environment. Also managed by the department are the documentary materials (field notes, photographs, maps) associated with archaeological sites. In order to provide strong research, education, and exhibit outreach to the public, collections representative of all geographical areas and occupation periods in the state are accepted from archaeologists and private collectors. Collections should not be subdivided and storied in multiple locations, and associated documentation should be storied in the same repository as the artifacts.</p>		
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Deregulatory Component	The DHR State Collections Management Standards includes only internal agency procedures and imposes no requirements on any regulants. Removing the document from the agency's guidance document list will not affect the number of the agency's discretionary regulatory requirements imposed on the public. It will reduce the agency's guidance document aggregate word count by approximately 4,000 words.
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