

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: Adam Thoroughgood House 2017 Update and Boundary Increase

Other names/site number: VDHR #134-0033; 44VB0063

Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 1636 Parish Road

City or town: Virginia Beach State: VA County: Independent City

Not For Publication: Vicinity: N/A

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

 A B C X D

<p>_____ Signature of certifying official/Title: <u>Virginia Department of Historic Resources</u> State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
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<p>In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.</p>	
<p>_____ Signature of commenting official:</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
<p>_____ Title :</p>	<p>_____ State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government</p>

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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 1

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC: Village Site

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

RECREATION AND CULTURE: Museum

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COLONIAL/Central Hall

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: BRICK; WOOD; GLASS; CERAMIC TILE;
Ludowici Tile

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Adam Thoroughgood House was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1960 and administratively listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1966, though a written nomination was not prepared until 1972. In 2008, the property's NRHP nomination was updated to revise the date of construction of the Thoroughgood House from ca. 1636 to ca. 1719. Both the 1972 nomination and the 2008 update focused on the early 18th-century dwelling and the surrounding 4.5 acres. Now owned and operated by the City of Virginia Beach, the property's acreage has been expanded to include a 2.45-acre open-space parcel that was purchased by the City in 2007. Located on Parish Road, the dwelling known as the Adam Thoroughgood House is a one-and-a-half story, central-hall plan brick dwelling and a fine example of early 18th-century vernacular architecture. The open-space expansion parcel that is the subject of this boundary increase was part of the original Thoroughgood House property from the early 18th century until 1942, when the property was subdivided and sold. This association between the 2.45-acre open-space expansion parcel and the Thoroughgood House property is represented by archeological remains consistent with those identified on the original Thoroughgood House property and similar chains of ownership. The artifact assemblage uncovered on the open-space expansion parcel is consistent with objects found on the adjoining Thoroughgood House property in previous investigations. In addition to its archaeological significance, the open-space expansion

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parcel contributes to the overall integrity of location, setting, and feeling of the Thoroughgood House property. The boundaries of the archaeological site (44VB0063) associated with the Thoroughgood House were expanded in 2015 to include the 2.45 acre open-space expansion parcel due to a 2015 archaeological survey of the open-space parcel that revealed the presence of both prehistoric and historic occupations. A 2006 investigation on the Thoroughgood House property by the James River Institute of Archaeology suggested the possibility of a prehistoric settlement on the parcel. Because the open-space expansion parcel is located directly to the east of the house, it is likely that this settlement encompassed the open-space as well

Narrative Description

Setting

The Thoroughgood House property is situated to the east of Parish Road and about one-tenth (0.1) mile west of Bayville Creek. The 4.5 acres that surround the historic dwelling are within the historic boundaries recorded in the original 1960 National Historic Landmark and 1966/1972 National Register of Historic Places nominations, as well as the 2008 NRHP update. The property features open lawn with large deciduous trees and a boxwood-bordered Colonial Revival garden. The soil profile includes a variety of sandy silt loam soils with sandy or silty clay subsoils.¹ The property also includes a non-contributing, recently completed visitor's center, a public restroom building, and a mechanical shed, all located to the north of the house, along with a parking lot. The additional 2.45-acre open-space expansion parcel that is associated with the 2017 update and boundary increase adjoins the Thoroughgood House property to the east.

The open-space expansion parcel contains elevations ranging between 0-60 feet above mean sea level, and is located in the Lowland subprovince of the Coastal Plain physiographic province. The soil profile includes Tetotum loam (located near the upland portion of the parcel) and Rumford fine sandy loam on the portions adjacent to Bayville Creek.² The open-space expansion parcel is heavily over-grown with vegetation and contains large deciduous and pine trees, as well as a mix of young trees, climbing vines, and various flowering plants and shrubs. The parcel also contains a very dense bamboo grove on the eastern third of the property (see Photo 1 below). The wooded, undeveloped character of the open-space parcel is in keeping with the Thoroughgood House property's rural heritage and setting.

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Photo 1 – Dense bamboo grove located on the eastern portion of the open space expansion parcel, image courtesy of James River Institute for Archaeology

Dwelling, the Thoroughgood House, early 18th century (contributing building)

Thought to have been constructed in the early 18th century, this brick dwelling was most likely built by Argall Thoroughgood II, great-grandson of Adam Thoroughgood. According to the Historic American Buildings Survey report:

“The house is of brick, 45 by 22 feet, with three walls laid in English bond and one in Flemish. It is a low-eaved, one-and-a-half story house with a steep gabled roof. Of the two huge end chimneys, one is projecting and one set inside the wall. A hall, ten feet wide, separates the two rooms below, that to the north being the larger. In 1745, the house was altered, with Georgian windows replacing the original leaded glass panes in the parlor, plaster covering the former exposed ceiling beams, and paneling added to the walls. Under the auspices of the Foundation, the Thoroughgood House was restored to its 17th century condition and opened to the public on April 30, 1957. The restoration included removal of dormers, replacement of leaded glass panes and reduction in the size of windows, removal of plaster and other later additions. In several places, glass inserts have been made to show details of the original construction.”

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The house has three bays across its east (front) and west (rear) elevations. According to the 1986 Historic American Buildings Survey, the first floor contains a central entrance hall with a stairwell that separates two chambers. The second floor contains a large “children’s chamber” and a “master chamber.”³

There are two exterior doors, one in each of the east and west elevations. The exterior doors are reached by wood steps that were installed in 2010-2011. The ca. 1719 construction date and the overall design of the Adam Thoroughgood House place it at the forefront of early 18th-century dwellings, and it possesses a high level of historic integrity.

SECONDARY RESOURCE:

The Adam Thoroughgood House archaeological site (44VB0063), Middle to Late Woodland periods, early 18th century to mid-19th century (contributing site)

Field investigations have identified an archaeological site (44VB0063) on the acreage that comprised the original NHL/NRHP Thoroughgood House boundaries. A 2015 archaeological survey of the adjoining 2.45-acre open-space parcel by the James River Institute for Archaeology (JRIA) has shown that Site 44VB0063 extends into the open-space parcel. The artifacts recovered from both properties match the primary occupation of the Thoroughgood House property (early 18th and 19th centuries). Investigations on both properties also showed evidence of earlier occupations, particularly from the Middle to Late Woodland periods (ca.2500-400 B.P.). This archaeological evidence suggests that the site can yield information related to the occupations of different communities over several, distinct temporal periods on the property during its period of significance. These communities include Middle to Late Woodland Native American settlements, affluent Euro-American Chesapeake planters during the Colonial period, and the pre- and post-Civil War agricultural community.⁴

Original NHL/NRHP Thoroughgood House Boundaries (4.5 acres) Archaeological Investigations:

The 2006 report *Archaeological Assessment of the Adam Thoroughgood House Site, Virginia Beach, Virginia* prepared by JRIA indicated the presence of prehistoric and historic artifacts on the 4.5-acre dwelling site. These materials are consistent with the artifacts discovered on the open-space expansion parcel as well. The investigations were conducted between August 30, 2004, and January 15, 2005, and involved a pedestrian survey and excavation of shovel test pits (STPs), followed by the excavation of 10 test units to investigate possible features. Using a topographical map provided by the city of Virginia Beach, JRIA created a “grid” across the property to guide the placement of 140 STPs. The dwelling property was also divided into four sections – South Yard, East Yard, West Yard, and North Yard. The shovel test pits measured 1-foot square, and were placed at 25-foot intervals. Figure 1 below shows the locations of the STPs on the dwelling property.

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Seventy-five of the 140 STPs contained Native American ceramics, including both sand-tempered and shell-tempered varieties. According to the report, these results suggest a long occupation of Middle to Late Woodland settlements on the dwelling site. The large number of shell-tempered artifacts uncovered (818 sherds) indicates that occupation was particularly intense during the Late Woodland period of prehistory (Figure 1 below shows the distribution of the Native American artifacts across the site).

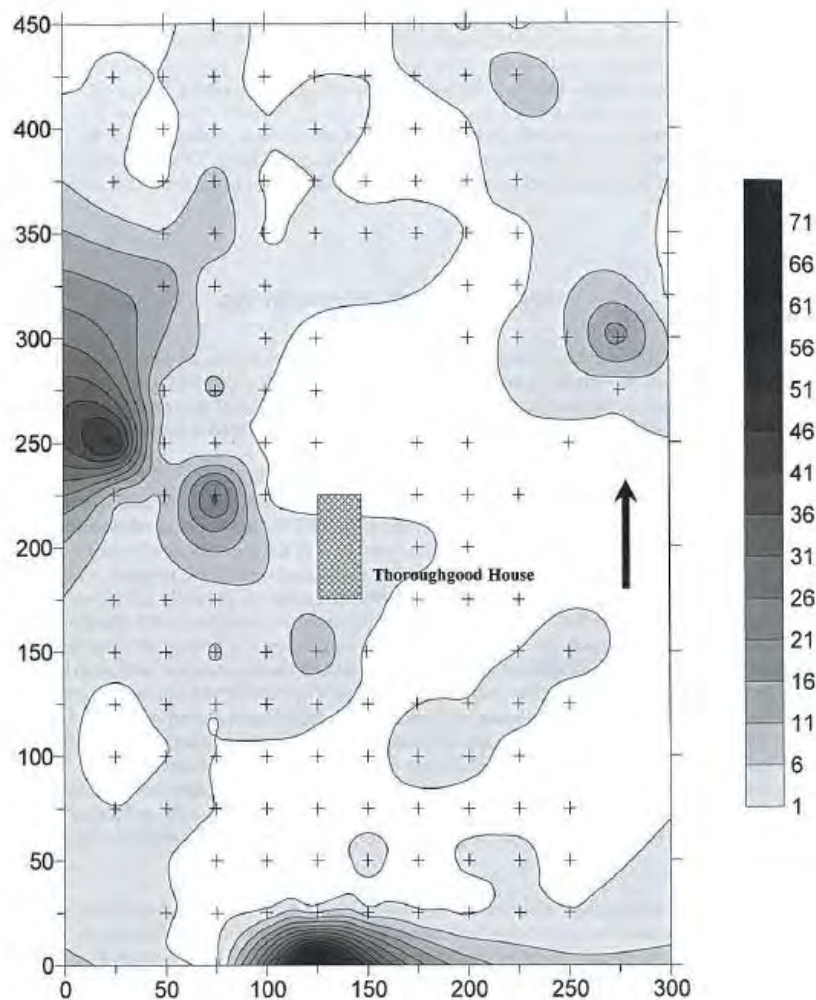


Figure 1 – Location of the shovel test pits and the distribution of all prehistoric ceramics found during the 2006 assessment, map courtesy of James River Institute for Archaeology

The investigation also uncovered artifacts associated with the historic occupation of the Thoroughgood House. The 140 shovel test holes yielded brick and shell fragments, as well as a variety of ceramics, stoneware, and earthenware (see Figure 2 below).

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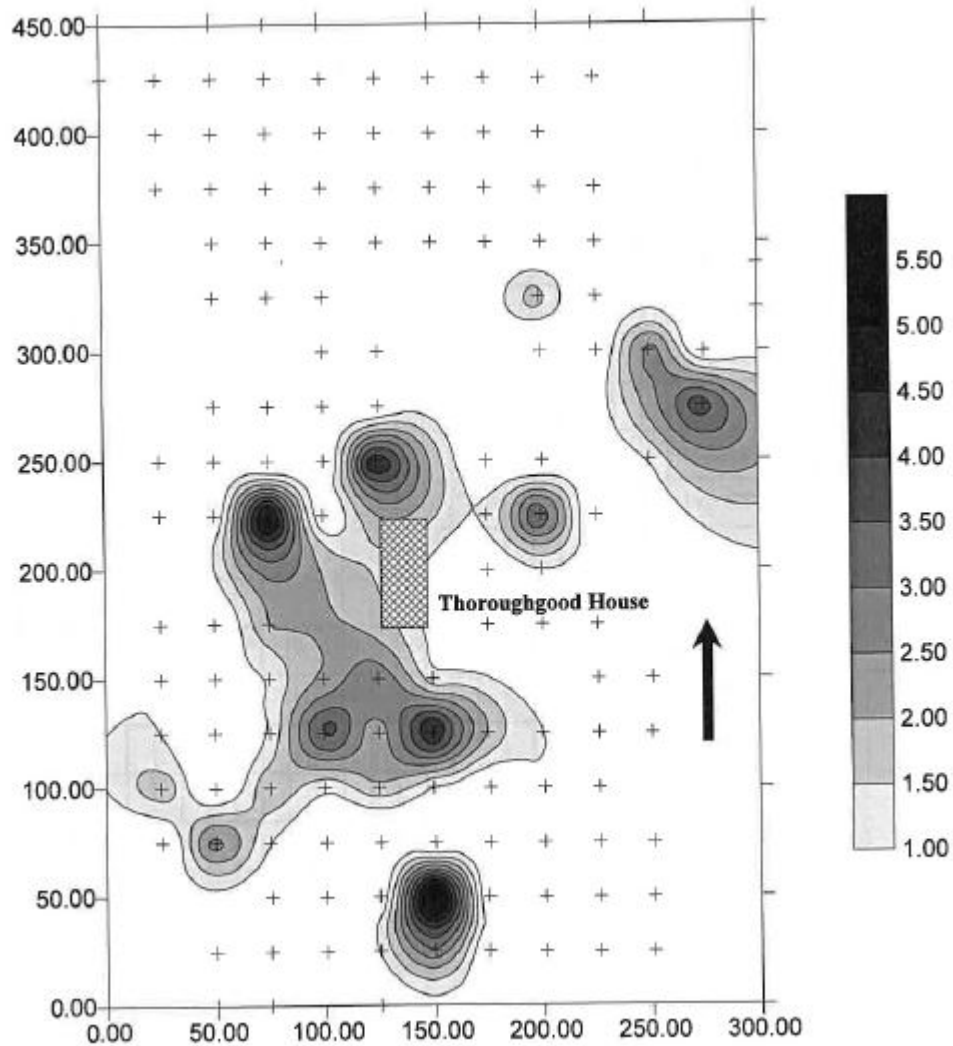


Figure 2 – Distribution of all historic (pre-1780) artifacts found during the 2006 assessment, map courtesy of the James River Institute for Archaeology

The large numbers of pearlware and creamware sherds (43 and 26 sherds, respectively) indicate an intense occupation of the property during the second half of the 18th century.⁵ The 2006 and 2015 JRIA investigations also indicate similar soil profiles on both the dwelling and open-space parcels. The test pits created during the investigations showed a variety of sandy silt loam soils and sandy or silty clay subsoils.

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Open-Space Parcel (2.45 acres) Archaeological Investigation:

In 2015, JRIA prepared their report entitled *Phase I Archaeological Survey of the 2.45 Acres of the Thoroughgood Expansion Property, Virginia Beach, Virginia*. The report supports the historic association between the open-space expansion parcel and the 4.5-acre Thoroughgood House property. The report also recommends that the artifacts found on the open-space parcel contribute to the National Register eligibility of Site 44VB0063 under Criterion D in the area of Archaeology.

Because the open-space parcel is overgrown with trees and brush, archaeological testing focused primarily on six transect corridors that the city of Virginia Beach cleared in preparation for the investigation (see Photo 2 below). Five of the transect corridors ran north to south along the property, from the property line along Country Club Circle back towards Bayville Creek. A sixth transect was placed east-west along the property line facing Country Club Circle (see Figure 3 below). Each transect was given an assigned number (1-6), and STPs were excavated along the transect corridors at 25-foot intervals. Each of the STPs measured at least 1.3 feet in diameter, and were dug 0.3 feet into the sterile subsoil. No testing was conducted in the eastern half of the parcel, which was covered by a thick grove of bamboo. This portion of the property was instead visually inspected for surface-level historic and prehistoric artifacts.



Photo 2 – View of cleared transect, facing north, image courtesy of James River Institute for Archaeology

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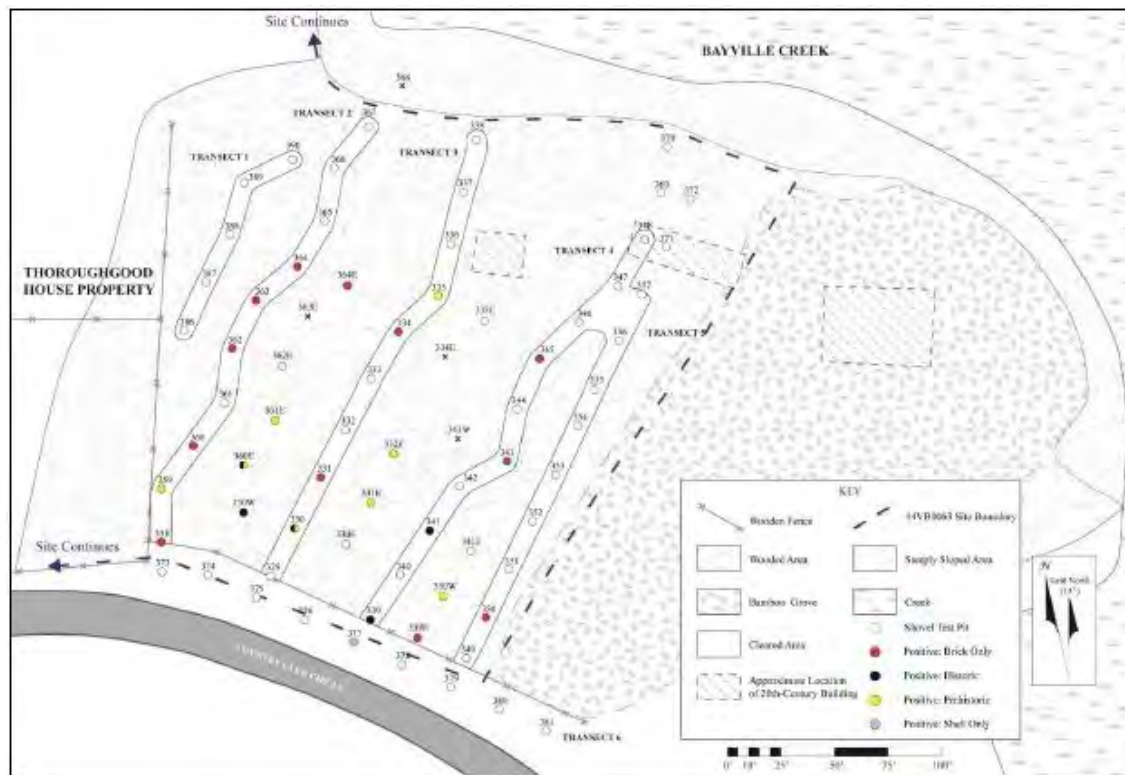


Figure 3 – Location of transects and shovel test pits during 2015 survey, map courtesy of James River Institute for Archaeology

A total of sixty-nine STPs were excavated along the transect corridors, with twenty-four pits yielding cultural material. Recovered prehistoric artifacts included 18 sherds of shell-tempered pottery, most likely dating to the Middle or Late Woodland periods. Most of the prehistoric artifacts were found in the southern one-third of the project area. Recovered historic artifacts included creamware with no visible decoration (circa 1762-1820), hand-painted pearlware (circa 1775-1830), an unidentified nail fragment, green window glass, and green and dark green wine bottle glass. Most of the historic artifacts were recovered within 75 feet of the fence that borders the southern edge of the property. The investigation also recovered modern artifacts that were associated with the 20th century occupation of the property. Other modern artifacts discovered included flowerpot and concrete fragments, and various other pieces of domestic debris (see Table 1 below).

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<i>STP</i>	<i>Prehistoric Artifacts</i>	<i>Historic Artifacts</i>	<i>Indeterminate Age</i>	<i>Modern Artifacts</i>
330	Native American Pottery	Window Glass	Brick	
331			Brick	
334			Brick	
335	Native American Pottery		Brick	Slag and Concrete, Flowerpot
339		Wine Bottle Glass		
341		Pearlware (hand-painted)	Brick	Metal Pipe
343			Brick	Bottle
345				Modern Brick
350			Brick	
358			Brick	
359	Native American Pottery		Brick	
360			Brick, Shell	
362			Brick	Modern Brick
363			Brick	
364			Brick	
377			Shell	
330W		Wine Bottle Glass	Brick, Shell	
331E	Native American Pottery			Modern Brick
332E	Native American Pottery		Brick, Coal	
339E			Brick	
350W	Native American Pottery		Brick	Modern Brick
360E	Native American Pottery	Creamware		
361E	Native American Pottery			
362			Brick, shell	
363			Brick	
364			Brick	
367			Shell	

Table 1 – Artifacts found in the positive shovel test pits during the 2015 investigation, table courtesy of James River Institute for Archaeology

The identified soil profile was mainly comprised of a thin, black or dark greyish brown silt loam topsoil resting atop an olive brown sandy loam topsoil, which sealed the yellowish brown sandy clay subsoil (see Table 2 below). The soil profile was largely consistent throughout the property, with the exception of some fill soil identified in the northern portion of the project area. This is likely related to the 20th century occupation of the site (see Figure 4 below).⁶

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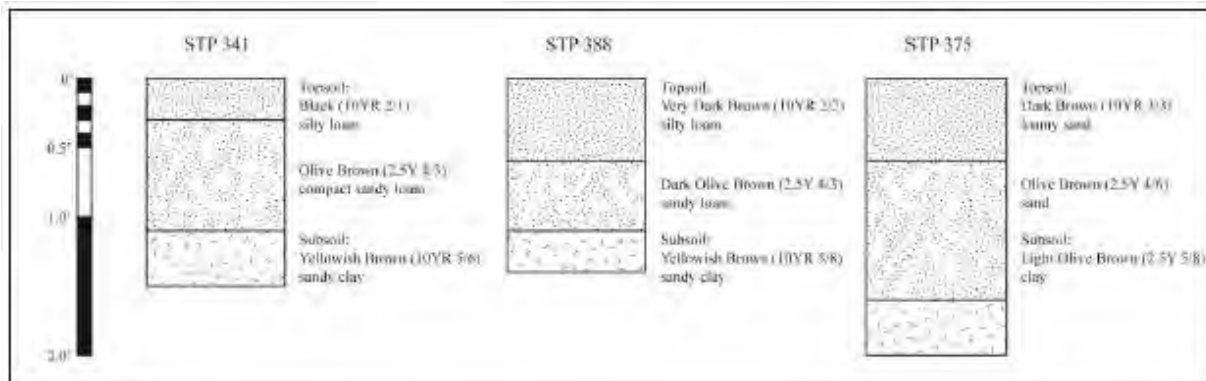


Table 2 – Representative shovel test pit soil profiles, image courtesy of James River Institute for Archaeology

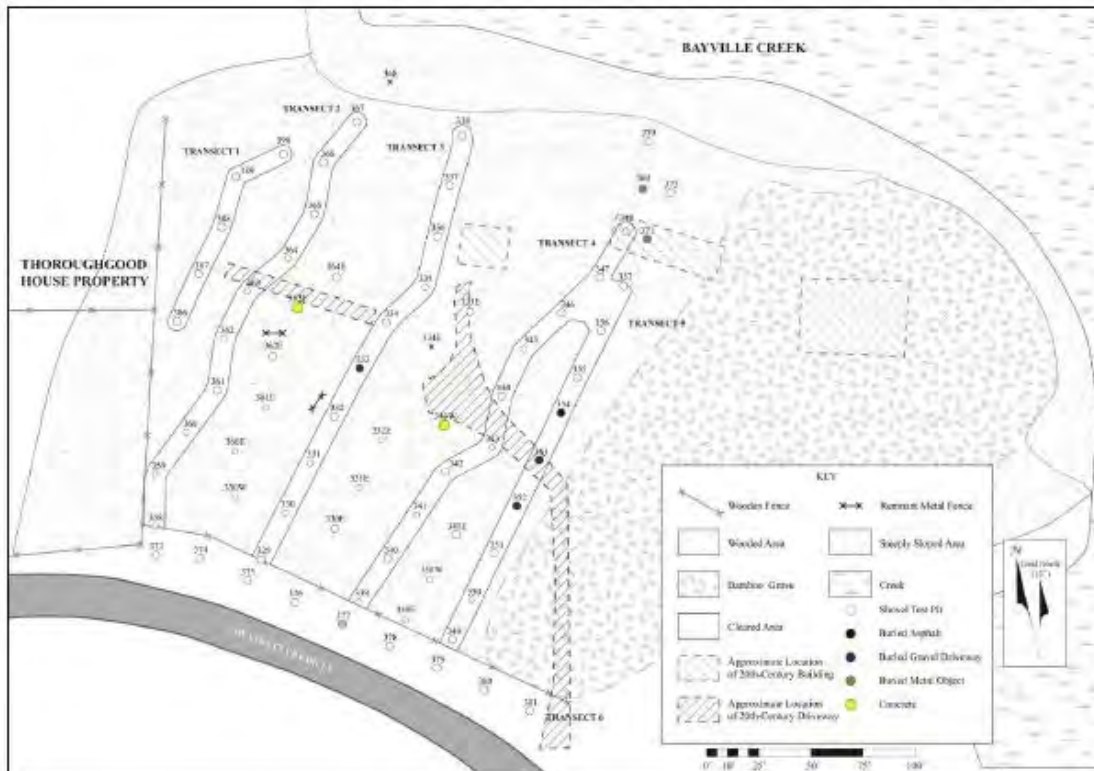


Figure 4 – Potential location of 20th-century domestic architectural features and artifacts, map courtesy of James River Institute for Archaeology

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ARCHAEOLOGY/ Prehistoric

ARCHAEOLOGY/ Historic – Aboriginal

ARCHAEOLOGY/ Historic – Non-Aboriginal

Period of Significance

Ca. 500 B.C.-ca. 1600 A.D.

Ca. 1719-1957

Significant Dates

ca. 1719

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Adam Thoroughgood House was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1960 and administratively listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1966, though a written nomination was not prepared until 1972. Both the NHL and NRHP determined that the house was nationally significant under Criterion C in the area of Architecture, with a period of significance broadly defined as “17th century.” Subsequent historical and archaeological research, as well as dendrochronology, indicated a later construction date for the dwelling. In 2008, an update to the property’s NRHP nomination changed the Period of Significance to ca. 1719-1957. The year 1719 refers to the house’s revised date of construction, and 1957 signifies when the Thoroughgood House was opened as a public historic site. The Adam Thoroughgood House remains nationally significant under Criterion C in the area of Architecture. Though the house was constructed later than originally thought, it remains a fine example of the type of architecture that was embraced by affluent members of the colonial-era Chesapeake society. Recent archaeological research indicated that both the originally listed property and the boundary increase area are also locally significant under Criterion D in the areas of Archaeology – Prehistoric, Archaeology – Historic – Aboriginal, and Archaeology – Historic – Non-Aboriginal, for its potential to provide information significant to a greater understanding of the history of the Thoroughgood property and the Native American settlement that predated the Thoroughgoods’ occupation. Both the originally listed acreage and the boundary increase area now are known to include a Middle to Late Woodland village site, historic archaeology associated with the Thoroughgoods’ occupation, and the Thoroughgood House itself. Therefore, a second period of significance for the property has been established, beginning ca. 500 B.C., which is the date of the earliest diagnostic artifacts, and ending ca. 1600, which marks the end of the Late Woodland period in Virginia.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The NHL/NRHP nominations and 2008 NRHP update for the Thoroughgood House included 4.5 acres located on Parish Road in the City of Virginia Beach. The original nominations and 2008 update established that the property is nationally significant under Criterion C for Architecture. However, recent research and archaeological investigations have indicated that the property is also locally significant under Criterion D in the areas of Archaeology – Prehistoric, Archaeology – Historic – Aboriginal, and Archaeology – Historic – Non-Aboriginal.

The boundary increase encompasses acreage historically associated with the Adam Thoroughgood family’s ownership and occupation of the property. The open-space expansion parcel measures approximately 2.45 acres, and is currently owned by the City of Virginia Beach. A 2015 archaeological investigation identified artifacts and deposits consistent with those

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previously found on the original Thoroughgood House property, as well as artifacts indicating a long-term prehistoric and early historic Native American occupation, indicating that the open-space expansion parcel contributes to the National Register eligibility of the site under Criterion D. The addition of this open-space expansion parcel will increase the current Thoroughgood House property from 4.5 acres to 6.95 acres, and expand the boundaries to include the newly delineated extent of the identified archaeological site. The parcel also contributes to the property's overall integrity of location, setting, and feeling.

Criterion D: Archaeology – Prehistoric; Historic – Aboriginal and Historic – Non-Aboriginal

Original NHL/NRHP Thoroughgood House Boundaries (4.5 acres) Archaeological Significance:

Due to the large amount of prehistoric and historic aboriginal artifacts as described in the 2006 *Archaeological Assessment of the Adam Thoroughgood House Site, Virginia Beach, Virginia*, report, JRIA concluded that the Thoroughgood House property was likely to be part of the Native American village of Apasus. This finding was included in the 2008 NRHP nomination update for the Thoroughgood House. The adjacent 2.45-acre expansion parcel was likely part of Apasus as well. The following is quoted directly from the 2006 report, where investigators summarized the significance of the Thoroughgood House's archaeological site (44VB0063):

...In addition, the 2004 archaeological assessment of the Adam Thoroughgood House property suggests that it may contain a heretofore unknown archaeological legacy of great historical significance. VDHR archaeologist E. Randolph Turner reviewed the prehistoric ceramics recovered during the survey, and the substantial quantity of Late Woodland pottery found at the Adam Thoroughgood House prompted Turner to propose an intriguing theory. Although there is some archaeological evidence at the Bayville Farms tract just north of the Adam Thoroughgood House [see Figure 5 below] that conceivably could represent a dispersed Late Woodland village, there is no confirmed Late Woodland village site on the west side of Lynnhaven Bay (Luccetti and McSherry 1993; Hodges, Luccetti, and McDonald 1994). Turner wondered, given the extensive evidence of Late Woodland occupation recovered by the archaeological assessment, and the considerable amount of unanalyzed prehistoric ceramics collected by Floyd Painter, could the Adam Thoroughgood House be within the confines of the undiscovered Late Woodland Chesapeake Indian village of Apasus?

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Figure 5 – De Bry’s 1590 engraving of Raleigh’s Map of Virginia showing the Chesapeake village of Apasus, image courtesy of James River Institute for Archaeology

This little known village was recorded by members of Sir Walter Raleigh’s first expedition to establish a colony on Roanoke Island in North Carolina. During the winter/spring of 1585-1586, a survey party was sent from Roanoke Island to explore the environs of the south bank of the Chesapeake Bay. One of the products of the survey was a watercolor map of the area by John White known as Raleigh’s Map of Virginia. Although White’s map does not show Apasus, the site of the village is depicted on a 1590 De Bry engraving based on the John White painting. David Beers Quinn, perhaps the foremost scholar of the Raleigh settlements on Roanoke Island, speculated that Ralph Lane, Governor of the 1585 colony, may have seen Apasus and later added to the engraved version of White’s map (Quinn 1984: 215). Unlike Chesepeuc and Skicoac,

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other Chesapeake Indian villages of in the Virginia Beach/Norfolk area, there is little mention of Apasus in the chronicles of the early Virginia settlers.

There is clear evidence of a major Native American presence dating to the Late Woodland period on and around the Adam Thoroughgood House property, and its potential significance merits further investigation. The first step should be an expert analysis of the Native American artifact assemblage from Floyd Painter's 1965 excavation at the Adam Thoroughgood House. Although the collection contains a substantial quantity of Native American pottery, Painter's summary report contains no mentions of Native American features. Further, a survey of the lots in the neighborhood around the Adam Thoroughgood House would be useful to determine the extent of the Late Woodland occupation. A "surgical" survey consisting of a small number of shovel test holes and/or test units in surrounding yards could be conducted with little if any damage to residential property as the lots in the neighborhood are quite large.

Despite its early 18th-century vintage, the Adam Thoroughgood House is no less important than it ever was. It is still one of the earliest surviving brick houses in the region and represents one of the few known colonial sites that have survived the burgeoning growth of the City of Virginia Beach. Despite the fact that European settlement began around the Lynnhaven Bay as early as the mid-1630s, very few colonial sites have been identified in what was Princess Anne County, compared to other areas of Tidewater Virginia. In fact, at the time of this report, the VDHR archives indicate that there are only five colonial sites in the City of Virginia Beach where there has been any archaeological work beyond the survey level: the Chesopean Site, the Lynnhaven House, Upper Wolfsnare, the Anthony Walker Tavern Site at Ferry Farm, and the Adam Thoroughgood House. And surely a preponderance of the finite number of colonial sites in the area has been lost forever to development. Thus, colonial Princess Anne County and its antecedents are an archaeological abyss, making the Adam Thoroughgood House Site an even more valuable resource.⁷

The 2006 report on the Thoroughgood House archaeological site also indicated that the property is likely to yield additional information related to the life of a successful small planter in colonial Virginia. Because the open-space parcel is directly adjacent to the dwelling site, it is likely to yield similar information. According to the 2006 report:

The Adam Thoroughgood House also is an outstanding example of a dramatic shift in Virginia history as it is one of the first sites that reflects the successful change from 17th-century labor intensive tobacco cultivation to an 18th-century more mixed economy. Further, it is one of the best preserved sites of a little studied, but very important part of colonial Virginia – a successful small planter. The archaeological assessment showed that there are extensive 18th-century remains to the south of the Adam Thoroughgood House, and these features likely would provide a rich and detailed picture of the dependencies, yards, gardens, and work areas on the property in the 18th-century. The integrity of the

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archaeological record on the Adam Thoroughgood House property is very good, as the archaeological assessment found little significant disturbance to the grounds beyond the plowzone layer that exists across most of the property, consequently these colonial archaeological features should be well preserved.⁸

Open Space Parcel (2.45 acres) Archaeological Significance:

The results of the 2015 Phase I archaeological investigation on the open-space expansion parcel indicate a prehistoric and historic association with the adjoining Thoroughgood House property. The JRIA report also indicates that the recovered prehistoric and historic artifacts on the open-space parcel contribute to the local significance of site 44VB0063 for the National Register under Criterion D. According to the 2015 report entitled *Phase I Archaeological Survey of the 2.45 Acres of the Thoroughgood Expansion Property, Virginia Beach, Virginia*:

The results of documentary research indicated that the project area was included within the bounds of the Thoroughgood House property from the early eighteenth century until 1941. Historically, it appears that the parcel consisted of cleared agricultural land, although it had become overgrown by the early twentieth century. At some point in the 1930s, shortly before it was subdivided from the main Thoroughgood House property, this parcel was developed as a residential site, and at least two dwellings and other associated buildings and features were present until relatively recently.

The remains of the twentieth-century occupation of the property are readily apparent, with modern architectural debris visible throughout the northern portion of the property, and subsurface evidence of former gravel drives and concrete features. In addition, the presence of fill soils near Bayville Creek is evidence of modern efforts to alter the landscape in that area.

Yet, despite the overlying twentieth-century component, shovel test excavations yielded prehistoric Native American pottery as well as eighteenth-/nineteenth-century artifacts, primarily within the southern portion of the property. Both the prehistoric and historic materials are entirely consistent with the types of materials commonly found within the adjoining Thoroughgood House site (44VB0063). The prehistoric ceramics indicate that this area along Bayville Creek was occupied, at least sporadically, by Native Americans during the Middle-Late Woodland period. At this stage, it would be premature to draw any definitive conclusions regarding the historic artifacts; but, considering their relative distance from the main house, it is possible that they were associated with an ancillary plantation building, perhaps even a dwelling occupied by enslaved African Americans.⁹

Document Research

Deed and document research has confirmed that the 2.45-acre open-space expansion parcel is historically associated with the 4.5-acre Thoroughgood House property from the 17th century until 1942. This research was conducted by the James River Institute for Archaeology, and is

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included in their 2015 investigation report on the open-space parcel. The documents that are associated with the various transactions are identified in the endnotes section.

Chain of Ownership for Adam Thoroughgood House property and open-space parcel

1635 – Adam Thoroughgood granted a large tract of land encompassing 5,350 acres.¹⁰

1640 – The original will of Adam Thoroughgood has vanished, but a transcription was published by a Richmond newspaper in 1881.¹¹ According to the article, the will was entered into probate in April of 1640. Adam Thoroughgood left his houses and land to his eldest son, Adam Thoroughgood II. Born around 1635, Adam Thoroughgood II would have assumed ownership of the property when he came of age in 1656.¹²

1686 – At his death, Adam Thoroughgood II deeded 600 acres to his son, Argall Thoroughgood.¹³

1700 – At his death, Argall Thoroughgood left 200 acres to his widow, Anne, and 400 acres to his son Argall Thoroughgood II.¹⁴ Argall Thoroughgood II is thought to be the builder of the extant house on the Adam Thoroughgood property.

1732 – Argall Thoroughgood II passed away in 1719, leaving property to his son, John Thoroughgood.¹⁵ John Thoroughgood took over the extant house and 400 acres when he came of age in 1732. In 1743, his grandmother Anne (widow of Argall Thoroughgood) passed away, and her 200 acres reverted to John Thoroughgood.¹⁶

1763 – John Thoroughgood died, leaving 400 acres (which included the extant house and open-space expansion property) to his son, John Thoroughgood II.¹⁷

1803 – John Thoroughgood II died, leaving the house and 400 acres to his son, John Wainhouse Thoroughgood.¹⁸ John Wainhouse Thoroughgood died the following year, leaving the property to his wife, Frances. After she remarried, the property was deeded to his nephews James and John Thoroughgood.¹⁹

1823 – According to Princess Anne County Land Tax records, John Thoroughgood (son of John Wainhouse Thoroughgood) received 232 acres (including the extant house and open-space expansion parcel) from county land commissioners.²⁰ John Thoroughgood died the following year, leaving the property to his three-year-old daughter and sole heir, Susan Thoroughgood,²¹ then in care of trustee Joshua Moore.²²

1842 – Susan Thoroughgood McPheters assigned her estate in trust to Peter Poythress Batte, with the provision that should she outlive her husband (James G. McPheters), Batte would distribute her holdings. Susan Thoroughgood McPheters died in 1843, and the property remained in legal limbo for 23 years.²³

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1858 – The property (including the extant house and open-space expansion parcel) was purchased by James Garrison in a public auction. At his death in 1866, the Thoroughgood property was deeded to George G. Garrison and Eliza Garrison, widow and executrix of James Garrison.²⁴

1879 – George Garrison died, leaving one-third of the estate to his widow Anne Jean Garrison and the rest divided among his three children: Robert, Joshua, and Grace.²⁵ Anne Jean Garrison deeded her one-third of the estate to Robert and Joshua.²⁶ The brothers then signed a deed of partition which divided their interest in the estate, and Grace deeded her interest to Joshua.²⁷ According to a map recorded in **Princess Anne County Deed Book 61 page 245 and Princess Anne County Map Book 124 page 50**, the house and open-space expansion parcel remained together in “Tract C” under the ownership of Robert Garrison.

1895 – Robert Garrison transferred the property to the Virginia Trust Company,²⁸ which then deeded the property to the Colombian Building and Loan Association in 1897.²⁹

1902 – The property was purchased by Livius Lankford from the Colombian Building and Loan Association.³⁰

1906 – Livius Lankford, and his wife, Lucie Lankford, sold 248.95 acres (including the extant house and open-space expansion parcel) to Grace M. Keeler, John D. Keeler, and Rufus P. Keeler.³¹ Grace Keeler acquired the entire property in two later transactions: from John Keeler in 1922,³² and from Rufus Keeler in 1930.³³

1941 – Grace M. Keeler deeded the property to “Thorowgood Manor Inc.”³⁴

1942 – “Thorowgood Manor Inc.” sold the open-space expansion parcel to Walter P. Conrad and Hannah P. Conrad.³⁵ This 1942 transaction represents the separation of the Thoroughgood House property and the open-space expansion parcel.

1944 – “Thorowgood Manor” sold the property containing the extant house to Greenbriar Farms Inc.³⁶

1947 – Walter Conrad and Hannah Conrad sold the open-space expansion parcel to Felix W. Pearson and Gladys D. Pearson.³⁷ In 1949, Felix deeded the property to Gladys Pearson.³⁸ Then widowed, Gladys Vance married Roger S. Vance in 1955.

1955 – In February, the Thorogood Corporation acquired the Thoroughgood House from Greenbriar Farms Inc.³⁹ In August of that same year, the Thorogood Corporation deeded the house to the Adam Thoroughgood House Foundation.⁴⁰

1960 – The Adam Thoroughgood House Foundation deeded the house to the city of Norfolk.⁴¹

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1993 – Gladys Vance (then under guardianship by Special Commissioner Calvin H. Price) sold the open-space expansion parcel to Richard G. Parise.⁴²

2003 – The City of Norfolk deeded the house to the City of Virginia Beach.⁴³

2007 – Richard G. Parise deeded the open-space expansion parcel to the City of Virginia Beach.⁴⁴

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey #VA-209
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
 recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

State Historic Preservation Office

Other State agency

Federal agency

Local government

University

Other

Name of repository: Virginia Department of Historic Resources, Richmond, VA; City of Virginia Beach, VA

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): DHR #134-0033; 44VB0063

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of Property approximately 2.45 acres (boundary increase area); 6.95 acres (total property)

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: 36.893180 Longitude: -76.112440

2. Latitude: Longitude:

3. Latitude: Longitude:

4. Latitude: Longitude:

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

1. Zone: Easting: Northing:

2. Zone: Easting: Northing:

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3. Zone: Easting: Northing:

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The historic boundaries of the property's previously listed 4.5 acres and the 2.45-acre boundary increase area are coterminous with the current parcel lines of the tax parcel recorded by the City of Virginia Beach as GPIN/ Parcel No. 14891314170000. The true and correct historic boundaries are shown on the attached Tax Parcel Map. The true and correct historic boundaries of the archaeological site as currently known are shown on the attached Boundary Map/Photo Key for Archaeological Site 44VB0063.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The 2.45-acre boundary increase area is historically associated with the Adam Thoroughgood House property during the updated period of significance and, together with the previously listed 4.5 acres, encompasses the extent of archaeological site 44VB0063 as currently delineated, as well as the Thoroughgood House and the property's historic setting.

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Adam Thoroughgood House 2017 Update and Boundary Increase

City or Vicinity: City of Virginia Beach

State: Virginia

Photographer: Brad McDonald

Date Photographed: August 2017

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

- 1 of 9. View of cleared transect within Site 44VB0063, camera facing northeast.
- 2 of 9. View of shovel test location (at red tape) within cleared transect of Site 44VB0063, camera facing northeast.
- 3 of 9. View toward Bayville Creek from the boundary increase area, camera facing northeast.
- 4 of 9. View of typical vegetation within the boundary increase area, camera facing east.
- 5 of 9. View of Adam Thoroughgood House, camera facing west.
- 6 of 9. View of Adam Thoroughgood House, camera facing southeast.
- 7 of 9. View of visitor center (non-contributing building), camera facing northeast.
- 8 of 9. View of mechanical shed (non-contributing building), camera facing northeast.

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9 of 9. View of restroom building (non-contributing building), camera facing north/northeast.

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ENDNOTES

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³ "Adam Thoroughgood House." *Historic American Buildings Survey*. Accessed June 23, 2017, at <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/collection/hh/item/va0974/>.

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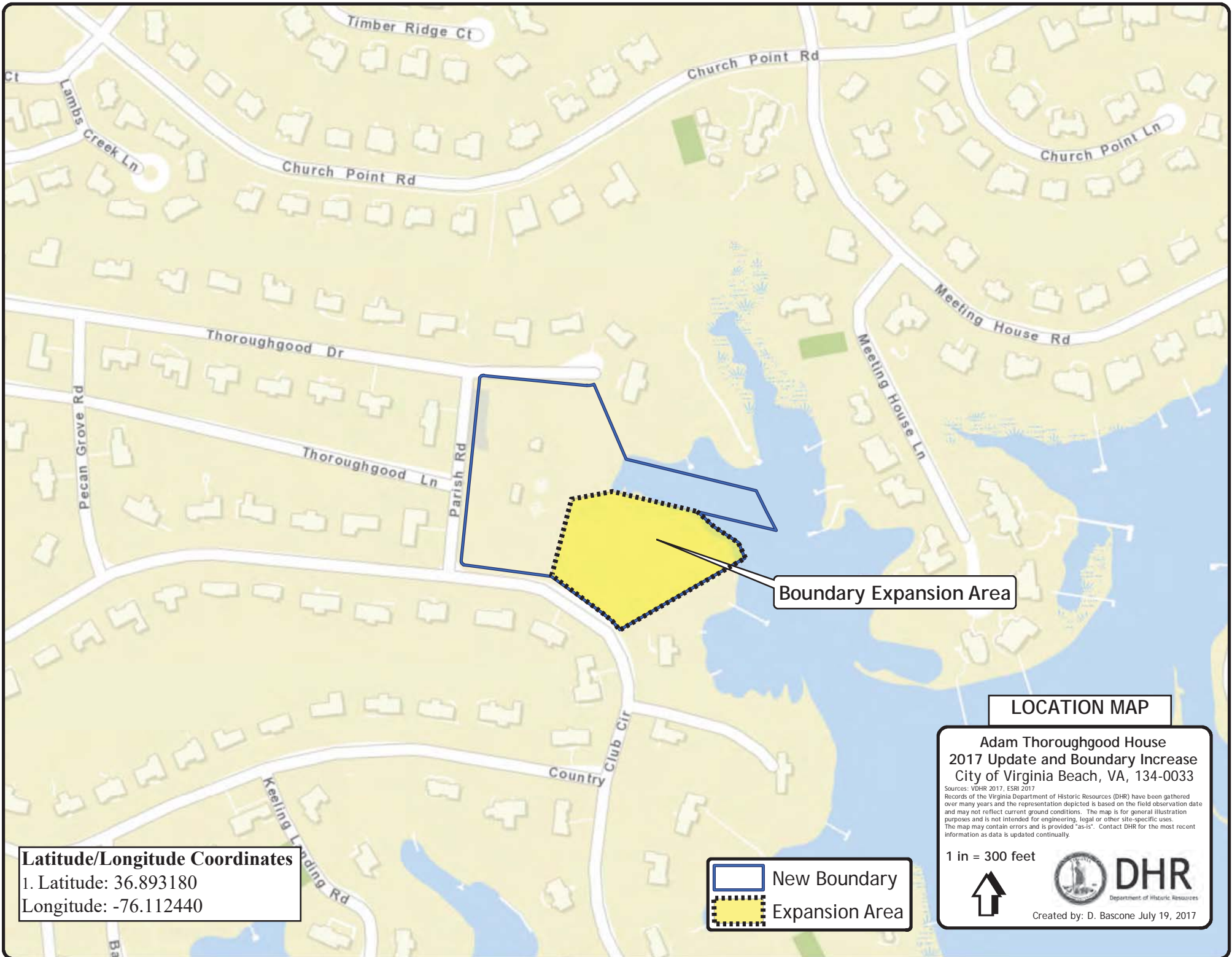
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⁴² Virginia Beach Deed Book 3200: 545.

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 New Boundary
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Boundary Expansion Area

LOCATION MAP

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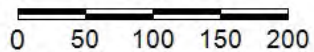
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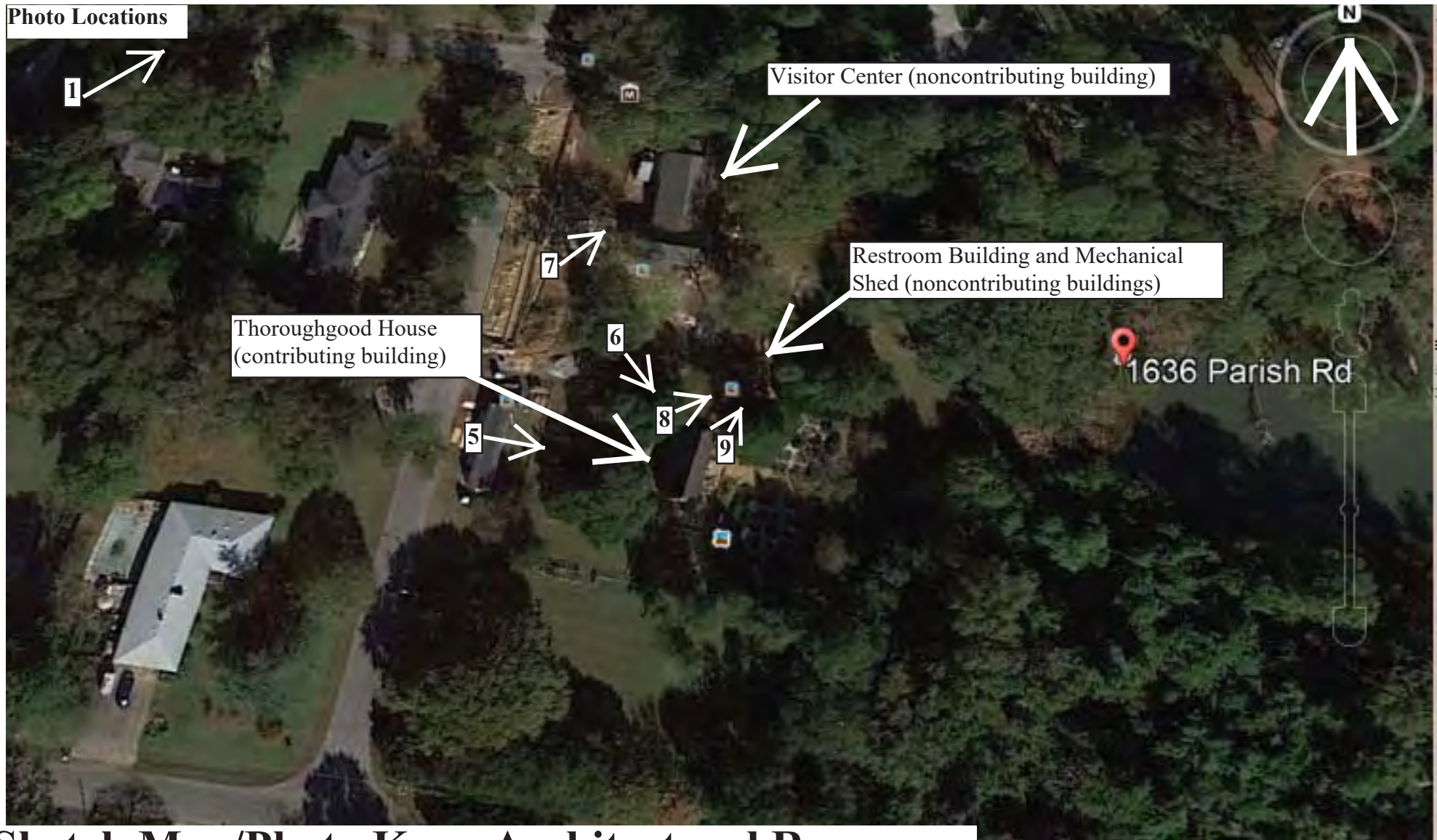
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