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The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) has contracted with Hanbury Preservation Consulting to conduct a historic resources survey of the African American historic resources in Fairfax County. Mary Ruffin Hanbury is the sole staff person performing fieldwork for this survey project.

Hanbury Preservation Consulting is performing this work under DHR's Cost Share Survey and Planning program. The Cost Share Survey and Planning program is a unique program designed to support Virginia's local governments in their efforts to carry out historic preservation planning activities. Under the Cost Share Program, a locality and DHR typically share the cost for the survey work.

The purpose of a historic resources survey is to locate and identify properties within a specific geographic area and document them to an established standard. Historic resources survey involves collecting and organizing data from field observations and gathering data from historical research, interviews, and other research resources. As part of the survey effort, photographs and limited architectural data will be collected. Following this historic resource survey, Hanbury Preservation Consulting will prepare a report providing a historic context on the development of African American communities in Fairfax County and an overview of the resources surveyed during the project.

Inclusion in a historic resources survey does not restrict property owners in any way. You will not have to seek permission from DHR to make any changes to your property, including the demolition of a building or the subdivision of the property; however, all local building and zoning regulations still apply. Your property assessment will not change as a result of a historic resources survey.

Please contact Architectural Survey and Cost Share Program Manager Blake McDonald at (804) 482-6086 or blake.mcdonald@dhr.virginia.gov with any questions regarding the Cost Share Survey and Planning program and/or the African American historic resources survey in Fairfax County.

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