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Fairfax County
Park Authority

RESIDENT CURATOR PROGRAM

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Be a preservation hero. Help Fairfax County preserve our tangible past by partnering with us to care for our historic resources. Slices of Fairfax County history are slipping away as some little-used, publicly-owned historic properties fall victim to the elements and disuse. The Resident Curator Program (RCP) is designed to preserve historic properties by offering long-term leases to qualified tenants who agree to rehabilitate and maintain these historic resources. A curator can be a private citizen, a non-profit entity, or a for-profit entity.





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Proposed rehabilitation of these sites must meet the Secretary of the Interior's standards for rehabilitating historic properties, and the curator must provide reasonable public access to the property. In return, curators pay no rent as long as they continue to fulfill their obligations. Curators do, however, pay for utilities and county property taxes.

During the selection process, potential curators will be assessed through the evaluation of their proposed work plans. The proposed use must be compatible with the historic nature of the resource, the general management plan for the park, and the mission of the Fairfax County Park Authority. Curators will be chosen based on their financial capabilities and their experience in construction, contracting, and historic preservation.

Shortly after the Virginia General Assembly enacted legislation enabling localities to create RCPs, Fairfax County launched its own study of the program and became the first locality in the state to enact a RCP. Since then, Fairfax County has identified qualified historic resources ready for curatorship.

For more information about the Resident Curator Program, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rcp, call 703-324-8700 or email Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

