

National Register of Historic Places & Virginia Landmarks Register

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Overview

The National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR), are two preservation tools which are often used to celebrate and promote historic resources. Both Registers are lists of historically and culturally significant properties, including buildings, sites, structures, districts, and objects, that have been recognized for their significance in history, architecture, archaeology, and culture. **Listing in the NRHP and the VLR is honorary and does not provide protection against alteration or demolition, nor impede the property rights of owners.** However, eligibility for listing on these registers requires the federal government to consider impacts caused by federally licensed, permitted, or funded projects through a consultation process with stakeholders.



Mount Vernon, listed NRHP 1966, listed VLR 1969. Photo Credit: Fairfax County Park Authority



D.C. Workhouse and Reformatory Historic District, listed VLR 2005, NRHP 2006. Photo credit VDHR

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National Register of Historic Places Facts

- Established in 1966 by the National Historic Preservation Act
- Managed nationally by the National Park Service (NPS) under the Department of Interior
- Includes resources with local, state, and/or national significance
- The NRHP has thousands of digitized records of resources nationwide, and can be accessed through the NPS' online database: [NPGallery NRHP Archive Search \(nps.gov\)](https://npgallery.nps.gov/NRHP)

Virginia Landmarks Register Facts

- Created in 1965 by the General Assembly in the Code of Virginia
- Managed by the Department of Historic Resources on behalf of the Virginia Board of Historic Resources
- Nominations for historic properties in Virginia have been digitized and are available through DHR's [VLR Online portal](#)
- Currently, Fairfax County has over 80 resources listed in the NRHP and VLR



Fairfax County Historic Courthouse, Listed VLR 1973, Listed NRHP 1974. Photo credit: VDHR

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