The Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) has contracted with Hanbury Preservation Consulting to conduct a historic resources survey of eight potential historic districts and 51 individual properties in Reston. Staff involved in the survey include Mary Ruffin Hanbury and David Lewes.

Hanbury Preservation Consulting is performing this work under DHR’s Cost Share Survey and Planning Grant program. The Cost Share Survey and Planning Grant program supports 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 of the project.

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 staff will prepare a report outlining the history of Reston and recommending resources for additional documentation.

Inclusion in a historic resource 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 local building and zoning regulations still apply. Your property assessment will not change as a result of the survey. There will be a public information session about the project at the Jo Ann Rose Gallery at Reston Community Center Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza N, Reston, VA 20190, on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.

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