

# Arlington County Historic Preservation Master Plan Update

## 2020-2021 Community Feedback Summary

In Spring 2020, the Historic Preservation Program (HPP) began the process of updating the Arlington County Historic Preservation Master Plan. A virtual kick-off event was held in November 2020 along with an online feedback opportunity called Give Us Five. Community members responded to a series of questions about historic preservation in the County and shared the stories and histories of most interest to them and ideas for how the County should better manage change. This flyer\* is a summary of the responses we received.

### Arlingtonians' Perception of Current HPP Efforts

Many want the HPP to be more proactive in its responses to widespread development changes in the County.

A desire for more financial incentives tied to preservation, such as state and federal historic rehabilitation tax credit opportunities, was conveyed frequently. Many felt financial incentives would help make historic preservation more equitable and accessible to broader groups.

Respondents expressed frustrations with the demolition of the Febrey-Lothrop property and felt it was a time when preservation efforts failed in the County.

### Green Space Has Value

Respondents stated that parks, green spaces, and a mature tree canopy are integral components of the County's neighborhoods and character.

Many communicated that historic preservation efforts should include these characteristic natural landscapes and preserve the existing tree canopy so that everyone has a better understanding of Arlington County's heritage.

\*Flyer based on feedback received as of September 2021.

## Preservation for All

Residents want the continued inclusion of diverse stories and perspectives in preservation initiatives.

Many recognized and praised successful County examples of inclusive preservation projects, such as programming about the Halls Hill segregation wall and on the desegregation of Stratford Jr. High School, and expressed the desire to see more.

People want everyone to have more opportunities to participate in preservation efforts and feel this could be achieved by increasing access to more preservation tools and educational programming.

## Preservation Topics of Interest

Many people suggested places, stories, and communities in Arlington that should be preserved.

A sampling of suggestions included a focus on legacy businesses, the continued interpretation of immigrant history, an exploration of Native American history in Arlington, a study of the music industry in the County, and the creation of historic markers for demolished buildings.

For more information about the Arlington County Historic Preservation Master Plan Update, please visit:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Plans-Studies/Historic-Preservation/Master-Plan/Update>

If you would like to give us your feedback, please visit:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Plans-Studies/Historic-Preservation/Master-Plan/Update/Give-Us-Five>



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