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Dear Neighbor,

The Waterford Foundation is pleased to share some exciting preservation news with you. The National Park Service has agreed to fund and manage an important project to update the documents that support the Waterford National Historic Landmark (NHL) designation. Waterford received this unique recognition in 1970 from the U. S. Department of the Interior, which includes the National Park Service. It is now time to update data on the features of the landmark that contribute to its status as a nationally significant heritage resource.

Having current data on contributing and non-contributing properties will greatly assist with the stewardship of the existing easements within the district and streamline reviews of requests for property alterations. In addition, the updated NHL form will provide property owners, VDHR staff, and County staff with more accurate historical and physical information about existing resources when considering potential easements in the area. The update will not affect property owners or change the boundary of the NHL.

There will be a meeting at the Old School on November 14th for community members to learn more about the project. We hope that you can attend:

Community Meeting on Updating the Waterford National Historic Landmark Designation

Waterford Old School 40222 Fairfax Street Waterford, Virginia 20197

November 14, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Kathryn Smith, National Historic Landmarks and National Register Coordinator for the National Park Service will manage the project, in collaboration with Professors Catherine Morrissey and Michael Emmons with the University of Delaware's Center for Historic Architecture and Design (CHAD). The project team will also include Aubrey Von Lindern, Architectural Historian with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR), and Heidi Siebentritt, Preservation Planner, Loudoun County Department of Planning.

At the meeting, the team members will describe the value of having current information on the preservation of Waterford and discuss the significance of the Waterford National Historic Landmark to understanding our early American heritage. The team will also explain how the project will work, so you know what to expect and answer any questions you may have. In December, students and professors from the University of Delaware's CHAD program will travel to Waterford to begin field work. They will photograph and take notes on individual properties to capture the national significance of the Landmark. The team will discuss how interested residents and community members can help.

Please email <u>mgood@waterfordfoundation.org</u> to let us know if you plan to attend or have any questions. Having your email will make it easier for us to stay in touch and keep you informed about the status of this work.

Bring your questions so we can address any concerns you might have. This will be an opportunity to be part of an exciting project to protect the NHL designation, preserve the historic buildings in our community, and better understand the history of our area.

Sincerely

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