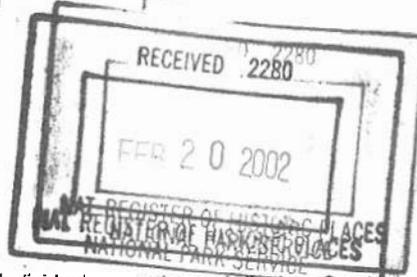


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United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

Spring Green

Hanover County,  
Virginia



National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name SPRING GREEN

other names/site number DHR File No. 042-0031 (other file # 42-31-1)

2. Location

street & number 2160 Old Church Road  not for publication

city or town Mechanicsville  vicinity

state Virginia code VA county Hanover code 085 zip code 23111

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature] 2/17/02  
 Signature of certifying official/Title Date  
VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES  
 State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property a meets a does not meet the National Register criteria. ( See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of commenting official/Title Date  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:	Signature of the Keeper	Date of Action
<input type="checkbox"/> entered in the National Register. <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined eligible for the National Register <input type="checkbox"/> See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> determined not eligible for the National Register	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> removed from the National Register.	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other. (explain:)	_____	_____

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

**Category of Property**  
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

**Number of Resources within Property**  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

N/A

0

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling  
Agriculture Sub: Processing  
(Smokehouse)

**Current Functions**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

Federal Vernacular

**Materials**  
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

walls Wood (Beaded Weatherboard)

roof Metal (Standing Seam)

other Brick (Chimneys)

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

See Narrative Description on continuation sheets.

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** removed from its original location.
- C** a birthplace or grave.
- D** a cemetery.
- E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** a commemorative property.
- G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Period of Significance**

ca. 1764 - ca. 1800  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

ca. 1764  
ca. 1800  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreeage of Property** 6.98

**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1	Zone	3   0   8	2   8   1   3	4   1   7	6   1   6	7   1   9   1   7
2	Zone					

3	Zone					
4	Zone					

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Meredith Holden  
organization \_\_\_\_\_ date June 6, 2001  
street & number 2160 Old Church Road telephone (804) 779-3704  
city or town Mechanicsville state VA zip code 23111

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets**

**Maps**

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

**Photographs**

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Norman and Meredith Holden  
street & number 2160 Old Church Road telephone (804) 779-3704  
city or town Mechanicsville state VA zip code 23111

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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### Summary Description:

Spring Green is located on Old Church Road in Hanover County, Virginia. The entry drive is lined with old cedar trees. The house is surrounded by English and American boxwoods. The property contains 6.98 acres. Spring Green consists of a Federal, center-hall, single pile, 1-1/2 story, wood-frame residence ca. 1800 (that contains an earlier structure.) Every piece of the original house is hand-hewn or whip sawn, mortice-and-tenon construction and pegged. Original interior woodwork include: heart pine floors, mantels, wainscot, and stair. The interior walls are covered with original plaster and are three inches thick in some areas. Associated with the earliest period of the house, is a contributing smokehouse.

### ARCHITECTURAL ANALYSIS:

Spring Green is a Federal Vernacular style, center-hall, single-pile, 1-1/2 story, wood-frame residence that reached its present form around 1800 (it incorporates an earlier section of unknown date.) The exterior is beaded heart pine and poplar weatherboard. About 75% of the original siding has survived. Every piece of the framing is hand-hewn or whip-sawn, very heavy, and mortised and pegged. The brick chimneys are five feet wide and three feet thick at the base, and have stepped shoulders. All of the chimneys have variations of 1:5 American bond. Two brick end chimneys are connected with a brick pent closet, on the east side. On the west side, is a large brick exterior end chimney. The first floor windows have 9-over-9 sashes and much of the old glass survives. Most of the exterior window trim is original. The cornices are plain box made out of heart pine. There is earlier framing with pegged (exposed) window sills on the east section. The gable roof has three gable dormers on the front and two on the back. All of the dormer windows have 6-over-6 sashes. Most of the roof sheathing is original to the house. The oldest section includes the hall, east parlor with the old kitchen behind it. These rooms are served by two chimneys connected by a brick pent closet. Across the hall is the west parlor and beyond it a wing now housing a kitchen and a den which was built in 1950. In 1990, an additional shed-roofed section was added behind the old kitchen. The three bay porch on the front of the house and the small side porch are not original.

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The interior is a center-hall plan with pent addition. The floors are original 6" heart pine throughout (except for the east side parlor which caught fire and shed addition.) The first floor has beaded baseboards. The door and window architraves on the first floor are two-part with beaded inner edges and attached moldings on their outer edges. The original six-panel doors have panels set flush with the surface on the exterior with vertical beads on the panel edges. Many of the doors have original wrought iron hardware. The wainscot consists of a single panel and a plain chair rail with a beaded bottom edge and projecting crown molding that forms sills under the windows. There is a beaded picture molding with clothes pegs in the hall. The stair has a quarter-turn with winders. There is a small closet under it. The stair has a pegged newel, square in section, molded handrail, rectangular balusters, and a beaded stringer. The square caps on top of the newel and baluster posts have unusual, small, square, hand-carved finials. The newel posts, balusters, and hand rails are made of walnut. The treads are made of heart pine.

An unusual feature on the first floor is the two cubby-holes on the west wall of the hall in the corner near the rear end door. To create the cubby-holes the wall was built out a few inches. The cubby-holes are not noticeable to the uninitiated visitor because the doors are covered with wallpaper and they are built to close flush with the wall. The plaster walls are mostly original. The height of the rooms is 9 feet. The mantel in the west side parlor has late Federal elements and is the most elaborate in the house. It has fluted pilasters on plinths, a plain architrave, and an unusual frieze covered with hand-carved horizontal fluting and featuring raised impost blocks with recessed ovals. The molded cornice steps out over the impost blocks, and the projecting mantelshelf has a molded edge. The mantle in the east side parlor has flanking pilasters on plinths with unusual rectangular panels on the shafts of the pilasters with bolection panels. The architrave and frieze are plain, and the frieze has raised impost blocks. The molded cornice steps out over the impost blocks, and the mantelshelf has a molded edge. The east parlor has panels flanking the fireplace that are a later addition, as is the built-in corner cupboard. Behind the east parlor is the original kitchen, which includes a brick, pent closet. Flanking the fireplace on the other side is a cubbyhole closet.

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The second floor has plain, beaded baseboards and the floors are original. The second floor architraves are similar to the first floor, but with only one-fascia architraves. The dormers are original. There is a small hall chamber, now used as a bathroom and a bedroom on either side of the hall. Each bedroom has small 4-pane windows on each side of each chimney. An unusual feature on the second floor is the original six panel doors in both bedrooms, which serve as a closet door when opened and serve as a bedroom door when closed. The doors have the original hardware. The door in the east side bedroom has H-L hinges with leather washers. The name of one of the Bayliss children is carved into the plaster in the west side bedroom. The Bayliss family lived at Spring Green from 1866 - 1897.

The cellar walls are of 5-course American bond and an English bond chimney. The floors were originally brick and heart pine, however they have been reworked. The walls also appear to have been reworked over time, probably because of flooding as the house is built on a spring (hence the name Spring Green).

Smokehouse: There is an original contributing smokehouse behind the east side of the house that has early framing and is associated with the earliest period of the house. It has a gable roof and vertically sheathed door with strap hinges and a wrought iron hasp.

NON CONTRIBUTING:

1 1985 FRAME BARN (BUILDING)

1 C. 1965 FRAME FARM VEHICLE SHED (BUILDING)

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### Statement of Significance:

Spring Green is a well preserved example of a Virginia farmhouse from the early 19<sup>th</sup> – century. It's three chimneys and pent closet are particularly noteworthy. The interior present a high degree of integrity and unusual features including built in cubby holes and unusual closets. It is eligible under Criterion C.

### Historical Background:

The earliest owner was George Earnest whose land was processed in 1764, according to the St. Paul's Parish Vestry Book. He was last mentioned in this source in 1779. In 1782, George Earnest had 719 acres, less 58 acres conveyed to Samuel Earnest, George Earnest's son, who by 1787 was paying taxes on 726 acres. Samuel Earnest died about 1818 and his estate was shown as adjoining John Kelley's and John Street's. Two years later, in 1820, John H. Earnest was shown with the acreage, "conveyed from Samuel Earnest Estate." The John H. Earnest family lived here for about forty-six years when in 1866 he deeded the 249 acres to J. Henry Coghill as Trustee for Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Bayliss and her children. When the Bayliss family lived here, Spring Green was "noted for its hospitality." In 1897 the Bayliss family sold Spring Green to James R. Apperson "same land on which the late Silas P. Bayliss resided at the time of his death." The other owners listed are: Lucy C. Harwood and A. S. Harwood, Mary G. Eames (Armes), E. S. and Emma Barfoot, Lonnie and Agnes Spaugh, Paul and Eunice Swasey, Herman and Miriam Lukhard. Norman Holden purchased Spring Green in 1980 and currently owns it with his wife, Meredith Holden.

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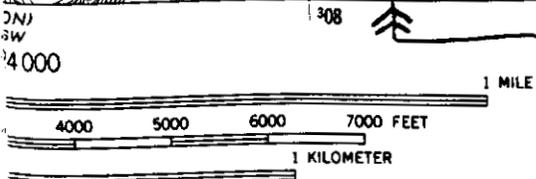
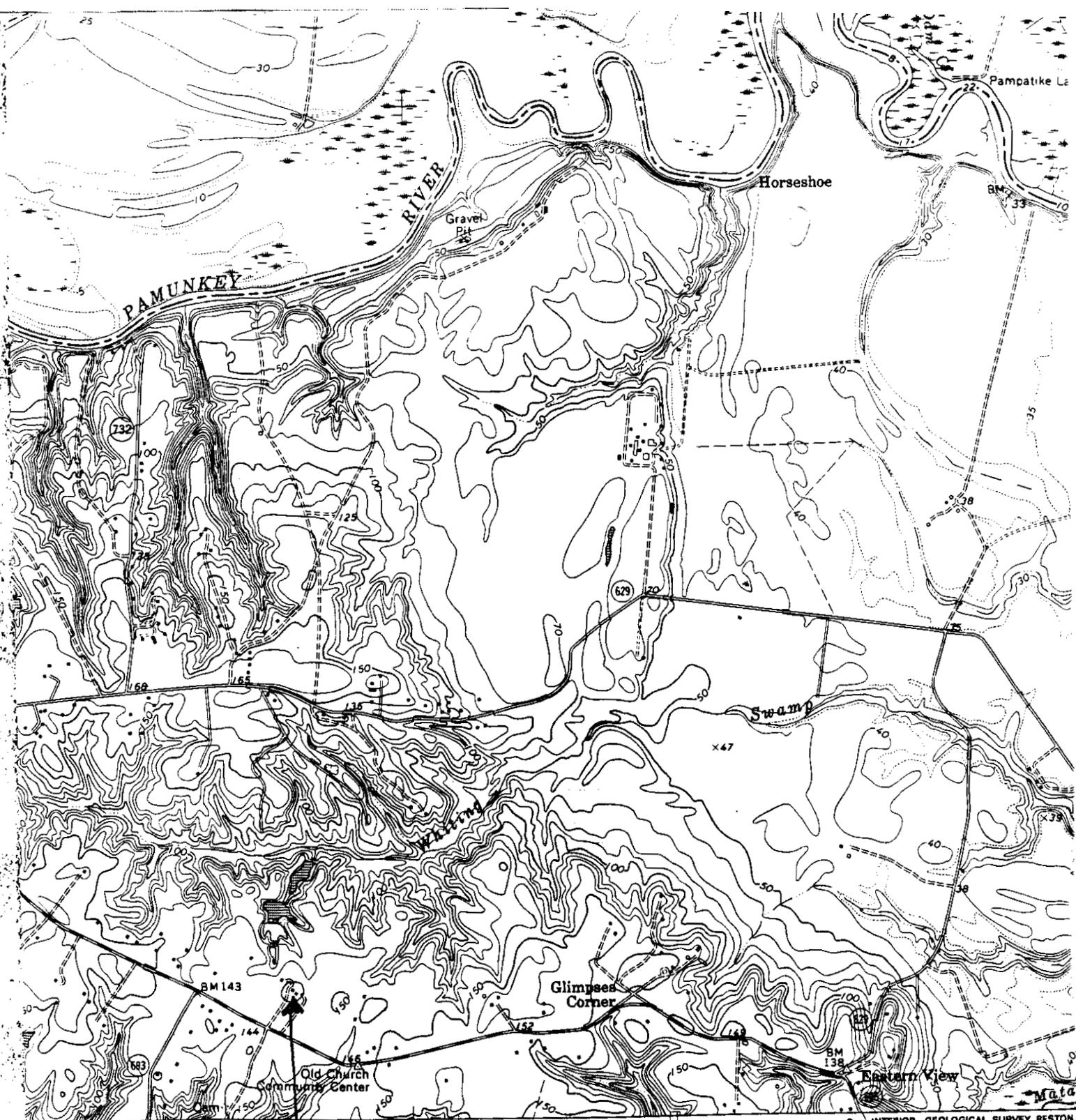
**Geographical Data (continued)**

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The property known as Spring Green is identified as parcel #8765-75-3609 on the tax parcel maps for Hanover County, Virginia.

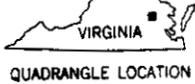
**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for Spring Green includes the main house and the associated outbuilding (smokehouse) that have historically been part of the property.



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 5-FOOT CONTOURS  
 DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
 DATUM IS VARIABLE  
 LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
 APPROXIMATELY 3 FEET

UTM point  
 308, 283 - Easting  
 4,116, 797 - Northing  
 Spring Green  
 Hanover County, VA



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

TUNSTALL 3.2 MI. INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VA  
 311 312

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Primary highway, hard surface	Light-duty improved
Secondary highway, hard surface	Unimproved
○ Interstate Route	□ U. S. Route

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 COLORADO 80225 OR RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092,  
 NCES, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22903  
 AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled in cooperation with Commonwealth of Virginia agencies from aerial photographs taken 1984 and other sources. This information not field checked. Map edited 1987

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