Wythe County
Architectural Survey
Why?

Though sporadic studies have occurred, coverage has been geographically erratic and the level of documentation inconsistent. The ...survey is intended to remediate major deficiencies in county-wide survey coverage.
Why?

Data collected from the survey will be used for recognition and protection of important properties in short and long range land use planning, to encourage preservation easements and land conservation, and to help inform the public and serve as an educational tool. The project will support the county's heritage tourism and economic development programs, and will facilitate federally mandated environmental review projects.
Survey History

- 1938 with the WPA-sponsored Virginia Historical Inventory project, (small number of properties were documented at a cursory level)
- Documentation of a few major properties was carried out by the Virginia Landmarks Commission in the late 1960s and early 1970s.
Zion Lutheran Church surveyed in 1979
Survey History

From the 1960s through the 1990s, only seven individual architectural properties in the county were listed on the National Register, although a large portion of the town of Wytheville was listed as a National Register Historic District in 1994.

Wytheville and the village of Foster Falls are the only listed historic districts in the county.
Survey History

With the exception of sporadic Section 106 CRM work in limited areas of the county, no other historic architectural surveys were conducted in Wythe County between 1994 and 2004.

From 2004 to 2011, 43 individual properties have been surveyed by the WRPO.
Previous Survey Status

DHR archives database holds 413 architectural records for Wythe County (outside of Wytheville). Of those, 327 represent primary resources built before 1941; 176 built before 1901, and only 134 built before 1891. It is not known how many of the documented resources are currently extant.
Scope of Work

The project will consist of completion of a countywide architectural survey, chiefly identifying properties dating from circa 1940 and earlier, and in some cases re-surveying significant, previously documented properties with augmentation of existing files held by DHR; but avoiding resources that have been documented with DHR since circa 1990.
Survey Extent

The number of properties surveyed in the course of this project will be no less than 375; 355 of which must be surveyed at the reconnaissance level and 20 at the intensive level.
Survey Priorities

• previously undocumented significant structures dating to the 18th and 19th centuries,
• buildings and sites of special significance from the first half of the 20th century,
• identification of any potentially eligible historic districts
• imperiled resources or those threatened by planned development.
Town of Ivanhoe
Reconnaissance Survey

- Exterior Photographs
- Mapping
- Sketch Site Plan
- Architectural Description (Exterior)
- Data Entry into database
- Statement of Significance
Intensive Survey

- Reconnaissance Level Survey
- Interior Photographs
- Sketch Floor Plan
- Expanded Statement of Significance
Findings and Results
Survey Themes

• Domestic
• Subsistence/Agriculture
• Government/Law/Political
• Health Care/Medicine
• Education
• Military/Defense
• Religion
• Social
• Recreation/Arts
Survey Themes

- Transportation/Communication
- Commerce/Trade
- Industry/Processing/Extraction
- Landscape
- Funerary
- Ethnicity/Immigration
- Settlement Patterns
- Architecture/Landscape
- Architecture/Community Planning
- Technology/Engineering
Domestic

- 278 of the resources were classified as domestic
- 232 were domestic and 46 were domestic and subsistence/agriculture
Domestic

- All time periods in the survey represented
- Colonial Revival, Craftsman, Federal, Greek Revival, Italianate, Tudor Revival, Vernacular and Victorian
- Mostly single family
- Included log houses, I houses and tenant houses
Craftsman House, 223 Parsonage Avenue

Colonial Revival Farm, Cripple Creek Road
Federal 468 Ward Branch Road

Greek Revival, House Crocketts Cove Road
Italianate
6464 Peppers Ferry Road

Tudor Revival
108 Riverview Road
Vernacular
175 Crawfish Road

Folk Victorian
149 Hoke Street
Queen Anne
100 Delp Avenue

Tenant house
Peppers Ferry Rd
I-house
271 Peridot Lane

Log House
Felts Lane
Subsistence/Agriculture

- 58 resources total
- 44 cross referenced with domestic
- 2 with Industry/Process/Extraction (furnaces)
House, 189 Virginia Ave
Fracture Creek Farm
Barn Stony Fork Road

Silo Kiser Road
Dairy Barn, Red Hollow Rd
Commerce/Trade

- 25 were classified as commerce/trade
- Stores, commercial buildings, hotel, blacksmith shop
Store Austinville Rd

Mom’s Old Curiosity Shop
Commercial Building
Baumgardner Ave

Commercial Building, Painters Hill Rd
Blacksmith Shop Francis Mill Rd
Religion

- 28 resources
- All Christian churches
- Most between 1850 and 1950
- Styles include Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Victorian, Colonial Revival and Romanesque
Max Meadows United Methodist Church

Grace Lutheran Church
Galena Presbyterian Church

Union Church
Education

- 14 were classified as education
- All from first half of the twentieth century
- Some still active
- Some re-purposed
- Some are vacant
Speedwell Elementary School

Jackson Memorial Elementary School
Matthews School

School, Flemming Road

Ivanhoe School
Funerary

- 9 were classified as funerary
- 2 were funerary
- 7 were funerary and religion
Davis Cemetery

Bethany Hill Cemetery
Government/Law/Politics

- 6 were government law or politics
- 2 post offices and 4 rescue squads
Foster Falls Post Office

Speedwell Post Office
Ivanhoe Fire Department
Industry Processing Extraction

- Eight recorded
- Three previously recorded Furnaces
- One mill
- One coal yard
- Two company stores
- Lumber yard
Walton Furnace

Brown Hill Furnace

Noble Furnace
Beverly Mill
Cripple Creek Mill

Thompson Coal Yard
Social

Lodge, Painters Hill Rd

Mount Airy Masonic Lodge
Recreation/Arts

Mill Creek Studio, Weaving Studio

Big Walker Lookout Tower
Healthcare/ Medicine

Dr Grubb’s Office
Technology

New River Gaging Station at Ivanhoe
Transportation/Communication

E. T. Lures

Stoots Corner Convenience Store
Intensive Surveys

- Twenty chosen
- Diversity of type, age, use, style, area
- Key significant resources
- Access
Quaker Meeting House
Saint Patrick Catholic Church
Huddle Memorial United Methodist Church
Charity Primitive Baptist Church
Living Hope Bible Church
Rural Retreat United Methodist Church
Corinth School
Barn, Saint Peters Road
Carpenter’s Grocery
Stoots Corner Convenience Store
Huddle Farm
Mill Creek Studio
House 152 Poplar Drive
House, 106 Brown Town Rd
House, 1078 Ramsey Mountain Rd
House, 3096 Major Grahams Rd
House, 6464 Peppers Ferry Rd
House, 301 West Baumgardner Ave
468 Ward Branch Road
John Repass Rock House
Recommendations

• Further Comprehensive Survey

• Pursue individual National Register designations
Pursue Historic District designations

- Rural Retreat
- Newtown
- Ivanhoe
- Max Meadows
Recommendations

- **Multiple Property Documentation**
  - Iron Furnaces
  - Schools

- Tax Incentives for Rehab

- Easements

- Heritage Tourism