



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

Highway Marker Program

POLICY #2

Marker Retirement

Markers may be retired if they

- 1.) Contain errors of fact that can be documented with reliable sources
- 2.) Are so damaged, deteriorated, illegible, unstable, or unsafe that the cost of repair would approach the cost of a new marker
- 3.) Require refurbishment, and have very brief texts, and lack historical context, such that their educational value is severely limited. Such markers, generally erected from the 1920s through the 1950s, do not meet the modern standards of the program.

DHR reserves the right to update and replace markers regardless of their physical condition in cases where, after a detailed evaluation based on primary and reliable secondary sources, marker program staff and the Board of Historic Resources determine that the existing text is inadequate and merits rewriting. Such action is dependent on the availability of funding for a replacement marker.

DHR will make an effort to locate and notify the original sponsor of any marker that is retired or replaced.

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