



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HISTORIC RESOURCES

Highway Marker Program

POLICY #5

Marker Application Approval Procedures

The Highway Marker Program will accept applications from the public in four cycles per year. Using the scoring criteria outlined below, DHR staff will select five applications from the pool received by the deadline for each cycle. At the next quarterly meeting of the Board of Historic Resources (BHR), staff will present the list of selected applications for approval. At the subsequent quarterly meeting of the BHR, staff will present the texts of those five markers for approval.

Any applicant whose project is not selected will be eligible to apply again in the future, but applications will not automatically be carried over to future board cycles.

Scoring Criteria:

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| 25 points | Has potential to educate the public |
| 25 points | Fills a gap in the historical marker program in order to address a topic that the program has not extensively covered |
| 20 points | Addresses the history of a community that has been marginalized or underrepresented |
| 20 points | Reflects a breadth of historical significance that extends beyond the locality, preferably demonstrating statewide or national significance |
| 10 points | Contributes to a more equitable geographic distribution of markers |

(Approved by the Board of Historic Resources, 9 December 2021)