



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

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DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 108-6194

1. General Property Information

Property name: Winslow Hospital

Property address: 709 Betts Street

City or Town: Danville

Zip code: 24541

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: Danville

Category of Property (choose only one of the following):

Building X Site Structure Object

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 1.028

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban Suburban X Town Village Hamlet Rural

Briefly describe the property's overall location and setting, including any notable landscape features:

The property is located at the corner of Betts Street and Foster Street in the City of Danville, Virginia. The property parcel is approximately 1.028 acres. The 8,375 square foot facility is located facing and parallel to Betts Street. The building covers approximately 1/3 of the parcel. There is a paved parking lot in the rear of the facility, however, the pavement is in poor condition. The landscape gently slopes downward from Betts Street to the parking lot.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): Colonial Revival, Mid-Century Modern (addition)

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here: unknown

If the builder is known, please list here: unknown

Date of construction (can be approximate): 1940

Narrative Description (Please do not exceed one page in describing the property):

Briefly describe the property's general characteristics, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the materials and method(s) of construction, physical appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions or other major alterations.

The property located at 709 Betts Street in Danville, Va is currently vacant. The 8,375 square foot building was constructed of CMU block and brick and consists of a single story with a basement. After construction of the building in 1940, it was utilized as an African American Hospital serving the Historic Almagro community. The building was expanded in 1962 to add additional office space for the hospital staff. The addition was constructed of masonry bricks and wood framing. The expansion is located on the front of the building facing Betts Street. The hospital was closed in 1971 after all patient care was transferred to the newly integrated Memorial Hospital. Later uses included the headquarters for the City of Danville's Health Department and an assisted living facility. The current exterior structure of the building appears to be in good condition.

The interior layout of the building remains mostly unaltered. The original hospital corridor and rooms remain and many have been labeled with temporary signage indicating their historic uses. Interior renovations occurred in 1982 for the conversion of the facility to a nursing home. These renovations resulted in several walls dividing hospital rooms to be removed to increase the room size and approximately three door ways enclosed. These layout changes are easily identified. In addition, minor cosmetic changes were made to the flooring to replace asbestos tile with vct tile and to upgrade restrooms to include showers and new tile. The overall interior of the building is in fair condition. The original wood windows were replaced in 2010 with vinyl windows.

In a bullet list, include any outbuildings or secondary resources or major landscape features (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

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4. Property's History and Significance (Please do not exceed one page)

Briefly explain the property's historic importance, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property.

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

Winslow Hospital was built to serve the Almagro community. Almagro, historically, was one of very few all African American towns located in the United States. Positioned to the west of Danville, the original establishment date is unknown, however, the town's post office was listed as early as 1897-1898 as a Pittsylvania County post office. Almagro was eventually annexed into the city of Danville but continued as a separate community, retaining its own grocery stores, school, baseball field and churches. Winslow Hospital was built in 1940 as the only option for medical care for the surrounding African American community. Winslow Hospital played a key role during Danville's Civil Rights movement, treating the injured African American men and women that were involved in Bloody Monday which took place on June 10, 1963.

Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property, such as deeds, census and tax records, and/or published articles and books. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

- Virginia Chronicle: Evince, Volume 6, Number 8, 1 August 2001. "In Search of Almagro: Its Origins and Development." Grant, Gary. P. 20-23.
- Cardinal News. June 8, 2023. "The echoes of a civil rights struggle that shook Danville 60 years ago." Mamon, Grace.
- Star-Tribune. February 24, 2021. "Danville's Almagro neighborhood tells story of community, success." Davis, Lanie.
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5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: _____ Public\Local X Public\State _____ Public\Federal _____

Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)

name/title: Danville Redevelopment and Housing Authority [Larissa Deedrich]

organization: _____

street & number: 135 Jones Crossing

city or town: Danville state: Virginia zip code: 24541

e-mail: ldeedrich@drhava.com telephone: (434) 792-5544

Legal Owner's Signature: Larissa Deedrich, Executive Director

Date: 10/18/2023

• • Signature required for processing all applications. • •

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: Larissa Deedrich

Daytime Telephone: 434-792-5544

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

name/title: Megan Bond, Operations Manager

organization: Solex Architecture, Inc.

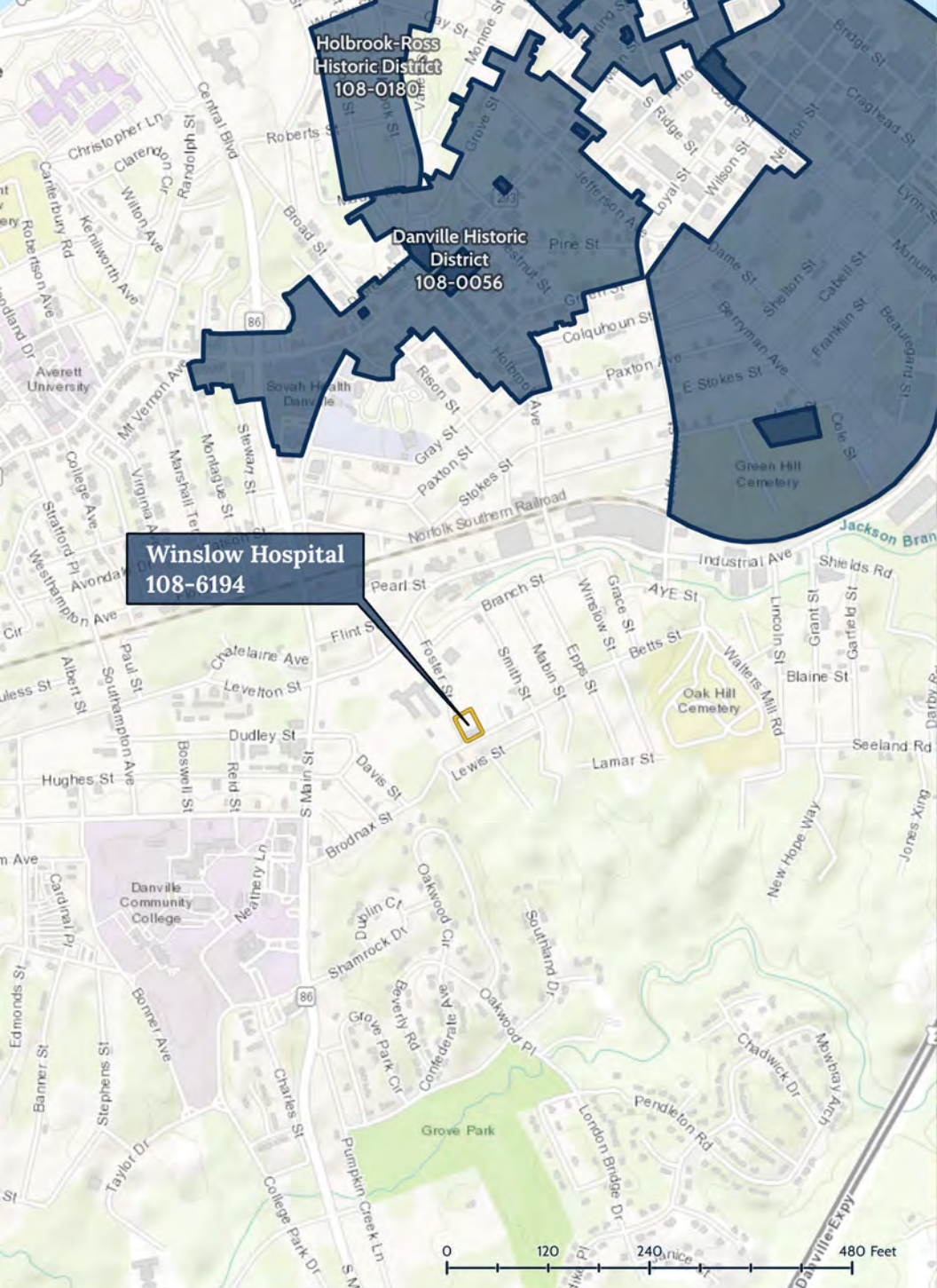
street & number: 641 Main Street

city or town: Danville state: Virginia zip code: 24541

e-mail: mbond@solexarchitecture.com telephone: (434) 688-0767

Date: 10/18/2023

PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH CONTINUATION SHEETS TO THIS FORM. THANK YOU!



Winslow Hospital **City of Danville, Danville Quad** **DHR ID: 108-6194**

Listed Resources
 108-6194

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