

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**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 National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any 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.

**1. Name of Property**Historic name: Rosenwald-Felts SchoolOther names/site number: DHR File # 113-5041Name of related multiple property listing: N/A

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

**2. Location**Street & number: 105 Rosenwald Felts DriveCity or town: Galax State: VA County: Independent CityNot For Publication: N/A Vicinity: N/A**3. State/Federal Agency Certification**

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X 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 X meets    does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

   national    statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

X A    B    C    D

Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

Virginia Department of Historic Resources

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

In my opinion, the property    meets    does not meet the National Register criteria.

Signature of commenting official:

Date

Title :

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#### 4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ☐ entered in the National Register  
☐ determined eligible for the National Register  
☐ determined not eligible for the National Register  
☐ removed from the National Register  
☐ other (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

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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 ☐

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**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

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**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EDUCATION/school

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EDUCATION/school

SOCIAL/civic

RECREATION

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## 7. Description

### Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER - Rosenwald Two Teacher Community School Plan (Plan No. 20)

**Materials:** (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: BRICK, STONE, METAL

### Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

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#### Summary Paragraph

The Rosenwald-Felts School occupies an approximately seven-acre parcel on a rolling hillside on the east side of the City of Galax, Virginia, adjoining a neighborhood of low-density single-family homes. The original one-story section was constructed of brick masonry on a stone foundation in 1926 utilizing a Two Teacher Community School Plan (Floor Plan No. 20) published by the Rosenwald Fund. A large, rectangular addition was constructed in 1956, wrapping completely around the east and south sides and a portion of the north side of the original building. The building is in good condition, and the form, materials, and fenestration patterns of the original Rosenwald school remain fully evident on the west elevation. The two large classroom spaces stipulated by the two-teacher Rosenwald floor plan likewise remain largely intact on the interior. The Rosenwald-Felts School retains integrity of location, continuing to occupy its original acreage in a largely rural, wooded area east of downtown Galax. The parcel includes the following resources that are collectively identified as a non-contributing site: a paved parking lot, a playground, a basketball court, and small metal sheds, all associated with the current use of the building as a community center and home to the local Head Start program.

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#### Narrative Description

The original section of the Rosenwald-Felts School was constructed in 1926 with local and Rosenwald Fund resources totaling \$4,500. This original section was built according to a Rosenwald Two Teacher Community School Plan (Plan No. 20) and is of brick masonry construction on a stone foundation. It is covered by a metal roof with a side-gable configuration in keeping with the Rosenwald design. Only the windows on the west-facing façade remain from

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this original section due to the 1956 addition to the building (see description of addition below). These windows are large one-over-one, double-hung vinyl replacement windows with top lights situated within the original window frames. The windows are arranged in four sets of three. There are two classrooms in the original building with transoms over the entrance doors leading from the central hallway.

A large masonry addition to the building was constructed in 1956. The addition sits on a brick and concrete foundation and is clad in stretcher bond brick veneer and covered by a flat, built-up roof. As part of the addition, a central hallway running the length of the building north to south was added to the interior plan. The hallway has walls constructed of masonry brick and concrete block, a plaster ceiling, and vinyl tile flooring. The two original classrooms remain to the west of the hallway and have plaster walls, drop ceilings, a combination of carpet and laminate flooring, and transoms over the entrance doors. Where the addition wraps around the original building on the north, there is a bathroom entered from the hallway. Where the addition wraps around the original building to the south, there is an additional restroom entered from the hallway and a storage room entered from the southern-most classroom.

Within the addition, two classrooms were added to the building east of the hallway, with the southern-most classroom serving as an auditorium/cafeteria with a stage attached to its north end (an area now used as an office). These classrooms have concrete block walls, plaster ceilings, a combination of carpet and laminate flooring, and transoms over the entrance doors. In the southeast corner of the addition is a small kitchen with an entrance and two serving windows facing the hallway.

The east-facing facade of the addition has large one-over-one vinyl replacement windows in two-bay-wide and three-bay-wide configurations. These windows feature larger top lights and undersized applied shutters.

The north-facing facade of the addition has one set of recessed double exterior, one light doors with crash bar hardware and associated transom window (likely replacements of the original) leading to steps approximately 1/3-story above grade, two small one-over-one vinyl replacement windows in the bathroom, and a chimney associated with the heating system for the building.

The south-facing façade of the addition includes the main entrance, which features recessed double exterior, one-light doors (with nine multi-light vinyl dividers) with crash bar hardware and an associated transom window. This façade has two additional solid recessed doors that enter the kitchen area. The kitchen has smaller one-over-one vinyl replacement windows with shutters, one on the eastern façade, the other the southern façade. The restroom and storage area attached to the southern-most classroom in the original building each have smaller one-over-one vinyl replacement windows with shutters. The exterior entrances on this façade are accessed via a wood deck level with the doors, steps, and a ramp approximately 1/3-story above grade. The building is in good condition.

There are no historic secondary resources on the property.

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### Integrity Statement

The Rosenwald-Felts School building retains integrity from the 1926-1969 period of significance and has not changed substantially since the 1956 addition was constructed. While the original Rosenwald school's design, materials, and workmanship have been altered by the mid-20th century addition, the overall form and brick masonry construction of the building are still evident on the west elevation. Despite the replacement of original windows, the characteristic fenestration pattern of the Rosenwald plan also remains. Given the building's continued use as a community center and educational facility, the original classroom spaces stipulated by the Rosenwald plan remain largely intact and programmatically linked to the 1956 addition, which itself reflects the school's continued evolution and importance to the East Galax community three decades after its original construction. This functional continuity provides integrity of feeling and association dating to the period of significance.

The Rosenwald-Felts School continues to occupy its original seven-acre parcel east of downtown Galax. The overall site has changed since 1969, with the addition of a paved parking lot, a playground, a basketball court, and small metal sheds, all associated with the current use of the building as a community center and home to the local Head Start program. However, the relatively rural setting of the school remains apparent, with the surrounding vicinity consisting of low-density residential development interspersed with wooded areas and green space. Therefore, while the school's integrity of setting has diminished slightly, the overall property retains integrity of location, design, association, feeling, materials, and workmanship.

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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.)

- ☐ 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 old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

ETHNIC HERITAGE – BLACK  
EDUCATION

**Period of Significance**

1926 – 1969

**Significant Dates**

N/A

**Significant Persons**

N/A

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

Smith, Samuel L.



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**Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph** (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Rosenwald-Felts School is nominated for significance at the local level under Criterion A in the areas of Education and Ethnic Heritage: Black. According to a statewide survey of Rosenwald schools conducted by Preservation Virginia, the Rosenwald-Felts School is the only Rosenwald-funded school constructed in Galax, with only one other school, now demolished, built in surrounding Carroll and Grayson counties.<sup>1</sup> The period of significance extends from 1926 to 1969, spanning the period from the school's construction until its closure. The Rosenwald-Felts School was constructed in 1926 using a "two-teacher" standard plan developed by architect Samuel L. Smith and published in the Rosenwald Fund's *Community School Plans*. Built in East Galax, a mostly segregated community at the time, the school was born of community activism and completed using local dollars, funds from the Rosenwald Fund, and land donated by Thomas Lafayette Felts, the White co-owner of the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency. The Rosenwald-Felts School educated African American children in Galax through the ninth grade and was at times referred to as the Rosenwald-Felts Junior High School. Additionally, the school became a social hub of the African American community in Galax and the surrounding area, even hosting a meeting of formerly enslaved persons in 1937. As the school continued to grow and prosper, a major addition to the building was completed in 1956, more than doubling its size from the original Rosenwald configuration. Among the school's alumni is Willie T. Greene, Sr., the first African American to serve on Galax City Council and as Mayor of Galax. Alumnus Helen Kyle was the first African American woman to serve on Galax City Council and the first African American appointed to the Galax School Board. As enrollment dwindled following the integration of Galax city schools in 1960, the Rosenwald-Felts Community Center was formed in 1967, reflecting the school's continued importance to the local African American community. The Rosenwald-Felts School closed at the end of the 1968-1969 academic year; today the building continues to serve as a community center and houses the local Head Start educational program.

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**Narrative Statement of Significance** (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

**Criterion A: Ethnic Heritage: Black**

As with all Rosenwald Schools, it took a strong community effort to pull together the resources to construct the Rosenwald-Felts School. A Parent Teacher Association began meeting in 1924 before the school was opened to conduct fundraisers to gather the funds needed to construct the school. Perhaps unlike other Rosenwald Schools, the local school board was very supportive of the efforts to construct and operate the Rosenwald-Felts School. Mr. Felts, Mr. J. Lee Cox, the Galax School Superintendent, and Town Council members Charles P. Warren, Emmett Cox, and

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<sup>1</sup> *Rosenwald School Architectural Survey*. Preservation Virginia, 2019.  
<https://preservationvirginia.org/our-work/architectural-rosenwald-school-survey/>

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Shelby Vass, Sr. were instrumental in obtaining local funding and funding from the Rosenwald Fund.<sup>2</sup> (Note: Though Galax was a Town on the line between Grayson and Carroll County, Virginia, at the time of the construction of the Rosenwald-Felts School and did not become an Independent City until December 6, 1953, it did have its own Town school system and school board separate from its neighboring counties.)

After much effort, the Rosenwald-Felts School was constructed for \$4,500 in 1926 with \$700 from the Rosenwald Fund, \$500 from the local African American community, \$2,650 from public funds, and \$500 from Mr. Thomas Lafayette Felts, a White gentleman and co-owner of the Baldwin-Felts Detective Agency. Additionally, Mr. Felts, for whom the school was co-named, donated the land for the school. The school utilized the Rosenwald Two Teacher Community School Plan (Plan No. 20) and was constructed of brick masonry instead of the more typical frame construction utilized for Rosenwald-funded schools.

The original building has survived in good condition, though heavily altered by a large addition constructed in 1956.<sup>3,4</sup> The addition included two more classrooms, modern restrooms, a kitchen, a central hallway, and other amenities typical of a school of that era and allowed the school to offer additional grades. This addition extended Rosenwald-Felts School's usefulness as a segregated school until the Galax City Schools were desegregated in the late 1960s and made it possible for the building to continue to be used as a community center past its closing as a school in 1969.<sup>5</sup>

In addition to serving its educational purpose, the Rosenwald-Felts School was truly the center of social and community activity for the Galax African American community from 1926 to 1969 within the context of a very segregated Virginia. One of the more unique community events ever held at the Rosenwald-Felts School was the "Old Slaves" meeting on November 18, 1937, which was chronicled in an article in the November 18, 1937, edition of the Galax Gazette.<sup>6</sup> At the meeting, formerly enslaved persons from various areas met at the school for lectures and songs. Money was raised and divided evenly among those in attendance.

Today, the Rosenwald-Felts Community Center is home to the local Head Start program. This continued use has engendered the ongoing maintenance of the building.

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<sup>2</sup> *Rosenwald-Felts School, Then and Now, 1926-1966*. A locally published annual of the Rosenwald-Felts School. 1966.

<sup>3</sup> *Rosenwald-Felts Preliminary Information Form*. DHR File #113-5041. December 12, 2022. Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

<sup>4</sup> *Galax Gazette*: November 12, 1956 (v.81 iss.90); November 22, 1956 (v.81 iss.93).

<sup>5</sup> *Galax Gazette* January 21, 1987 (v.110 iss.9).

<sup>6</sup> *Galax Gazette* November 18, 1937 (v.61 iss.91).

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## Criterion A: Education

The Rosenwald-Felts School educated African American children in Galax City through the ninth grade and was at times referred to as the Rosenwald-Felts Junior High School. It had a school motto of “A Better World, through Education.”<sup>7</sup>

As examples of the educational impact of the Rosenwald-Felts School, the stories of two Rosenwald-Felts School alumni and influential Galax residents are outlined below:

- **Greene, Willie T., Sr.**, was the first African American elected to the Galax City Council in 1994. He has continued to serve on the city council since that date and was elected mayor by his peers in 2020, following a mayor who served in the role for thirty years. Mr. Greene’s term as Mayor ends in 2025. Mr. Greene has also been a volunteer firefighter for the Galax Fire Department since 1985, being the first African American to join the squad. Mr. Greene was elected as president of the Virginia Municipal League for the 2020-2021 term. Mr. Greene has served in important positions at the state level as well. He was on the Virginia Board of Social Services for eight years, serving as vice chair for two years and chair for two years; the Virginia Board of Social Work for eight years; and is currently serving on the Executive Council for the Virginia Office of Children’s Services. Mr. Greene is also chair of the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission and serves on the Twin County (Galax, Carroll County, and Grayson County) Airport Commission.<sup>8,9</sup>
- **Kyle, Helen**, was the first African American woman to serve on the Galax City Council, serving from 2004 to 2008. Ms. Kyle was the first African American appointed to the Galax City School Board, serving from July 2009 through June 2018. Ms. Kyle was the first African American member of the Board of Directors for the Twin County Community Foundation Board (now Twin County Foundation). Ms. Kyle is the current chair of the Galax Democratic Committee.<sup>10</sup>

African American children seeking a high school education were allowed to enroll in Galax High School beginning in September of 1960. At that time, the Galax School Board allowed White students from nearby portions of Grayson County to attend Galax High School under a contract with the County, but not African American students in the same portions of the county. However, this changed as the result of a federal court case filed by eight African American students from the County. Judge John Paul of the United States District Court, Western District at Abingdon, ordered on September 8, 1960, that if the contract allowing Grayson County White students to attend Galax High School was continued, Galax would have to admit the African American students from Grayson County as well.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>7</sup> *Rosenwald-Felts School, Then and Now, 1926-1966*. A locally published annual of the Rosenwald-Felts School. 1966.

<sup>8</sup> Bullington, Bob. *VML Goes Greene!* Virginia Town & Country (December 2020): Volume 15-No. 10.

<sup>9</sup> *Greene, Willie T., Sr.* Email exchange with Craig A. Wilson on August 4, 2023.

<sup>10</sup> *Kyle, Helen*. Telephone interview conducted by Craig A. Wilson on August 9, 2023.

<sup>11</sup> *Goins v. County School Board of Grayson County*. Civ. A. No. 776 United States District Court, W.D. Virginia, at Abingdon. 186 F. Supp. 753 (W.D. Va. 1960). Decided Sep 8, 1960.

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Subsequently, Galax leaders cancelled the contract, meaning 285 Grayson County students would be turned away. At the same time, 590 of Galax High School's 598 students signed a petition to keep the Grayson County students, which because of the court order, would mean desegregating the school. Grayson County residents threatened to boycott Galax businesses. Local clergy united behind the effort. Within days, Galax High School was integrated.<sup>12,13</sup>

As the balance of Galax's public schools integrated, the remaining Rosenwald-Felts School students had a choice of attending those schools. With decreasing enrollment, the Rosenwald-Felts School closed at the end of the 1968-1969 academic year.<sup>14,15</sup>

### *Architectural Context*

Though the original design of the Rosenwald-Felts School has been substantially altered over the years, most notably by the 1956 addition, the building can be tied to the history and architecture of the other Rosenwald Schools in Virginia. Per the *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia* Multiple Property Documentation, "the Rosenwald-funded schools varied in size from small one-teacher schools to large eleven-teacher facilities that offered instruction from first grade through high school. In the Fund's early years, wood-frame, one- and two-teacher schools were the most common. In later years, larger schools constructed of brick were built with greater frequency, though always in much smaller numbers than the wood-framed rural schools."<sup>16</sup>

Schools constructed using Rosenwald Funds were required to follow certain stipulations, including a minimum lot size of two acres as well as design and construction guidelines outlined in publications issued by the Fund.

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<sup>12</sup> Wharam, F. Douglas, Jr. "Only a Matter of Time", *Christiansburg Institute and Desegregation in Southwestern Virginia: 1959-1960*. University of Virginia, May 2005.

<sup>13</sup> *Desegregation of Public Schools, Galax and Grayson County, 1959-1960*. WSLs-TV News Film Collection, 1951-1971, University of Virginia Library ([explore.lib.virginia.edu](http://explore.lib.virginia.edu)).

<sup>14</sup> *Galax Gazette* October 24, 1968 (v.92 iss.86).

<sup>15</sup> *Galax Gazette* November 28, 1968 (v.92 iss.96).

<sup>16</sup> *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia* Multiple Property Documentation. DHR File #012-5041. June 30, 2004.

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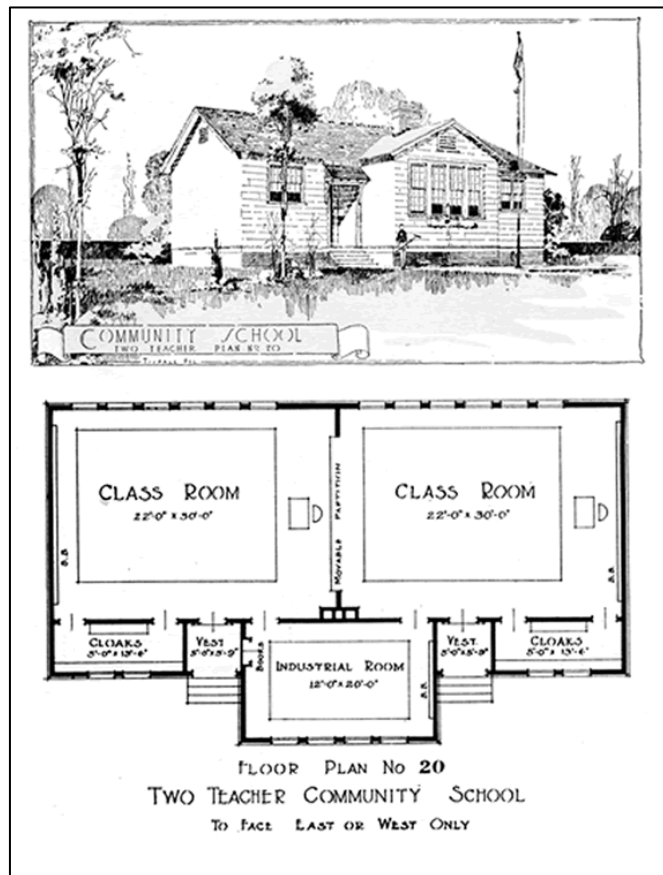
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Early Rosenwald buildings followed architectural plans produced by Robert R. Taylor and W.A. Hazel, both African American architecture professors at Tuskegee Institute. These designs were first published within a 1915 pamphlet titled "The Negro Rural School and Its Relation to the Community," and included plans for a one-teacher school, two variations on a five-teacher school, an industrial building, a privy, and two homes for teachers.

In 1920, following the relocation of the school-building program to the new Rosenwald Fund office in Nashville, director Samuel L. Smith began developing new school plans that ranged in size from one to seven teachers and could be adapted to east-west or north-south orientations. These designs were subsequently published as *Community School Plans* in 1924. The publication also included Smith's designs for privies, industrial buildings, and residences for teachers. The plans were eventually distributed by the Interstate School Building Service and reached an audience far beyond the South.



Excerpt from S. L. Smith's *Community School Plans* included in the *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia Multiple Property Documentation*

Rosenwald schools are often defined by large banks of windows, an integral feature during a time when rural schools rarely had the benefit of electricity. Samuel Smith's plans also optimized room dimensions, blackboard and desk placement, paint colors, and window shades to best capitalize on available daylight.<sup>17</sup>

Rosenwald schools were built in seventy-nine of Virginia's ninety-five counties, with the overwhelming majority constructed to serve rural communities. One- and two-teacher plans were most utilized, with the smaller designs accounting for seventy percent of the Rosenwald schools built across the state. On average, twenty-four Rosenwald schools were built each year in Virginia between 1917 and 1932. The five-year period between 1922 and 1927 saw the most activity, with an average of thirty-seven schools constructed annually and a peak of forty-five schools constructed during 1923-24.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>17</sup> *Rosenwald Schools in Virginia Multiple Property Documentation*. DHR File #012-5041. June 30, 2004.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*

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The Rosenwald-Felts School was constructed during the second most productive year of Rosenwald School construction in Virginia – 1926. It exhibits the characteristic east-west orientation and large banks of windows outlined in the architectural guidelines. While a wood frame building would have met the architectural guidelines, the Rosenwald-Felts School was likely built with brick because clay/bricks were a readily available construction material in Southside and Southwest Virginia. Examples of other nearby brick Rosenwald Schools include the ca. 1930 Dry Bridge School in Martinsville (DHR ID 120-5034; NRIS No. 09000065) and the ca. 1930 Carver-Price School in Appomattox (DHR ID 165-5003; NRIS No. MP100010001).

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**Dry Bridge School, Martinsville, VA**

(Source: <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/120-5034/>, May 9, 2024)



**Carver Price School, Appomattox, VA**

(Source: <https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/165-5003/>, May 9, 2024)

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### 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 # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # \_\_\_\_\_



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**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, Richmond

**Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned):** DHR File # 113-5041

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**10. Geographical Data**

**Acreage of Property** Approximately 7 Acres

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

**Latitude/Longitude Coordinates**

Datum if other than WGS84: \_\_\_\_\_

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

1. Latitude: 36.669003                      Longitude: -80.910853

**Or**

**UTM References**

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

☐ NAD 1927    or    ☐ NAD 1983

1. Zone:                                      Easting:                                      Northing:

**Verbal Boundary Description** (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The boundary includes City of Galax Tax Parcels 47-77, 47-104, 47-105, and 47-106. See attached Galax Rosenwald-Felts Parcel Map.

**Boundary Justification** (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundary encompasses the entirety of the land historically associated with the Galax Rosenwald-Felts School and owned by the City of Galax.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

## Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

## Photo Log

Name of Property: Rosenwald-Felts School

City or Vicinity: City of Galax

County: N/A

State: VA

Photographer: Craig A. Wilson

Date Photographed: April 25, 2023

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

Rosenwald-Felts School

Name of Property

City of Galax, VA

County and State

**1 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0001  
South Elevation / camera facing north

**2 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0002  
Southeast Corner / camera facing northwest

**3 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0003  
East Elevation / camera facing west

**4 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0004  
North Elevation / camera facing southwest

**5 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0005  
Northwest Corner / camera facing south

Photographer: Preservation Virginia staff

Date Photographed: 01-22-19

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

**6 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0006  
West Elevation / camera facing northeast

Photographer: Craig A. Wilson

Date Photographed: April 25, 2023

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

**7 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0007  
Central Hallway / camera facing north

**8 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0008  
Central Hallway / camera facing northwest

**9 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0009  
Central Hallway / camera facing southeast

**10 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0010  
Classroom on West Side of Bldg / camera facing west

**11 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0011  
Classroom on West Side of Bldg / camera facing east

**12 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0012  
Classroom on East Side of Bldg / camera facing east

Rosenwald-Felts School

Name of Property

City of Galax, VA

County and State

**13 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0013  
Classroom on East Side of Bldg / camera facing west

Photographer: Jolena Young

Date Photographed: May 2, 2024

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

**14 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0014  
Kitchen / camera facing east

**15 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0015  
Office / camera facing east

**16 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0016  
Storage Room / camera facing south

**17 of 17:** VA\_GalaxCity\_RosenwaldFeltsSchool\_0017  
Restroom / camera facing west

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The National Map  
US Topo

A topographic map of the Galax, Virginia area. The map shows the New River winding through the landscape, which is characterized by green hills and valleys. A red line indicates a major road, likely US Highway 211, passing through the town of Galax. A black box with the text "Rosenwald Felts School" is positioned in the center of the map, with a black arrow pointing to a red star located within the town of Galax. The map includes various labels for roads, landmarks, and geographical features. The coordinates of the map are marked along the edges, ranging from 11° 00' N to 11° 15' N latitude and 80° 00' W to 80° 15' W longitude.

UTM GRID AND 2019 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

U.S. National Grid
NAD83 - NAD83(2011)
N/A
Grid Point Designation (N/A)

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IN AUSTRALIAN VERTICAL EXT

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6	7	8

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 2 Apple  
 3 Strawberry  
 4 Blueberry  
 5 Watermelon  
 6 Spiced  
 7 Caramel  
 8 Lemon

GALAX, VA  
2022







### Location/Vicinity Map

Aerial View Showing  
Historic Resources

Rosenwald Felts School

Galax City, VA

DHR File # 113-5041

113-0007 Historic Resources



Galax Downtown  
Historic District



Rosenwald Felts  
Parcel

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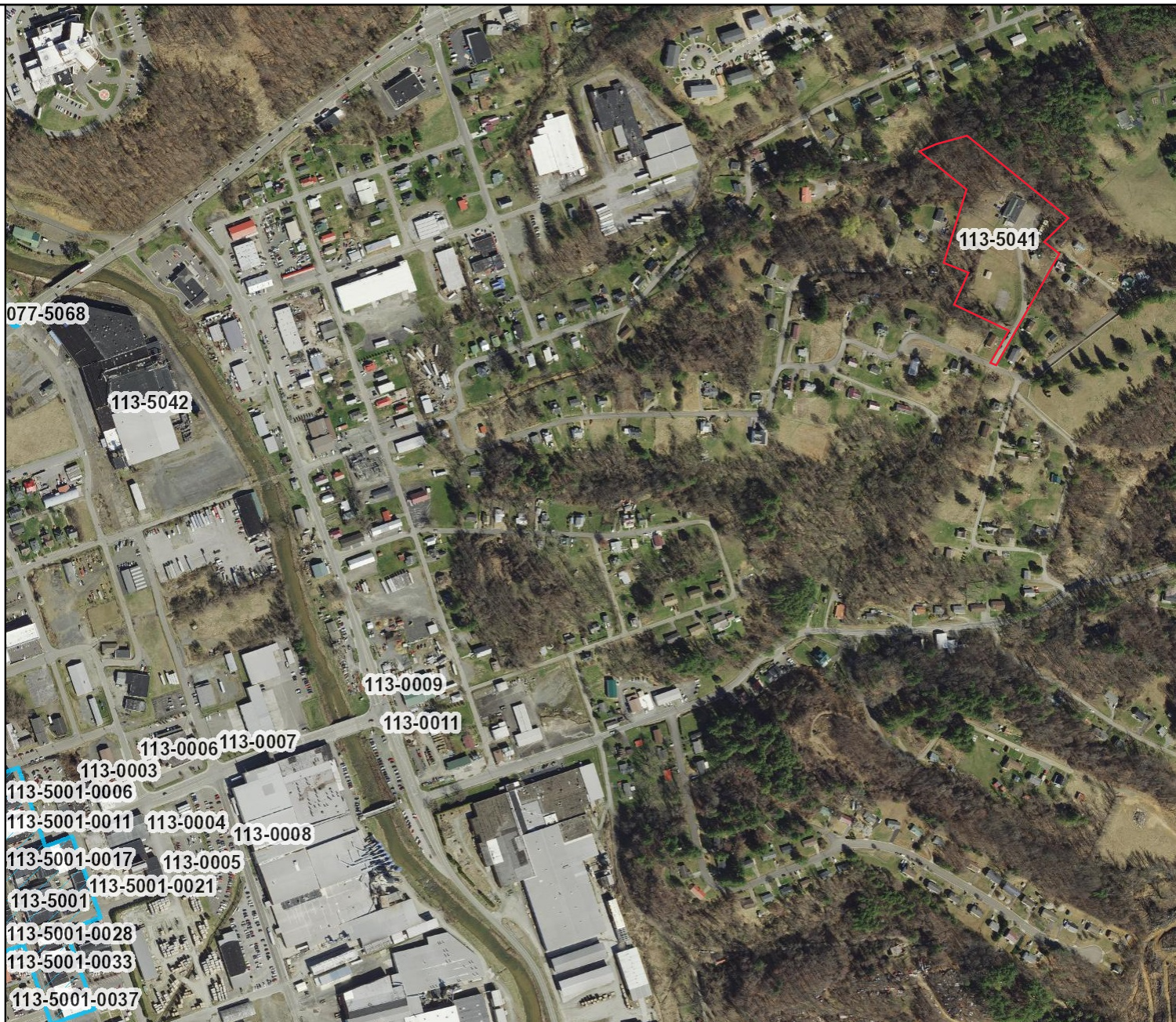
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**Title: Rosenwald Felts School Location/Vicinity Map (Aerial), Galax, VA**      **Date: 5/7/2024**

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### Location/Vicinity Map

### Street View Showing Historic Resources


Rosenwald Felts School

Galax City, VA

DHR File # 113-5041

113-0007 Historic Resources

 Galax Downtown  
Historic District

 Rosenwald Felts  
Parcel

Lat: 36.669003

Long: -80.910853



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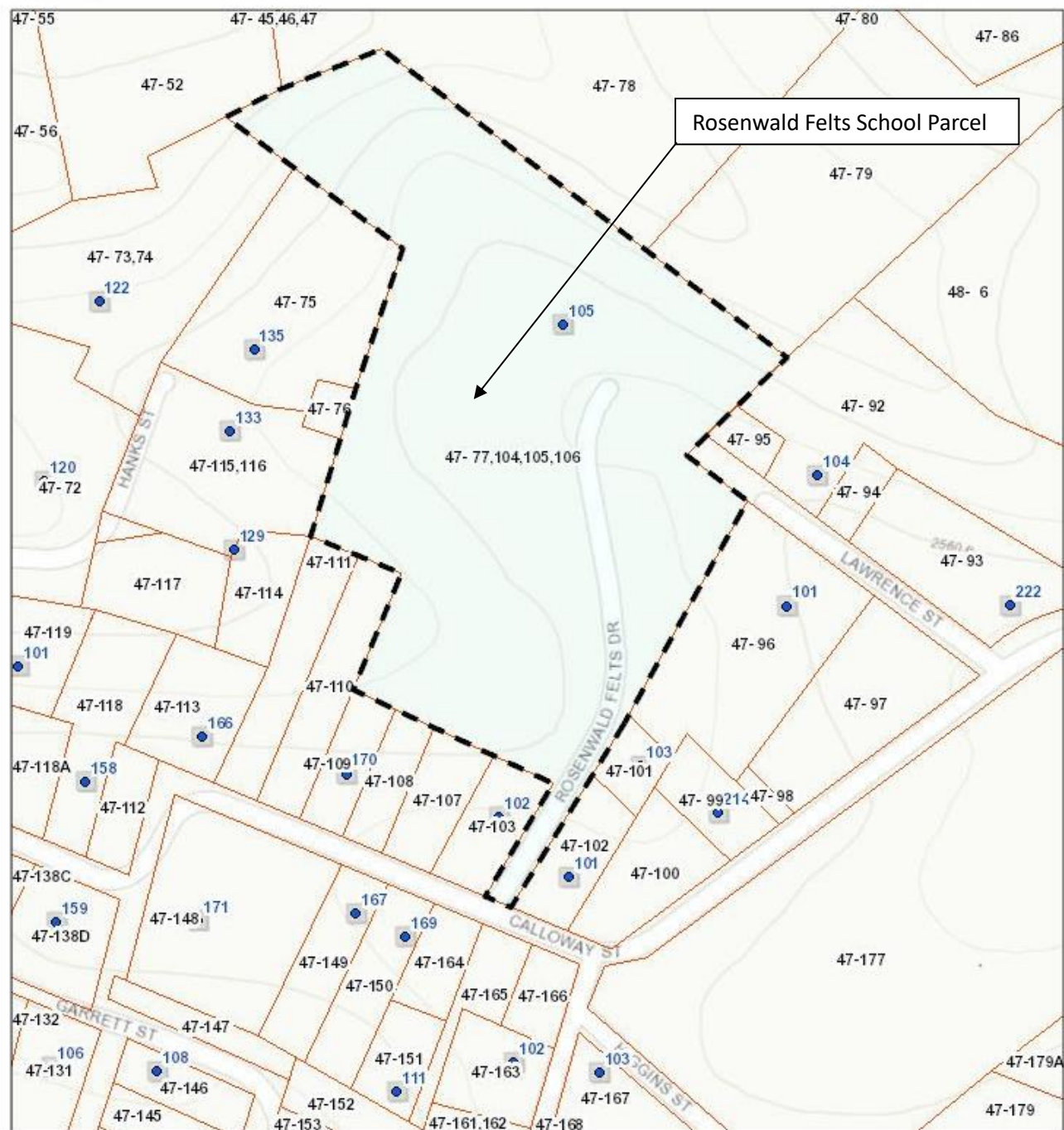


**Title: Rosenwald Felts School Location/Vicinity Map (Street View), Galax, VA    Date: 5/7/2024**

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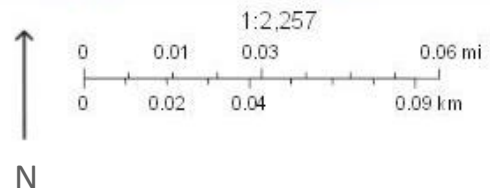
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**Rosenwald Felts School**  
**Galax City, VA**  
**DHR File Number 113-5041**



August 3, 2023

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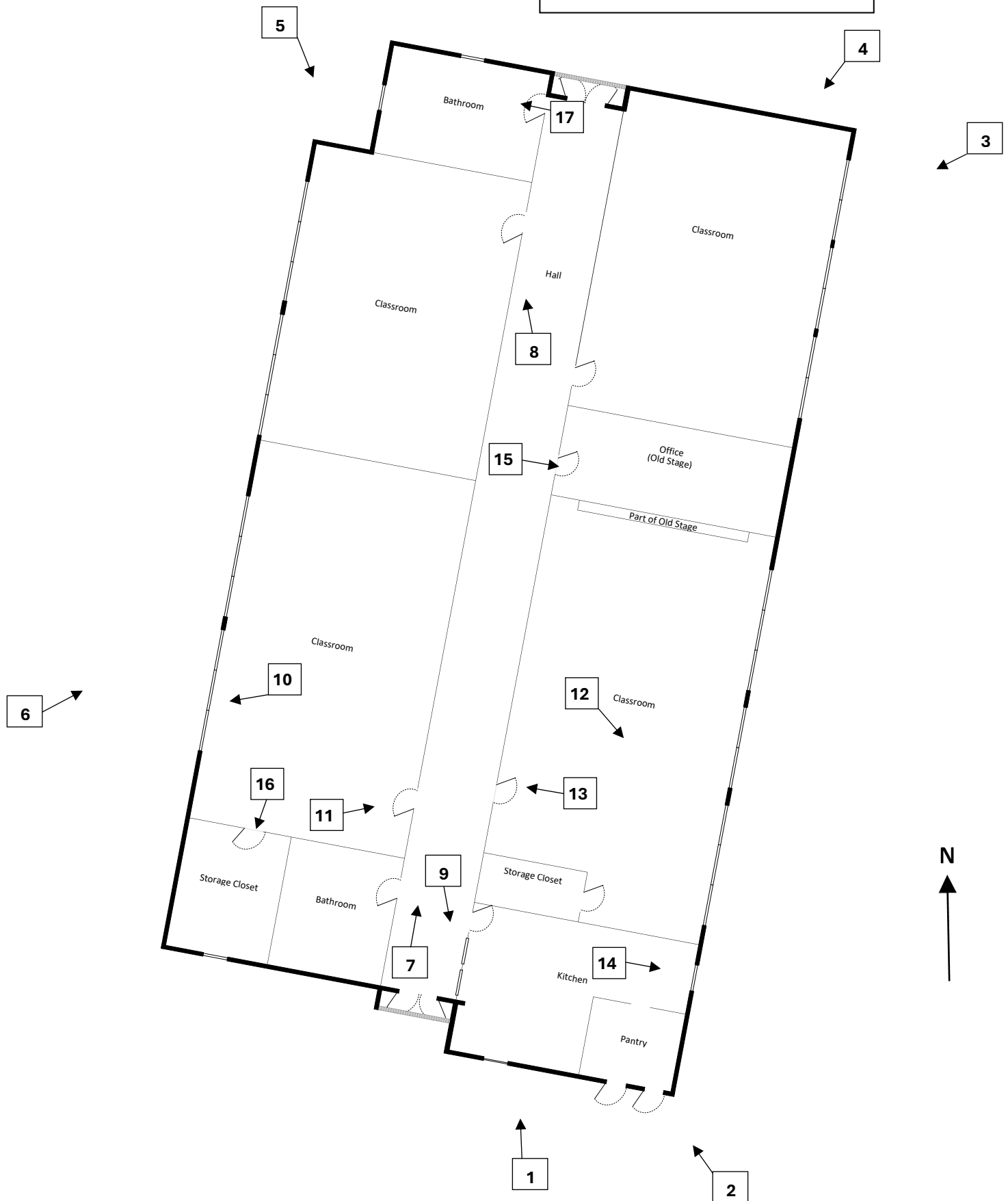
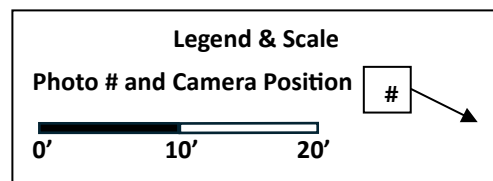
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- City Limits
- Buildings



Source: City of Galax, VA WebGIS Parcels  
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**Photo Key**  
**Rosenwald Felts School**  
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Floorplan  
Rosenwald Felts School  
Galax City, VA  
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