



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

Note: PIFs are prepared by applicants and evaluated by DHR staff and the State Review Board based on information known at the time of preparation. Recommendations concerning PIFs are subject to change if new information becomes available.

DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 073-5173

1. General Property Information

Property name: Former Green Bay Elementary School

Property address: 140 Green Bay Rd.

City or Town: Green Bay

Zip code: 23942

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

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

Building X Site Structure Object

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 5.24 Acres

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban Suburban Town Village Hamlet Rural X

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

The Former Green Bay Elementary School is situated in a rural setting at the intersection of Secondary Road 696 and U.S. Route 360 in Green Bay, Prince Edward County, Virginia. Surrounded by open fields, scattered woodlands, and sparse residential development, the property reflects the unincorporated community's agricultural character. The site features overgrown vegetation, including vines, trees, and shrubs, due to decades of abandonment. The main building is positioned close to the roadway, with no notable landscape features such as formal gardens or streams. The setting underscores the property's historical role as a community hub in a sparsely populated region.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): Early 20th-century vernacular school architecture with Classical Revival elements

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): 1915

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 Former Green Bay Elementary School is a two-story red brick building constructed in 1915 as a segregated public school for white students in Prince Edward County. Designed in a vernacular style with Classical Revival influences, it features a symmetrical facade, running bond brickwork, an arched main entrance, and 48 large double-hung windows. The building has a slate roof, two chimneys, and a central hall with a staircase leading to eight classrooms and a principal's office on the second floor. Interior features, including wood floors and tin ceiling tiles, are heavily deteriorated due to abandonment since 1959, with visible vandalism and water damage. A non-brick bathroom addition (date unknown) is attached to the main structure. The exterior retains its historic integrity despite poor condition, with no major alterations beyond the bathroom addition. Historically a segregated elementary school with a capacity of 280 pupils for grades 1-7, the property is currently vacant, with plans to restore it as Cornerstone Academy, a STEAM-focused community center. A secondary brick building constructed in 1925 has been demolished and no longer exists.

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.

- • Bathroom addition: Non-brick construction, poor condition, date unknown.
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- • Overgrown grounds: Untended vegetation (vines, trees, shrubs), no specific construction date.

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.

The Former Green Bay Elementary School is historically significant for its association with the civil rights movement and school desegregation in Virginia. Built in 1915 as a segregated school for white students in Prince Edward County, it operated until the county closed all public schools from 1959 to 1964 to resist integration following the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision, in which Prince Edward County was a plaintiff. During this period, the school's grounds were linked to the Prince Edward School Foundation, which supported private education for white students while Black children were denied public schooling. The property's abandonment post-1964 symbolizes the county's resistance to desegregation and the broader struggle for educational equality. Architecturally, the school represents early 20th-century rural school design, with functional brick construction, gender-segregated entrances, indoor plumbing, and steam heating, reflecting Virginia's efforts to standardize public education facilities. No specific individuals or families are prominently associated, but the property embodies the collective history of the community's role in a pivotal civil rights struggle. Recent acquisition in 2025 aims to restore it as Cornerstone Academy, preserving its legacy as a STEAM-focused community center.

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.)

- Deed of trust for the property (provided by owner, confirming ownership and acreage).
- Flickr collections by user "retroweb" (historical photos and descriptions of the property, 2016).
- VCU Scholars Compass, Edward H. Peeples Prince Edward County (Va.) Public Schools Collection (historical photos and context, 1962-1963).
- Facebook group "Abandoned in Virginia" posts (discussions on history and 2025 renovation plans).
- "The Tragedy of Public Schools: Prince Edward County, Virginia" report (historical context on school closures).
- Wikipedia entry on Prince Edward County, Virginia (general county history and desegregation overview).

5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: x Public\Local 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: Kevin Lee Barton

organization: N/A

street & number: 140 Green Bay Rd.

city or town: Green Bay state: VA zip code: 23942

e-mail: Kevin.L.Barton25@gmail.com telephone: 434-607-9510

Legal Owner's Signature: Kevin Barton

Date: 8/17/2025

• • *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: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

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

name/title: _____

organization: _____

street & number: _____

city or town: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____


e-mail: _____ telephone: _____

Date: _____

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

PIF BOUNDARY MAP

Green Bay Elementary School
Prince Edward County, VA
DHR ID# 073-5173


 Proposed Boundary

0 300
Feet



PIF AERIAL-VICINITY MAP

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 Proposed Boundary

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Feet





























