

2.0 Existing Architectural Resources

2.1. Historic Planning Area/National Register District/Local [Historic District](#)

Historic architectural resources in the Historic Planning Area consist of three types: **(1)** Institutional/Community, **(2)** Commercial, and **(3)** Residential. Only one historic commercial building, H.F. Chewing Groceries, is located within the area. These properties have been identified with a HA-# and are keyed to [Map 3](#): Historic and Architectural Resources and [Map 3.A](#): Historic District Enlargement.

2.1.1. Institutional/Community Buildings

Res. Key	Address	Tax Parcel	Property Name	Date of Const.	Style	NR/ Local District	LM Status
HA-3	208 Corridor	47A-A-2	County Courthouse	1901	Classical Revival	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-4	Courthouse Road	47A-A-2	County Jail	1856	Vernacular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-6	Courthouse Road	47A-4-B2	Spotswood Inn	1810-38	Vernacular	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-7	Courthouse Road	47A-A-67	Berea Christian Church and Cemetery; Spotsylvania County Museum	1856	Gothic Revival	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-10	Courthouse Road	47A-A-142	Christ Episcopal Church and Cemetery	1841	Federal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-13	8806 Courthouse Road	47A-A-76A	Spotsylvania High School	1939	Colonial Revival		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-14	Courthouse Road	47A-A-78	Zion United Methodist Church	1859	Greek Revival		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

[The Spotswood Inn \(HA-6\)](#) is one of the community's most significant properties and, because of its location at the terminus of the Highway 208 corridor, is perhaps its most prominent it illustrates many of the characteristics common to the institutional/community properties such as simple, classical detailing and massing

LM Status is an abbreviation for "Landmark Status". Properties that have outstanding architectural and/or historical significance have been given this designation. In the future, this information could be used as a planning tool For instance, such properties could be targeted for local designation as historic properties and for potential nomination to the National Register, if not already listed

Building Characteristics:

- ◆ Scale: 1-2 story
- ◆ Type. government, educational, religious and community Roof Form: landmarks
- ◆ Style. Primarily nineteenth century and early-twentieth century revival styles; tend to be simple, classical buildings with little ornate detail; Spotsylvania High School is a later, more realistic example

[The Spotsylvania County Jail \(HA-4\)](#) and the [Spotsylvania High School \(HA- 13\)](#) illustrate the two extremes of stylistic expression the jail being an unadorned utilitarian building while the high school is an excellent example of the Colonial Revival style

- ◆ Exterior: all brick (red and yellow) exteriors with exception of the jail, which has a stucco exterior
- ◆ Roof Form: most common is the front-gable form; contemporary roofing material used is asphalt shingle; jail retains slate shingles, probably common on these building originally
- ◆ Roof Pitch: variety of pitches displayed; churches tend to be more steeply pitched whereas Courthouse and Inn are more moderate; roof lines tend to be simple with minimal cross gables and dormers

The [Spotsylvania County Courthouse \(HA-3\)](#) and [Zion United Methodist Church \(HA-14\)](#) display the typical front gable form They also illustrate the two extremes in roof pitch - the Courthouse being a more moderate pitched example and the church being more steeply pitched

- ◆ Massing; symmetrical front facades with simple massing patterns - few building elements other than main masses
- ◆ Directional Emphasis; neutral or slightly vertical

[Christ Episcopal Church \(HA-10\)](#) illustrates the characteristic simple massing patterns and neutral directional emphasis

- ◆ Details;
 - foundations - tend to be of same material as main mass
 - chimneys - not a prominent feature, primarily utilitarian and non-stylistic
 - porches - columned porticos present on Courthouse and Spotswood Inn
 - entrances - minimal detailing
 - windows - sash, 2/2 and 6/6 most common, with flat or segmental arches

2.1.2. Commercial Building

Res. Key	Address	Tax Parcel	Property Name	Date of Const.	Style	NR/ Local District	LM Status
HA-5	Intersection of Courthouse Rd / Brock Rd	47A-A-1	H.F. Chewning Groceries	Ca. 1931	Bungalow/ Craftsman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

[Chewning Groceries](#), consisting of two buildings, is the only historic commercial property in the Historic Planning Area. The corner building (left) is characteristic of rural crossroad stores, although masonry would not typically be used. The northern building (right) is more characteristic of a small town commercial area.

2.1.3. Residential Buildings

Res. Key	Address	Tax Parcel	Property Name	Date of Const.	Style	NR/ Local District	LM Status
HA-1	208 Corridor	47-A-147	Dabney Farm	1845-55	Greek Revival	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-8	8954 Courthouse Road	47-A-68		1896	Queen Anne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-9	8953 Courthouse Road	47A-4-8		1870-1900	Queen Anne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-11	Courthouse Road	47-A-141B	Christ Episcopal Church Education Building	1870-80	Gothic Revival	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-12	8916 Courthouse Road	47-A-70	Pendleton House	1880-95	Queen Anne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-15	9134 Courthouse Road	47-A-148					
HA-16	9130 Courthouse Road	47-A-149	Davis House	1870	Greek Revival		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-17	9126 Courthouse Road	47-A-150		1880-1900	Queen Anne		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
HA-18	9122 Courthouse Road	47-A-151		c. 1915-25	Colonial Revival		
HA-19	7400 Brock Road	47-A-65A			Vernacular		
HA-20	Just N of 7400 Brock Road	47-A- 64A			Vernacular		

HA-21	Between 7508 and 7514 Brock Road	47-A-60		c. 1890-1900	Vernacular/ Queen Anne	
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The Greek Revival antebellum house at [Dabney Farm \(HA-1\)](#) is the only antebellum residence in the Historic Planning Area. Although distinctly different as part of a farm-stead complex, the house displays many features characteristic of other residences in the area. The property also represents a historic rural landscape.

Building Characteristics

- ◆ Style; majority are late-nineteenth/turn-of-the-century Queen Anne and Gothic Revival examples that tend to be stylistic interpretations of [vernacular](#) house forms
- ◆ Scale; majority of residential properties are 2-story; modest 1-story examples are also present
- ◆ Type; single-family residential some converted into apartments or for commercial use
- ◆ Exterior Materials: with the exception of the house at Dabney Farm and 9122 Courthouse Road, all had weatherboard siding originally; several now covered with synthetic siding (asbestos, aluminum, and vinyl)

This vacant two-story house on Brock Road ([HA-21](#)) displays a [vernacular](#) house form called a “gabled-ell-and wing” with modest Queen Anne porch details.

- ◆ Roof Form: side gable with front-facing gable wall dormers is the most common roof form of the two-story houses; predominant material is standing seam metal; boxed cornice returns a common detail
- ◆ Roof Pitch: most display moderate to steeply pitched roofs
- ◆ Massing: symmetrical front facades with simple massing patterns consisting primarily of the main mass and one or two projecting wings
- ◆ Directional Emphasis: majority tends to have vertical emphasis created by moderate to steeply pitched gable roofs and narrow main mass forms
- ◆ Details:
 - [foundations](#) - brick piers with or without brick infill
 - [chimneys](#) - brick, unpainted, often with corbelling; important features
 - [porches](#) - one-story front-facade and wraparound with classical Queen Anne and Eastlake detailing
 - [entrances](#) - sidelights and transom lights predominant
 - [windows](#) - sash, 2/2 and 6/6

This house at [9122 Courthouse Road \(HA-18\)](#) is one of the few twentieth century residences. It is compatible with the predominant nineteenth century properties in that it has a steeply pitched gable roof and front-facing gable dormers.

The symmetrical front-facade and raised-seam metal roof of the house at [8954 Courthouse Road \(HA-8\)](#) are common features of the historic residences in the Historic Planning Area.



The house at [8953 Courthouse Road \(HA-9\)](#) displays the characteristic side-gable roof with front-facing gable dormer

The [Christ Episcopal Church Education Building \(HA-11\)](#) achieves a vertical directional emphasis through the use of a steeply-pitched, front-facing gable which compensates for its broad main mass

This detail of the porch and entrance of the [Pendleton House \(HA-12\)](#) at 8916 Courthouse Road illustrates features such as turned porch posts and decorative brackets, sidelights and transom lights, and two-over-two sash windows

2.2. Village Area Residential Resources

Historic resources in the Village Planning Area consist of residences only with the exception of the historic store associated with [VA-5](#). These properties have been identified with a VA-# and are keyed to [Map 3: Historic and Architectural Resources](#)

Res. Key	Address	Tax Parcel	Property Name	Date of Const.	Style	NR/ Local District	LM Status
VA-1	Just W of 6916 Massaponax	48-A-16?					
VA-2	7001 Massaponax	48-A-13		1880-90	Colonial Revival		
VA-3	7009 Massaponax	48-A-12					
VA-4	7111 Massaponax	48-A-7	West Erie	c.1920	Colonial Revival		
VA-5	Intersection of Massaponax and Courthouse Road	47-6-1					
VA-6	8614 Courthouse Road	47-A-80		1795-1810	Federal		
VA-7	8610 Courthouse Road	47-A-82					
VA-8	8418 Courthouse Road	47-A-88					

Building Characteristics

- ◆ Scale: majority are 1 1/2- and 2-story
- ◆ Type: single-family residential; one rural store associated with [VA-5](#)
- ◆ Style: minimal stylistic detailing; variety of [vernacular](#) house forms represented, such as the bungalow, I-house, American 4-square

This small rural store ([VA-5](#)) is one of the few historic commercial buildings in the entire Courthouse Planning Area vinyl siding has been applied to the exterior

- ◆ Exterior Materials: weatherboard the predominant original building material; asbestos, vinyl, and aluminum siding have been applied to many of the houses
- ◆ Roof Form: predominantly side gable:dormers present on several houses; common materials are asphalt shingle and standing seam metal
- ◆ Roof Pitch: most display moderately pitched roofs
- ◆ Massing: simple massing patterns consisting primarily of the main mass; full- and partial-facade porches common
- ◆ Directional Emphasis: 1 1/2-story examples tend to be neutrally-oriented; 2-story more vertical
- ◆ Area Observations: Has the least number of historic properties of all the planning areas only two noted landmark properties.

Majority of Massaponax Church Road that is included in the Courthouse Planning area is in the Village Area - has several historic properties that are for the most part severely altered but do still contribute to the historic character. The overall character of Massaponax is mixed linear development, some subdivision development

The Village Area does feel “close-in” to the crossroads and accessible

These two properties on Courthouse Road are the most significant in the village Planning Area [VA-6](#) (top,) is a late-eighteenth/early-nineteenth century example [VA-8](#) (bottom) is a late-nineteenth century house with a historic cedar allee leading to it.

These three houses ([VA 1, 2, 3](#)) on Massaponax have all undergone serious alterations - porch infill, application of synthetic siding, and/or window replacement. Though altered they are still distinguishable as historic properties.


This house ([VA-4](#)) on Massaponax Church Road is an unusual example of the American 4-square building type. Vinyl siding detracts from the building’s “authenticity”

This house at [8610 Courthouse Road \(VA-7\)](#) is an excellent example of the bungalow [house type](#). Again, this house has vinyl siding detracting from its historic character

2.3. Transitional Area Resources

Historic resources in the Transitional Planning Area consist of three types of properties: **(1)** Institutional Community, **(2)** Farmstead, and **(3)** Residential. These properties have been identified with a TA-# and are keyed to [Map 3: Historic and Architectural Resources](#).

2.3.1. Institutional/Community Buildings

Res. Key	Address	Tax Parcel	Property Name	Date of Const.	Style	NR/ Local District	LM Status
TA-3	Courthouse Road	47-A-93	Sylvannah Baptist Church	1920	Colonial Revival		

The [Sylvannah Baptist Church \(TA-3\)](#) is the only historic church in the Village and Transitional Planning Areas

2.3.2. Farmsteads

Res. Key	Address	Tax Parcel	Property Name	Date of Const.	Style	NR/ Local District	LM Status
TA-2	8416 Courthouse Road	47-A-91	Jett House / Clearview Arabian	1905-06	Queen Anne		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TA-4	8300 Courthouse Road	47-A-94A	Kenmore Woods	1829	Federal		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TA-8	7901 Courthouse Road	47-13-A	Snow Hill Farm	1908/e st.1769	Classical Revival		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TA-9	Courthouse Road	47-A-121?					
TA-10	9314 Courthouse Road	34-A-35	Dixie				
TA-11	9329 208 Corridor	34-A-94A	Whig Hill				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TA-12	208 Corridor	34-A-33					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TA-13	9601 208 Corridor	34-A-40	Rosemont	1765-80	Georgian		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TA-14	208 Corridor	34-A-31					
TA-15	9736 208 Corridor	34-A-29	Bloomsbury	1740-1750	Georgian		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TA-20	6842 Hickory Ridge Road	48-14-A	Cherry Grove #3	1880-90	Queen Anne		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Many of the farmsteads listed above are **rural historic landscapes** eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *National Register Bulletin 30: Guidelines for Evaluating and Documenting Rural Historic Landscapes*, published by the National Park Service, classifies rural historic landscapes as those that have been shaped or modified by human activity. They are not the work of professional designers but rather the result of use and utilitarian processes. *Bulletin 30* lists eleven components of historic rural landscapes. The first four are processes that have been instrumental in shaping the land and the remaining seven are physical components.

Processes

1. Land Uses and Activities
2. Patterns of Spatial Organization
3. Response to the Natural Environment
4. Cultural Traditions

Physical Components

5. Circulation Networks
6. Boundary Demarcations
7. Vegetation Related to Land Use
8. Buildings, Structures, and Objects


- 9. Clusters
- 10. Archeological Sites
- 11. Small-scale Elements

The [farmsteads](#) located in the Transitional Planning Area offer a rich variety of historic rural landscapes with intact physical components. A thorough study of these farmsteads would likely reveal much about the history of the area, the processes that shaped it, and the rich variety of resources associated with these farmsteads.

[Historic Farm Houses](#)

[Buildings at Historic Dabney Farm](#)

2.3.3. Residential Buildings

Res. Key	Address	Tax Parcel	Property Name	Date of Const.	Style	NR/ Local District	LM Status
TA-1	6710 Massaponax	48-A-44					
TA-5	8126 Courthouse Road	47-A-98					
TA-6	8118 Courthouse Road	47-A-99					
TA-7	7934 Courthouse Road	47-A-104	Goose Hill				
TA-16	7910 Brock Road	33-A-75					
TA-17	7940 Brock Road	33-A-63	Sunlight P.O. Site				
TA-18	8116 Brock Road	34-A-33					
TA-19	Robert E Lee Road	47-A-54	Laurel Branch	1880-95	Queen Anne		

Building Characteristics

- ◆ Scale: 1 1/2- and 2-story
- ◆ Type: single-family residential
- ◆ Style: minimal stylistic detailing; majority are [vernacular](#) house forms such as I-houses and bungalows

The abandoned house at [Laurel Branch \(TA-19\)](#) is an example of the vernacular house form called a gabled-ell-and-wing its gable-end and cornice line detailing is unusually stylistic for the Transitional Planning Area

These one-and-a-half story houses on [Massaponax \(TA-1\)](#) (top) and [Courthouse Road \(TA-6\)](#) (bottom) are examples of the bungalow [house type](#). The porch piers and column - especially those on TA-6 are typical of the Craftsman style. Both houses have been covered with synthetic siding

- ◆ Exterior Materials: weatherboard the predominant original building material; asbestos, vinyl, and aluminum siding have been applied to many of the houses
- ◆ Roof Form: side and cross gable, common materials are asphalt shingle and standing seam in etal
- ◆ Roof Pitch: most display moderately pitched roofs
- ◆ Massing: simple massing patterns consisting primarily of the main mass and sometimes a projecting wing; full- and partial-facade porches common
- ◆ Directional Emphasis: 1 1/2-story examples tend to be neutrally-oriented; 2-story more vertical
- ◆ Area Observations: Brock Road out to National Military Park has a very intact rural character with some notable rural landscapes. The existing newer development at Courthouse Crossings is sufficiently set back so as not to intrude upon the rural character. It should be noted, however, that the road frontage lot is platted and could be developed at a later time thus destroying the existing incidental [buffer](#).

208 Corridor is extremely scenic with significant historic farmsteads and associated rural landscapes.

Old Courthouse Road/Block House Road/Robert E Lee have mixed character: moderate amount of newer development but still retain some nice rural areas/farmsteads: south of crossroads have some poorly kept properties/trailers that detract from area

This two-story house at [Goose Hill \(TA-7\)](#), with its modest detailing and simple massing, is typical of the houses in the Transitional Area.

[TA-17 and TA-18](#) are located out Brock Road across from the National Military Park