

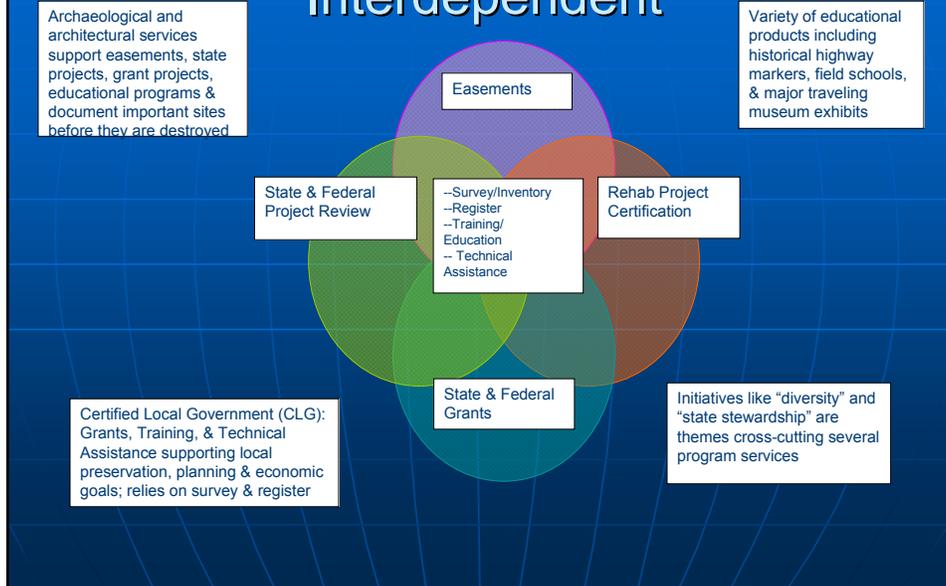
# Department of Historic Resources

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## DHR—A Small Agency with a Complex, Statewide Mission & Impact

- People—53 positions total for SFY2009
  - 35.5 state funded
  - 4.5 funded with special revenues
  - 2 funded by Commonwealth Transportation Funds
  - 12 federally funded through Historic Preservation Fund (11) or TEA21 grant (1)
- Facilities
  - Richmond Office with archives, archaeological collections and labs, & staff offices for statewide programs
  - 4 Regional Offices with 3 professional specialists each in Richmond, Newport News, Roanoke and Stephens City
  - Administrative Office based in Petersburg

## DHR Services are Interrelated and Interdependent



## DHR SFY2007 Performance in a Nutshell

- Surveyed & added 5823 properties to the inventory
- Added 95 historic properties to the Virginia Landmarks Register including
  - 10 state-owned properties
  - 18 that reflect Virginia's rich diversity
- Helped 242 property owners/developers to complete rehabilitation projects totaling \$286,978,017 in private investment
- Finalized 23 new historic preservation easements
- Assisted 1800 State/Federal projects requiring 3780 separate actions
- Trained 2762 people in the tools they need to fulfill preservation objectives
- Reached 28,542 through DHR sponsored or cosponsored educational events including
  - 14,030 at events that focused on Virginia's rich diversity
- Placed 39 new or replacement historical markers on Virginia highways including
  - 18 that reflect VA's rich diversity
- Provided information to 6572 customers through DHR archives alone

## Nationally Recognized Leader

- Ranked #1 in listing historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places (#3 for listings of all types)
- Opening the door to easement donation and increased rehabilitation activity



Southern Albemarle Rural Historic District

## Strong Economic Benefits



Roanoke



South Boston

- Consistently ranked #2 nationally for rehabilitation projects—\$172 million private investment in FFY 2006
- “Prosperity Through Preservation” study in partnership with Virginia Commonwealth University analyzed the economic benefits of 10 years of the Virginia Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit
  - Nearly \$1.6 billion total economic impact
  - 60% of those surveyed said that their project would not have been possible without the credits

# Support Heritage Tourism

- Backbone of \$17-18 billion tourism industry
- Visitors to historic sites spend **2.5 times more** and stay longer than other travelers



Martha Washington Inn, Abingdon

# Combines Resource Protection and Service

- Easement program protects neighborhoods and unique Virginia treasures—tourist attractions, battlefields, homes, farms, & businesses throughout the state—441 easements to date
- Considered model State Historic Preservation Office by the US military departments and many other federal agencies for response time and value of assistance



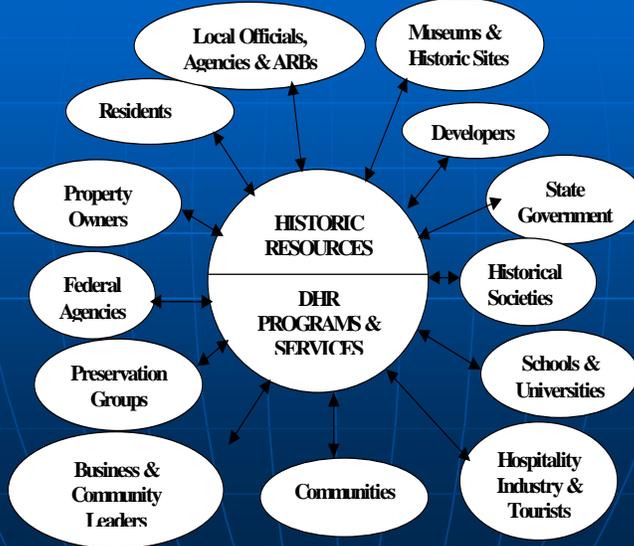
Richmond



Fort Monroe, Hampton

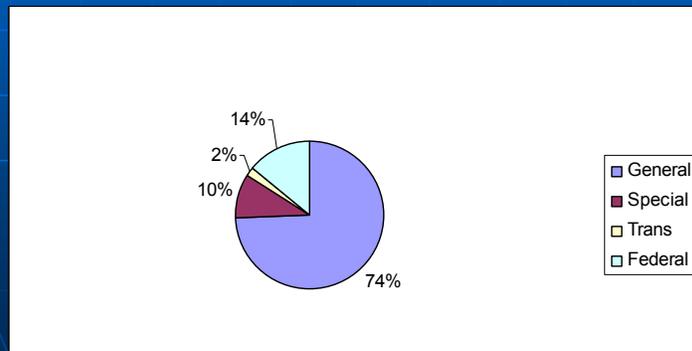
# Partners and Stakeholders

KEY STAKEHOLDERS IN VIRGINIA'S HISTORIC RESOURCES



# Appropriation for SFY 2007-08

General	Special	Trans	Federal	Total
\$4,077,253	\$ 603,869	\$ 100,000	\$883,129	\$5,664,251



## 2008-2010 Budget: Technical Adjustments & Reductions--Bottom Line: Nothing New

### **Distribute Central Appropriations amounts to agency budgets**

- ▶ Adjusts the agency budget to reflect amounts moved from Central Appropriations to cover the cost of items such as the continuation of 2007 and 2008 salary and health insurance premium increases, as well as changes in retirement and disability contribution rates and other centrally funded items. For each year, \$151,244 (GF) and \$167,657 (NGF).

### **Continue 2008 budget reductions**

- ▶ Continues the budget reductions included in the Governor's 2008 reduction plan into the 2008-10 biennium. For 2009, a decrease of \$142,166 (GF), an increase of \$25,000 (NGF), and a reduction of one position. For 2010, a decrease of \$142,166 (GF) and an increase of \$25,000 (NGF)

### **Transfer funding and two positions from the Department of Conservation and Recreation for the historic easement program**

- ▶ Transfers funding and two positions from the Department of Conservation and Recreation to the agency for administration of the historic easement program as authorized by the 2007 Session of the General Assembly. For 2009, \$151,920 (GF) and two positions. For 2010, \$151,920 (GF).

### **Provide additional funding for the Montpelier restoration matching grant**

- ▶ Provides the matching grant funding required under § 10.0-2213.1 of the Code of Virginia for the material restoration of Montpelier in accordance with Code. The additional appropriation for 2009 and 2010 reflects the Commonwealth's required match on restoration expenses realized from September 30, 2006 through September 30, 2007. For each year, \$250,639 (GF).