

Each year,

Preservation Virginia releases a list of historic places across the Commonwealth facing imminent or sustained threats. The program has a track record of success: to date only 10% of the sites listed were lost.

This year's listings reflect some of the most pressing issues affecting historic places in Virginia and the nation, including threats posed by neglect, recurrent flooding, sea-level rise, large-scale industrial development, and changes to urban plans. Partnerships are needed on local, state, and federal levels to find adaptive, collaborative solutions for preserving unique historic sites for the benefit of Virginia communities.

In no particular order, Virginia's Most Endangered Historic Places for 2023 are:

African American Watermen Sites of the Chesapeake Bay

The rural, coastal locations of most watermen communities make them increasingly vulnerable to redevelopment, and recurrent flooding and sea level rise puts many at even more risk.



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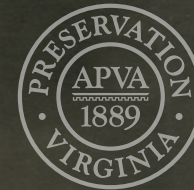
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Willa Cather Birthplace, Frederick County

Famed American fiction writer and Pulitzer Prize-winner Willa Cather was born in an early 19th-century log and frame house. The house, which was recently sold, is in poor condition and needs immediate stabilization.



Virginia's Most Endangered Historic Places 2023



Chapman Beverley Mill, Prince William County

Located in Prince William County's Rural Crescent, this 18th-19th century gristmill was heavily damaged in 1998 by arson. The Turn the Mill Around Campaign began

the steps necessary to stabilize the mill and provide public access, but more support is needed.

Dwellings of the Enslaved, Statewide

Dwellings of the enslaved embody the history of slavery and its legacies of racism, suffering, and oppression. Once widespread, few examples survive today due to weather, deferred maintenance, insensitive development, and the lack of funding.



Slave dwelling at the McCormick Farm in Pittsylvania County

The Town of Potomac Historic District, Alexandria

In recent years approximately 75 contributing buildings in the district were demolished. Creative solutions are needed to provide additional space for homeowners while protecting the district's historic buildings.



Historic High Schools in Virginia Cities—including Maury High School in Norfolk, the Moore Street School in Richmond, Thirteen Acres School in Richmond, and the Peabody-Williams School in Petersburg.

These four schools illustrate a statewide challenge to maintain, adapt, and reuse older educational buildings.



Maury High School



Moore Street School



Peabody-Williams School



Thirteen Acres School



Last Headquarters of the Virginia Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Hampton

This ca.1925 building served as the last headquarters of the Federation formed to improve educational, health and economic opportunities for African American women and children. Support is needed to adapt the building as a center for educating the public.

Bristoe Station Battlefield

The Bristoe Station Battlefield Park in western Prince William County is facing new threats from a massive warehouse development proposal. The overall threat of large-scale industrial development to historic battlefields continues to be a challenge in Virginia.



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