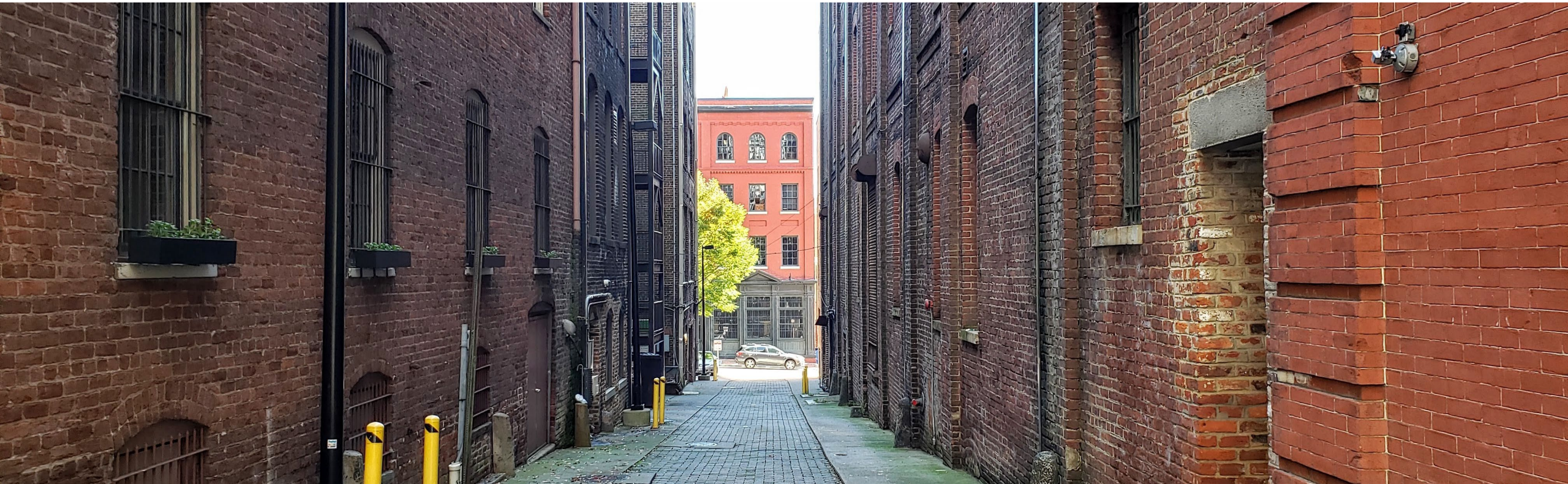




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# CPCR.2025.008: Cultural Heritage Stewardship Plan



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# Why a Cultural Heritage Stewardship Plan?

The purpose of this Cultural Heritage Stewardship Plan (CHSP) is to **establish a clear, equitable, and predicable approach to identifying, recognizing, and conserving the community's cultural and historic assets**. These assets include above-ground resources such as buildings, structures, and landscapes; below-ground resources like archaeological sites or cemeteries; and intangible resources including community identity or character, sense of place, lost sites, and oral history (8)

# What is the CHSP?

- A priority of *Richmond 300*
- A guiding philosophy for a City that tells its stories (and tells the truth about its past)
- A reflection of broad community input
- A catalogue of policy options for future development work by internal and external stakeholders

# What is the CHSP?



## Chapter 1 Introduction



## Chapter 2 Vision and Framework



## Chapter 3 Engage and Educate



## Chapter 4 Identify and Recognize



## Chapter 5 Conserve and Manage Change



## Chapter 6 Collaborative Implementation and Prioritization

1. Lead by Example
2. Conduct a City-Wide Historic Architectural and Archaeological Assessment
3. Implement Recent Enabling Legislation to Conserve Historic Resources
4. Analyze and Evaluate Real Estate Tax Assessment and Abatement Policies

# What are the major changes?

- emphasizes that the plan is a selection of *potential* educational, marketing, regulatory, and administrative tools the City can use to conserve and manage change, with an emphasis on how to support and retain existing residents and local businesses
- affirms that the City will conduct robust community engagement and determine their financial viability and administrative capacity prior to adoption by City Council

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- affirms that the City intends to fund future historic architectural and archaeological assessments
- clarifies that penalties allowed by §15.2-2306 F. Code of Virginia are for properties in a City Old and Historic District
- changes “implement” to “analyze and evaluate” real estate tax assessment and abatement policies
- corrects terminology for property tax rebate programs

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- clarifies that Cultural Heritage Districts are less restrictive recognitions without additional regulations or requirements
- amends the significant viewshed definition to be “the minimum unobstructed elliptical cone necessary to view a significant cultural resource from a specific vantage point on public property or right-of-way and as shown on the official zoning map of the city”

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- clarifies that community engagement is for initiatives and development projects requiring legislative approvals
- alters maps showing concentrations of new construction and demolitions
- adds the Department of Housing and Community Development as a primary user, implementer, and partner

# What is our recommendation?

Adopt **CPCR.2025.008**:

Resolution of the City Planning Commission to Adopt the Cultural Heritage Stewardship Plan.

# Questions and discussion