

11. NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTER NOMINATIONS PROJECT KICK-OFF PRESENTATION

As you recall from your May meeting, we've contracted to have National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) nominations prepared for the Sebrell Rural Historic District, the Southampton County Court House and the Rochelle-Prince House.

The nominations will be prepared by Dutton + Associates, a Richmond-based consultant, with expertise in nomination preparation. Mr. David Dutton, a managing partner, has over 20 years of experience in archaeology and 15 years of experience in historic preservation law and cultural resource management. Previously, he directed the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Division of Project Review where he managed all federal and state environmental reviews, rehabilitation tax credit project certification, historic preservation easements, covenants, and archaeological permits. Prior to his work at the state, Mr. Dutton served as a project review archaeologist for the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Also working on the project is Mr. Robert Taylor, Jr., their Architectural Historian. Mr. Taylor holds a B.A. in Historic Preservation from University of Mary Washington and an M.A. in Historic Preservation from Savannah College of Art and Design. He has over 3 years of cultural resource management experience.

Among other things, Dutton + Associates will conduct background research on the three sites in order to establish the appropriate significance statements for qualification. In addition, they'll photo-document each of the respective sites and develop the information necessary to document the architectural and structural development and evolution of historic structures and other features.

I've invited Dutton + Associates to share a project "kick-off" presentation where they will explain the NRHP nomination process and present their proposed timeline. It is anticipated that the draft NRHP nominations for all 3 sites will be completed and ready for submittal by early 2010.

NO MOTION REQUIRED