

# Transportation Related Projects

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**Firm's Responsibilities:**

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**Client:**

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In 2007, CRI was awarded a three-year Statewide Cultural Resource Services Contract with the Virginia Department of Transportation. To date, CRI has completed five projects under this contract and is currently working on a sixth. CRI's responsibilities included Phase I and II archaeological survey, reconnaissance-level architectural survey, intensive-level architectural survey, and the preparation of a National Register Nomination. A brief summary of several projects completed to date follows.

*Phase II Evaluation of Site 44ST0971, Stafford County, Virginia*

In July 2008, Cultural Resources, Inc. (CRI) conducted a Phase II archaeological evaluation of site 44ST0971, an historic sandstone quarry in Stafford County, Virginia. The site covers about 3.5 acres in the median of Interstate 95 between Mile Markers 141.75 and 141.9, and is located about 1.5 miles west of Aquia Creek, on its tributary, Austin Run. The most notable feature of site 44ST0971 is an in situ boundary stone carved with "TT" (Thomas Towson?), "AG" (Alexander Gaddes?), and "RS" (Richard Steuart/Stewart/Stuart?). The goal of this Phase II archaeological evaluation was to make a definitive recommendation on the eligibility of site 44ST0971 to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A and B. Criterion C is considered not applicable to this site. While important information relating to the local sandstone quarrying industry was recovered during the Phase I and II investigations at the site, Site 44ST0971 is not likely to produce additional significant information therefore, Site 44ST0971 was recommended not eligible for listing on the NRHP under Criterion D.



*An Architectural Survey of Seven Individual Properties and One Historic District for the I-64/264 Interchange Improvement Project, Norfolk, Virginia*

Cultural Resources, Inc., conducted an architectural survey of seven individual resources and one potential historic district for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Hampton Roads District. This project consisted of surveying two individual dwellings, a school, an abandoned railroad, a cemetery, a potential canal remnant, the Kempsville Canal, and a potential historic district in order to identify resources that may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and to update the Virginia Department of Historic Resources's (VDHR) DSS forms.

*Phase I Archaeological Survey for the Capital Trail, Sherwood Forest Phase, Charles City County, Virginia*

From May 27 through June 13, 2008, CRI conducted an archaeological survey of the Virginia Capital Bike Trail, Sherwood Forest Phase in Charles City County, Virginia. CRI designed the survey methods to provide VDOT with definitive information on the presence and type of archaeological resources located in the project corridor and the Area of Potential Effects (APE) and to assess the potential for further investigation of any identified sites. The archaeological field work included pedestrian reconnaissance and systematic subsurface testing of the proposed APE, in an effort to identify surface and subsurface cultural resources and to document the level of integrity and prior disturbances. Archaeologists excavated a total of 704 shovel tests within the proposed APE. Four archaeological sites (44CC0405 through 44CC0408) were identified. Site 44CC0406 is a Middle Woodland to Late Woodland camp site and 44CC0407 is a late 19<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> century commercial site.