



PRINCE WILLIAM
COUNTY

Cemeteries & Development Process

County Archaeologist
Prince William County Planning Office
Racial and Social Justice Commission
August 18, 2022

Agenda

I. Definitions

II. Cemeteries types

III. Development Process

- PWC Zoning Ordinance
- VA Code

IV. Resources

- Cemetery/burial/grave
- Head stone / foot stone
- Inscribed stone
- Fieldstone
- Unmarked burials
- Burial shaft (soil anomaly/feature)
- Periwinkle/vinca
- Separately platted

Archaeological Delineations

- **Maps extent of burials**
- **No exhumations**
- **Remote Sensing**
 - Ground Penetrating Radar - GPR
 - Electrical Resistivity - ER
 - Conductivity
 - Magnetometer (magnetic fields)
- **Excavation**
 - Machine Trenching
 - Hand dug trenching

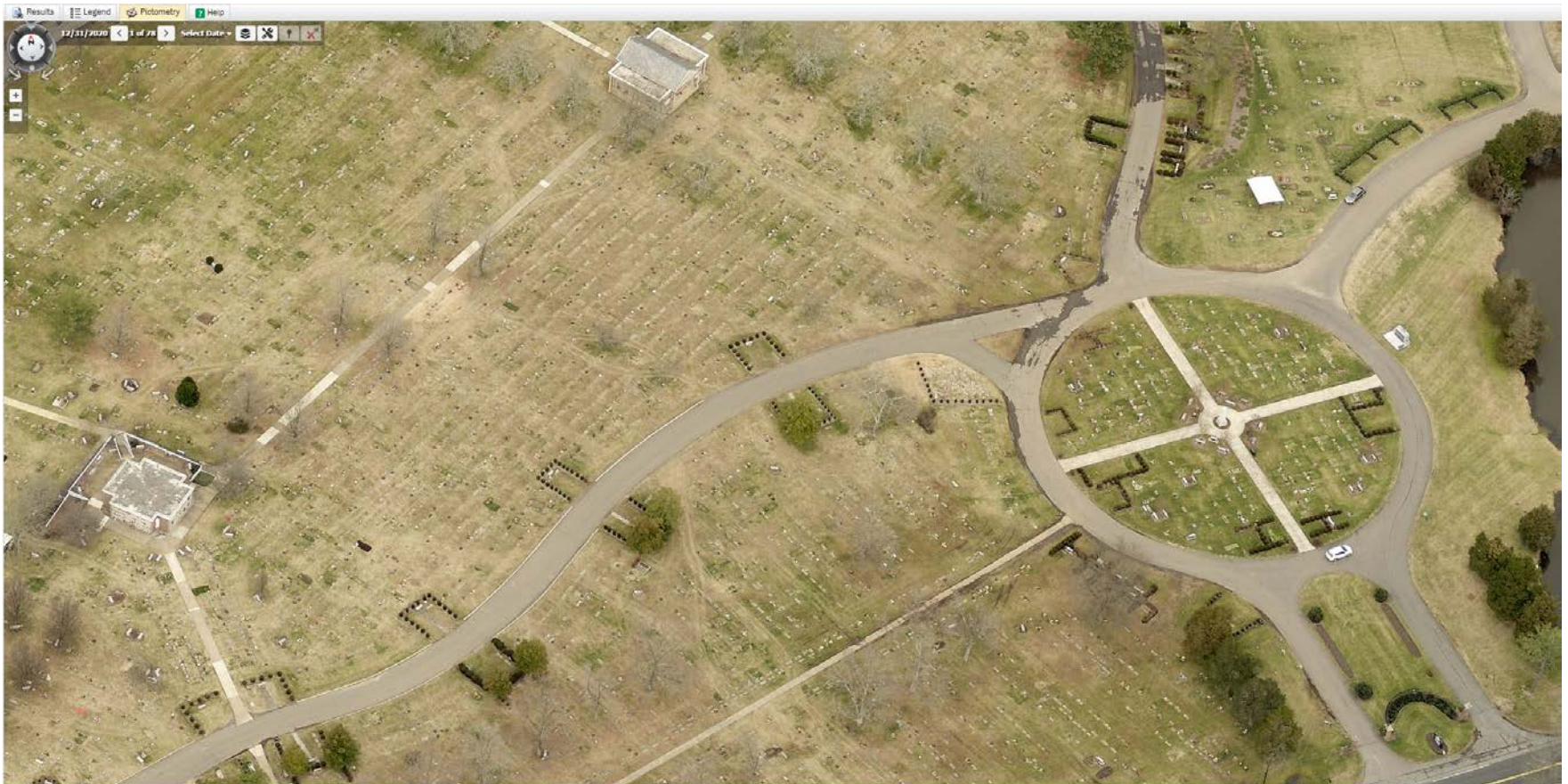
Examples of Cemeteries

- **Commercial**
 - Dressed stones, mausoleums, larger burial structures
 - Internal separation & well defined rows
 - Typically, good record keeping
- **Religious Affiliation**
 - Dressed stones, undressed stones (field stones), unmarked, vegetation, depressions
 - Internal separation & well defined rows
 - Record keeping inconsistent

Examples of Cemeteries – Cont.

- **Military – battlefields/federal land**
 - Dressed stones, undressed stones (field stones), unmarked, vegetation, depressions
 - Internal separation & well-defined rows
 - Record keeping inconsistent
- **Private / Community**
 - Dressed stones, undressed stones (field stones), temporary markers, unmarked, vegetation, depressions
 - Internal separation - sometimes/sometimes not
 - Well defined rows - sometimes/sometimes not

Examples - Commercial



Stonewall Memory Gardens

Examples – Religious/Private



Clem Cemetery

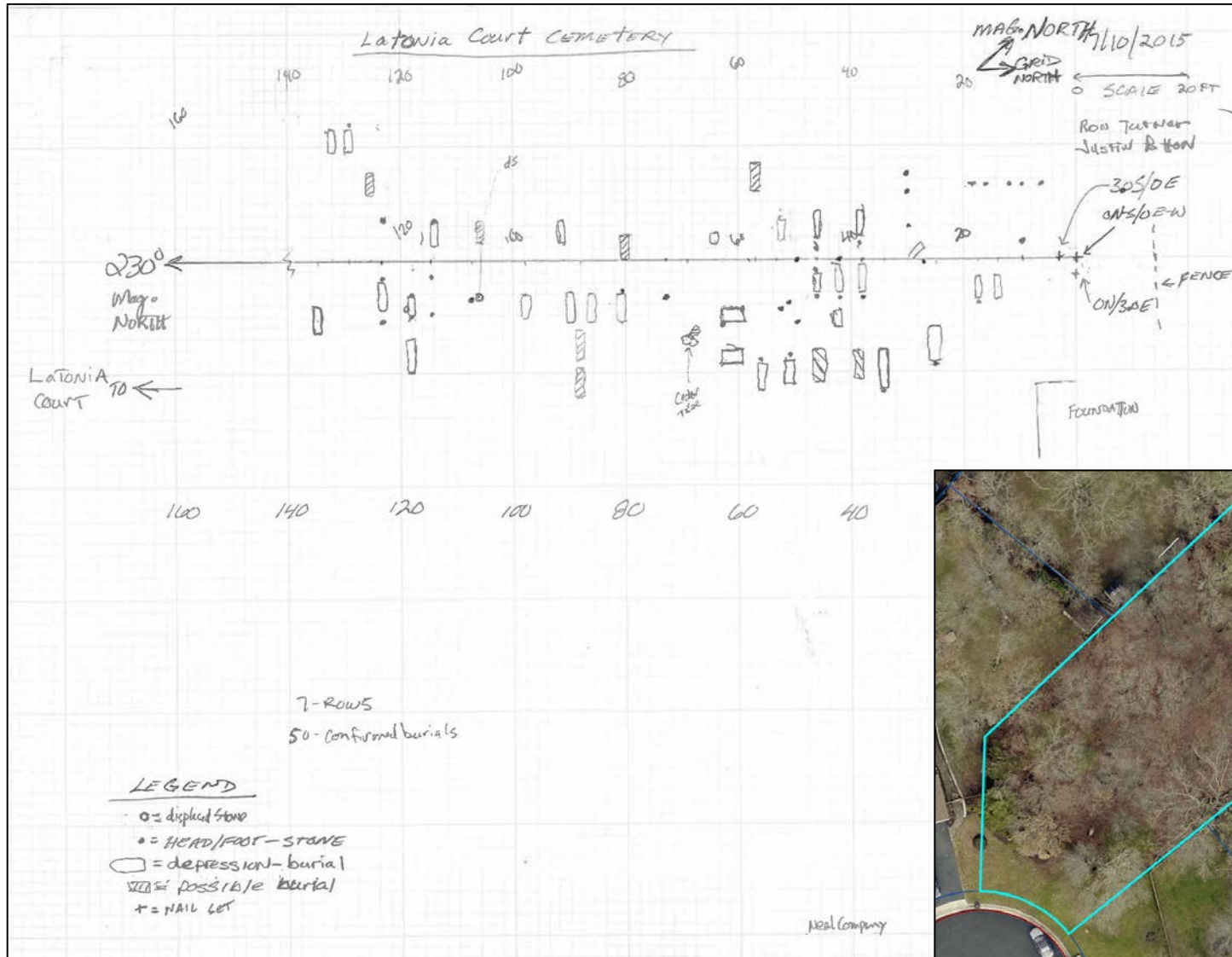
Old St. Mary's Cemetery
at Hynton High School



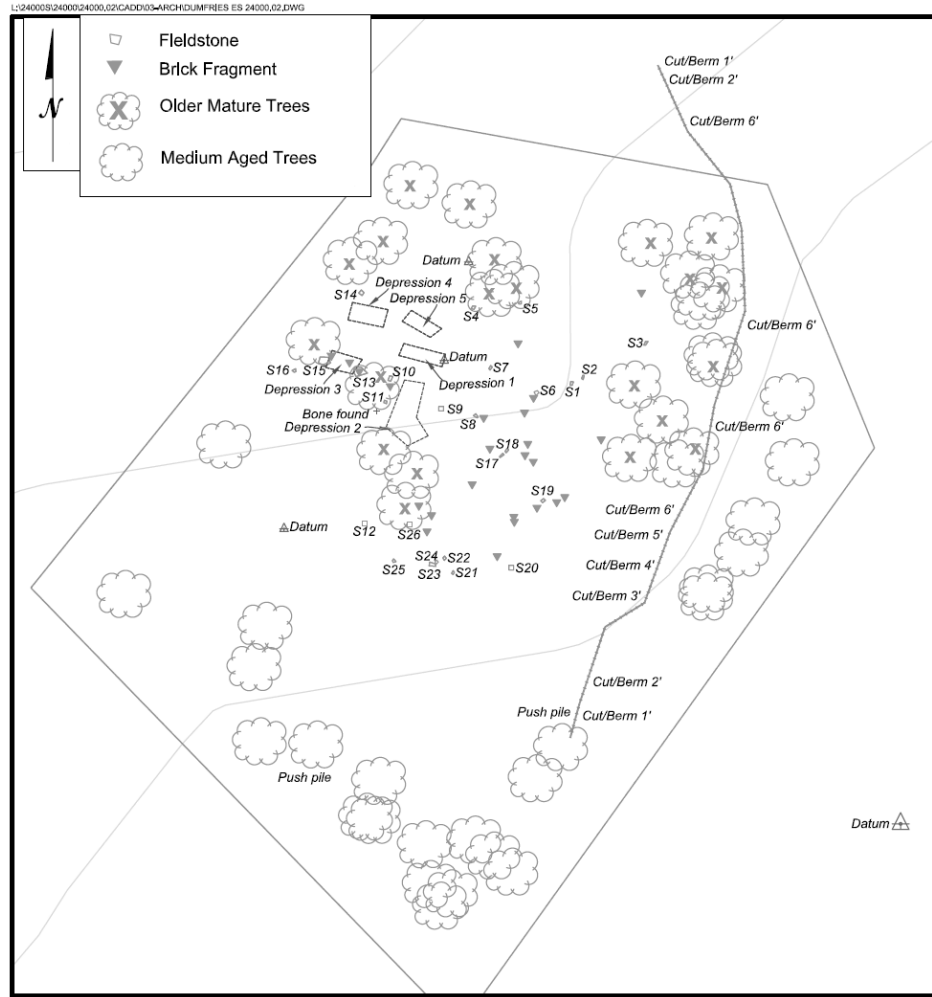
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Example - Latonia Court

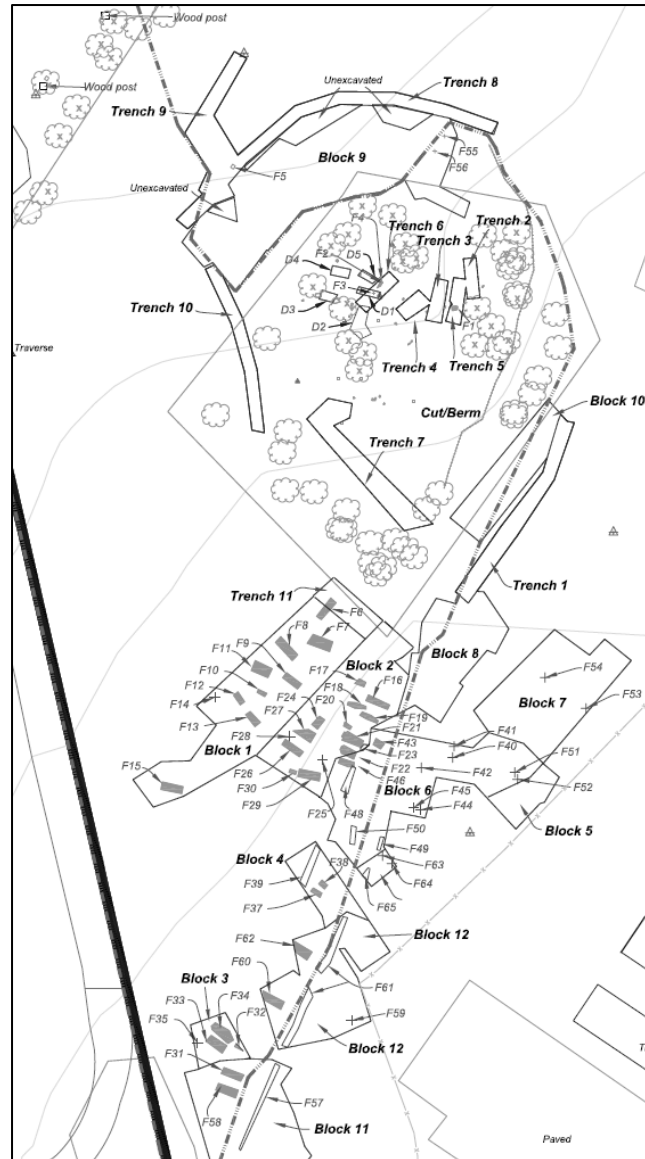


DUMFRIES SLAVE AND FREE AFRICAN AMERICAN CEMETERY



Details of Surface Reconnaissance in Reported Cemetery
 WSSI #24000.02
 1" = 20'

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32-250.110 Preservation of Existing Cemeteries

- Local Ordinance
- Process starts at site plan submission
- Archaeological delineation report
- Establishes
 - Boundary
 - Fencing
 - 25 – foot Cemetery Preservation Area
- In place preservation always recommended
- VA State Code Allows for relocation/removal

- Access
 - § 57-27.1. Access to cemeteries located on private property ...
- Relocation
 - § 57-36. Abandoned or previously unidentified graveyards may be condemned; removal of bodies
 - § 57-38.1. Proceedings by landowner for removal of remains from previously unidentified or abandoned family graveyard
 - § 57-39. Proceedings for removal of remains and sale of land vacated

- County Mapper - Cemetery Preservation Areas
 - Layers / Land Development / Cemetery Preservation Areas
- Cemetery Preservation Coordinator
- County Archaeologist
- Historical Commission
- RELIC – Ruth E. Lloyd Information Center – Central Library
- Historic Prince William
- Virginia Department of Historic Resources

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