



National Register of Historic Places



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Sandston History

Originally founded in 1918 as the workers village for the Seven Pines Loading Plant #3, the area that is now Sandston was purchased by the Richmond-Fairfield Railway Company in 1921 after the loading plant was decommissioned following World War I. Oliver J. Sands, the president of the Richmond-Fairfield Railway Company, developed the area as affordable housing for workers commuting to Richmond using the railway line. The area was officially named Sandston after it was large enough to receive a Post Office in 1923. Sandston continued to grow as a planned community throughout the next four decades, leading to substantial commercial growth along Williamsburg Road and residential growth to the north of the commercial area. The growth of Sandston throughout the early 20th century resulted in the Post Office doubling in size in 1966, marking the end of the period of significance for the district.

Sandston was recognized through listings in the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register in 2021.

"I'm in a District?"

Owning a property located within a district listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places does not place any additional restrictions on what a property owner can do with their land or buildings. Owners remain free to use, alter, improve, and even demolish buildings with no additional approvals or oversight. This is purely honorary and provides access to tax credits for rehabilitation to contributing structures within the district.



Historic Tax Credits

Property Owners in the Sandston Historic District are eligible for substantial financial incentives when rehabilitating buildings. Property Owners are eligible for a 25% state income tax credit for qualifying rehabilitation, and owners of income-producing property are also eligible for a 20% federal income tax credit. In order to qualify for either of the tax credit programs, the building must be considered "contributing" to the district. For Sandston, this generally means buildings built before 1966.

Both state and federal tax credit programs are administered by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. More information about tax credits including specific staff contacts, application forms, questions and answers, and technical guidance can be found on their website at www.dhr.virginia.gov/tax-credits. DHR can also be reached by phone at **(804) 482-6446**.

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