

To: Historic Board Members

From: Cobbin McGee

Date: September 9, 2024

Re: Historic Buildings and District Assessment Project (FDEM grant)

OVERVIEW

The town of Eatonville has not had an update to the historic survey that was done as part of the original application (approximately in 1997) to establish the town's current historic preservation area. (map is attached to this memo). The town submitted a grant application and was awarded assistance through the FDEM. The Town of Eatonville was awarded assistance from FEMA's DR4673 Community Assistance Recovery Support Function (CA RSF) to update the historic survey as required by the Town's LDC.

SCOPE (To be completed by end of September)

There are four tasks currently underway:

Task 1. Identification of Historic Properties (project team came to the town and surveyed the area in August). Conduct a built environment survey outside the existing historic district to identify historic properties within the boundaries of the Town of Eatonville.

Task 2. Archaeological Site Data Collection. Gather information about previous archaeological investigations in and around the Town of Eatonville that may include environmental setting, geological setting, prehistoric setting, historic context, and options for archaeological investigations.

Task 3. Preliminary History and Architecture Preservation Strategy

This task aims to assist the Town of Eatonville with promoting the history and architecture of the town. An initial framework for the preservation strategy will be developed which could be further expanded by the town in the future. The initial framework plan will be accompanied by a historic preservation funding matrix. The matrix will identify strengths and weaknesses associated with the potential funding, and other key considerations, such as requirements, potential partners, timing, and schedule.

Task 4. Historic Preservation Officer Training

Create a historic preservation training module for the Town of Eatonville historic preservation officer that they can then give to city employees, neighborhood organizations, and interested citizens. The module will include the roles and responsibilities of the Historic Preservation Officer; federal, state, and local preservation regulations; education and outreach; grants and other funding opportunities; historic tax credits; and a list of resources and tools. Includes one training virtual session.

NEXT STEPS

We will provide the Historic Preservation Board, by the end of the year, with all the final deliverables, and seek to formally update, if necessary, the Historic Boundaries, add new area(s) as recommended.

