

# EATONVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD UPDATE



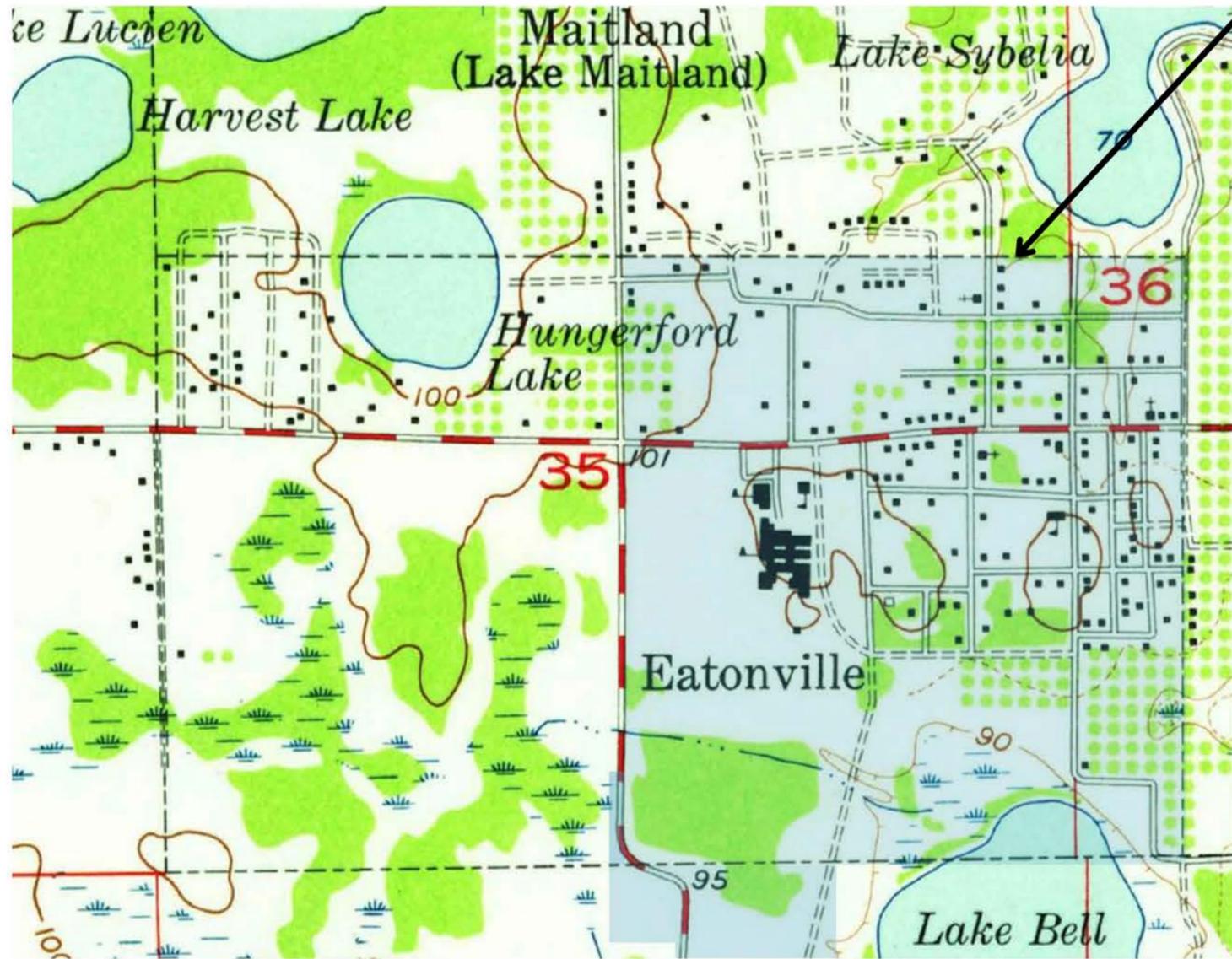
National Trust for Historic Preservation  
**African American**  
Cultural Heritage Action Fund



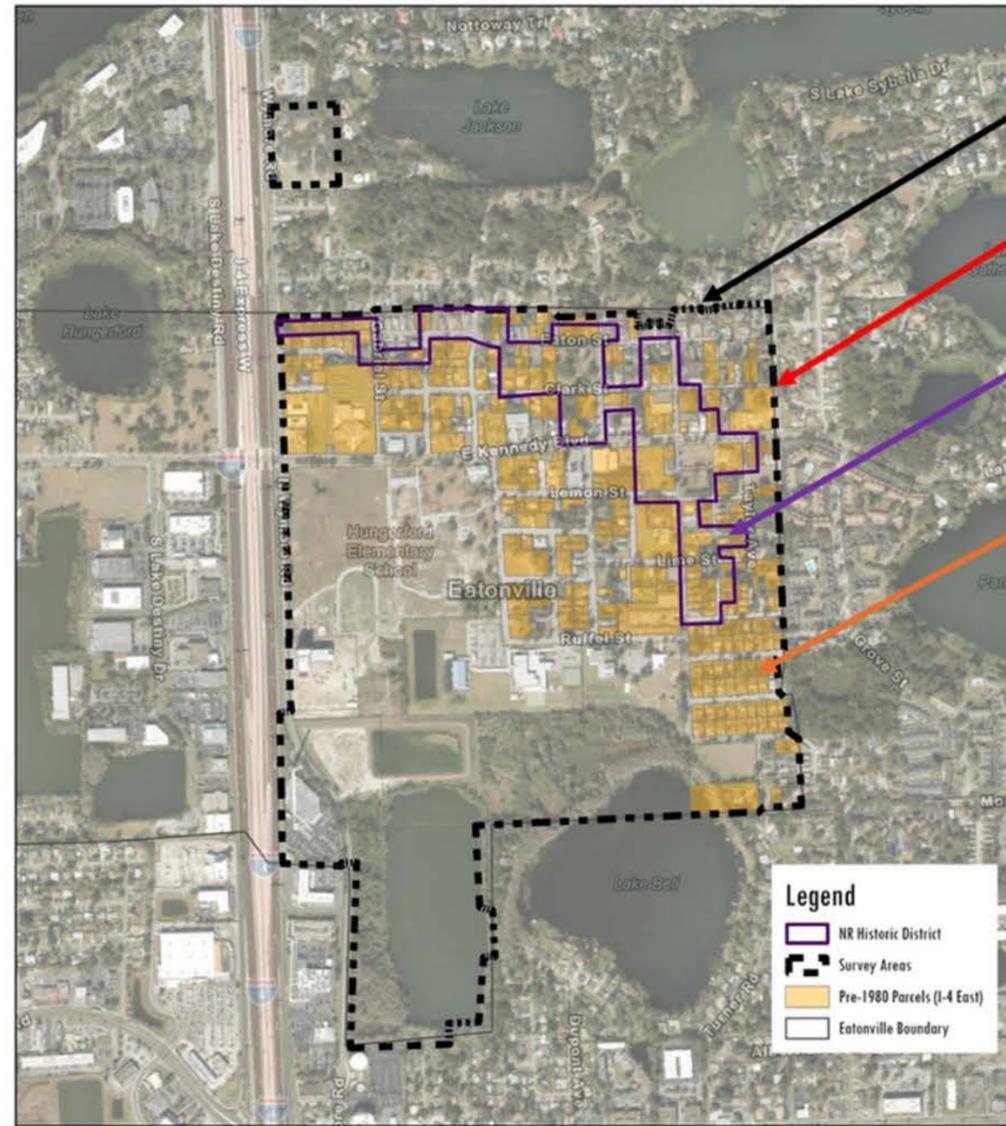
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# PROJECT BACKGROUND



1956 Town of Eatonville Topographic Map



Survey Area Map

Survey Area

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Eatonville Plat

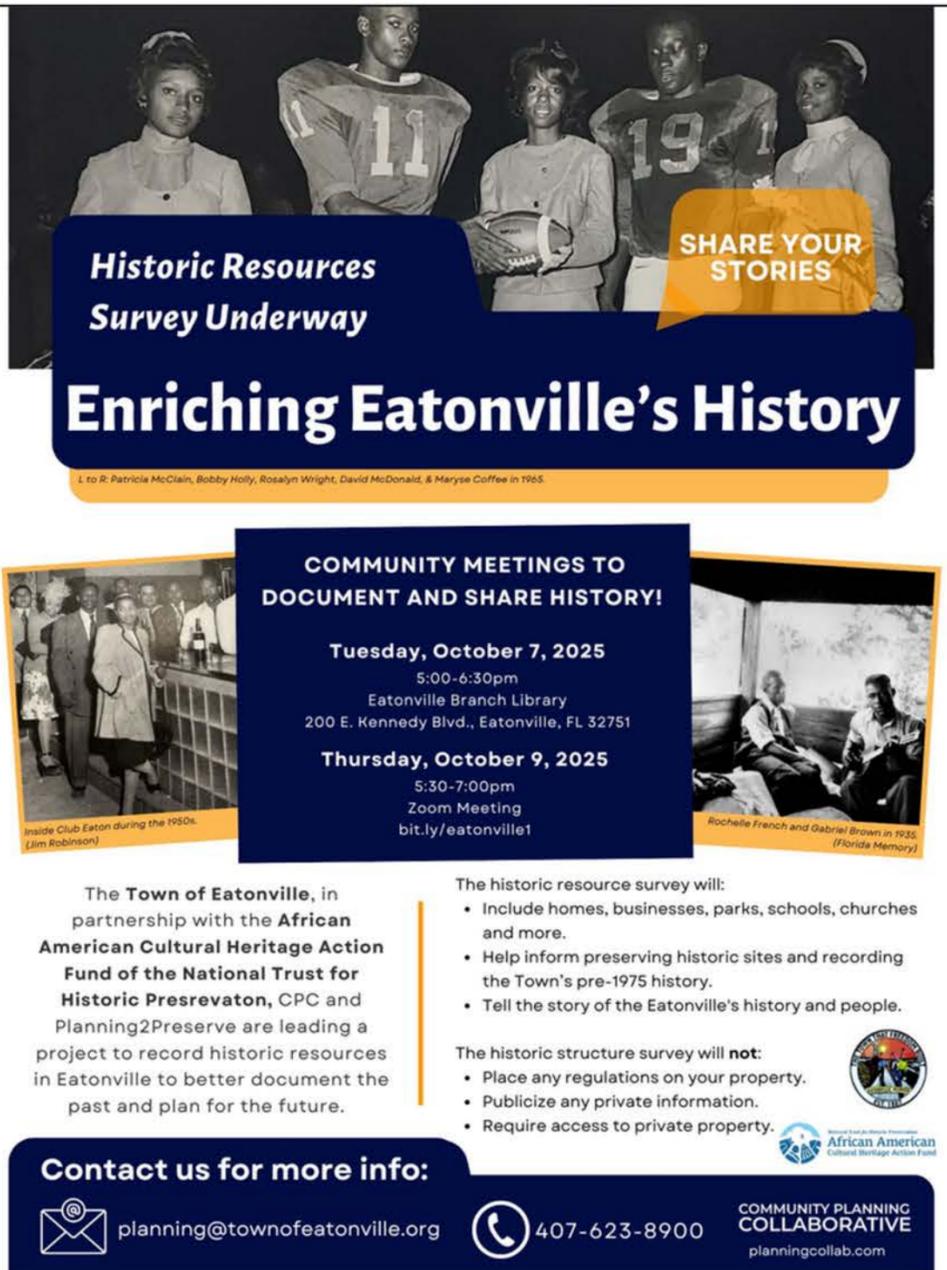
1998 National Register Historic District

Pre-1980 Parcels (East of I-4)



# Town of Eatonville Historic Resources Survey

# PROJECT PLAN OVERVIEW



**Historic Resources Survey Underway**

**Enriching Eatonville's History**

**SHARE YOUR STORIES**

L to R: Patricia McClain, Bobby Holly, Rosalyn Wright, David McDonald, & Maryse Coffee in 1955.

**COMMUNITY MEETINGS TO DOCUMENT AND SHARE HISTORY!**

**Tuesday, October 7, 2025**  
5:00-6:30pm  
Eatonville Branch Library  
200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751

**Thursday, October 9, 2025**  
5:30-7:00pm  
Zoom Meeting  
[bit.ly/eatonville1](https://bit.ly/eatonville1)

Inside Club Eaton during the 1950s. (Jim Robinson)

Rochelle French and Gabriel Brown in 1935. (Florida Memory)

The **Town of Eatonville**, in partnership with the **African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund of the National Trust for Historic Preservation**, CPC and Planning2Preserve are leading a project to record historic resources in Eatonville to better document the past and plan for the future.

The historic resource survey will:

- Include homes, businesses, parks, schools, churches and more.
- Help inform preserving historic sites and recording the Town's pre-1975 history.
- Tell the story of the Eatonville's history and people.

The historic structure survey will **not**:

- Place any regulations on your property.
- Publicize any private information.
- Require access to private property.

**Contact us for more info:**

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**COMMUNITY PLANNING COLLABORATIVE**  
[planningcollab.com](http://planningcollab.com)



- Phase 1 - Data Collection, Research & Community Outreach
- Phase 2 - Fieldwork & Data Forms
- Phase 3 - Draft Survey Report
- Phase 4 - Final Forms & Survey Report



# Town of Eatonville Historic Resources Survey

# PHASE 1: DATA COLLECTION, RESEARCH & COMMUNITY OUTREACH



- Data Collection and Archival Research
- October 7, 2025 - Town Council Meeting
- October 7, 2025 - Community Workshop
- October 9, 2025 - Community Workshop
- October 16, 2025 - Historic Preservation Board
- October 16, 2025 - Planning & Zoning Board



# PHASE 1: COMMUNITY OUTREACH FEEDBACK

## What historic buildings or sites stand out to you as representing Eatonville?

Heroes

Poncho's

Hungerford

Wymore

"The Red Store"

The Moseley House

11 Taylor Avenue

St. Lawrence

Water Towers

Post Office

Thomas House

Funeral Home/City Hall

Library

## What important people in Eatonville have made a lasting impact?

Mr. Otey (Hungerford Principal & Town Historian - Memoir)

Mr. Fimore

Peter L. Lias

Matilda Moseley ("Tillie," niece of town founder; friend of Zora)

Ancestors buried in Old Town Cemetery

Catherine W. Clark Alexander (Postmaster; Joe Clark descendant)

Ms. Ware

Ms. Tina McCall Waters

Mayor Abraham Gordon

Deacon Jones (NFL Player Hall of Fame)

Norman Lewis (actor)

N.Y. Nathiri

Zora Neale Hurston

## What important events in Eatonville have made a lasting impact?

Juneteenth (about a decade ago)

5K Walk

MLK Jr Parade

The "Zegthe" ball?

Hungerford Band (at Hannibal Square - look up)

Construction of I-4

Zora Fest

Closure of Hungerford

Proposal to widen Kennedy Blvd.

Land use threats - adult entertainment, incinerator - backstory to formation of PEC

## Where did you go to shop and eat in Eatonville?

Boswell's Tavern

Mr. Gordon's Restaurant (near Mosley house)

Ms. Ward's (hamburgers)

Neats

Coleman's Pizza

Benton's BBQ

Homestyle

Soul Food Fantasy

Reed's Grocery

Tiger Store

Frame Shop (prior to this was House of Beauty & Charm - Eloise Evans)

Post Office (current post office used to be town hall)

Verreen Cabinetry



# PHASE 1: COMMUNITY OUTREACH FEEDBACK

## What entertainment venues did you visit in Eatonville?

- The Rainbow
- Mr. B's & Heroes
- Drive-In
- Club Eaton
- Pool and Tennis Court
- Denton Johnson Community Center

## What church did you go to in Eatonville?

- Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
- St. Lawrence

## What demolished buildings do you miss the most?

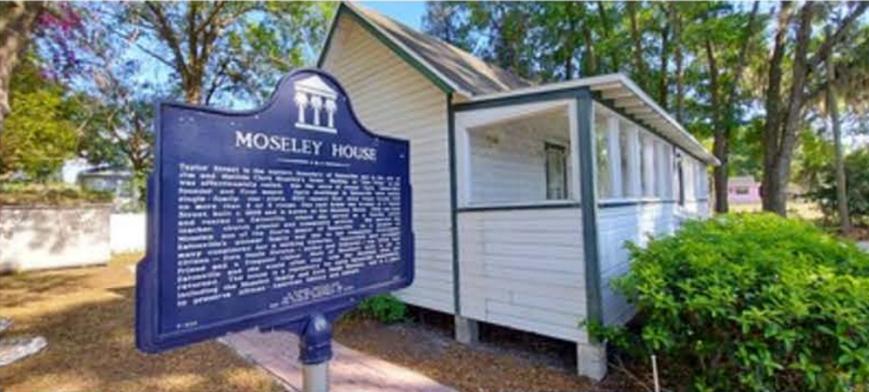
- Hungerford School
- Old Elementary School (pre-remodel)
- Citrus groves

## Is there anything else you'd like to share about Eatonville's history?

- MLK Parade & January Camival
- Pop Wamer Football
- CETA Summer Employment Program
- Tennis Program (Ms. Ware & Tina McCall Waters)
- Orange groves
- Mack's Garage/Service Station (was home of museum for many years)
- Healthy Eatonville Place
- Joe Clark Store
- The Ladies Club
- Economic development conversations
- Development of PEC
- Mr. Monroe - 1<sup>st</sup> house on Katherine Avenue
- Ben Smith Motel
- Fomer Eatonville Cemtery
- Life Center
- Eatonville Day Care/Kindergarten (1<sup>st</sup> early learning center)
- Laundry/Salon on Kennedy
- Hungerford Elementary



# PHASE 2: FIELD WORK & DRAFT FORMS



- Conduct survey fieldwork for 260 sites developed prior to 1980 in the oldest section of Town (east of Interstate 4)
- 138 estimated updated site files and required attachments
- 122 estimated new site files and required attachments



# PHASE 2: FIELD WORK & DRAFT FORMS

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Original  
 Update



**HISTORICAL CEMETERY FORM**  
FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE  
Version 5.0 3/19

Consult the Guide to Historical Cemetery Form for detailed instructions.

Site # **OR12445**  
Field Date **10-16-2025**  
Form Date **11-13-2025**  
Recorder # **JMM**

Cemetery Name Old City Cemetery / Eatonville Cemetery Multiple Listing (DHR only) \_\_\_\_\_  
Project Name Eatonville Historic Resources Survey Survey # (DHR only) \_\_\_\_\_  
Ownership:  private-profit  private-nonprofit  private-individual  private-nonspecific  city  county  state  federal  Native American  foreign  unknown

**LOCATION & MAPPING**

USGS 7.5 Map Name ORLANDO WEST USGS Date \_\_\_\_\_ Plat or Other Map Lawrence's Eatonville  
City/Town (within 3 miles) Eatonville In City Limits?  yes  no  unknown County Orange  
Township 21S Range 29E Section 36 1/4 section  NW  SW  SE  NE Irregular Sect. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Township \_\_\_\_\_ Range \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 section  NW  SW  SE  NE  
Landgrant \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Parcel # multiple  
UTM Coordinates: Zone  16  17 Easting [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] Northing [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]  
Other Coordinates: X: \_\_\_\_\_ Y: \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinate System & Datum \_\_\_\_\_  
Address / Vicinity / Route to:  
General vicinity: north of Clark Street, northwest corner of Lawrence's Eatonville Subdivision.

Public Tract Containing Cemetery (e.g. park name) Lewis Lawrence's Eatonville Subdivision

**HISTORY**

Year Cemetery Established 1890  approximately  year listed or earlier  year listed or later **Clear Check Boxes**  
Ownership History (especially original owners)  
Walking tour brochure: land for the cemetery donated by Sam Moseley, one of Eatonville's pioneers & 5th mayor; and Mr. Weston a previous slave holder  
Year Burials Ceased, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_ Reason(s) Burials Ceased (describe below) \_\_\_\_\_  
Remained active until 1931 and today is covered by residential development; per OR09101 NR Nomination  
Range of Death Dates: Earliest Year \_\_\_\_\_ Most Recent Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Acreage Expansions/Dates \_\_\_\_\_  
List People Important in Local, State, or National History Buried in Cemetery  
per brochure: Sam Moseley, Joseph Clark; Other families mentioned include the Bogers, Westons, Lesters, and the Joneses.  
Describe Previous Repair, Cleaning or Restoration Efforts \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIPTION**

Type (select all that apply)  community  company town  epidemic  family  fraternal order  
 memorial park  military (not national)  municipal  national  potter's field  
 prison  religious  Rural Movement  other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic Group(s) Interred (select all that apply)  White non-Hispanic  Hispanic  Asian  Caribbean  African American  
 American Indian-tribe: \_\_\_\_\_  other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Status:  still used for burials  no longer used for burials, but maintained  abandoned  
Condition:  well maintained  some areas maintained  poorly maintained  not maintained, but easily identifiable  
 not maintained, hard to identify  not identifiable but known to exist (explain): See Eatonville NR Nomination

Total # of Graves: \_\_\_\_\_ Does Total # Include Unmarked Graves?:  yes  no  
Describe Evidence of Unmarked Graves (include count) \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Cemetery Size (give length by width or area, specify ft, m, ac, ha, etc.) 3 acres per brochure  
Describe Cemetery Boundary (e.g. "cast iron fence", stone or brick wall, hedge, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Historical Vegetation (trees, shrubs, flowers) \_\_\_\_\_  
Public Access:  unlimited  restricted: how? public parcel on cemetery corner is fully accessible.  
Threats (select all that apply)  abandonment  agriculture  mining/timbering  public development  private development  
 desecration/vandalism  other (explain): most of cemetery is built on except a public parcel

Associated Historical Properties/Archaeological Remains (non-cemetery) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check if Historical Structure Form completed  Check if Archaeological Site Form completed

DHR USE ONLY	OFFICIAL EVALUATION	DHR USE ONLY
NR List Date _____	SHPO - Appears to meet criteria for NR listing: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> insufficient info Date _____ Init. _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner Objection	KEEPER - Determined eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <b>Clear Check Boxes</b> Date _____	
	NR Criteria for Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d (see National Register Bulletin 15, p. 2)	

HR048R0210, effective 05/2016 Florida Master Site File / Div. of Historical Resources / R. A. Gray Bldg / 500 S Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250  
Rule 1A-46.001, F.A.C. Phone 850.245.6440 / Fax 850.245.6429 / E-mail: SiteFile@dos.fl.gov

## FINDINGS

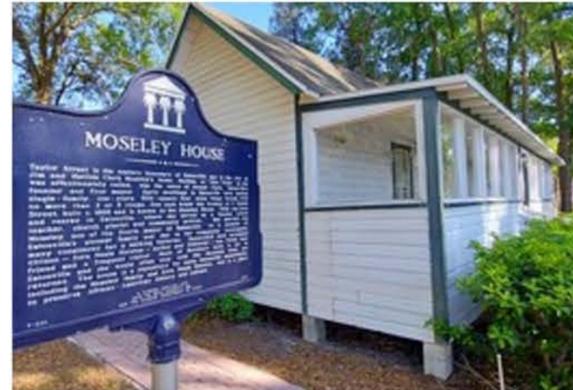
- In total, the survey recorded **289** historic properties, including updated [n=**56**] and newly documented resources [n=**233**] as well as properties that have been demolished [n=**19**].



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# PHASE 3: DRAFT SURVEY REPORT



- Draft Survey Report - An extra emphasis and focus on cultural heritage updates in the survey area since the 1997 National Register designation
- Provide recommendations for next steps

**ANTICIPATED DRAFT SURVEY REPORT COMPLETION EARLY APRIL**



# PHASE 3: NEXT STEP RECOMMENDATIONS

## EXAMPLES OF RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION



Existing cultural heritage signage in need of replacement

- Additional Survey for Eatonville west of I-4
- Archaeology study of original town cemetery
- Develop a new cultural heritage trail and digital heritage tourism experience, collecting more oral histories
- Expansion of National Register/Local Historic District boundaries and linking with land use and zoning policies



# PHASE 4: FINAL FORMS & SURVEY REPORT



1961 Town of Eatonville Plat Map

- May 5, 2026 - Town Council Meeting
- May 7, 2026 - Historic Preservation Board Meeting
- May 14, 2026 - Planning & Zoning Board Meeting
- Finalize FMSF Forms, Survey Report / Next Step Recommendations
- Final virtual meeting with NTHP/AACHAF

**JUNE 2026 ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE**  
**CONTRACT ENDS JULY 31, 2026**



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