The National Register of Historic Places & Cruser Place Historic District

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National Register of Historic Places

- Established in 1966 under the National Historic Preservation Act
- Goal of identifying, evaluating, and protecting historic and archaeological resources
- Resources include districts, sites, buildings, objects, and structures
- Overseen by the National Park Service
- Managed and coordinated through the Stated Historic Preservation Office, or the Virginia Department of Historic Resources
General Criteria for Evaluation

- Is the resource at least 50 years old?
- Does the property have integrity?
- Is the property significant?
National Register Criteria for Evaluation

A. Associated with broad patterns of our history
B. Associated with significant persons
C. Architecture
D. Archaeology

At the local, statewide, or national level

Plat of Cruser Place c.1918
Impact of National Register Listing

- **HONORIFIC** recognition designed to promote stewardship
- **NO INFRINGEMENT** on private property rights
- Triggers **SECTION 106** Review
- Makes **TAX CREDITS** available
National Register Application Process

- STEP 1: Preliminary Information Form
- STEP 2: Initial Public Engagement & Survey of Historic District Resources [WE ARE HERE]
- STEP 3: Submission of Nomination
- STEP 4: Legal Public Notification (mailings & Public Hearing with DHR)
- STEP 5: State Review Board and Virginia Board of Historic Resources Meeting
- STEP 6: National Park Service Review
Cruser Place Historic District is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under the following Criterion:

- Criterion A
  - Community Planning and Development
  - Commerce
- Criterion C
  - Architecture

Period of Significance
- 1906-1973
Criterion A: Community Planning and Development

c.1903 plat of Cruser Estate

c.1906 plat of Cruser Place

c.1918 plat of Cruser Place

c.1922 plat of Cruser Place

c. 1973 map of CPRV Conservation Area, with Cruser Place in center
Criterion A: Commerce


Above: Riverview Theater c. 1959
Criterion C: Architecture
Cruser Place Historic District Survey

Field survey will begin 1st week of August and continue throughout the month.

What to expect:
- CPG staff members walking the area within and around the boundary with clipboard, phone, or table, and camera.

How we use survey information:
- Write descriptions of each property and document site features
- Refine the number of contributing and non-contributing resources
- Survey files and photographs will be held at VDHR
Historic District Boundary is based on historic patterns of development associated with Cruser Place.

**Estimated number of resources:**
- 78 total resources
- 60 contributing
- 18 non-contributing

Estimates are based on construction date as listed in tax records.

Survey will help refine these numbers. Integrity is often difficult to assess without full survey.

Large secondary resources such as garages are also counted during survey.
Questions about National Register?

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