

Recommendations – Princess Anne County Confederate Statue Historic Preservation Commission

Long-Term Goal – Enhance Accessibility to Our History

- Investigate the need and feasibility to establish a general history museum for the City of Virginia Beach to provide a balanced, fair and inclusive story of the community's collective history
- Pursue research to better understand and present the history of Princess Anne County/Virginia Beach

Intermediate Goal – Create a Public Space for Our History

- Establish a Public Park on the north side of the Princess Anne Courthouse
Incorporate historic signs and elements that tell the broad story of the city's history
Incorporate an aesthetic element, such as a sculpture or statue, representative of our African American Heritage

Short-Term Goal – Expand Our Historic Narrative

- Initiate planning and design for a Public Park on the north side of the Princess Anne Courthouse where people can learn about the city's history
Incorporate artistic and historic elements, including interpretive sign panels into the landscape
Design a statue/sculpture/public art piece to commemorate the City's African American heritage to provide balance to existing historic commemorative elements near that location
Involve the public in the design discussion
- Design the park to be more spiritual than recreational
Merge the historic with the modern to provide a space that is uniquely Virginia Beach

Immediate Goal – Provide Historic Context

- Design, manufacture and install two interpretive sign panels
One near the Confederate monument to provide historical context and balance about the history related to the Confederate statue and the Civil War in Princess Anne County
One near the former Courthouse building to explain its history and historical context
- Design, manufacture and install a bronze plaque on a stand near the historic Courthouse to document that enslaved persons had been sold in that location
- The PACCSR to review the design and text of signs/plaque
- Dedication ceremonies for the signs and plaque