

Confederate Names Inventory Report

Presentation

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Purpose of Today's Discussion

- Review report background
- Review findings
- Discuss next steps
- Board discussion/recommendation



Confederate Names Project Origins #1

June 23 Board Matter - History Commission to:

- Create inventory of Confederate street names, Confederate monuments and Confederate public places in Fairfax County,
- Research legal and financial implications of name changes, and
- Seek input from other county entities

Confederate Names Project Origins #2

July 7 Follow Up:

- Include towns
- Focus on well-known Confederate officers and locally well-known Confederates
- Add historical markers about the Civil War

Methodology

- Identified 26,552 Fairfax County street and place names
- Narrowed focus list to 650 well-known Confederate officers and locally well-known Confederates
- Filtered street and place names lists for matches
- Researched names for Confederate connection

Report Findings

Magisterial District	Assets with Confirmed Confederate Associated Names
Braddock	17
Dranesville	9
Hunter Mill	4
Lee	3
Mason	14
Mount Vernon	None Found
Providence	44
Springfield	14
Sully	38
Parks	14
TOTAL (some duplication due to multiple districts)	157

Recommendation #1

The Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt a process to engage the public in an open dialogue through public meetings and community gatherings followed by a period of deliberation leading to definitive action.

This is a consistent theme of all the guidelines examined and included in the report.

Recommendation #2

Archive all project research at the Virginia Room, City of Fairfax Regional Library.

History Commission 2021 Initiative

- Develop inventory of research materials on African American communities in Fairfax County, to include but not limited to:
 - Documents
 - Publications
 - Oral histories
 - Other materials
- Proceed in collaboration with African American organizations including churches, social and community groups

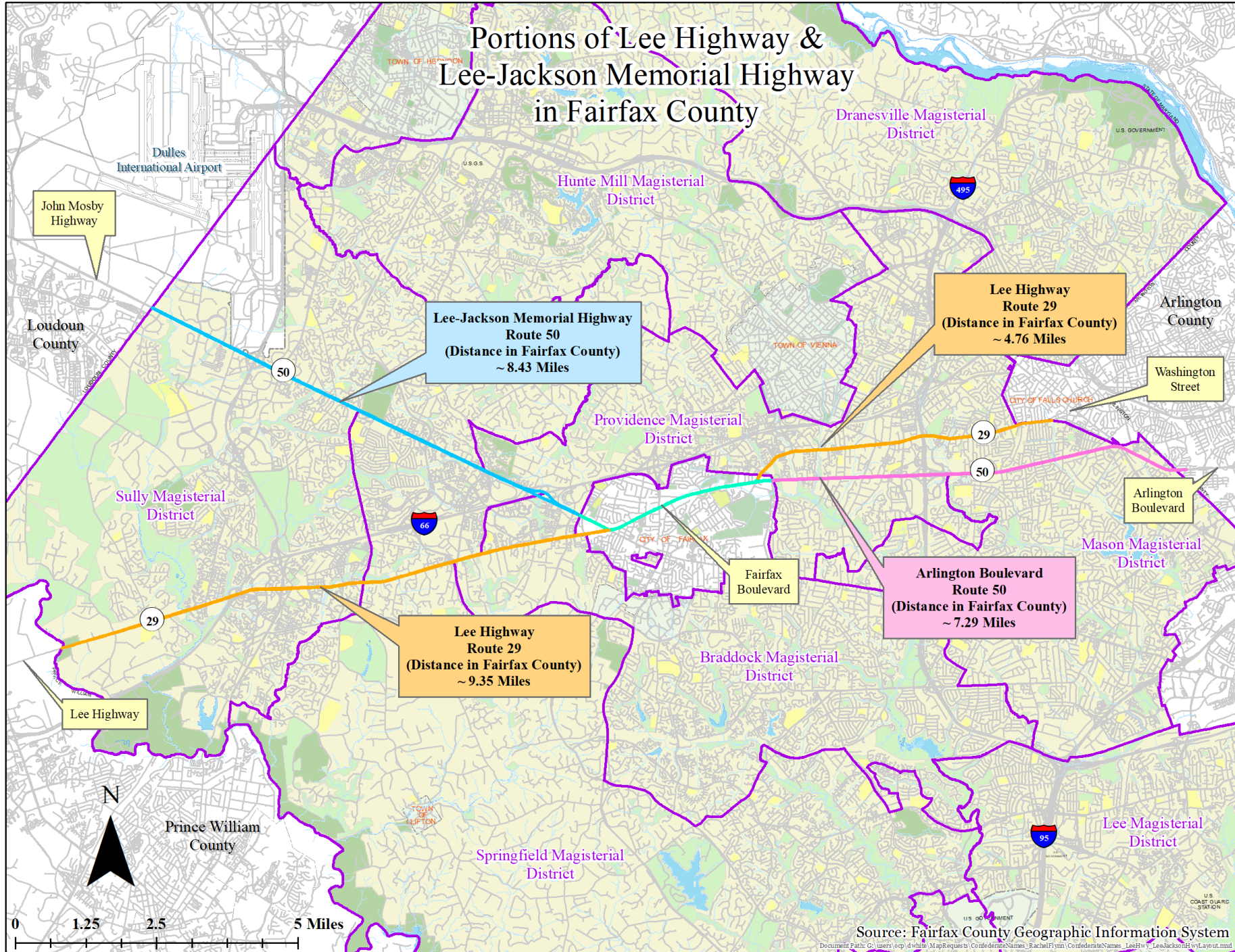
Alexandria City Process - Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

- 7 Advisory Group members – 5 appointed from relevant Boards, 2 at-large positions
- Staff Facilitator - Director of Communications and Public Information
- Charged with making recommendations regarding:
 - Appomattox statue owned by UDC
 - Jefferson Davis Highway
 - Other streets named for Confederate military leaders
 - Flying the Confederate flag
- Timeline – September 2015 – August 2016

City of Fairfax Process to Discuss Racial and Social Equity and Nomenclature

- 10 – 15 Member Citizen Stakeholder/Working Group
- Partnering with the George Mason University, Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Identified decision points:
 - Monuments, markers, and memorials
 - Names of streets and neighborhoods
 - Images in County Seal
- Facilitated Community Learning Sessions
- Timeline: Summer 2021 - Report back to City Council; Council sets process to consider recommendations

Portions of Lee Highway & Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway in Fairfax County



Questions?

Thank You

