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William H. Randall Estates Historic District Nomination Consent to File Joint with Supervisor Dan Storck and Chairman Jeff McKay

September 9, 2025

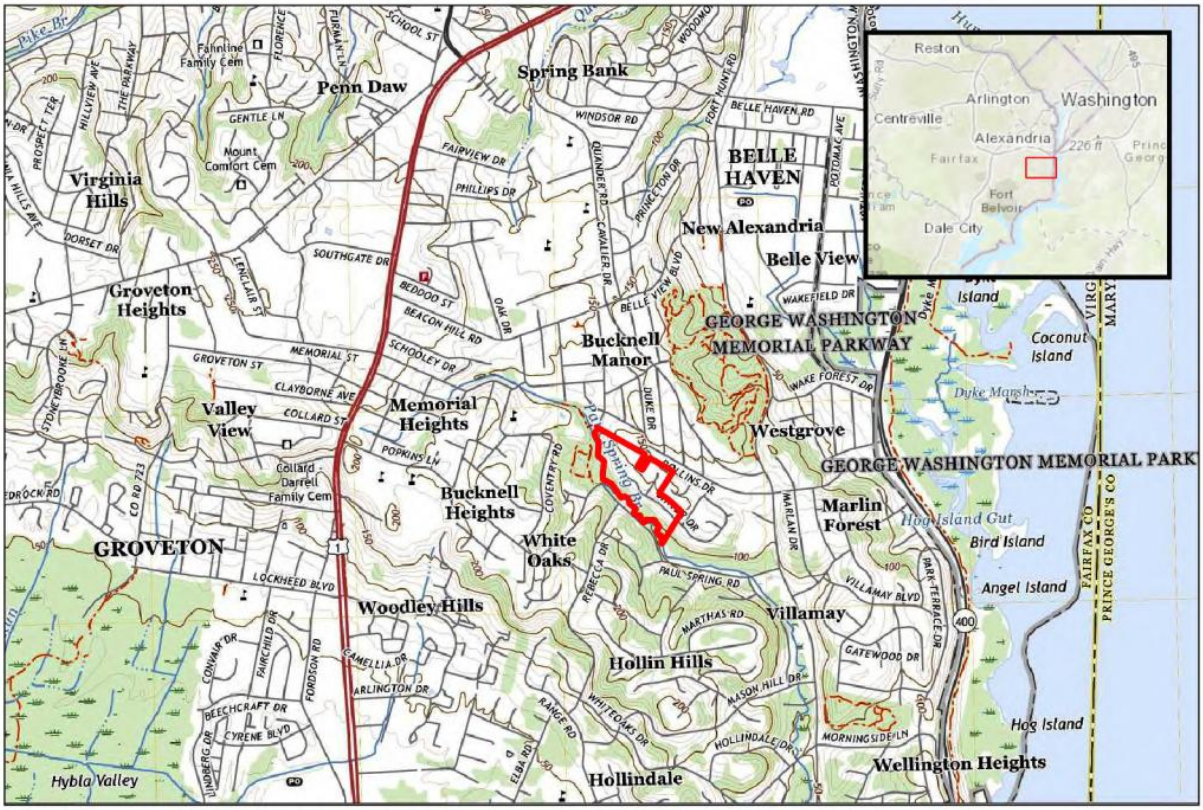
The William H. Randall Estates Historic District, located in the Mount Vernon District, is an exceptional community that reflects both the architectural character of mid-20th century Northern Virginia and the significant heritage of its African American residents.

Built between 1962 and 1974 by African American developer Jube Shiver **Sr.**, the Randall Estates subdivision provided modern, well-made homes for Black families at a time when segregation and redlining restricted access to quality housing. The community's 40 contributing buildings, brick monument signs, and retaining wall remain strong examples of mid-century subdivision planning, featuring Ranch, International, Minimal Traditional, Split-Level, and Colonial Revival styles.

This nomination is far more than the subdivision's homes and streets. With its 1961 inception, Randall Estates was one of a very few subdivisions created by and for African Americans prior to the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964. In total, there are only three other similar subdivisions in the American South which have been identified. Randall Estates stands as a living record of the courage, determination, and vision of those who built a thriving community in the face of systemic barriers, including legal racial segregation, restrictive deed covenants, and financial redlining. Its original design reflects both the architectural trends of the era and the social progress achieved by creating an inclusive space for middle-class Black families in northern Virginia.

The subdivision still retains a high degree of historic integrity today, and the William H. Randall Estates Historic District registration nominations will continue to affirm this community's important role in our collective heritage for future generations.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I move without objection that the Board of Supervisors support the nomination of the William H. Randall Estates Historic District for listing on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places and send the attached letter of support to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.



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Re: William H. Randall Estates Historic District Nomination

Dear Director Langan:

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Sincerely,

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Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors