



Loudoun County

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WHERE TRADITION MEETS INNOVATION

Inventory of Confederate and Segregationist Symbols in Loudoun County

Board of Supervisors Business Meeting
November 3, 2021

Board Member Initiative

- Initiated September 15, 2020.
- Directed staff to create informational inventory of names or symbols honoring or memorializing Confederate and segregationist figures or history in Loudoun County.
- Board approved scope of work for the creation of the inventory on December 15, 2020.

Board Member Initiative

- Inventory presented to the Board on July 6, 2021.
- Board directed staff to complete three tasks:
 - Develop a plan to implement changes to Confederate and segregationist symbols identified on the current inventory.
 - Submit a recommendation for renaming Kephart Bridge Landing (*to be addressed in a separate Board item*).
 - Obtain cost estimates from consultants to conduct additional research on potential Confederate and segregationist symbols to add to the inventory.

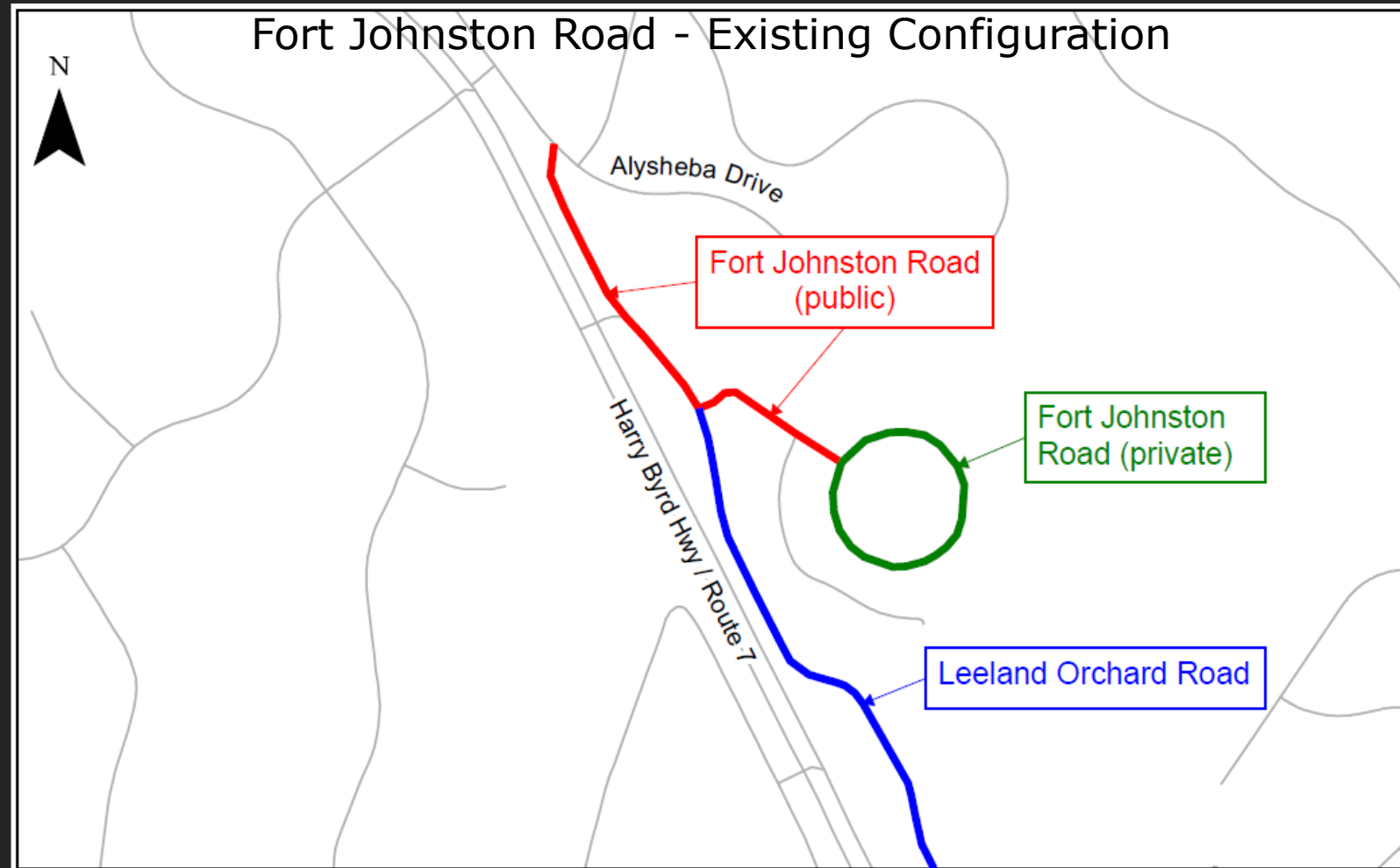
Addressing the Current Inventory

- Harry Byrd Highway and John Mosby Highway
 - Currently undergoing a separate renaming process per Board direction on May 18, 2021.
- Confederate Court
 - Landowner initiated renaming as provided for in the ordinance.
 - No further action needed.
- For the remaining eight roads, staff primarily considered:
 - County jurisdiction to rename.
 - Public safety concerns that may arise from road name changes.

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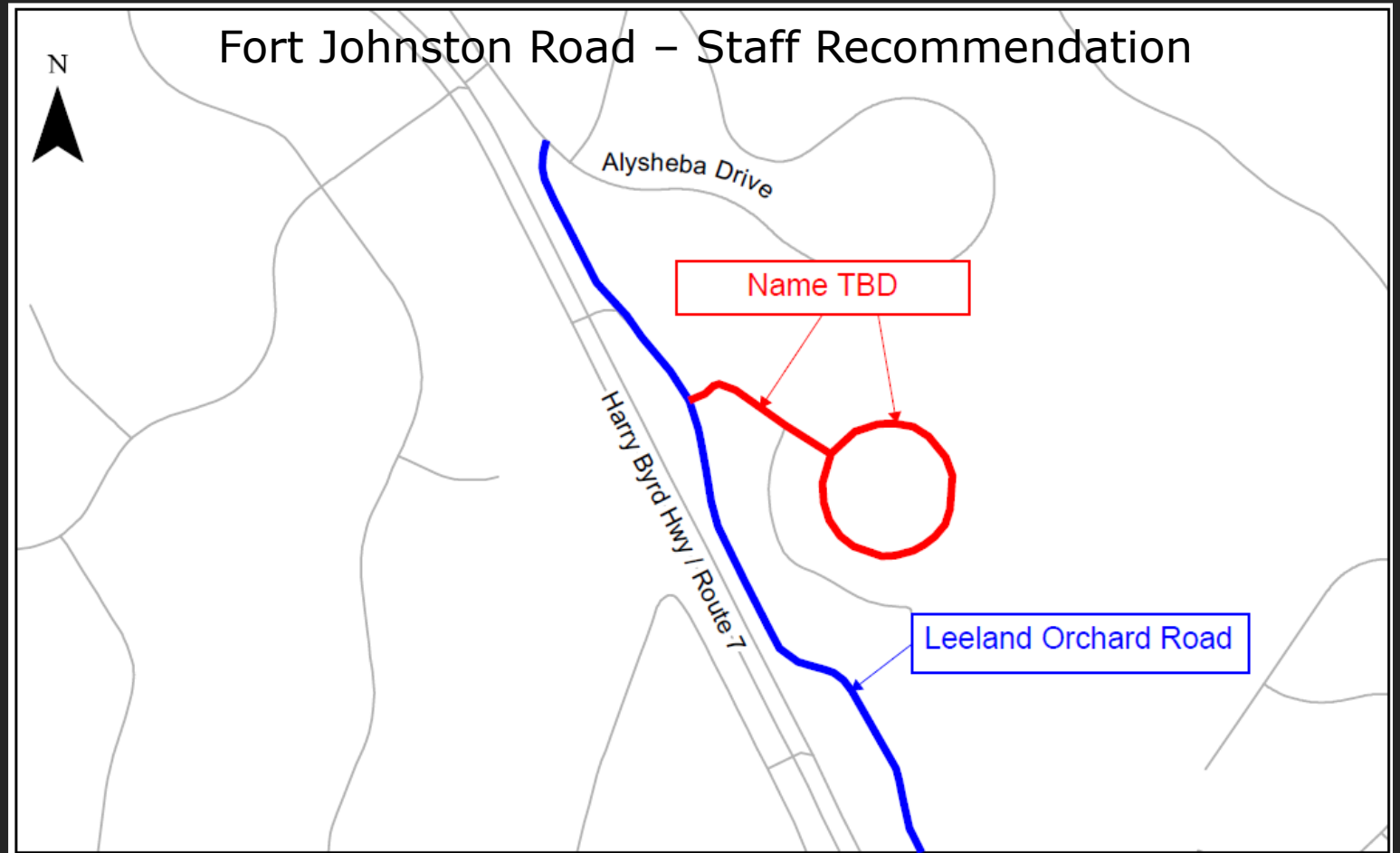
Fort Johnston Road

- Leads to a Civil War-era fort named for Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston
- Board previously considered renaming Fort Johnston Road in 2015



Addressing the Current Inventory

- Staff recommends renaming Fort Johnston Road
- Addresses known Confederate symbol
- Corrects mid-segment road name change



Addressing the Current Inventory

Jeb Stuart Road

- Philomont area
- Historically known as “Lake Lane” and “Milton Lee’s Road”
- Renamed after Confederate Maj. Gen. Jeb Stuart in 1962
- Fully within County addressing jurisdiction; can be renamed without impacting public safety



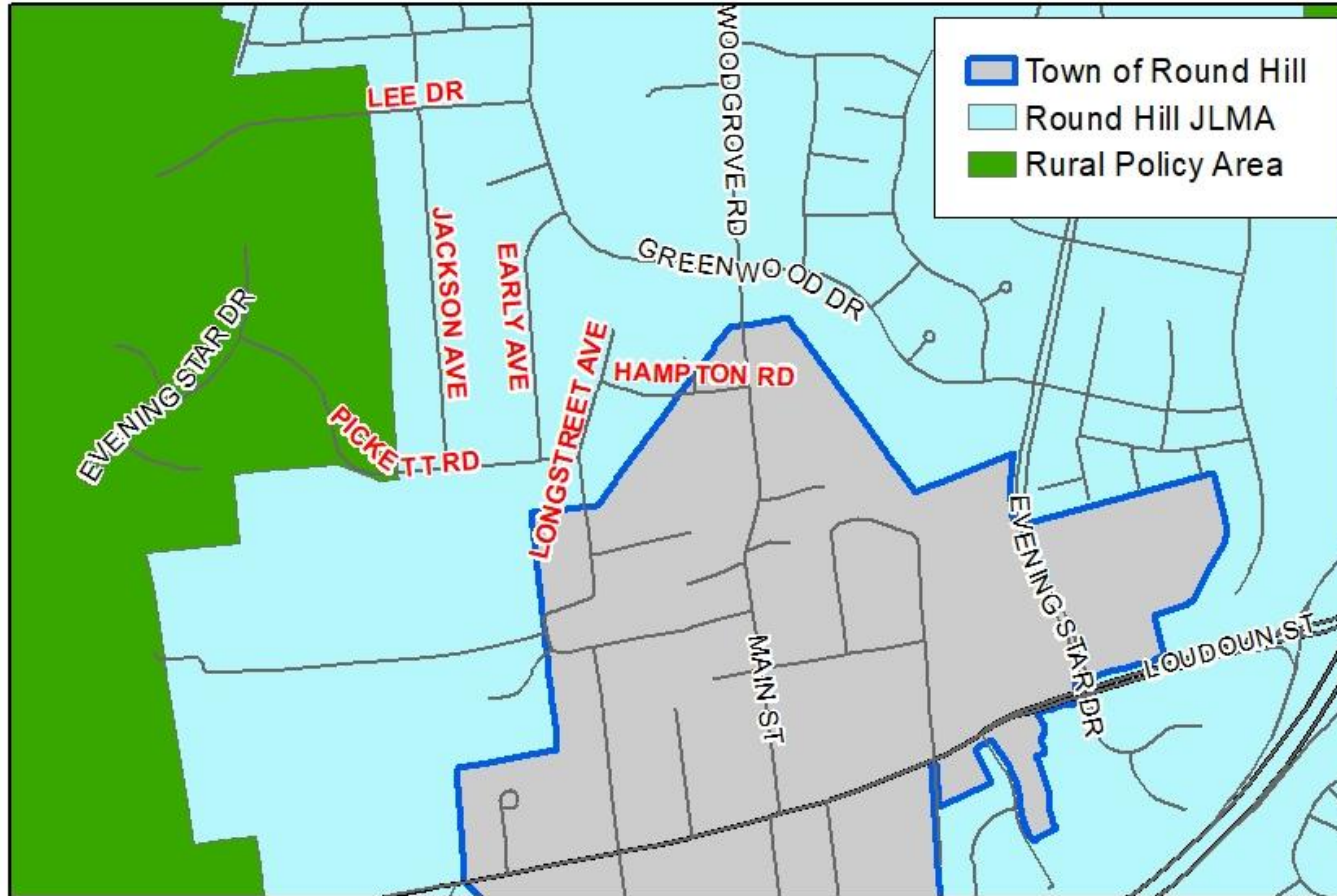
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Hillwood Estates Subdivision

- Located partially within the Town of Round Hill, Round Hill Joint Land Management Area (JLMA), and the Rural Policy Area
- Early Avenue, Hampton Road, Jackson Avenue, Lee Drive, Longstreet Avenue, and Pickett Road identified
- Hampton Road and Longstreet Avenue are partially located within the Town of Round Hill's boundaries
- Remaining four roads located partially or wholly within the Round Hill JLMA

Addressing the Current Inventory

Hillwood Estates



Addressing the Current Inventory

Hillwood Estates

- Longstanding arrangement gives the Town addressing (numbering) authority within the JLMA:
 - Most JLMA addresses have one- or two-digit house numbers.
 - County-directed street name changes are supposed to trigger five-digit numeric addresses.
- Due to complex jurisdictional/addressing issues, staff recommends a coordinated renaming effort with the Town.

Addressing the Current Inventory

Street Naming Authority

- Section 1020.07 of the Codified Ordinances (the ordinance) establishes the process for the Director of OMAGI to initiate a street renaming.
- The ordinance does not currently provide a process for staff to initiate renaming streets based on concerns other than public safety.
- The ordinance provides for a public engagement process that results in a property owner ballot vote.

Addressing the Current Inventory

Staff-recommended Ordinance Amendments:

- 1) Establish a new subsection under Section 1020.05, General Naming Standards, to prohibit Confederate and segregationist names
 - Prohibits use of such names for new roads
- 2) Authorize the Director of OMAGI to rename any public streets not currently listed in the inventory that are identified in the future as violating the new General Naming Standard

Consultant Services

Review of Names of Unknown Origin

- While developing inventory, staff noted seven road names whose origin, intent, or association could not be determined.
- Additional research may help identify their provenance.
- Consultant task would involve analysis of primary and secondary resources and development of summary findings.
 - Estimated cost: \$35,000
 - Estimated time: four months from initiation

Consultant Services

Review of All Public Road Names and County Facilities

- Approximately 7,500 named roads within the unincorporated portions of Loudoun County and over 200 County-owned properties.
- Research into street and facility names requires a unique analytical approach and a significant level of effort.
- If the Board elects to pursue a Countywide project, staff recommends that a consultant first develop a detailed research design plan for Board consideration.

Consultant Services

Review of All Public Road Names and County Facilities

- Research Design Plan
 - Estimated cost: \$10,000
 - Estimated time: three months from initiation
- Comprehensive Countywide Review
 - Estimated Cost: \$350,000
 - Estimated time: 18 months from initiation

Recommendations

Staff recommends directing staff to:

- Initiate renaming Jeb Stuart Road and Fort Johnston Road.
- Coordinate with the Town of Round Hill to rename and readdress roads in the Hillwood Estates subdivision.
- Draft an amendment to the Codified Ordinances to prohibit Confederate and segregationist road names and authorize the Director of OMAGI to rename any such road names identified in the future.

Recommendations

Staff does not recommend procuring a consultant to conduct additional research at this time.

- Staff believes the majority of roads and public facilities that meet the Board's criteria have been identified.
- The recommended ordinance amendment will authorize staff to initiate renaming any roads found to meet the criteria in the future.