



PRESERVATION VIRGINIA

24 May 2006

The Honorable Robert Gengo
Town of Fincastle
1 West Main, Courthouse Square
Fincastle, VA 24090

Dear Mayor Gengo:

On 20 May, APVA Preservation Virginia announced the names of the Ten Most Endangered Historic Sites in Virginia. The list is a way to call attention to the irreplaceable architectural, historical, natural, and archaeological sites that face imminent threat by demolition, alteration, inappropriate development, insufficient funding, or neglect. These unique and special places can call attention to the greater need to include preservation and conservation planning in projects and determinations across the Commonwealth.

We named the Town of Fincastle to this list. It is our desire that the attention to this site will stir positive discussion and galvanize support from developers, planners and preservationists for a preservation-minded resolution of the issues surrounding the property. The nomination of this site to the list reflects that there are concerned local groups ready to bring assistance on this issue. We hope that you will use that support.

In future years, we will track the progress of these sites as a way to offer examples to other communities facing similar circumstances.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth S. Kostelny
Executive Director

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