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### **Online Public Map to Aid in Inventory of Confederate and Segregationist Sites, Names and Symbols**

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has initiated a review of Confederate and segregationist symbols in Loudoun County. Members of the public are invited to participate in an informational inventory of roads, buildings, signs and other public infrastructure that memorialize Confederate and segregationist figures or history in Loudoun County by submitting such sites through a new online mapping tool.

A multi-departmental team, including staff from the Departments of Planning and Zoning and Transportation and Capital Infrastructure and the Office of Mapping and Geographic Information, is working to provide comprehensive information to the Board, which will consider these items and their history.

An [online map and survey](#) has been developed through which the public can submit information about items potentially named after or memorializing Confederate or segregationist figures, symbols and slogans in Loudoun County, including:

- Battlefields
- Buildings
- County-owned and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)-owned road or street names
- Logos
- Markers or monuments
- Signs
- Other names or symbols in public spaces

The tool allows the public to submit a description of the features, pertinent historical information and map locations, as well as upload photos.

Schools and school mascots will not be included in this inventory as Loudoun County Public Schools is currently conducting an independent review of these items. The inventory will also be limited to public items that memorialize a Confederate leader, the Confederate cause, or individuals or movements that promoted and implemented racial segregation laws in Virginia during the eras of Jim Crow (1896-1965) and Massive Resistance to desegregation (1954-1959).

The county's expansive geography, combined with its complex history from the Civil War through desegregation, requires a comprehensive research effort to identify these objects and sites. By involving the public as well as local historians and community groups, the county plans to thoroughly inventory all possible Confederate and segregationist symbols throughout Loudoun. In

addition to the public input tool, county staff will be working with community groups to identify these items.

The [online map](#) will be open for public submissions until April 30, and the inventory is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors by June 2021.

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