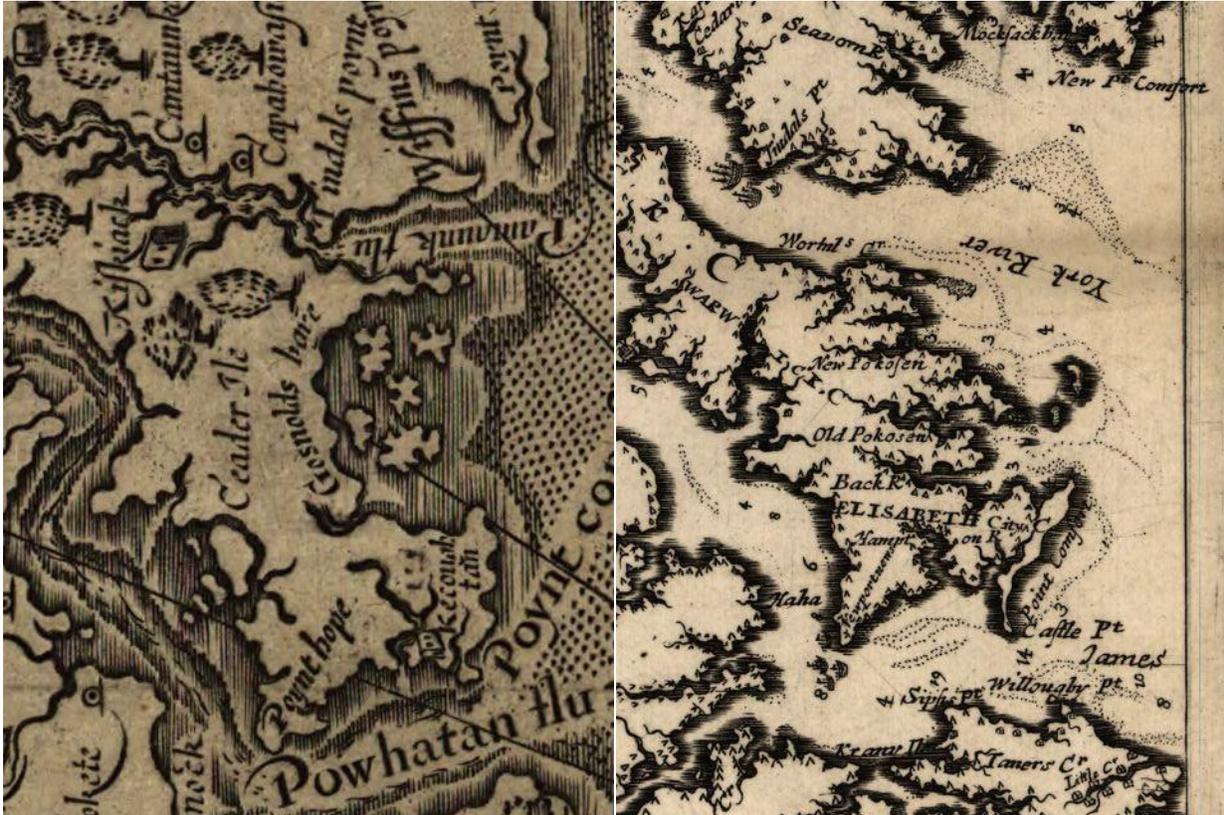


# Historic Routes and Trails Mapping Project

## *The Peninsula*



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## Introduction

We started this project in 2006 as a small scale effort to research local history by identifying and dating historic road sections, which would in turn help us locate other historic features. Unfortunately, many historic records have been lost or destroyed over the last several hundred years. While significant aerial photography, war maps, coast surveys, diaries and physical remains of historic features exist for the Peninsula this is a lot of information to digest and incorporate, especially considering the varied expertise analysis of the information cited requires. It quickly became apparent that success depended upon collaboration between interested persons and groups with different backgrounds and skill sets.

## Interested Entities

Several entities have provided or are providing assistance and/or have endorsed the value of this project. Each are listed below

- City of Williamsburg
- Expanding Geospatial Technician Education Through Virginia's Community Colleges (GeoTEd)
- Fort Eustis Historical & Archaeological Association / Warwick County Historical Society
- Fox Hill Historical Society
- Hampton History Museum
- Historical & Archaeological Society of Fort Monroe (HASFM)
- Library of Virginia
- NASA Langley Research Center GIS Team
- Newport News GIS Department
- Poquoson Historical Society
- Poquoson Museum
- QCoherent Software, a GeoCue Company (<http://www.gcoherent.com/>)
- The Mariner's Museum
- The Virginia Space Grant Consortium
- Tidewater Genealogical Society
- Virginia Department of Historic Resources
- Virginia Space Grant Consortium
- York County Historical Committee
- York County Historical Museum
- York County Historical Society
- York County Planning, GIS and Parks & Recreation Departments
- Yorktown Victory Center

## Process

While aspects of the project cannot further develop until additional support is located (i.e. development of a GIS database/historic predictive model for the Virginia coastal plain) the groundwork for the project continues. First, we gather available data for Newport News, York County, Hampton, James City County and Williamsburg, including:

historic, topographic and soil maps; aerial photography, infrared and LiDAR imagery; colonial records and legislation; tax records; secondary sources; and photography of resource remains. Second, we compare the data received, make findings and document the bases for and weaknesses in our theories. We repeat these steps over and over to reduce research bias. Over time, we aim to increase public interest in and access to history (while protecting sensitive data), help government and developers more quickly identify and consider potential historic resources (a benefit to both) and develop and refine an increasingly efficient GIS centered historic predictive model for the Virginia coastal plain. In the meantime, we invite you to explore some of the worksheets and ongoing research notes we will post on this site. We plan to post new worksheets and/or other research information at least once per month, beginning in September 2012.

Should you possess information concerning maps posted or desire to discuss a region not yet listed, feel free to contact us, directly, at [paulwemigholz@yahoo.com](mailto:paulwemigholz@yahoo.com).

### **Mapping & Peninsula History Websites**

Additionally, we recommend you visit the following websites to obtain additional information concerning specific era and events.

1. City of Newport News GIS Maps. <http://www.nngov.com/engineering/resources/maps>;
2. Library of Congress (American Memory Site). <http://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/>;
3. Newport News Digital Library.  
<http://cdm15904.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/search/collection/all/page/1>;
4. Virtual Jamestown. <http://www.virtualjamestown.org/maps1.html>;
5. Library of Virginia (Virginia Memory Site). <http://www.virginiamemory.com/>;
6. Library of Virginia. Land Office.  
[http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/?func=file&file\\_name=find-b-clas30&local\\_base=CLAS30](http://lva1.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/F/?func=file&file_name=find-b-clas30&local_base=CLAS30);
7. USACE Historic Maps Collection. <http://historicalcharts.noaa.gov/historicals/search>;
8. Mariners' Museum Maps. <http://www.marinersmuseum.org/content/image-collection-maps>;
9. Captain John Smith Chesapeake, National Historic Trail.  
<http://www.smithtrail.net/captain-john-smith/smiths-maps/chesapeake/>;

10. USGS Store.  
[http://store.usgs.gov/b2c\\_usgs/usgs/maplocator/\(ctype=areaDetails&xcm=r3standardpitrex\\_prd&carearea=%24ROOT&layout=6\\_1\\_61\\_48&uiarea=2\)/.do;](http://store.usgs.gov/b2c_usgs/usgs/maplocator/(ctype=areaDetails&xcm=r3standardpitrex_prd&carearea=%24ROOT&layout=6_1_61_48&uiarea=2)/.do;)
11. Virginia Institute of Marine Science Shoreline Evolution Studies.  
<http://web.vims.edu/physical/research/shoreline/Publications-Evolution.htm>
12. Langley Research Center. <http://crgis.ndc.nasa.gov/historic/Larc;>
13. Hargrett Rare Book & Manuscript Library.  
<http://www.libs.uga.edu/hargrett/maps/index.html;>
14. Hening's Statutes at Large. [http://vagenweb.org/hening/;](http://vagenweb.org/hening/)
15. Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy.  
<https://www.dmme.virginia.gov/commerce/PublicationCatList.aspx?CategoryId=32&TblPcCode=6&selection=5;>
16. Virginia Historical Society. Robert Knox Sneden Collection.  
<http://www.vahistorical.org/arvfind/snedenillist.htm;>
17. Fordham University Libraries.  
[http://www.nnp.org/nni/Research%20&%20Education/Maps\\_files/descriptions.htm;](http://www.nnp.org/nni/Research%20&%20Education/Maps_files/descriptions.htm;)
18. Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center.  
<http://www.historyisfun.org/Yorktown-Victory-Center.htm;>
19. Virginia Department of Historic Resources. [http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/;](http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/)
20. Hampton History Museum. [http://www.hampton.gov/history\\_museum/;](http://www.hampton.gov/history_museum/)
21. Tidewater Genealogical Society. [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vatgs/;](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~vatgs/)
22. York County Historical Museum.  
<http://www.yorkcounty.gov/Default.aspx?alias=www.yorkcounty.gov/ychm;>
23. York County Office of Geographic Information.  
<http://www.yorkcounty.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=1405;>
24. Additionally, numerous websites contain the records for the War of the Rebellion and the Union and Confederate Armies and there are many websites not listed here. Each of the above websites store or will direct you to substantial information about this region. For anyone who is not familiar with any of the above websites and who would like search and usage tips, email [paulwemigholz@yahoo.com](mailto:paulwemigholz@yahoo.com) .