

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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Karen Thomas Northeast Neighborhood Association P. O. Box 1026 Harrisonburg, VA 22803

Re: Newtown Cemetery, City of Harrisonburg

Dear Ms. Thomas:

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the Board of Historic Resources has placed **Newtown Cemetery** in the Virginia Landmarks Register. The State Review Board also recommended this property for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Following final staff review, we will forward the nomination to the National Park Service, including my recommendation, along with the Board's, that the resource is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Virginia Landmarks Register includes historic landmarks, buildings, structures, districts, objects, and sites which are recognized as having historical, architectural, or archaeological significance at a local, state, or national level. **Newtown Cemetery** deserves this official recognition as one of the Commonwealth's historic resources. The responsibility for preserving Virginia's irreplaceable historic resources rests ultimately with interested citizens like you. While registration does not in itself protect the property, we hope this formal recognition will provide encouragement to your continuing efforts to preserve this important part of Virginia's history.

The continuing protection and preservation of registered Virginia landmarks is of immediate concern to this office. We welcome the opportunity to serve, and it is our hope that you will inform us if we can be of assistance to you in providing any technical advice on contemplated alterations or sensitive renovations to properties.

Sincerely.

Julie V. Langan

Director and State Historic Preservation Officer

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