



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

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DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 040-0001

1. General Property Information

Property name: Webb House

Property address: 2622 Smoky Ordinary Road

City or Town: Emporia

Zip code: 23847

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: Greensville

Category of Property (choose only one of the following):

Building X Site _____ Structure _____ Object _____

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 46.24

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban _____ Suburban _____ Town _____ Village _____ Hamlet _____ Rural X

Briefly describe the property's overall location and setting, including any notable landscape features:

The area where the Webb House is located is very rural and agricultural. It is about 10 miles west of Jarrett, Virginia and 14 miles northwest of Emporia, Virginia. It is almost 16 miles northeast of Lawrenceville, Virginia. The house faces north and stands on a rise about .3 of a mile south of Smoky Ordinary Road and is reached by a gravel driveway. The roadbed of the former Virginian Railway is about 200 feet in front of the house to the north in a fairly deep cut, which is heavily treed, but the land is open where the driveway crosses the former railroad bed at grade. The area around the house and outbuildings is open with trees and bushes around the house. There is a gravel parking area immediately east of the house. Cultivated fields or grassland are located on either side of the buildings but otherwise, the area is heavily treed. There is a cultivated field between the railroad bed and Smokey Ordinary Road.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): _____

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here: _____

If the builder is known, please list here: _____

Date of construction (can be approximate): 1802

Narrative Description (Please do not exceed one page in describing the property):

Briefly describe the property's general characteristics, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the materials and method(s) of construction, physical appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions or other major alterations.

This is a two-story, three-bay, frame dwelling on a brick foundation with plain weatherboard siding and a gable roof of standing-seam metal. The chimneys on the house are extraordinary. On the east side there are two double-shouldered chimneys with tiled weatherings and tall stacks with corbelled tops with an entrance door between the chimneys. The single chimney on the eastern side is also a double-shouldered chimney with tiled weatherings and a tall stack. The initials W + B and the date 1802 are carved into the bricks on the eastern chimney. Williamson Bonner owned this property when the house was built. All three chimneys have been painted. There is a one-room, one-story rear ell with brick chimney flue that is not original. There is a one-story, three-bay front porch with a low hipped roof, also of standing-seam metal. The front door is a six-raised-panel door. On the eastern side there is an open four-bay porch with square posts and a small pediment where the steps access the porch. North of the open porch is an enclosed room that houses the cellar entrance. A more modern standing-seam metal shed roof covers both the north room and the open side porch and is incorporated with the gable roof of the rear ell. The windows on the main block of the house are two-over-two-light with very thin muntins. The rear ell windows are six-over-six-light windows.

The interior has basically a four-room plan with three heated rooms and one small unheated room on the rear southwest corner on the first floor. On the second floor, only the northwest room has a fireplace. The steep enclosed winder stair rises on the interior wall between the east and west rooms from a short hall behind the main western room, but the stair is actually in the eastern room and rises into the front eastern room on the second floor. The short hall is accessed from the front room by a raised six-panel door with a four-pane transom. The second-floor stair railing has rectangular balusters turned at an angle, a heavy molded handrail, and a square pegged newel. The chimneys in the front east and west first-floor rooms have raised panel mantelpieces with shallow cornice and segmental arched fireplace openings. Both chimneys also have a shelf supported by brackets above the fireplace opening. It is assumed that the chimney in the rear east room had a similar mantelpiece, but this chimney was enclosed on the room side at some point and when reopened shows no evidence of plaster on the now exposed brick. There are chair boards throughout the house of several different types. Doors throughout the house are six-panel doors with raised panels on one side and flat panels on the other side. The rear ell houses the kitchen and a bathroom.

In a bullet list, include any outbuildings or secondary resources or major landscape features (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

There are 9 mostly late 19th or early 20th century outbuildings to the rear of the house with a former tobacco barn about 300 feet east of the house on the edge of a field. In addition to the tobacco barn, the outbuildings include a barn with stalls, corn crib, chicken house, three vehicle/equipment sheds, a log shed, a smokehouse and a modern pergola. Except for the log shed, all buildings are frame. There is a modern manufactured house northwest of the house.

- Tobacco Barn – this is a one story on a banked basement frame building with gable roof of standing-seam metal. The basement or lower level was the tobacco barn. The use of the upper level is not known, but it does not appear that it was used as a tobacco curing barn.
- Smokehouse – one story, one-bay frame building with horizontal siding and gable roof of standing-seam metal. Batten door on gable end.
- Chicken House – one-story, frame building with horizontal siding and shed roof of standing-seam metal
- Barn – two story, one bay, frame, gable roof of standing-seam metal with wide overhanging eaves. Stalls on each side.
- Vehicle Shed 1 – one-story, two-bay, frame, corrugated metal siding, clipped gable roof of standing-seam metal
- Vehicle Shed 2 & 3 – Similar to vehicle shed 1 but larger
- Corn Crib – small gable-front building between the two vehicles sheds
- Log shed – small gable-front building
- Pergola – modern, one-story, wooden posts and open rafter roof
- Manufactured House – There is a one-story, modern, manufactured house northwest of the main house on the west side of the driveway.

4. Property's History and Significance (Please do not exceed one page)

Briefly explain the property's historic importance, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property.

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

In 1784, William Bonner purchased the property from Ann Gower, wife of William Gower who acquired the property in a land grant in 1741. Williamson Bonner (c.1765-c.1818) purchased the property from William Bonner in 1795. Williamson Bonner married Mary Rivers on May 21, 1793. It is thought the initials on the stack of the west chimney are for Williamson Bonner. The 1810 census gives Williamson Bonner as head of household with two free white females between 26 and 44, one free white male between 16 and 25, one free white male between 10 and 15, and two free white females under 10. He owned 29 slaves. Bonner appears as executors for several estates between 1806 and 1816. He was promoted to a lieutenant in the Virginia Militia in 1809 but resigned in 1815. In 1816, he married his second wife, Anne Wardlow and died around 1818. Around 1825, John Kirby purchased the property from the estate of Williamson Bonner and in 1834 Joel Hall purchased 921 acres from John Kirby, which was referred to as "Kettlestick Plantation formerly belonging to Williamson Bonner." The land changed hands several times prior to the Civil War, including Joel Hall to Augustine Butts in 1836, A. Butts to William Batte in 1837, and the estate of Mary Batte, widow, to L. W. Jones in 1856.

In 1863, Lewis Webb, Sr. purchased the 962 acres from L. Wellington Jones. Webb was born in Greenville County in 1789 but when he purchased Kettlestick Farm he was a grocer in Richmond where he lived at the corner of 9th and Leigh Streets. Webb was also a commission merchant in Richmond and later served as a railroad stock agent and commissioner. He was a director of the Richmond, Fredericksburg, and Potomac Railroad. Webb apparently never permanently lived at his Greenville County property as he maintained continuous residence in Richmond.

E. G. Temple purchased the 962 acres from the heirs of Lewis Webb, Sr. in 1890 and two years later in 1892, Temple sold the property to Old Dominion Lumber Company. It was then referred to as the Webb tract. The property was sold multiple times after 1900. In the 1920s this property was combined with adjacent land by the Virginia Carolina Land Company and then split into smaller parcels. In 1988, the W. Sam and Ann Harrison family, the current owners, purchased the property from the House family.

Legend has it that Lucy Webb, wife of President Rutherford B. Hayes lived here. The Lucy Webb associated with the property was the wife of Lewis Webb, Jr. and daughter-in-law of Lewis Webb, Sr.

The Virginian Railway (VGN), whose roadbed is located in front of the house, was created through the financial means of Henry Rogers in 1907 with William Nelson Page, a civil engineer and coal mining manager. It opened in 1909. It was built to haul coal from the West Virginia coal fields to Sewells Point in Norfolk, Virginia. The Virginian Railway merged with Norfolk & Western (now Norfolk Southern) in 1959 and ceased operations in 1962. The former railroad bed is part of the proposed Tobacco Heritage Trail.

Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property, such as deeds, census and tax records, and/or published articles and books. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

- U.S. Census, 1810
- Chronology of ownership from Dr. Charles E. Kinzer, retired professor, Longwood University
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5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: X Public\Local _____ Public\State _____ Public\Federal _____

Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)

name/title: Beverly Harrison & Sean Larkin

organization: _____

street & number: 40 Parkside Drive

city or town: Langhorne state: PA zip code: 19047

e-mail: Beverly.h.larkin@gmail.com telephone: 215-651-4961

Legal Owner's Signature: _____

Date: 30 July 2025

• • *Signature required for processing all applications.* • •

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

name/title: Ashley Neville

organization: Ashley Neville LLC

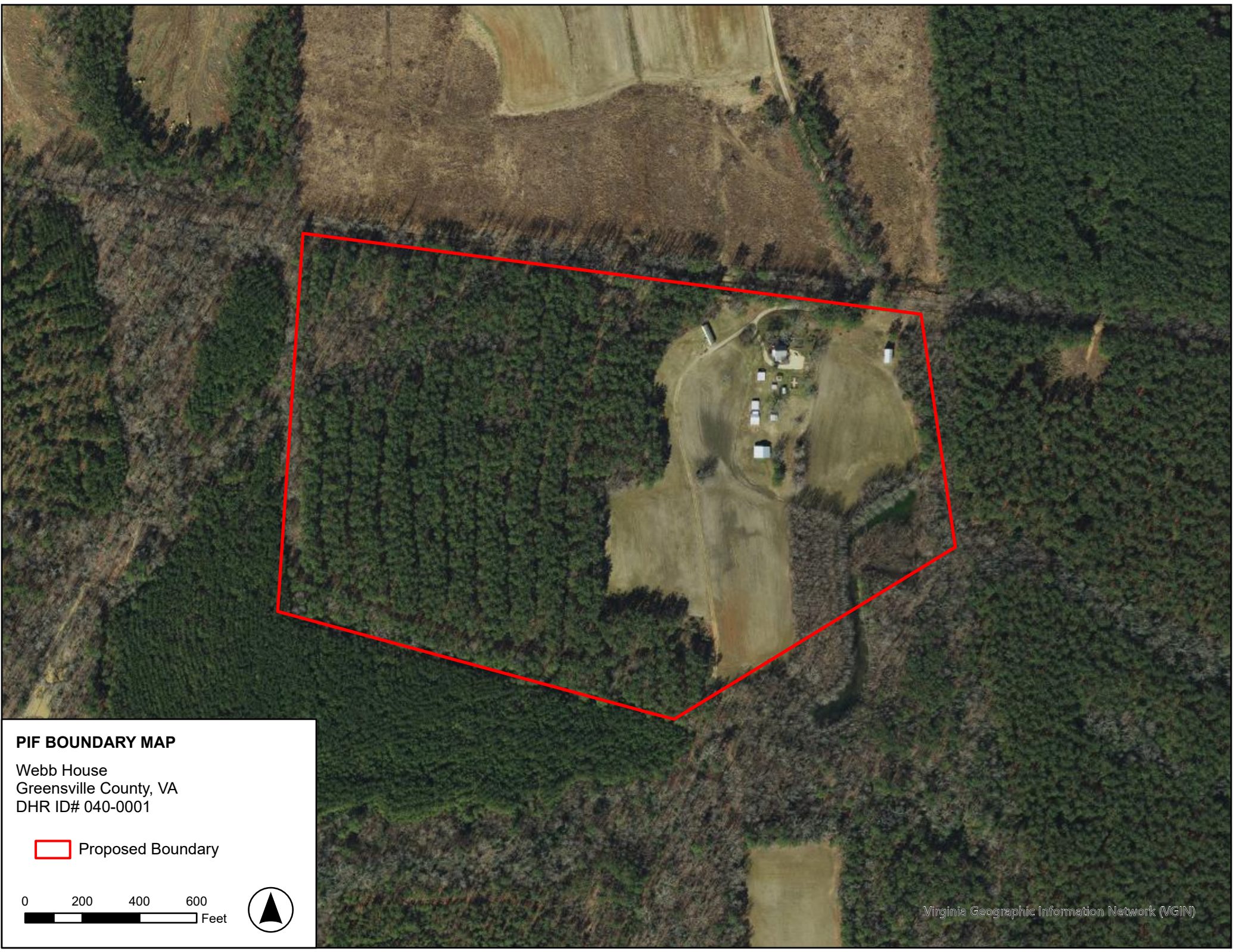
street & number: 7608 North Pinehill Drive

city or town: Henrico state: VA zip code: 23228

e-mail: ashleyneville@comcast.net telephone: 804-307-4601

Date: 30 July 2025

PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH CONTINUATION SHEETS TO THIS FORM. THANK YOU!



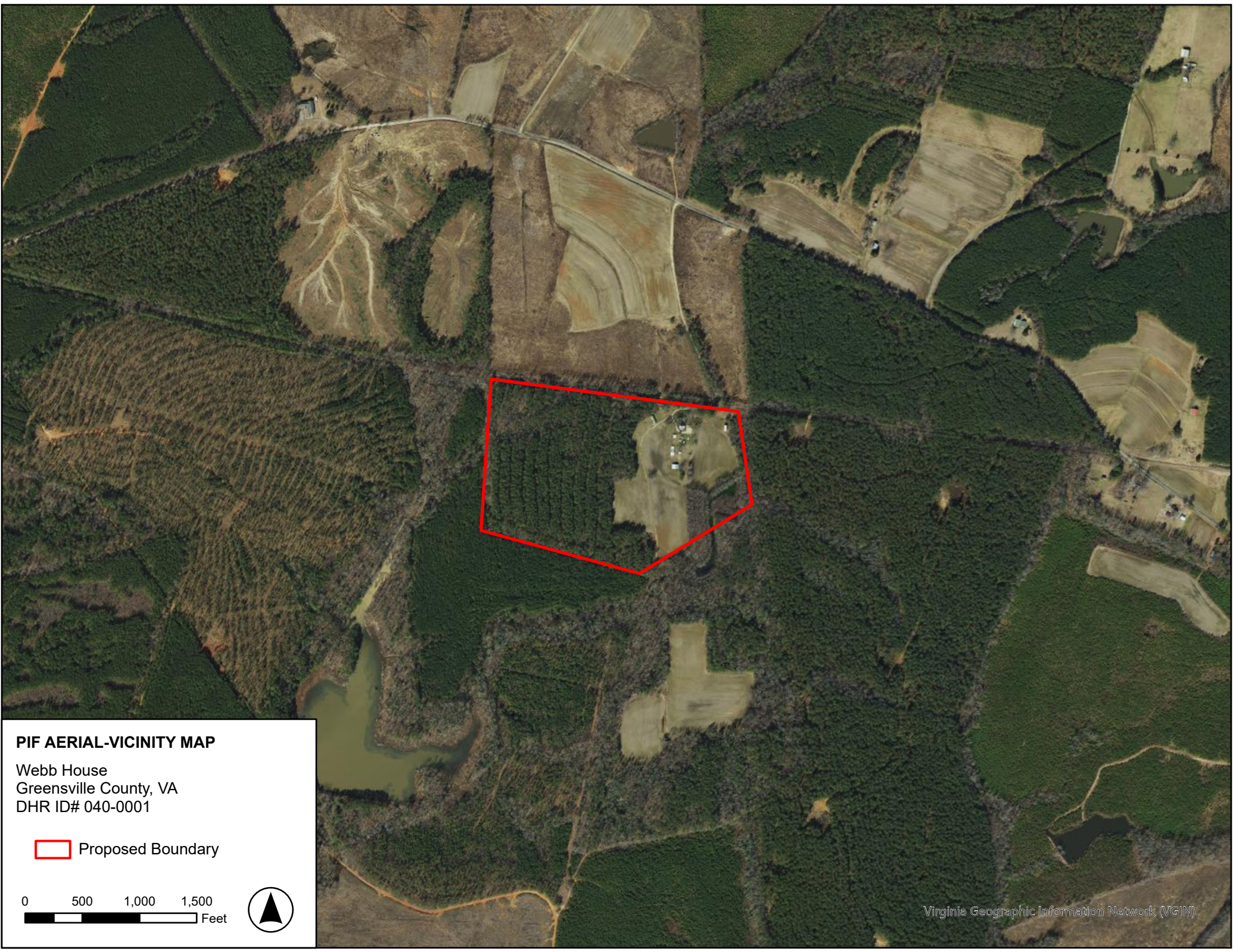
PIF BOUNDARY MAP

Webb House
Greensville County, VA
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 Proposed Boundary

0 200 400 600
 Feet





PIF AERIAL-VICINITY MAP

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 Proposed Boundary

0 500 1,000 1,500
 Feet





Legend

- Architecture Labels
- Public View Architecture Points
- VLR/NRHP/NHL Listed
- Public View Historic Districts
- Public View DHR Easements
- County Boundaries



Feet

0 50 100 150 200
1:2,257 / 1"=188 Feet

Title: Webb House 040-0001 Site Plan -- 2025 PIF

Date: 7/29/2025

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