

Post-Earthquake Advisory

For Owners and Managers of Historic Buildings in Virginia
--From the Virginia Department of Historic Resources--

If you have an historic home, commercial building, or other historic property that has been damaged by the recent earthquake, please be aware that the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the historic preservation agency for the Commonwealth, is available to assist you.

- DHR can provide expert staff that can assist in assessing a building's damage, and options available for repairing or saving historic materials and architectural features.
- Although no grants are available for quake damage, financial assistance in the form of DHR's state rehabilitation tax credit program is available for privately-funded substantial repairs. For detailed information about these credits, refer to the department's website at www.dhr.virginia.gov or contact the DHR (see below)

It is important to stress that there are alternatives to demolition that save and repair damaged historic buildings. In some cases, this is true even when buildings are initially condemned by local building officials.

Please let DHR know if your historic property has been damaged by the recent earthquake, so that we can arrange to make a site visit to discuss options that may be available to you and offer our help.

For more information, contact Randy Jones at randy.jones@dhr.virginia.gov or by phone at (540) 578-3031. When contacting the department to request assistance, be prepared to provide the property owner's name, phone and email contact and the property address. If available, a digital image of the property is helpful and can be emailed to randy.jones@dhr.virginia.gov.

Also, please check the homepage of DHR's website for updates regarding when staff will be in areas affected by earthquake damage: www.dhr.virginia.gov

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