



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

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DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) 078-5461

1. General Property Information

Property name: Shingle Shanty

Property address: 775 Hawlin Road
City or Town: Woodville, VA
Zip code: 22749

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

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

Building Site _____ Structure _____ Object _____

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 248.64

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban _____ Suburban _____ Town _____ Village _____ Hamlet _____ Rural:

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

Shingle Shanty is a ca. 1930s American Craftsman style home, situated on an agricultural property with rolling hills, pastures, several agricultural outbuildings and a historic timber frame cattle chute located along Hawlin Road. The property is about 1/2 mi. south of the quaint crossroads town of Woodville, VA, and accessed by a gravel entry drive. Lane Enterprises LLC purchased Shingle Shanty and the surrounding 248.64 acres of agricultural land in 1961. The historic Shingle Shanty property is now a portion of the sprawling 7,100-acre Eldon Farms site, one of the largest undivided landholdings on the eastern seaboard. The large agricultural property is nestled in the Blue Ridge foothills adjacent to Shenandoah National Park.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): Bungalow/ Craftsman Style

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

If the builder is known, please list here: Charlie Hawkins

Date of construction (can be approximate): ca. 1930

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.

Shingle Shanty was a ca. 1930s private dwelling used as the seasonal residence of the Halls, a local Woodville family. The primary structure on the property is a Bungalow/Craftsman style dwelling built by Charlie Hawkins. The Shingle Shanty dwelling features Bungalow/Craftsman style architectural elements including a full-width inset porch supported by sturdy tapered piers, a low-pitched standing-seam metal roof with overhanging eaves, and second story gable windows. The exterior of the dwelling is covered by white-washed cedar shakes, from which the structure takes the name, 'Shingle Shanty.' The interior features exposed timber beams, wooden flooring, multi-pane windows, pocket sliding doors, built-in shelving, and brick fireplaces. The structure is currently being renovated by the Akre family, its current owners, in efforts to transition the property to support a long-term residential lease.

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.

- Barn (ca. early-mid 20th century)
- Corn Crib (ca. early-mid 20th century)
- Cattle Chute (ca. early-mid 20th century)
- Non-Historic outbuilding (shed)
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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.

Shingle Shanty was the home of Holmes Hall and his wife Carrie Miller Reynolds Hall, of Woodville. The couple began entertaining local guests in the home during the 1930s, and continued to do so for several decades, using the home as their spring and summer residence while spending their winters in Richmond.

Shingle Shanty reflects the changing tastes and architectural styles popular in early 20th century Rappahannock County as well as throughout Virginia and the nation. The Bungalow/Craftsman style embodied by Shingle Shanty reached peak popularity in America ca. 1905-1930s. Its popularity coincided with the height of the Arts and Crafts movement, which emphasized craftsmanship, simplicity, and harmony with nature, and was a reaction against the Industrial Revolution. The style was popularized by furniture maker Gustav Stickley, who published *Craftsman Homes* in 1909, and described the Bungalow as "a plain house that will last for generations and need but few repairs."

In Rappahannock County, the Bungalow/Craftsman style was a marked departure from earlier Classical and Victorian structures that had earlier characterized the region. Charlie Hawkins, celebrated Rappahannock County builder, began constructing Bungalow/Craftsman style homes in Woodville following the 1929 tornado that destroyed much of the building stock within the village. The style became common within the villages of Rappahannock County, including Woodville, Flint Hill, and Peola Mills around this time, but the largest concentration of the Bungalow/Craftsman style of architecture has been recorded in Woodville.

In addition to its intact Bungalow/Craftsman architectural style, the Shingle Shanty property retains a continuity of agricultural use and agrarian character, as evidenced by two 20th century barns located behind the main dwelling, and almost 250-acres of surrounding fields and farmland. A timber-frame cattle chute, a relic of early 20th century cattle farming in the region, is also located on the property along rural Hawlin Road between Woodville and the gravel entry drive to the property's core.

Deed records indicate that Shingle Shanty and the surrounding 248.64 acres of land was one of the original seven agricultural properties purchased by Bill Lane during the 1960s, when he began speculating on property in the area. A local newspaper noted, "Over 3,200 acres of land, consisting of seven farms, have been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. William N. Lane of Lake Forest, Illinois. This is one of the largest transactions of its kind in the area." The Lanes would go on to purchase almost 4,000 acres of property within the region.

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.)

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5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: 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: _____
organization: _____
street & number: _____
city or town: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____
e-mail: _____ telephone: _____

Legal Owner's Signature: _____
Date: _____

•• 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)

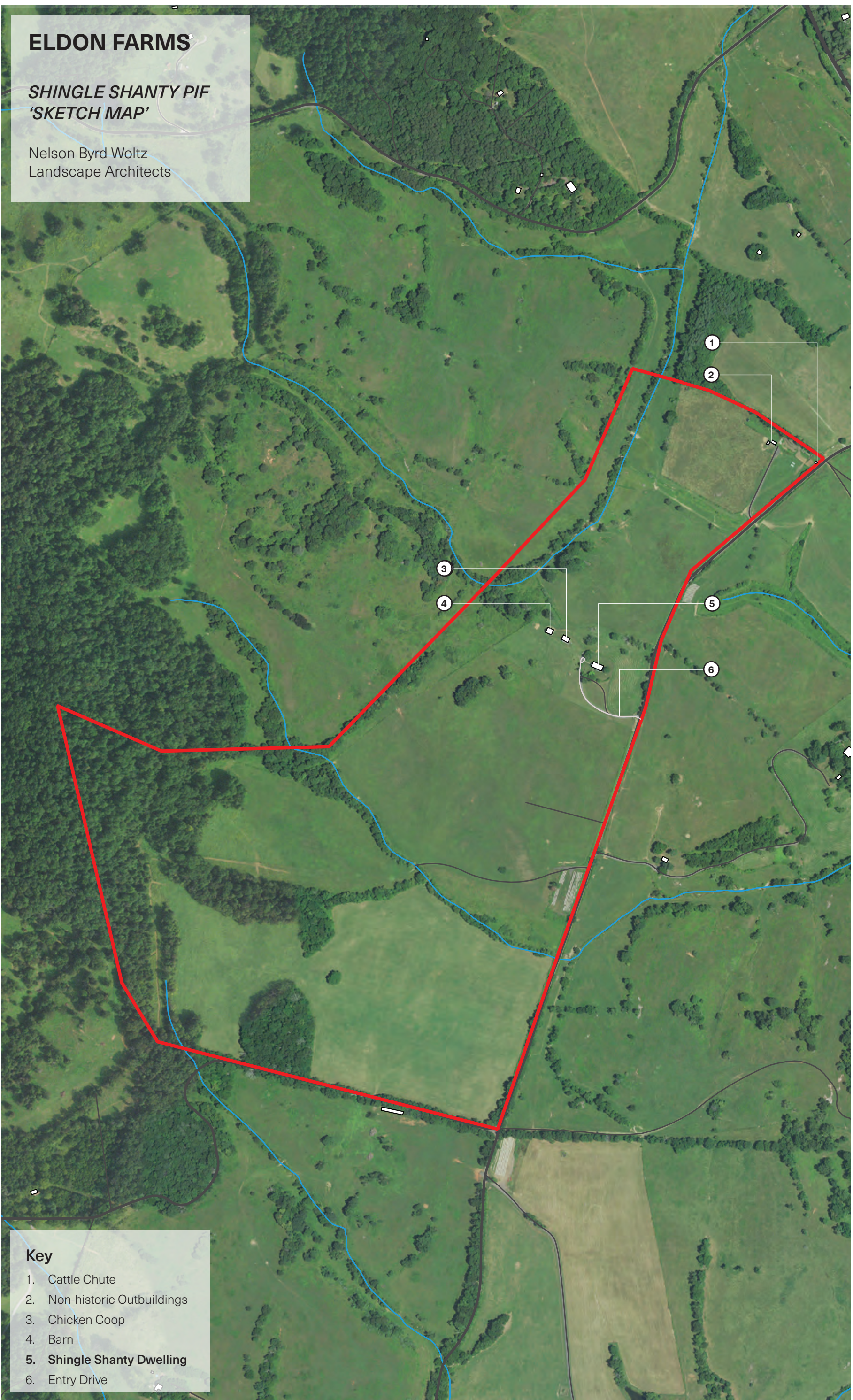
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Date: October 28, 2024

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

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SHINGLE SHANTY PIF 'SKETCH MAP'

Nelson Byrd Woltz
Landscape Architects



Key

- 1. Cattle Chute
- 2. Non-historic Outbuildings
- 3. Chicken Coop
- 4. Barn
- 5. **Shingle Shanty Dwelling**
- 6. Entry Drive



1" = 600'

0' 300' 600' 1200'



































































