



AMERICA'S 400TH ANNIVERSARY

The Journey That Changed the World

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Virginia Department of Transportation Puts America's 400th Anniversary On The Map

*New 2006-2008 Virginia State Map Will Salute the
400th Anniversary of Jamestown and
Official Virginia 2007 Communities Across the Commonwealth*

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. – Travelers in Virginia will be able to identify the many communities commemorating America's 400th Anniversary in 2006 and 2007, courtesy of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). VDOT is making the founding of Jamestown and Virginia's 400-year heritage the focus of the 2006-2008 edition of the Official State Transportation Map, which will be available in Spring 2006.

The new map will feature America's 400th Anniversary with cover photography and a special inset on the commemoration. The map will also serve as a travelers' reference to the many communities across Virginia that are participating in the commemoration.

The 2006-2008 map's index of cities, towns, communities and counties will give special treatment to Official Virginia 2007 Communities by highlighting their listings. These localities, numbering 124 as of August 26th, are marking America's 400th Anniversary with commemorative events and projects unique to their own heritage. These range from cultural festivals and new museum exhibits to new scenic trails and byways.

Jamestown 2007 is coordinating the Virginia 2007 Community Program and working with VDOT on the special community listings. Communities that apply for and receive Official Virginia 2007 Community status by

September 15, 2005 will be highlighted in the 2006-2008 state map index.

"The commemoration will be an exciting time to be in Virginia, with so many events, programs and activities planned across the Commonwealth," said Lynda J. South, VDOT chief of communications, whose office produces the state map. "VDOT is pleased to help consumers make the most of their travels in Virginia and enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime American milestone."

The new state map will be available in Spring 2006 at such locations as the official Virginia Welcome Centers, found at Virginia's interstate borders and Route 13 on the Eastern Shore, and at many other sites throughout the Commonwealth. In addition to the printed map, the state map will be available online at www.VirginiaDOT.org.

VDOT is one of more than 50 state and national agency, business and cultural organizations working in partnership with Jamestown 2007, the planners of America's 400th Anniversary. Jamestown 2007, a sub-agency of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, is coordinating efforts to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. Jamestown is also the site of the nation's first representative government, free enterprise and multi-cultural society. State, national, and international commemorative events to salute these legacies begin in May 2006 and continue into 2008.

For a complete list of communities participating in the Virginia 2007 Community Program and their local commemorative projects, or for more information about America's 400th Anniversary, visit www.americas400thanniversary.com.

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