



# THE DATUM POINT

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER (NVC) OF THE  
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## **FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

**PATRICK O'NEILL**

**No chapter meeting this month because of the Annual Meeting.** The 2022 ASV Annual Meeting is almost upon us! Just a week and a half away!!!! Over 130 have registered and the banquet is sold out! Guess people are ready to meet in person!!!!!! I certainly hope to see you there!

Spent this past Saturday with many chapter members at the Preserve mapping a site with a stone foundation and cemetery. Only saw first half 20<sup>th</sup> century artifacts on the surface, but site goes back to at least 1853 (stone in the nearby cemetery). Records suggest the site may go back to the mid-1700s! When we finally do some STPs, then maybe more will come to light. If you need a site for Certification, let me know!



Team clearing the stone foundation

**No chapter meeting this month!**

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting in Williamsburg.

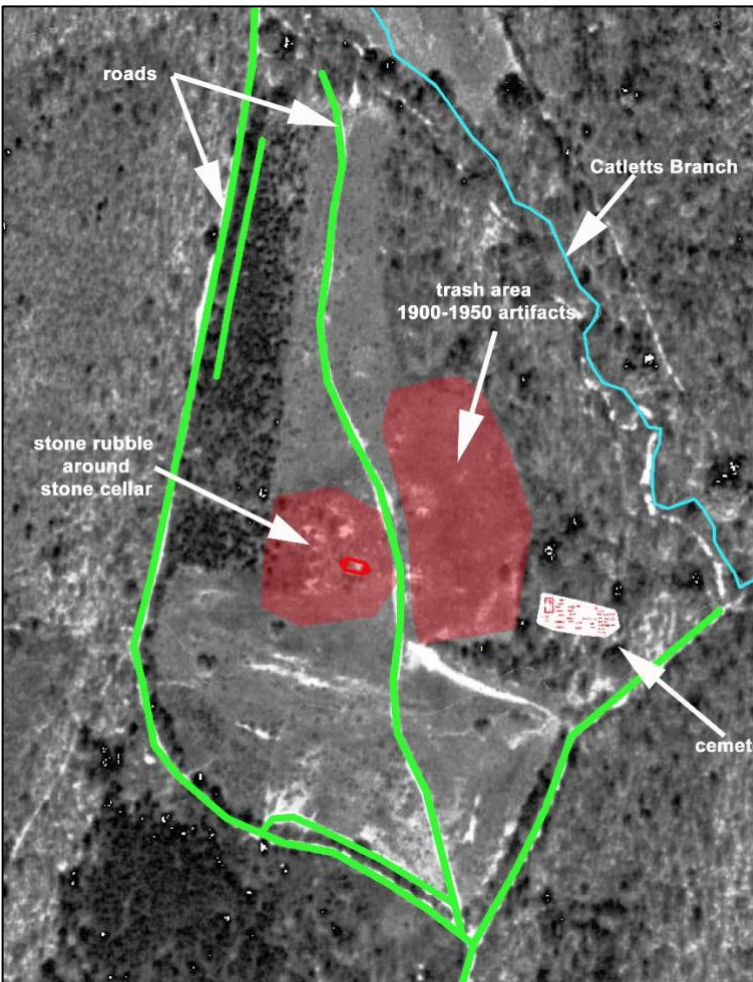


Team in old road bed





Team in old foundation



Current draft of site map around Dawson Cemetery



**CART**  
**COLLEEN BOYLE**  
**Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team**

This month the field crew finished the shovel test pit survey of Riverbend Park! This has been the one of the largest projects the CART has taken on in the past few years and has taken just over 3 years to complete. Throughout this project the team has encountered many obstacles from a global pandemic to staff changes, but after thousands of STPs the team has finished their work in the Northern Ridges of Riverbend will finally have a short break from the field!



In other exciting news, as the new school year starts some of our team members are returning to the classroom once again. We currently have 4 members of our staff returning or starting grad school for the first time! We are very excited for them to start this new phase in their careers and look forward to seeing what they will accomplish!

The most recent ArtiFACT blog post by Heather Hembrey focuses on hand-molded bricks recovered at Union Farm by archaeologists in 2001. One brick has a very unique quality to it, fingerprints left in the clay by an individual who possibly has a part in constructing portions of the farm! For more information on this artifact and

others please visit Fairfax County's ArtiFACT blog page:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/artifacts>

Please note that we are not currently taking volunteers and our offices remain closed until further notice. We will post new opportunities on the Volunteer Management website when they become available. Until then, ACB volunteers are encouraged to share their talents with other branches and/or parks where opportunities are now available. For more information, please visit Fairfax County's Volunteer page for more information. If you would like to be notified when we can accept volunteer assistance again, please email [cartarchlab@live.com](mailto:cartarchlab@live.com)



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**The Chapter meets at 7:30p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month. \*Due to COVID-19 concerns, meetings may take place in-person and/or on Zoom. Details with start time and on-line/in-person information will be provided in the Datum Point newsletter prior to each meeting.**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!!**