

# Virginia Beach History Museums Interpretive Plan Survey Edit

## Project Engagement

VIEWS	PARTICIPANTS	RESPONSES	COMMENTS
<b>1,634</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>945</b>

On a scale from 1 to 7 (with 1 being extremely unfamiliar and 7 being extremely familiar), how familiar are you with the Lynnhaven, Thoroughgood, and Francis Land Houses?

7%	9%	13%	19%	20%	16%	17%
1 Extremely unfamiliar	2	3	4	5	6	7 Extremely familiar

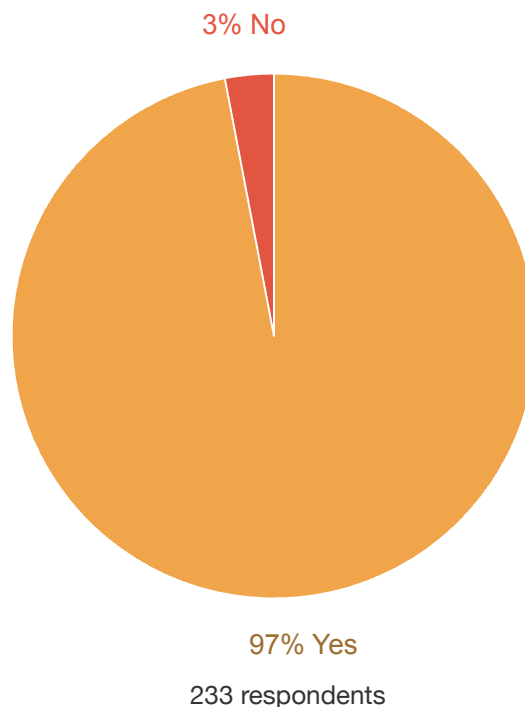
245 responses

On a scale from 1 to 7 (with 1 being least significant and 7 being most significant), how significant do you consider these houses and their stories to Virginia Beach's history?

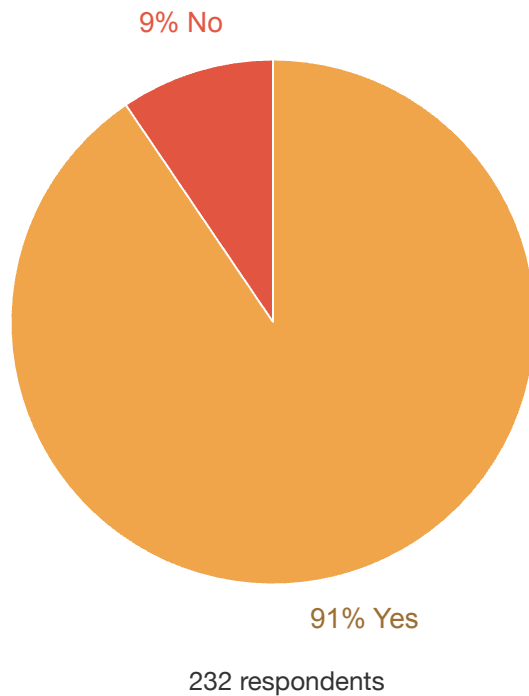
1%	1%	5%	6%	16%	19%	52%
1 Least significant	2	3	4	5	6	7 Most significant

237 responses

Do you support adding new educational signage (for example, historical markers)?



Do you support developing educational media with no physical footprint (for example, smartphone apps, brochures, augmented or virtual reality experiences)?



How many times have you visited the Lynnhaven House?

once

8/1/2021

twice

7/31/2021

0

7/31/2021

At least 6

7/30/2021

1

7/30/2021

How many times have you visited the Thoroughgood House?

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Many times

8/1/2021

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once

7/31/2021

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1. In the early 1980s?

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1

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Dozens

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**How many times have you visited the Francis Land House?**

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Once

8/1/2021

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twice

7/31/2021

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0

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At least 6

7/30/2021

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0 but want to get there.

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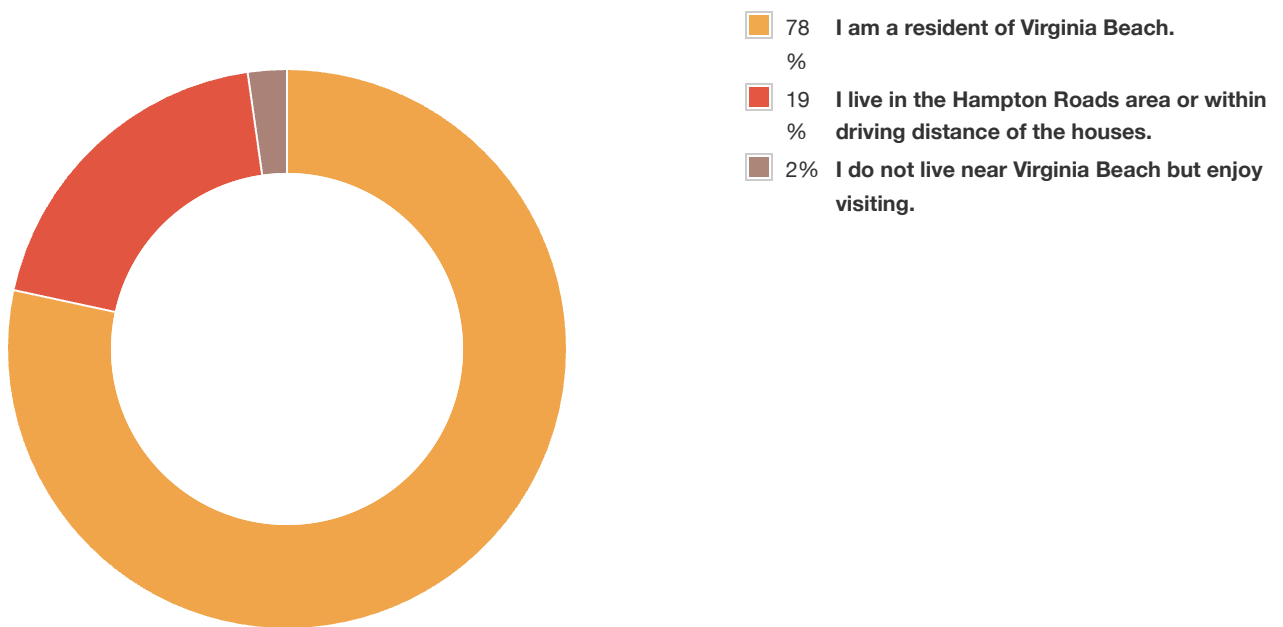
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What was your reason for visiting one of the historic houses? (Select all that apply)

67%	To learn more about the history	146 ✓
47%	To attend an event	103 ✓
43%	To take a guided tour	94 ✓
37%	To bring friends and family	81 ✓
30%	For recreation	66 ✓
13%	I have never visited any of the houses	28 ✓

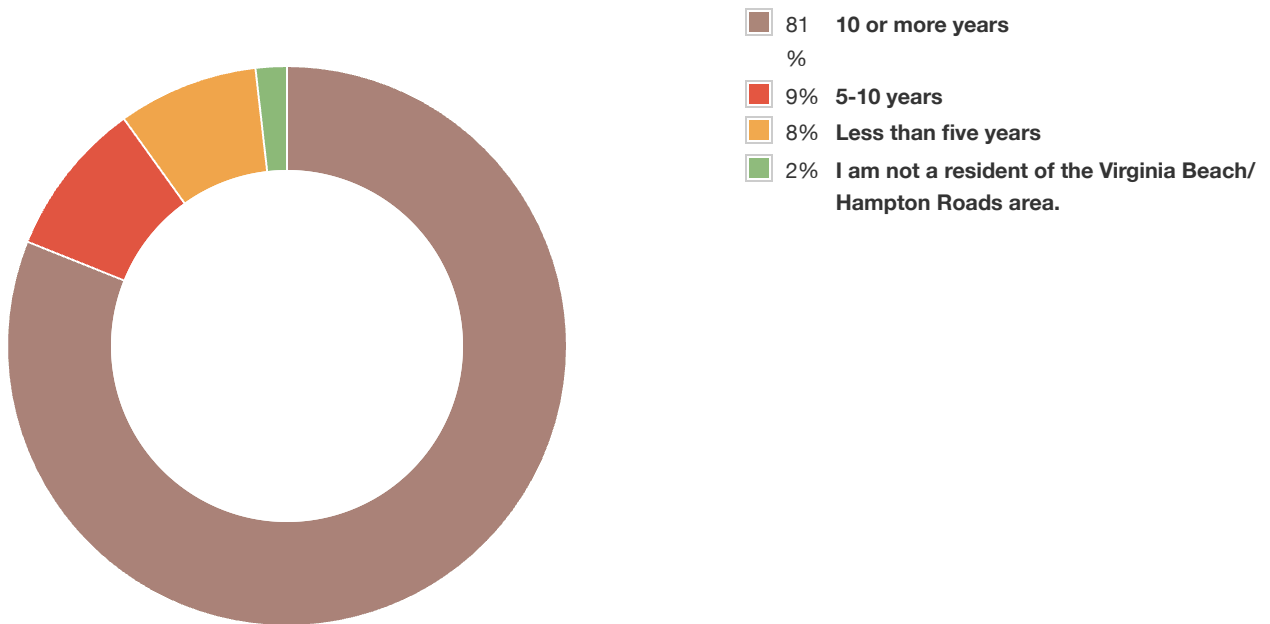
218 Respondents

Please select from below which best describes your proximity to the Virginia Beach Historic Homes.



222 respondents

## If applicable, how long have you been a resident of the Virginia Beach/Hampton Roads area?



222 respondents

## If you could improve the Virginia Beach Historic Houses visitor experience, what would you do?

Have better educated docents. Have living history events outside that draw in new visitors. Organized new events themed around holidays or historic anniversaries. Be open more hours and have better signage. These sites look closed most of the time.

8/1/2021

Take school children on tours there, if not done already.

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Increase awareness.

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Increase times houses are open. Improve docent's knowledge of the history of the houses and their inhabitants.

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Install narrated recordings for visitors. When I was little I visited Gettysburg and inside the Ginny Wade house there was a recording of 'Ginny Wade' describing her life in the home. Her experience has stuck with me my whole life. It was as if she was talking to us as we walked through the rooms. Very powerful.

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## Do you have any other comments about the Virginia Beach Historic Houses or the ongoing planning process?

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You need living historians on site to bring these places to life. Many will volunteer their time or require minimal compensation. Contact HandmadeHistoryLLC@gmail.com or find us on Facebook. We can help bring your sites to life with active, hands-on demonstrations of living history/regional maritime history. We are located right here in Virginia beach and know the areas history.

8/1/2021

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No

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I have not visited these sites since childhood but this survey will prompt me to do so. These are important architectural examples of early rural English colonials trying to establish a foothold in a forbidding new strange world.

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These houses are an absolute wonderful part of our area history. They are important to the quality of life in Virginia Beach and a huge plus for the residents. They should be valued as an incentive to attract quality reside  
These houses are a wonderful asset to our community. They should be valued as a huge plus for the residents to attract quality homeowners and not just as a tourist attraction. Many communities would love to have such valuable part of history .

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These homes are not just part of our area and state's history, they are important to the actual history of the country and must be preserved and protected. I feel that most people who live here don't even know there are incredibly historic homes around them and that is a shame.

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