

Press Release



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Friends of Esmont announces the purchase of the historic Purvis Country Store

Friends of Esmont, Inc., is proud to announce the purchase of the historic Purvis Country Store property at 7603 Esmont Road. The closing occurred on July 28, 2021. Funds for the purchase of the property came from donations to the Friends organization from area residents and other supporters.

The property will be restored as the **Purvis Store Market** which will include a grocery store, coffee shop, museum/visitor center, artists/crafters market and a caretaker's apartment. The adjacent shed will be converted to a shelter and serve as the trailhead for a future Esmont Trail.

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Denise Bush, Vice Chair of the group, says “We are very excited to acquire this historic building to be able to bring it back to life so it can once again serve and vitalize our community!”

Friends of Esmont is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit, organized in 2018 to revitalize the historic village of Esmont. The Board of Directors selected seven projects to fulfill this mission: building a walking/riding trail, memorializing the Esmont Depot, creating a wildlife wetland, restoration of historic houses in the Village, gaining easier access to Fulfillment Farm for recreational purposes, writing a history of Esmont, and the acquisition and renovation of the Purvis Store. Thanks to generous grants from Virginia Humanities, Preservation Piedmont, and the Caplin Foundation the history of Esmont was published in December 2020. The purchase of the Purvis Store property is a major step toward realizing the goal of a revitalized Esmont Village.

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