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“Against our modern world of globalization and homogeneity, this book profiles places that arose in response to local and regional needs, both social and economic. Readers will come away with a better understanding of Virginia’s history and a keener insight into what gives so many of our communities their unique sense of place.”

—**Kathleen S. Kilpatrick**, Director, Virginia Department of Historic Resources
and State Historic Preservation Officer for the Commonwealth

LOST COMMUNITIES OF VIRGINIA

By Terri Fisher and Kirsten Sparenborg

Small towns are the backbone of our nation; thus, their demise, like the loss of family farms, diminishes our nation in profound ways. Virginia’s back roads and rural areas are dotted with traces of once-thriving communities. The buildings may be empty or repurposed today, the existing community may be struggling to survive or rebuilding itself in a new and different way, but the story behind each community’s original development is an interesting and important footnote to the development of Virginia and the United States.

Using contemporary photographs, historical information, maps, and excerpts of interviews with longtime residents, *Lost Communities of Virginia* (MAY 2011) brings the past to life in its documentation of thirty small communities from throughout the Commonwealth that have lost their original industry, transportation mode, or way of life.

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