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Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 10:07
To: Jaeger, Jeff <jjjaeger@ncdot.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Roadside Historic Markers (Legends and Lore Markers)

Hey Jeff,

I hope you are doing well. I am familiar with the Legends and Lore markers. There are actually a few marker programs funded by the Pomeroy Foundation that have markers in NC now. They are not ours, though, so they should be placed off of the state right of way.

Let me know if you have any other questions or would like to see examples of the other similar markers.

Ansley

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Ansley:

Do you know anything about the "Legends and Lore" markers? See below for additional information requested by one of our field folks...

Thanks,

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Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 14:15

To: Couch, John P <jpcouch@ncdot.gov>; Jordan, Kelvin L <kjordan@ncdot.gov>; Jaeger, Jeff <jjaeger@ncdot.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] Roadside Historic Markers

JP-

That's a good question. In my opinion, it depends on the sign. The Roadside historic markers that are typically installed like the one shown below (black and silver sign) are not a traffic control device and are not part of requirements of MUTCD. With that being said- [GS 136-32.1](#) does say any warning or direction sign or **marker** of the same shape, design, color and size of any official highway sign or marker erected under the provisions of GS 136-30, or otherwise so similar to an official sign or **marker** as to appear to be an official highway sign or **marker**.

Someone can make the agreement for both sides (it is different and it is same) for the Legends and Lore Marker Grant Program and NC Natural and Cultural Resources sign. I will ask Jeff for his assistance (Jeff see below).

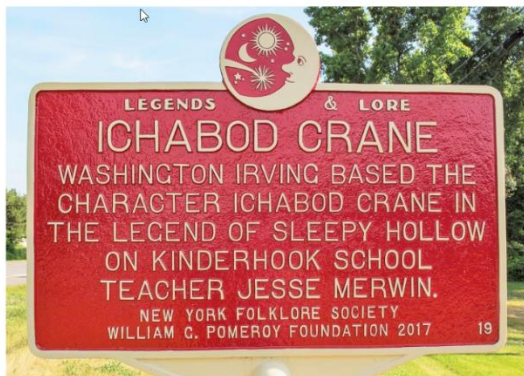


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Jeff-

This appears to be a similar program to the Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources. The Legends and Lore Highway Markers program is associated with [NC Folklife Institute](#). Can you check with your contacts with Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources if they are aware of this program. It appears there are two programs with similar functions and I am not sure what our stance from NCDOT should be on this one. Again this is not a traffic control device and therefore not regulated by MUTCD- Any guidance would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks,
Renee

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Renee,

If they place on private property, would it violate our GS against placement of highway type signs or close replicas of highway signs facing our ROW?

JJP

From: Roach, Renee B <rroach@ncdot.gov>
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JP-

To be honest, we do not see the requests for historic markers. I believe my cost center gets hit with the associated costs. We have a TEPPL Topic [H-38](#) for Historic Markers, Landmarks and Locations.

According to [GS. 136-42.2](#) NCDOT is required to work with Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources in marking spots along State highways for NC Highway Historical Marker Program. [Administrative code](#) also indicates that no state highway historical marker under the NC Highway Historical Marker Program shall be erected without the approval of the committee.

The administrative code [07 NCAC 04T .0105](#) indicates the placement of markers.

Everything I read is concerning placement on state right of way. The other part is the maintenance of the markers. NCDOT is responsible for the maintenance as well. I believe if located outside of NCDOT right of way, maintenance would not be possible.

Your email indicates a Legends and Lore program, which does not appear to be through the Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources and is a separate program from the NC Highway Historical Marker Program. If this is a separate program and outside of the Dept of Natural and Cultural Resources, these markers would not be able to be placed on NCDOT right of way and the Department would not participate in the cost of install, maintenance, etc.

Please see the website for additional information on the established NC Highway Historical Marker Program and how to apply.

<https://www.ncdcr.gov/about/history/division-historical-resources/nc-highway-historical-marker-program>

Thanks,
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Have you had any other requests in the State for the Legends & Lore signage. How do we need to handle if on private property?

JP

From: Caitlin Williams <Caitlin.Williams@DavidsonCountyNC.gov>
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Hello J.P.,

I'm Caitlin, curator at the Davidson county Historical Museum, and I'm looking into a roadside historic marker grant that has raised some questions that I hoped you might be able to help me understand.

The Pomeroy Foundation provides financial assistance to organizations in purchasing National Register historic markers and also Legends & Lore historic markers. I'm looking into the Legends & Lore program which is linked below for a potential sign/s to be placed in Davidson County.

The grant application requires letters of permission from property owners and latitude and longitude coordinates for the site of the sign to be installed. In our case, I was contacted by the Lexington Tourism Authority with a request to apply for the grant without a proposed location for the sign, nor funds for the sign's installment which is an entirely separate issue. I've not done a roadside marker program before but I thought this process might need to involved the DOT. Even if a property owner grants permission for a sign to be placed, how do I know for sure that the roadside location is their property and not DOT right-of-way?

What are the best steps to follow regarding roadside historic marker projects?

<https://www.wgpfoundation.org/history/legends-lore/>

Thanks for any advice,

Caitlin

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