



NORTH CAROLINA CIVIL RIGHTS TRAIL

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To preserve, protect, and promote North Carolina's African American history, arts, and culture for all people.

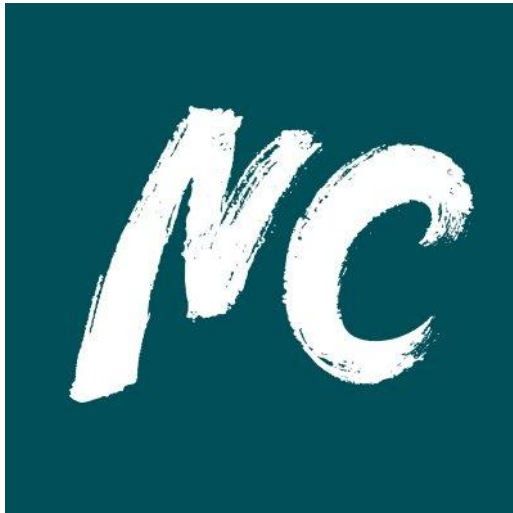
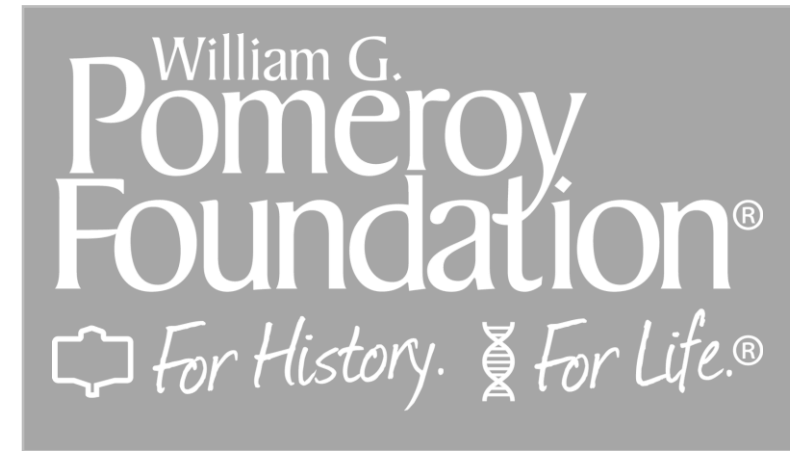




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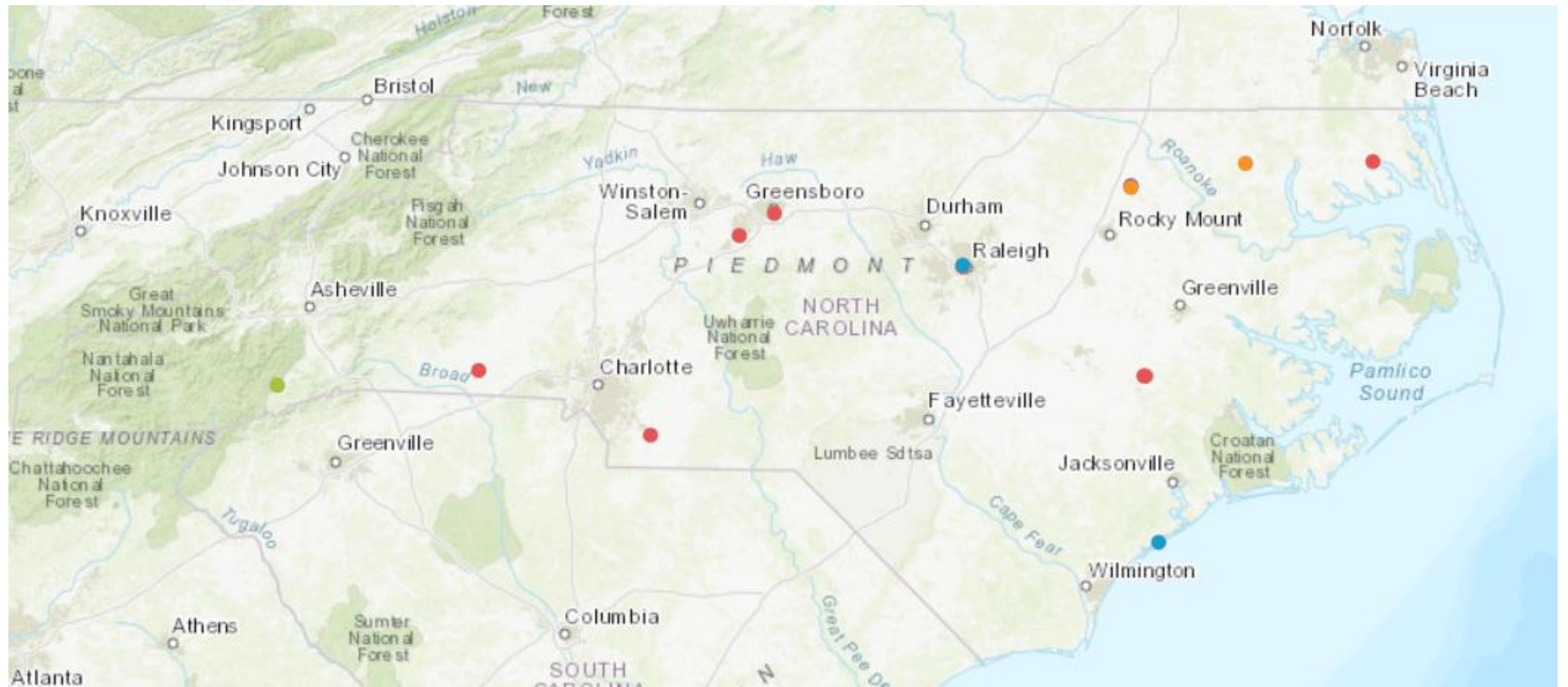
Partnerships

- The William G. Pomeroy Foundation
- NC Office of Archives & History
- Visit NC





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What can be on the trail?

- Protest, rally and sit-in sites
- Birthplace, childhood homes and primary residences of civil rights icons
- Churches and spaces where people organized
- Spaces and places where civil rights icons visited, stayed and spoke
- Educational institutions
- Legal/courthouses



*Bus mapping strategy, Wake County, N.C. schools, 1979
Courtesy of State Archives of North Carolina*

Who can apply?

- Non-profit groups with a 501(c)3 designation, academic institutions and government entities will be eligible to receive a marker.
- Applicants/sites that have secured a State Historical Highway Marker are ineligible.



Adkin High School Alumni at NC Civil Rights Trail Marker Dedication, Kinston, NC, November 2021

How do I apply?

Application
2020 Cycle



Application Guidelines:

- Applications must be complete, clear, and organized
- All facts and statements must be documented with primary sources that were written at the time of the event and secondary sources that put the subject in context. (Primary sources include letters, deeds, newspaper articles, or meeting minutes that might substantiate the historical information in the application.)
- The applicant must locate secondary sources about the marker subject. (Secondary sources include published scholarly articles or books.)
- Photocopies/scans must include citations: the title, author, and date of publication.
- Photocopies/scans of all documentation, primary and secondary, must be submitted with the application.
- If you are mailing your application, for scanning purposes, please use paperclips rather than staples.
- Electronic applications and documentation (submitted via Google Drive or Dropbox Link) are welcome and appreciated.
- Questions? Email us at nccivilrightstrail@ncdcr.gov.

Deadline: Friday, January 1, 2021

Examples of Strong Marker Applications:

[Greensboro Polio Hospital](#)

[State v. Will](#)

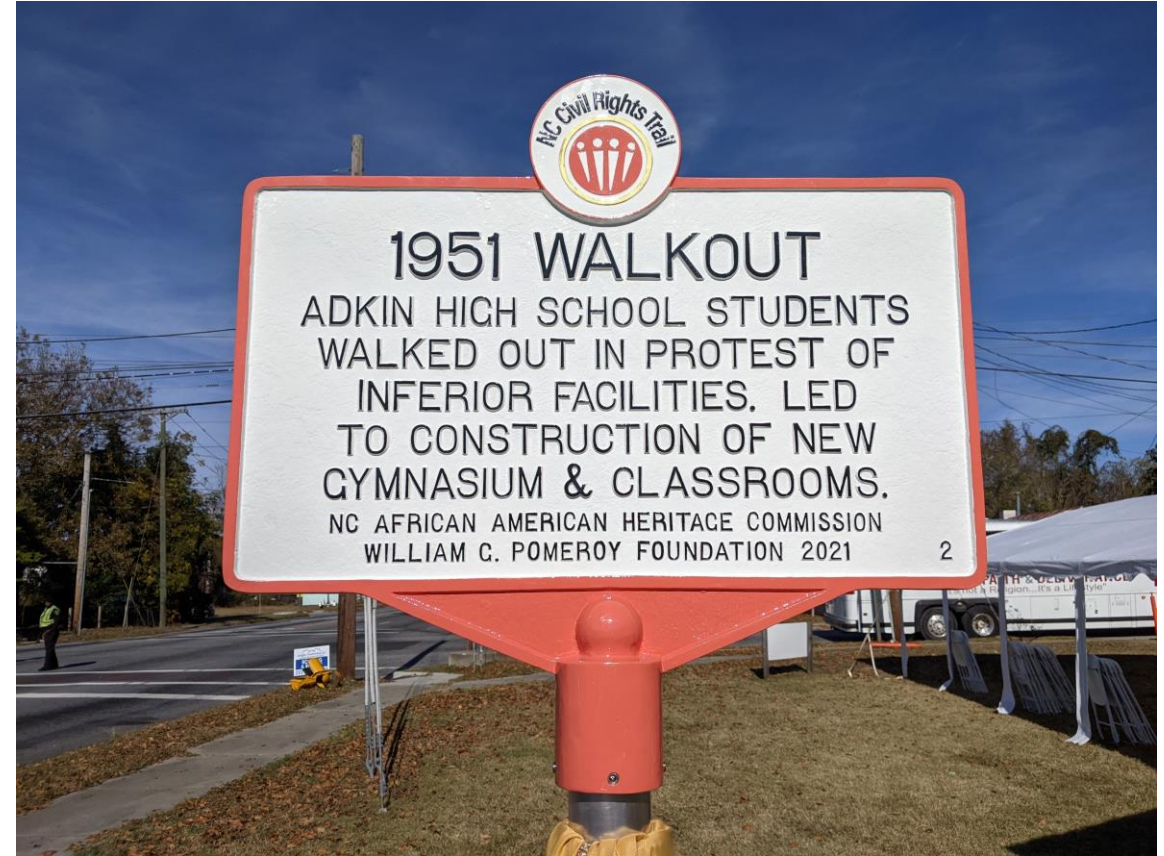


*MLK speaking at NC Central University, 1964
Courtesy of State Archives of North Carolina*

- Round III:
 - Application period:
February 2022 – August 19, 2022
 - Notification: September 2022

How will markers be placed?

- Marker recipients are responsible for arranging marker placement with landowner and municipal officials (if necessary).
- A letter from the landowner granting permission for the marker to be installed must be included in application package.



1951 Walkout NC Civil Rights Trail Marker, Kinston, NC

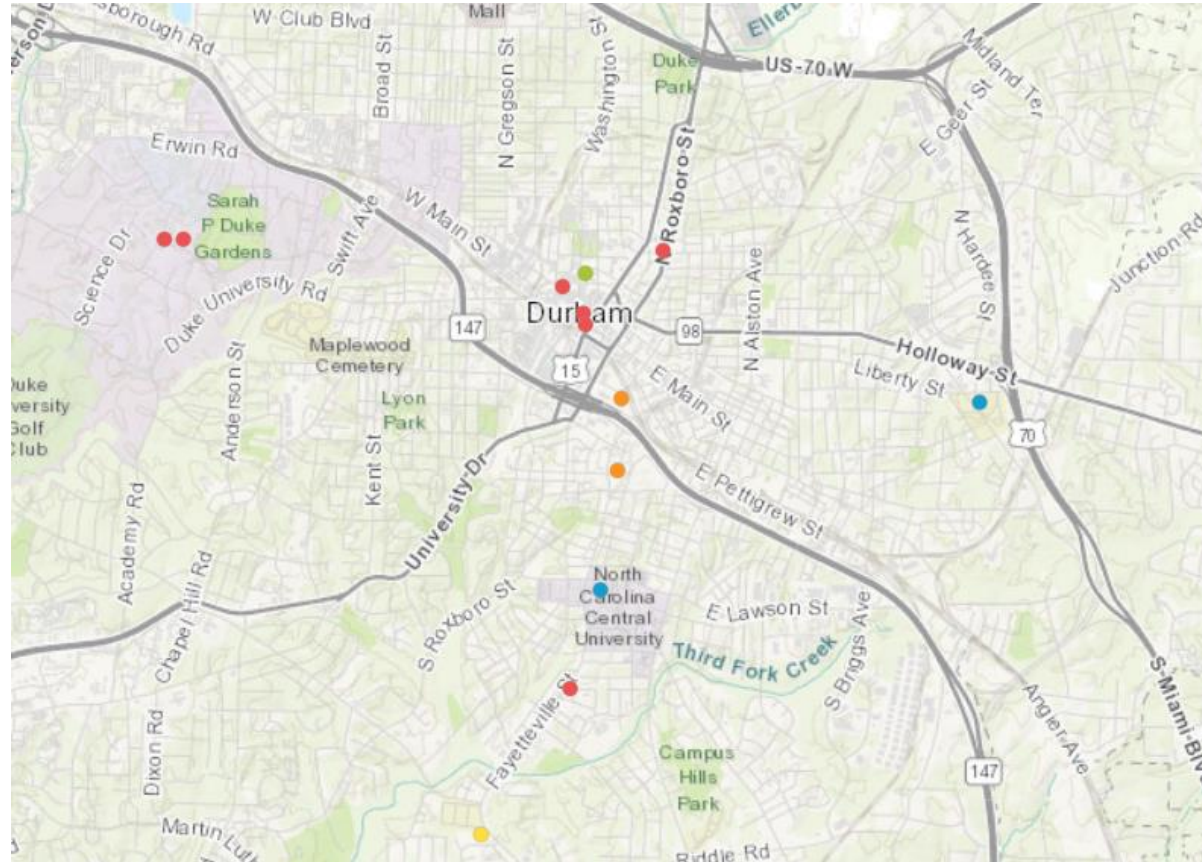
Upcoming Informational Sessions

- Informational Webinars
 - March 25, 10:00am-11:00am
 - April 6, 1:00pm-2:00pm
 - May 6, 11:00am-12:00pm
- Application Workshops
 - April 25, 10:00am-12:00pm
 - May 11, 12:00pm-2:00pm
- Office Hours (by appointment)



Trail Resources

- Virtual Trail
- Travel Itinerary



<https://aahc.nc.gov/programs/civil-rights-trail>

THANK YOU!

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