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“Meeting the Needs of Today and the Challenges of Tomorrow”

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- **Welcome to Virginia**
- **400th anniversary of historic Jamestown Settlement in 2007**
- **Queen Elizabeth's second visit to Virginia, 50 years apart.**

Royal Visits 1957 and 2007



- **Jamestown settled in 1607**
- **First permanent English settlement in the Americas**
- **Three Cultures meet**
 - Native American, Western European and African
- **Traditions established at Jamestown include**
 - Representative government
 - Rule of law
 - Free enterprise



Courtesy – National Geographic



- **Virginia's unique role as the birthplace of modern America as the cradle of American democratic traditions,– 400 years strong**
- **Commemoration, not celebration, is the tone.**
- **Beginning of the greatest nation also was the beginning of the demise of the native nation and slavery**



History of Jamestown Commemoration

- **VA has held major Jamestown commemorations every 50 years since 1807**
- **In summer of 1907, a world's fair was held in Norfolk which drew more than 1.5 million visitors from around the nation and the world**
- **Queen Elizabeth II visited Jamestown in 1957, her first visit to USA as England's monarch**



Living Virginia and the Nation's History



- **After 400 years, the Pavement Management professionals from across the nation gathered here today where the first road in the country was built.**
- **Many historic public works in the area**
- **Largest private port to be open in June**
- **Largest private investment in region - \$450million +**
- **Welcome to Virginia and enjoy your stay**