

The Living New Deal Map (Text)

“CCC Camp Recovery – Canova VA”

Upon visiting the site where CCC Camp Recovery once was at the intersection between Dumfries and Hoadley Road, the feeling of the passage of time becomes eerily present. There's nothing to suggest the area was ever once a part of a historic New Deal program in any way. As a Northern Virginia native, I have driven multiple times down pass the 400-acre area of land that once housed over 200 men as part of FDR's New Deal. Now what lies there is a demolished building next to a volunteer fire station undergoing reconstruction. Men built an entire camp on a mere 75 cents an hour, and there's no evidence of their work in sight. The men were documented to have created toolboxes, to have cleared acres of land, and to have built many of the buildings on the land itself. They also paved many of the roads in and around the area. Considering the amount of work that they were documented to have done, it's surprising that little of it remains. However, being that the camp was focused on forests and fire control, the volunteer fire station in its place serves as somewhat of an ode to that.