On Becoming a Certified Local Government

https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/certified-local-government-clg/#Requirements

Currently the following requirements are necessary for CLG designation:

- A local government must adopt a historic district ordinance that
 - (a) defines district boundaries,
 - (b) establishes a review board,
 - (c) identifies actions that must be reviewed and standards for review, and
 - (d) in general provides for the protection of local historic resources.
- The CLG's preservation commission or review board must administer its ordinance and work as an advocate for preservation in the locality.
- The CLG must continue to survey its local heritage resources.
- The CLG must promote public participation in its local heritage stewardship program.
- The CLG must annually report on the performance of its CLG responsibilities.

An application for designation as a CLG currently requires the following:

- A request for certification from the local chief elected official with a written assurance that the local government fulfills the Virginia CLG requirements.
- A copy of the local preservation ordinance and map(s) showing the areas and sites protected by the ordinance.
- A copy of a resume for each member of the local review board and a copy of the board's bylaws and rules of procedure.