

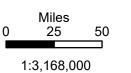
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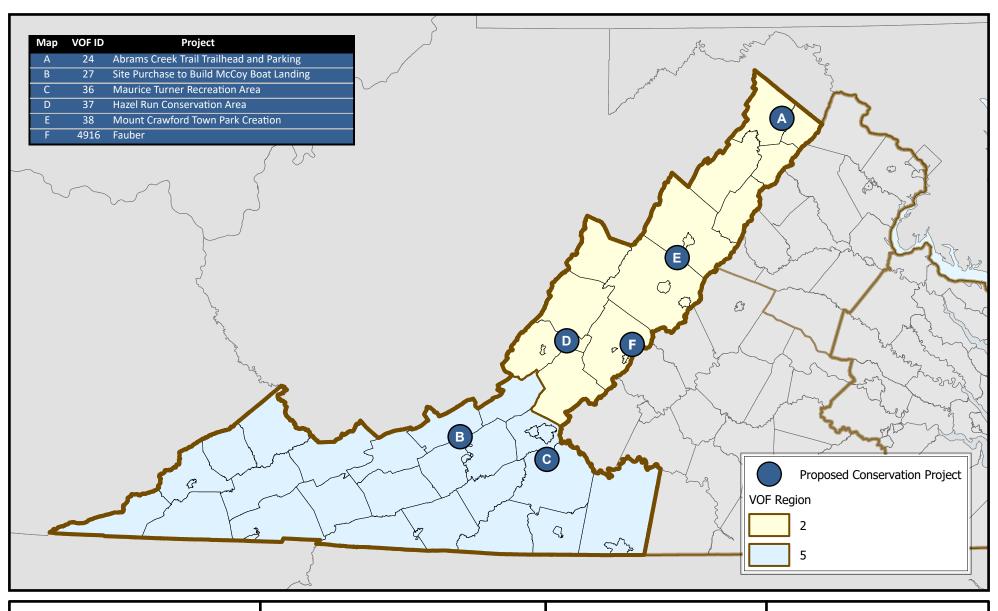
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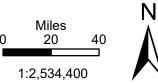
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**Proposed Conservation Projects** Regions 2 and 5

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# Conservation Projects

Western Virginia

Regions 2 & 5

# **Applicant/Grantor: Frederick County Parks and Recreation Project Title: Abrams Creek Trail Trailhead and Parking**

Locality: Frederick County VOF Region 2

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 Application ID #24 VOF Staff Lead: Emily White

Funding: Preservation Trust Fund Requested & Recommended Award \$206,688

# **Project Description**

This project provides a trailhead access point and parking for the Abrams Creek Trail. The trailhead will include an asphalt entrance, signage, and parking to provide public access for the Abrams Creek Trail facilitating access to a trail network corridor already in place and planned for expansion.

# **Deed of Dedication to Open Space**

Frederick County, as the landowner, will record in the land records a deed of open space dedication which will encumber the title to the property regardless of ownership. The deed of open space dedication will designate the land under the provisions of the Open Space Land Act chapter 10.1-1700 as perpetual open space, prohibit subdivision, place strict limitations on development or impervious coverage, and require that public access be provided.

## **Objectives and Outcomes**

The objective of the project is to encourage outdoor recreation by creating a starting/ending point for trail users to access the area. This project will increase awareness and protection of the Abrams Creek watershed and provide access to a trail amenity designed to be a backbone of a robust recreation and alternative transportation corridor.

The project outcomes include providing a healthier community through access to trails, the top identified recreation demand in the community. Access to the trail corridor will encourage and increase cycling and walking for recreation and transportation. Additionally, this phase of the Abrams Creek Trail will expose trail users to the natural beauty of an otherwise heavily developed area.

In the area of the Abrams Creek Trail, Frederick County has required the addition of shared use paths along some roadways. The trail is designed to connect to existing trails and provide a backbone corridor for residential developments to tie into and provide a transportation alternative to commercial centers..

#### **Future Management**

The Abrams Creek trail and supporting infrastructure are to be maintained by the Frederick County Parks and Recreation department. The proposed trailhead would be maintained by the same entity. The Parks and Recreation department has a strong relationship with local Boy Scouts troops who often work with the department on projects such as trail corridor maintenance and Eagle Scout project additions.

**Applicant/Grantor: Giles County** 

**Project Title: Site Purchase to build McCoy Boat Landing** 

Locality: Giles County VOF Region 5

Board Meeting Date: 10/12/2023 Application ID #27 VOF Staff Lead: Emily White

Funding: Preservation Trust Fund Requested & Recommended Award \$20,000

# **Project Description**

Construction of the McCoy Falls Boat Ramp in Giles County is a critical and essential component in a much larger, region-wide initiative entitled The New River Water Trail (NRWT) Expansion Project. Purchasing the land in order to construct the McCoy Falls Boat Landing is the reason for our request of \$20,000 from the Preservation Trust Fund. This property is located on the New River, a few hundred yards upstream from McCoy Falls. Goodwin's Ferry Road provides access to the land.

The New River Water Trail Expansion is the "big picture" project of which this landing is a key component. In addition to the McCoy Falls Boat Landing in Giles, there will be three additional new or improved ramps.

This "expansion" project extends the New River Water Trail to an additional 24 miles of the New River within Montgomery and Pulaski Counties and the City of Radford. The NRWT will now flow through 61 linear miles impacting 3 counties, 1 city, and 10 towns, addressing the focus areas of public access, tourism, natural resources, culture and outdoor recreation.

Each landing will have a kiosk hosting a map, recommended float sections, in addition to safety and stewardship information. There will also be bridge and tourism way-finding signage.

#### **Deed of Dedication to Open Space**

Giles County, as the landowner, will record in the land records a deed of open space dedication which will encumber the title to the property regardless of ownership. The deed of open space dedication will designate the land under the provisions of the Open Space Land Act chapter 10.1-1700 as perpetual open space, prohibit subdivision, place strict limitations on development or impervious coverage, and require that public access be provided.

#### **Objectives and Outcomes**

The deliverable and objective are one and the same as pertains to this funding request from VOF-PTF. However, the outcomes as pertain to the NRWT expansion components will include the constructed McCoy Falls Boat Landing with the specified signage, kiosk, maps, safety and stewardship info., etc. to be located on this purchased property.

In 2015, Giles County launched the NRWT which integrates this natural recreational asset into community and economic development plans. Recognizing the NRWT, and other natural assets, has improved quality of life, job creation/retention, and diversification of the economic base.

#### **Future Management**

The future management of the McCoy Falls Landing, along with all other Giles ramps, will continue to be the county along with the VA Department of Wildlife Resources; in their usual roles such as natural resources/wildlife enforcement.

# **Applicant/Grantor: Town of Boones Mill**

**Project Title: Maruice Turner Recreation Area** 

Locality: Franklin County VOF Region 5

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 Application ID #36 VOF Staff Lead: Emily White

Funding: Preservation Trust Fund Requested & Recommended Award \$50,327.92

# **Project Description**

The Maurice Turner Recreation Area will be located on town-owned property adjacent to a one-acre pond. A picnic shelter, tables, an ADA-compliant walking trail, benches, interpretive signage, and a small bike rack are included in the plans. The area directly to the north and adjacent to the pond, approximately 4 acres, is proposed as permanent public green/open space. This space is sloped with mixed hardwood and pine trees and includes two natural springs which provide water for the pond. The pond and project area green space encompass approximately five acres to be enhanced and established as a park.

#### **Deed of Dedication to Open Space**

The town of Boones Mill, as the landowner, will record in the land records a deed of open space dedication which will encumber the title to the property regardless of ownership. The deed of open space dedication will designate the land under the provisions of the Open Space Land Act chapter 10.1-1700 as perpetual open space, prohibit subdivision, place strict limitations on development or impervious coverage, and require that public access be provided.

#### **Objectives and Outcomes**

Objectives of this project include providing a space for residents to relax and de-stress in a quiet, natural environment, educating the public on the importance of local ecosystems, creating a space for community fellowship, and providing a place for folks of all abilities to exercise and stay healthy.

Outcomes of this project include a new community gathering space, a healthier population, increased awareness of pollinator habitats and benefits of native plants, awareness of the importance that natural springs, ponds, and water play in the environment, as well as that of local aquatic ecosystems.

There are currently no parks or recreation areas in the Boone District and the Town has received a lot of input from town and county residents about their interest in a local park/recreation area. The Boone District encompasses a majority of the northern part of Franklin County. Franklin County does not have any official plans for a park in the district.

#### **Future Management**

The Town of Boones Mill will manage and maintain the park and easement area as it does now. The Town will continue to have insurance coverage on the property and work with local trail groups on the continued upkeep and maintenance of the trail.

# **Applicant/Grantor: Town of Clifton Forge**

**Project Title: Hazel Run Conservation Area** 

Locality: Alleghany County VOF Region 2

Board Meeting Date: 10/12/2023 Application ID #37 VOF Staff Lead: Emily White

Funding: Preservation Trust Fund Requested & Recommended Award \$140,000

# **Project Description**

This project will create a conservation area surrounding the Hazel Run Trail in the Town of Clifton Forge. By protecting adjacent land parcels through a deed of dedication to open space, the scenic qualities and natural resources surrounding Hazel Run will be protected in perpetuity.

This project will fund acquisition and protection of 8 parcels totaling 10.6 acres in addition to land protection of 21 parcels already in ownership totaling 22.8 acres. A total sum of 33.4 acres of land will be protected. This land surrounds the Hazel Run Trail and Fairmont Park Trail, which total 1 mile in length. These trails link Booker T. Washington Park to Linden Park and provide a recreation opportunity adjacent to residential areas within the Town of Clifton Forge. In addition to walking and jogging, hunting is also a permitted activity in this area. The proposed conservation area will protect a forested area in a suburban setting, which will conserve habitat, water quality, and scenery.

A survey was conducted to measure public support for the project. Among 61 survey respondents, 92% answered "Yes" to the question, "Do you feel the Town of Clifton Forge should protect the Hazel Run Trail by creating a conservation area that will be held permanently as open space land?"

## **Deed of Dedication to Open Space**

The town of Clifton Forge, as the landowner, will record in the land records a deed of open space dedication which will encumber the title to the property regardless of ownership. The deed of open space dedication will designate the land under the provisions of the Open Space Land Act chapter 10.1-1700 as perpetual open space, prohibit subdivision, place strict limitations on development or impervious coverage, and require that public access be provided.

#### **Objectives and Outcomes**

A higher quality recreation experience will be offered for trail users. Trail safety, sustainability, and wayfinding will be improved.

#### **Deliverables**

The future management of the McCoy Falls Landing, along with all other Giles ramps, will continue to be the county along with the VA Department of Wildlife Resources; in their usual roles such as natural Maintenance of Hazel Run Trail and Fairmont Park Trail will be implemented. A trailhead kiosk and updated signage will be installed.

#### **Future Management**

The protected land will be monitored by volunteers from the Clifton Forge Parks and Recreation Authority.

# Applicant/Grantor: Town of Mount Crawford

**Project Title: Mount Crawford Town Park Creation** 

Locality: Rockingham County VOF Region 2

Board Meeting Date: 10/12/2023 Application ID #38 VOF Staff Lead: Emily White

Funding: Preservation Trust Fund Requested & Recommended Award \$303,000

# **Project Description**

Mount Crawford has a strong community-centered vision for the creation of the Town's first public park and space, which includes a sensory trail, sensory playground, picnic shelter, bathroom, parking, native tree walk, and direct access to the North River. The project will conserve native forest, promote walking, fishing, and boating, tie-in to a recently completed boat launch, provide a public gathering space for residents, families, and Town events, and build a sense of place.

The boat launch completion represents the first phase of the Town's larger vision of a Town Park. The Town Park project both provides recreational access, and conserves existing sensitive habitat, which are two priorities residents expressed during the public input phase of the comprehensive plan update.

The Mount Crawford Town Park project has three goals: 1) outdoor recreation access and education, 2) community gathering spaces and functional improvements, and 3) land conservation.

# **Deed of Dedication to Open Space**

The town of Mount Crawford, as the landowner, will record in the land records a deed of open space dedication which will encumber the title to the property regardless of ownership. The deed of open space dedication will designate the land under the provisions of the Open Space Land Act chapter 10.1-1700 as perpetual open space, prohibit subdivision, place strict limitations on development or impervious coverage, and require that public access be provided.

#### **Objectives and Outcomes**

The main objective is preserving existing natural areas, increasing outdoor recreational access opportunities, and using the creation of the town park as an impetus to establish a Parks and Recreation Committee. The main outcome is residents will be able to access public park and recreation space without leaving Town limits, and an engaged citizen-led group that will program future park activities and events, but also plan new park and outdoor spaces.

#### **Deliverables**

The final park will have one interconnected trail with three different segments: a sensory trail, the existing boat launch path, and a spur riverfront path. The sensory trail will provide the link between the community gathering improvements to the existing boat launch path and to a spur trail leading to different riverfront access points. A native tree and pollinator walk will label and identify existing and newly planted trees and plants along each trail segment.

#### **Future Management**

The Town currently maintains mowing and landscaping through a local business, and trash pick-up with volunteer assistance. Town staff will continue to improve each project feature, including developing new features along the sensory trail, informational signage for fishing, boating, and tree ID, engaging with local volunteers to maintain the community garden, and holding future Town-supported fundraising events at the park.

# Roundtop Revocable Trust Agreement Roy L. Fauber, Roberta B. Fauber or Robert S. Fauber, Trustees

Locality: Rockbridge Total Acres: 113.121

Project ID # 4916 Instrument ID # 7315 Property ID # 5619

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Laura Thurman

**Project Type**: Open-space easement

**Project Description**: Working farm raising cattle and hay with frontage on Irish Creek and the road leading to a popular trailhead into the George Washington National Forest. Irish Creek is a stocked and native trout stream and this area is popular with fishermen and bicyclists. U.S. Bike Route 76 parallels the South River where the property crosses over the road to the frontage on that river. The property is visible at a distance from Whetstone Ridge Trail that runs through a designated GWNF Roadless Area that is also eligible for listing as a Wilderness Area.

# **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

**Agricultural Use**: Approximately 25 acres of the property is prime soils and 25 acres contain soils of statewide importance. This is a small mountain farm producing cattle and some hay. The American Farmland Trust Productivity, Versatility and Resiliency rating shows portions of the Property as having Significant and Exceptional agricultural productivity.

**Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity**: Sand Grape (*Vitis rupestris*) was found on the bank of Irish Creek next to the Property. Listed as critically imperiled in Virginia, it requires sandy habitat along creek banks.

Scenic/Open Space: The Property is visible at a distance from the public lands in the George Washington National Forest just to the east. A portion of this area is designated Roadless and is eligible for listing as a Wilderness Area. Whetstone Ridge Trail runs along the top of the ridge to the northeast of the Property. Although the property fronts State Route 603, it is only minimally visible to the driving public because of tree cover and topography. SR 603 has approximately 200 cars daily, but it is an access to both the trailhead for Whetstone Ridge Trail and for fishing along Irish Creek. The road goes up to the Blue Ridge Parkway, but is not passable during inclement weather. The property also crosses South River Road (SR 608), which is on U.S. Bicycle Route 76, part of the TransAmerica Trail. Bike Route 76 runs from Missouri to Yorktown. It is approximately 533 miles long and crosses 38 Virginia localities, including 23 counties, four independent cities, and eleven incorporated towns.

Water Resource Protection: Contains approximately one-half mile of frontage on Irish Creek; 400 feet of frontage on the South River and 1,500 feet of a seasonal tributary of Irish Creek. Irish Creek has been fenced to keep out livestock. Portions of the seasonal tributary are also fenced. South River is not accessed by the cattle. Irish Creek is a "TMDL" creek, primarily because of temperature, but also to reduce e-coli (livestock manure) counts in the stream. Upstream it is stocked by the Virginia

Department of Wildlife Resources and is listed as a native trout stream approximately three miles upstream.
Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines (Delete this section for BDR)
Approve as presented.
Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
☐ Deny (not supported by staff)
<b>Notes:</b> Some sections of the new model easement continue to be reviewed. Any resulting changes to th language in the deed of easement are expected and will not require additional consideration from th Board.
Easement Terms*
*The Governing Document: The primary terms of the easement are listed below in a condensed form. The complete terms, conditions, and restrictions are set forth in final and governing form in the recorded deed of easement.
1. Division of Land: One property permitted (No division)
2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious surface coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 25,000 square feet.
3. Buildings and structures. Existing and new buildings and structures on the Property with the right to construct, use, enlarge, maintain, and replace such buildings and structures, all subject to the impervious coverage limitations, the siting restrictions, and any other restrictions set fortly elsewhere in this Easement. No more than two detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. Any new building or structure with a ground area and any additional impervious surface, together exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No building may exceed 35 feet in height, measured from the average grade of the foundation thereof, excepting cupolas, chimneys, antennas, silos, or other structural features having the prior written approval.
4. Siting of Buildings and Structures: Summary: All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within the Building Envelopes shown on the Special Conditions Map/ Exhibit A. Any detached (freestanding) dwelling must be located in a Building Envelope.
<ul> <li>5. Water Quality Protection Areas: Summary: 35' riparian buffers for Irish Creek and the South River, with livestock excluded from Irish Creek (but not the buffer) and excluded from the South River and its buffer. A 20' foot buffer for the tributary of Irish Creek with livestock excluded from the tributary (but not the buffer) as shown on an Exhibit attached to the deed and in the Baseline Documentation Report. ■ Irish Creek - Livestock excluded from waterway only: YES NO ■ South River - Livestock excluded from riparian buffer and waterway: YES NO</li> </ul>

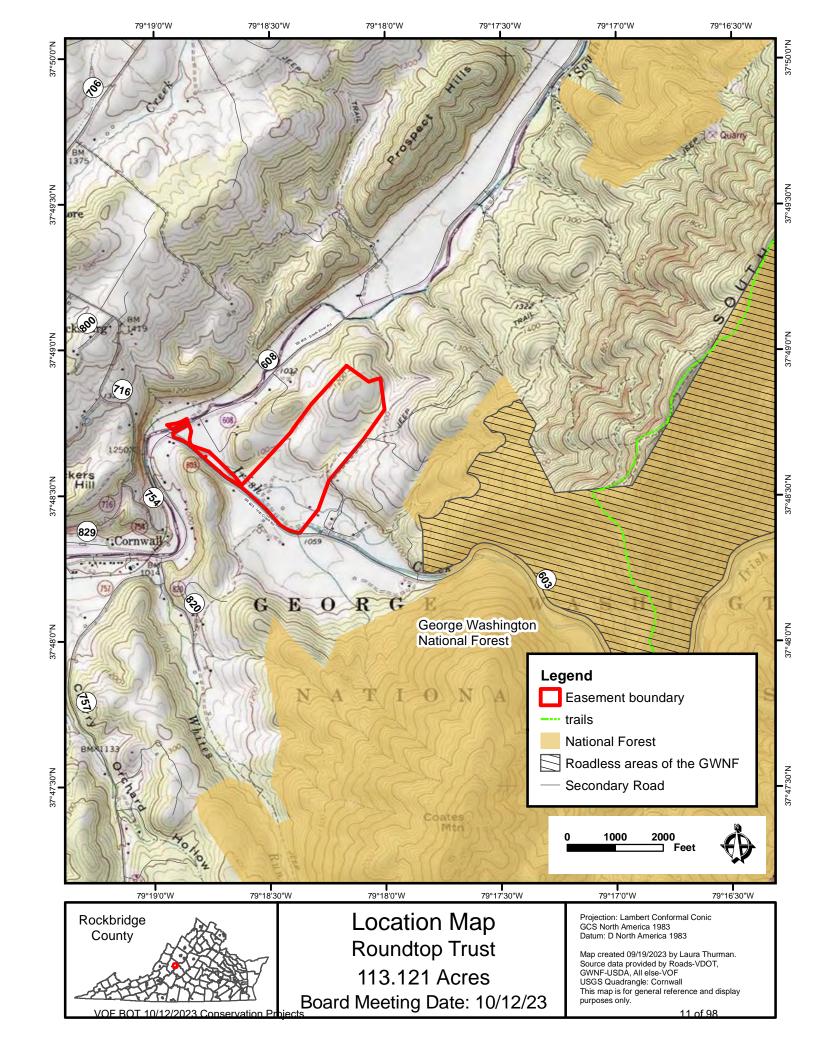
- Tributary of Irish Creek Livestock excluded from waterway only as shown on the Exhibit attached to the deed.
  Length of "forested/vegetated" riparian buffers (livestock excluded): Irish Creek = both banks (5,200 feet); South River = both banks (800) and tributary = 3,000 (both sides both tribs).
- **6.** Consolidation of Tax Parcels: NO YES Summarize: Property is currently one tax parcel.

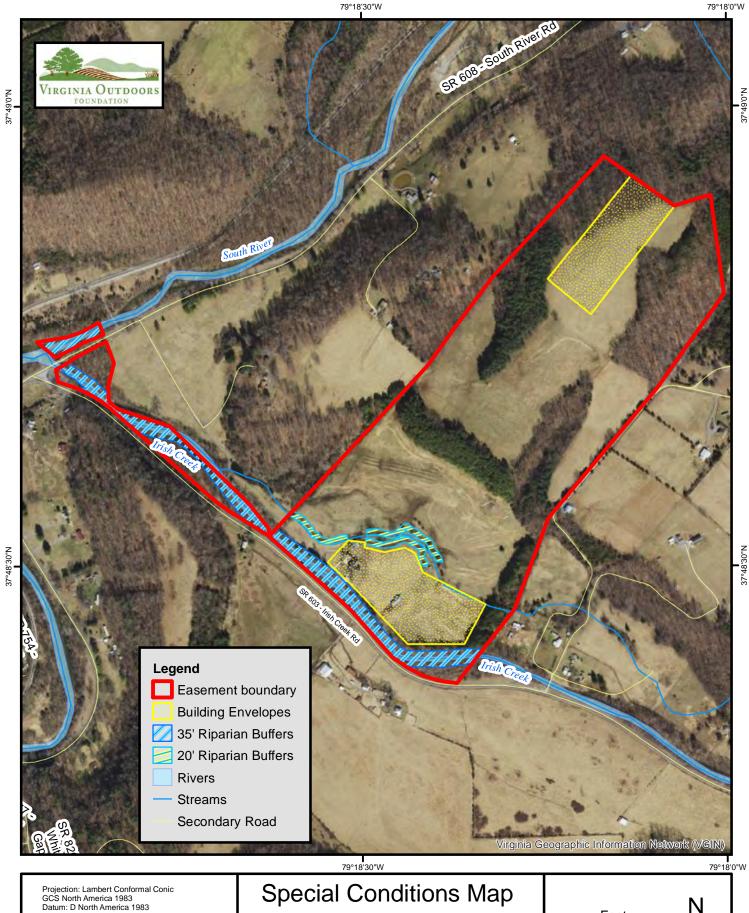
#### **Further Discussion**

Fencing has been established on the tributary of Irish Creek and on Irish Creek. The South River is not accessible to livestock. The buffer restrictions reflect current management of the property.

<b>Special Con</b>	ditions Table (for VOF use)							
Waterbody		Feature Length (ft)	Buffer Width (ft)	Buffer Sides	Livestock Restriction	SC ID		
Irish Creek	(livestock excluded from creek)	2,600	35	Both sides	Yes	6824		
	South River	400	35	One side	Yes	6825		
_	Tributary of Irish Creek (livestock excluded from portion of this waterway)  1,500 varies Both sides Yes							
Siting Condition	Description							
Building Envelopes	All buildings and structures on the Property exceeding 500 square feet in ground area other than renewable energy facilities must be located in specific areas of the Property designated as "Building Envelopes							
Compliance	Compliance with County Comprehensive Plan							
⊠ YES	□NO							

Public Infrastructure Information C	Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
<b>Roads</b> : 608 and 603 both have varying ROWs – VDOT rethe allowance of an expansion to 50'. There are no publish This additional ROW request falls under the de minimis parts.	ned plans to expand the ROWs.		$\boxtimes$
Rail: Property borders Norfolk & Western line – no respon	nse from them		$\boxtimes$
Utilities:			
Easement Boundary Information			
Boundary created using a combination of surveys for this properties. Approved by GIS team — "B".	property and surveys for neighbo	ring	



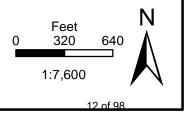


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Roundtop Trust ~ 113.121 Acres

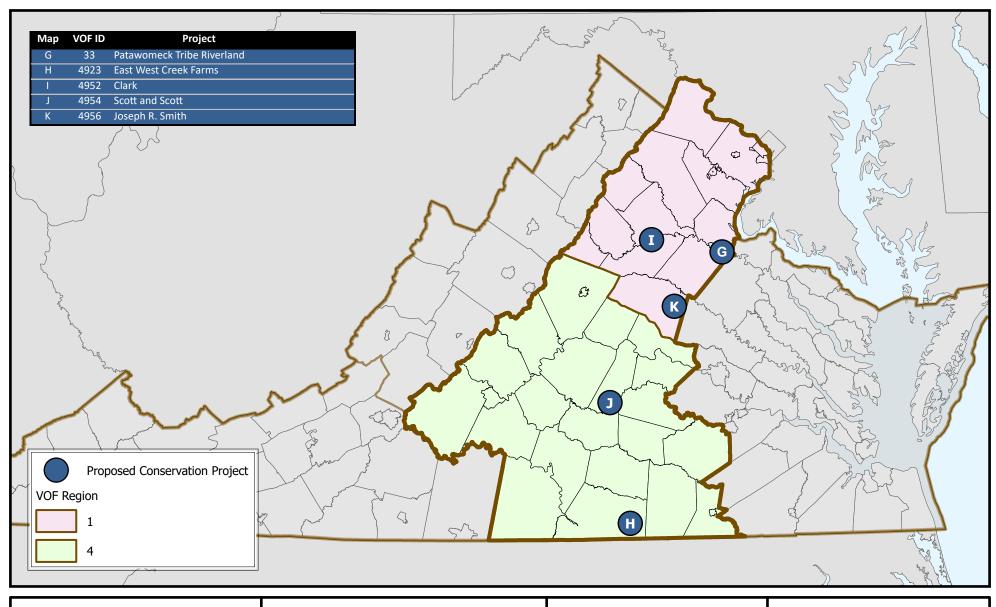
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Central Virginia

Regions 1 & 4



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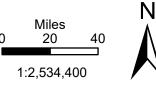
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Proposed Conservation Projects Regions 1 and 4

> October 12, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting





# Applicant/Grantor: Patawomeck Indian Tribe of Virginia

Project Title: Patawomeck Tribe Riverland

Locality: Stafford County VOF Region 1 Total Acres: 14.24 acres

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 Application ID #33 VOF Staff Lead: Estie Thomas

Funding: Preservation Trust Fund Requested and Recommended Award \$100,000

## **Project Description**

The Patawomeck Tribe seeks to acquire a 14.24-acre parcel of land located on the Rappahannock River. The Patawomeck Tribe was formally recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2010 and is one of 11 state recognized tribes. The Patawomeck Community is centered in southern Stafford County and operates a museum and cultural center just across the Rappahannock River from Fredericksburg at Litle Falls. The project property is located adjacent to the Tribal Center

#### **Open Space Easement**

This project is expected to utilize an open space easement as the mechanism for conveyance of a real estate interest. The project will be brought back before the board of trustees once an open space easement has been developed for the specific property and its intended use.

#### **Deliverables**

Plans for this property include demonstration farming of traditional medicines and traditional fishing methods using handmade eel traps and the construction of traditional tribal housing units. The Tribe plans on providing a site on the Rappahannock River for the public to come ashore and visit the Center and Museum and view historic tribal demonstrations. Currently the Rappahannock River does not offer many sites to pull up and rest for people out in kayaks, canoes or other light watercraft.

#### **Objectives and Outcomes**

The Tribe will be able to enhance and expand their cultural and historical education. The public will benefit as the pull in site will provide a place for the public using the river for soft launch craft such as canoes, kayaks and paddle boards to pull up on the shore and rest before continuing.

#### **Future Management**

The property will be owned and managed by the Patawomeck Tribe.

Grantor Name: East West Creek Farms, LLC

Locality: Mecklenburg Project Total Acres: 720.48

ID # 4923 Instrument ID # 7451 Property ID # 5718

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Sherry Buttrick

**Project Type**: VOF easement through VLCF grant.

**Project Description**: 720.48 acres of farmland in Mecklenburg County will protect prime and statewide important farmland in active agricultural use. The farm is currently used for crop rotation of corn and beans and tobacco and for cattle pasture/hay production and it is part of a larger full-time multi-generational family farming operation. In addition to its agricultural resource importance, the property contains a total of approximately 2 miles of frontage on Parham Creek and Flat Creek with associated wetland areas. Extensive frontage through the middle of the property on Bellfield Rd gives significant visual access for the public. This farm is part of a larger family farm operation known as Opie Farms in which multiple family members within at least two current generations are engaged and it is a major producer of farm products in the area.

#### **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

#### **Agricultural Use:**

- ~256 acres of Prime farmland and ~387 acres in Statewide Important farmland
- Farm currently in active agricultural production of crops and in cattle pasture.
- Portions of the farm are delineated in ConserveVirginia's agriculture category.
- American Farmland Trust's Study on Productivity, Versatility and Resilience, a part of the
  Farmland Under Threat report, whose purpose is to identify "the agricultural lands best suited
  for cultivation, with a focus on production of human-edible food crops", designates virtually
  all of the open land on the farm as being important with over half marked as Significant or
  Exceptional.
- DCR's Agriculture Model identifies portions of the land as high suitability.
- This farm is part of a larger family farm operation known as Opie Farms in which multiple family members within at least two current generations are engaged and it is a major producer of farm products in the area.

#### Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:

- VA Landscape Ecological Cores ranks areas of the property near the waterways as C3. This area contains forested riparian areas and wetlands.
- The property is ~1,250 feet from an Important Bird Area as designated by the National Audubon Society. This large property with riparian areas on two creeks for a total distance of approximately 2 miles will provide buffer habitat for this designated Important Bird Area.

#### Scenic/Open Space:

• Open Space: Adjoins an Ever Green Team Land Trust easement of 244 acres to the east; also adjoins an open space easement held by the Department of Forestry of 150 acres to the west. That eased property in turn adjoins across Flat Creek 303 ac held by Ever Green Team Land Trust. Protecting this property will result in a block of approximately 1,417 acres of land.

- 720.48 acres is nearly 3 times the 271-acre size of an average farm in Mecklenburg County.
- **Road frontage/Scenic**: Approx. one and one-half mile total road frontage through the middle of the property, and the openness of the land cover and topography affords significant visual access from Bellfield Rd.

#### **Water Resource Protection:**

- Over a mile and a half of frontage on Parham Creek on the east and half a mile of frontage on the west on Flat Creek.
- Wetland areas along both creeks.
- Areas of the farm are included in the high (61-80) category of DCR's Watershed Impact Model

Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines (Delete this section for BDR)
Approve as presented.
Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
Deny (not supported by staff)
<b>Notes:</b> Some sections of the new model easement continue to be reviewed. Any resulting changes to the language in the deed of easement are expected and will not require additional consideration from the Board.

#### **Easement Terms\***

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- 1. **Division of Land**: Four properties permitted (three divisions)
- 1. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Impervious coverage is the ground area measured in square feet of all three-dimensional buildings and structures excluding walls or fences and the ground area measured in square feet of all impervious two-dimensional surfaces exceeding 2,000 square feet in area not including roads or driveways. For the purpose of this Easement the surfaces of solar panels are to be considered impervious surfaces. Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 100,000 square feet.
- 2. Buildings and structures. Existing and new buildings and structures on the Property with the right to construct, use, enlarge, maintain, and replace such buildings and structures, all subject to the impervious coverage limitations, the siting restrictions, and any other restrictions set forth elsewhere in this Easement. No more than eight detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property.

Any new building or structure with a ground area and any additional impervious surface, together exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No building may exceed 35 feet in height, measured from the average grade

of the foundation thereof, excepting cupolas, chimneys, antennas, silos, or other structural features having the prior written approval. 3. Siting of Buildings and Structures: **Summary**: All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within the Building Envelopes shown on the Special Conditions Map and Exhibit A. Any detached (freestanding) dwelling must be located in a Building Envelope. 4. **Water Quality Protection Areas:** Summary: 50 ft buffers on Flat Creek and Parham Creek and four Riparian Protection Zones on wetlands along creeks. • Livestock excluded from riparian buffer and waterway: X YES NO • Length of "forested/vegetated" riparian buffers (livestock excluded): 12,090 feet 5. Unique deed provisions: VLCF required provisions: Ag Plan (which exists) and stream buffer and wetland template variations. **Consolidation of Tax Parcels:** NO YES **Summarize**: Currently in three parcels.

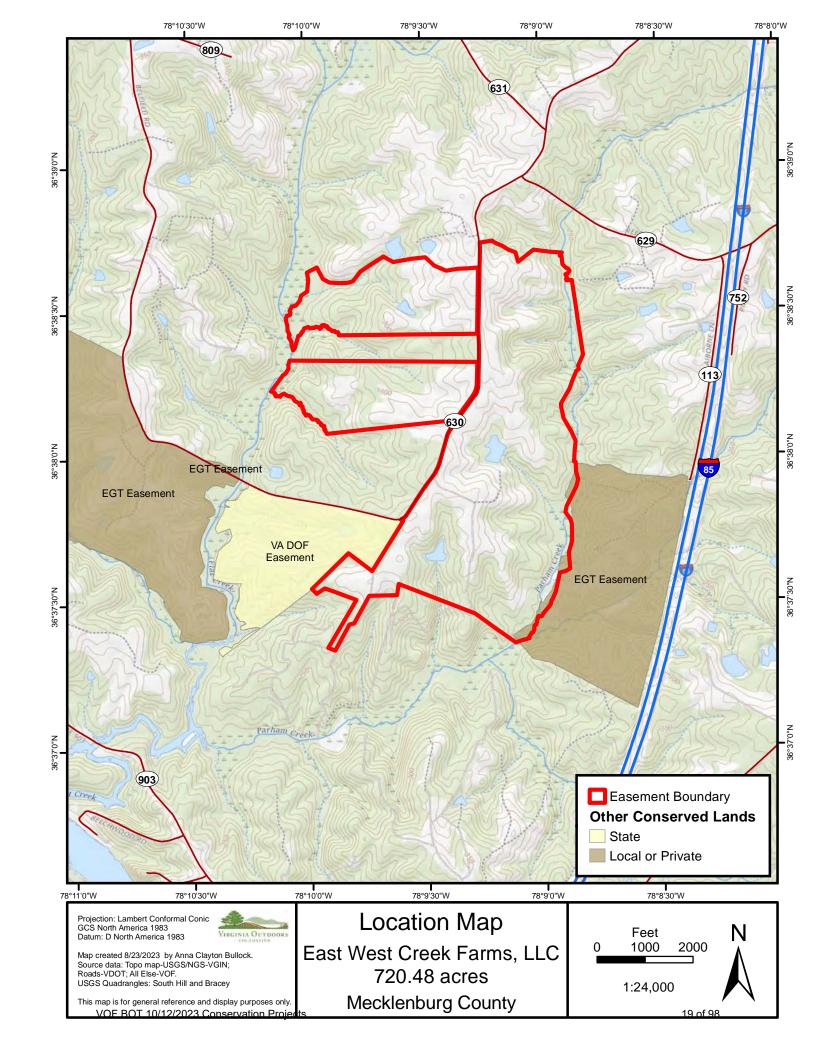
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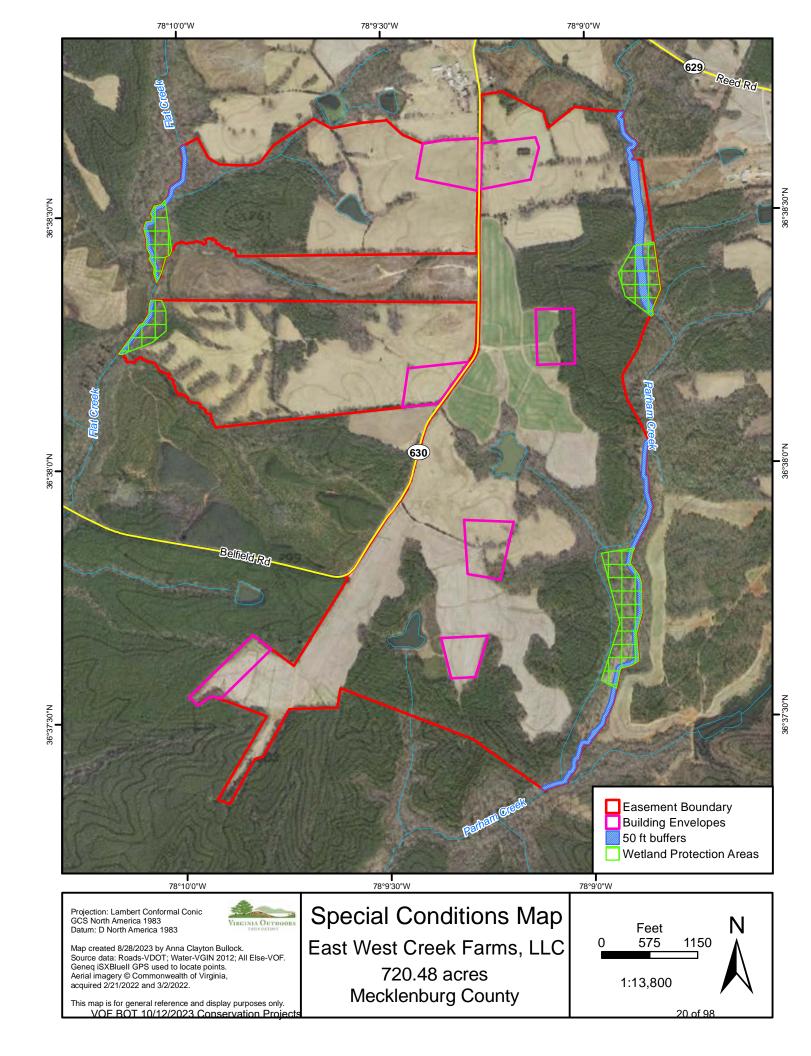
VLCF application in the Agriculture category has been submitted for the current grant round.

Special Conditions Table (for VOF use)									
Waterbody		Feature Length (ft)	Buffer Width (ft)	Buffer Sides	Livestock Restriction	SC ID			
	Flat Creek	2,700 ft	50	One side	Yes	6868			
	Parham Creek	1,870 ft	50	Both sides	Yes	6869			
	Parham Creek	5,650 ft	50	One side	yes	6870			
4 W	etland Protection Areas				yes	6871			
Siting Condition	Description								
Building Envelopes	Building Envelopes (7)					6867			

Compliance with County Comprehensive Plan Delete this section for BDR
If applicable describe any complication with land use designations in "Further Discussion" section XES NO

Public Infrastructure Information	Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
<b>Roads</b> : Belfield Road has a 30 ft R/W according to 20	15 plat.		
Rail: n/a			
Utilities: none.			
Notes: VDOT notes no need for more R/W here.			
<b>Easement Boundary Information</b> Delete this section f	for BDR		
Digital survey. Easement boundary complete.			





Dear VOF Board and VLCF:

We thank you in advance for your consideration of our conservation easement and our VLCF application.

Our family farm consists of three brothers, and two sons in the Callahan family. Our great grandfather, grandfather, father, and now three sons and two grandsons operate this family farm. We want to protect this land that is such an important part of our livelihood and the deep-rooted desire to farm.

This farm is one of the best farms in Mecklenburg County, and in Virginia. The soil and location with a good number of irrigation ponds are suitable for keeping our crops profitable. Also, wildlife is abundant with excellent fishing as well. Corn, soybeans, cattle, and tobacco are integrated into this farm plan.

A large part of our farm operation involves this beautiful farm and would greatly reduce our farm profitably if not preserved as a farm. We are in hopes this grant would help keep viable our farm business. We desire to keep this farm as open cropland with no development or urbanization that would ruin this family farm.

We kindly thank you,

Eddie H. Callahan

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James L. Callahan

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Jarrett Callahan

# John Sheldon Clark and Marguerite J. Clark

**Locality**: Orange **Total Acres**: 43.622

Project ID # 4952 Instrument ID # 7526 Property ID # 5750

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Sherry Buttrick

**Project Type:** Deed of Gift of Easement

**Project Description**: Located in an eligible Rural Historic District, this wooded property fronts along

State Highway 522 and is the area of many other easements.

### **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

#### **Agricultural Use:**

• 14% Prime farmland soils and 16% soils of statewide importance.

#### **Forestal Use:**

• Approximately half the Property is designated by the VDOF in its Forest Land Assessment as containing high Forest Conservation Values.

#### **Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:**

 Property is located in the Culpeper Basin Important Bird Area as designated by the National Audubon Society.

#### Scenic/Open Space:

- The Property fronts on Rt. 636 for approximately 250 feet and also on Rt. 522 for approximately 840 feet and the Property is visible from Rt. 522 as approaching the property.
- Property lies in close proximity to a block of easements of approximately 14,000 acres held by VOF and a USDA easement held by NRCS and Piedmont Environmental Council under the Agricultural Land Easement Program.

#### **Water Resource Protection:**

- Property has about 1,580 feet of frontage on Raccoon Branch within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Raccoon Branch drains to the Rapidan about ½ mile downstream.
- Portions of the property are ranked 41-60 (out of 100) and portions are ranked 61-80 (out of 100) in VA Conservation Vision Watershed Model created by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

#### **Historic Preservation:**

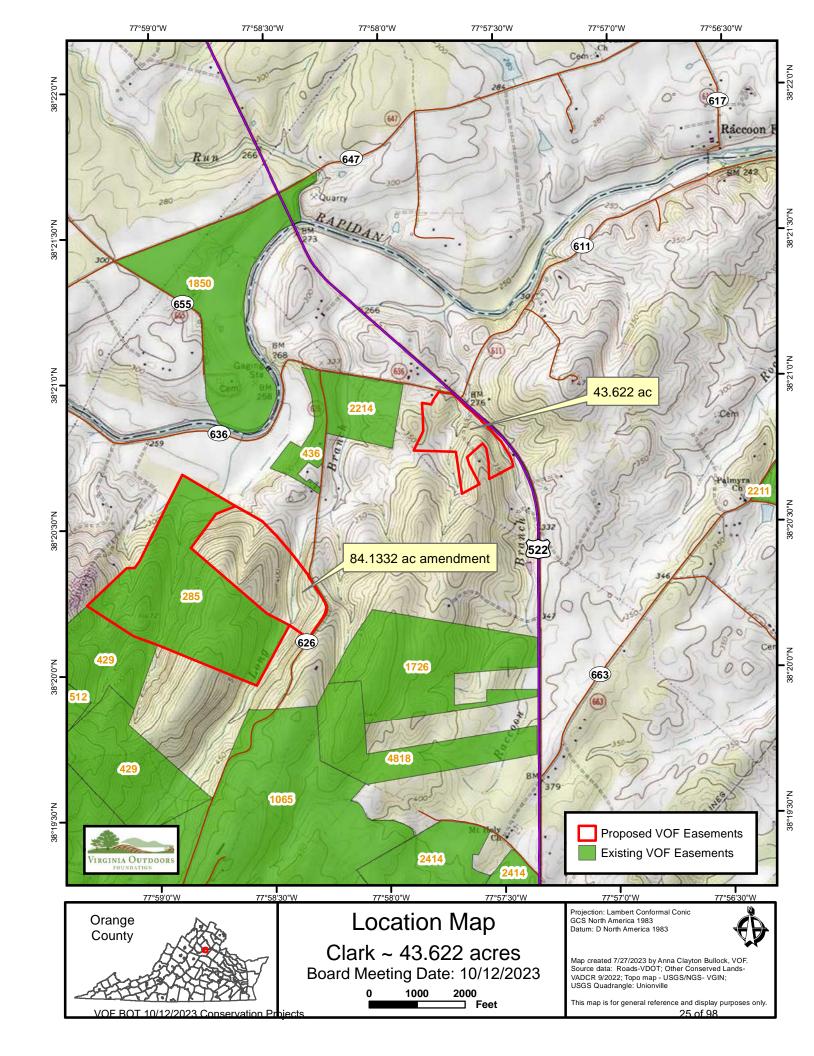
- Entire Property is located in the Rapidan River and Clark Mountain Rural Historic District, eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
- Property lies in an area identified in the VA Conservation Vision Cultural Resource Model ranked 2 (of 3).

Staff 1	Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines (Delete this section for BDR)
	Approve as presented.
	Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
	Deny (not supported by staff)
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	<b>Impervious Coverage Limitations</b> : Total impervious surface coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed <b>3,000</b> square feet.
	<b>Buildings and structures</b> . Existing and new buildings and structures on the Property with the right to construct, use, enlarge, maintain, and replace such buildings and structures, all subject to the impervious coverage limitations, the siting restrictions, and any other restrictions set forth elsewhere in this Easement.  No detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. No building may exceed 35 feet in height, measured from the average grade of the foundation thereof, excepting cupolas, chimneys, antennas, silos, or other structural features having the prior written approval.
	Siting of Buildings and Structures: Summary: No new building or structure shall exceed 500 square feet in ground area. [N.B. because of the restrictiveness of this provision, no Building Envelopes are needed.]
	<ul> <li>Water Quality Protection Areas:</li> <li>Summary: 35 ft buffer on Raccoon Branch.</li> <li>Livestock excluded from riparian buffer and waterway: ∑ YES ☐ NO</li> <li>Length of "forested/vegetated" riparian buffers (livestock excluded): 3,160 feet.</li> </ul>

# **Further Discussion** *Delete this section for BDR*

Note that there is a deeded right of way driveway from Rt. 522 to the existing 5 ac house parcel not included in the easement.

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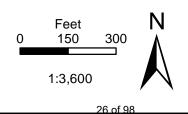
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Special Conditions Map Clark, J. Sheldon and Marguerite J.

43.622 ac ~ Orange County



April 27 2021

# **Dear Sherry**

I have long been interested in conservation for the betterment of the environment, the preservation of wildlife, and the scenic beauty.

For the last twenty years I have put many properties in your easement programs to achieve these goals. I have found that this program has

been increasingly important with rapid expansion of cities such as Washington DC.

Thank you

Jon Sheldon Clark



# Robert Taylor Scott and Amy Montgomery Scott & Robert Alan Scott Project Title: Angola Farm

Locality: Cumberland County VOF Region 4 Total Acres: 279.2 acres

Grant Application# 35 Project ID # 4954 Instrument ID # 7528 Property ID #s 5752 and 5753

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Sherry Buttrick

**Project Type Grant Funding:** Preservation Trust Fund partial-purchase

Recommended and Requested: \$275,000

**Project Description**: This property with good soils is actively farmed full-time by Robert A. Scott and part-time by his son, Robert Taylor Scott. It produces beef cattle and until recently was a poultry farm. With half a mile of frontage on Angola Creek, wetlands, and a perennial tributary and large lake, the property is also important for water quality protection and habitat. The section of Angola Creek that abuts the property is designated by DCR as a Stream Conservation Unit and is within an Important Bird Area.

#### **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

# **Agricultural Use:**

- Property is in active farm use. AFT Acceptable.
- Approx 31 acres of Prime soils and 150 acres of Statewide Important farmland

#### Forestal Use:

• Approx 132 acres high FCV as designated by Dept of Forestry.

#### **Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:**

- Western portion of property is ranked C2 (Very high) in VNLA Ecological Cores.
- In Central VA Piedmont Forest Block IBA.
- DNH Aquatic Natural Community and in Angola Creek SCU.
- Wetlands along Angola Creek.

#### **Scenic/Open Space:**

• Approx 5,050 feet of frontage on Rt. 664, Angola Rd.

#### **Water Resource Protection:**

- Approx 1,660 ft on Angola Creek and about 2,000 feet of frontage on tributary stream to Angola Creek and wetlands in the northwest corner of property on Angola Creek and tributary. All of property within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
- Angola Creek flows to the Appomattox River about 3 miles downstream.
- About half of property is ranked 41-60 out of 100 in VA Conservation Watershed Model.
- In ConserveVA in Water Quality Improvement category.

#### Open Space as Designated by a Gov't or Conservation Org:

• In ConserveVA in the Water Quality Protection category. In Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Staff	Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines (Delete this section for BDR)
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	Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
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1.	Division of Land: 2 properties permitted (1 division)  Division occurring at Recordation (1 division)
2.	<b>Impervious Coverage Limitations</b> : Total impervious surface coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 140,000 square feet. Allocation: 10,000 square feet to the 97-ac tract of Taylor Scott's and the remaining 130,000 sq ft to Robert A. Scott which has 124,776 sq ft existing.
3.	<b>Buildings and structures</b> . Existing and new buildings and structures on the Property with the right to construct, use, enlarge, maintain, and replace such buildings and structures, all subject to the impervious coverage limitations, the siting restrictions, and any other restrictions set forth elsewhere in this Easement. No more than two detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. Any new building or structure with a ground area and any additional impervious surface, together exceeding 5,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No building may exceed 35 feet in height, measured from the average grade of the foundation thereof, excepting cupolas, chimneys, antennas, silos, or other structural features having the prior written approval.
4.	Siting of Buildings and Structures: Summary: All new buildings and structures larger than 200 square feet in ground area must be located within the Building Envelopes shown on the Exhibit A. Any detached (freestanding) dwelling must be located in a Building Envelope.
5.	Water Quality Protection Areas: Summary: 50-foot buffer on Angola Creek, 35-foot buffer on tributary below (north of) the pond; 35-foot buffer with livestock excluded from the waterway only above (south of) the pond. RPZ on the wetlands as shown on Exhibit A.  ■ Livestock excluded from waterway only:   YES □ NO Above (south of) the pond.

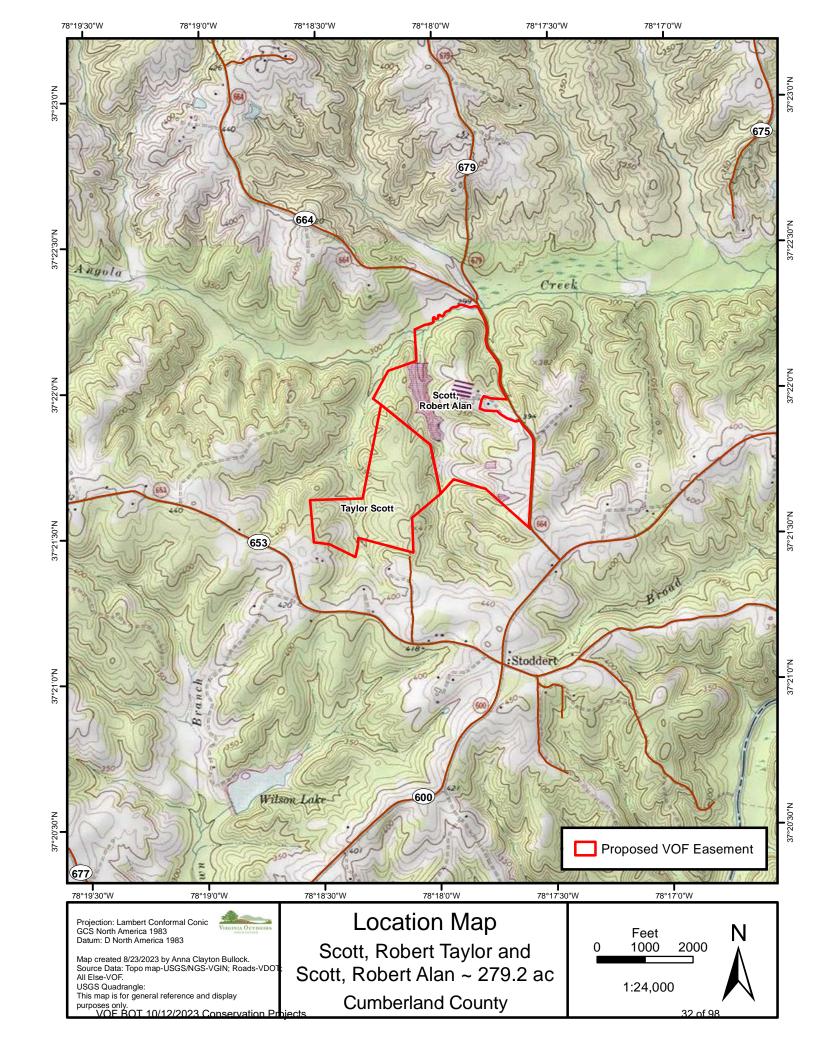
- Livestock excluded from riparian buffer and waterway and RPZ: YES NO On Angola Creek and the perennial tributary below (north of) the pond's dam.
- Length of "forested/vegetated" riparian buffers (livestock excluded): 760 feet
- Length of "no-plow" riparian buffers (no livestock exclusion): 4,020 feet (livestock excluded from stream and pond only.
- **6.** Unique deed provisions: Activities section of ALE deed because the property is a grant applicant to PTF as a farm conservation project: (a) agriculture production and related agricultural uses such as agritourism, farm machinery repair, equine activities, and forestry, conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Easement.
  - (b) processing, packaging, and marketing of farm or forest produced or partially produced on the Property and approved animal-related uses in buildings permitted in Section II, Paragraph 2(i)(c) above;
  - (c) small-scale commercial or industrial enterprises incidental to and compatible with activities set forth in (i)(a) above that Grantee approves in writing as being consistent with the conservation purposes of this Easement;
- 7. Consolidation of Tax Parcels: NO YES Summarize: Property is in two ownerships at present with two separate parcels. A third ownership is being dissolved and the parcel consolidated into one of the two owners.

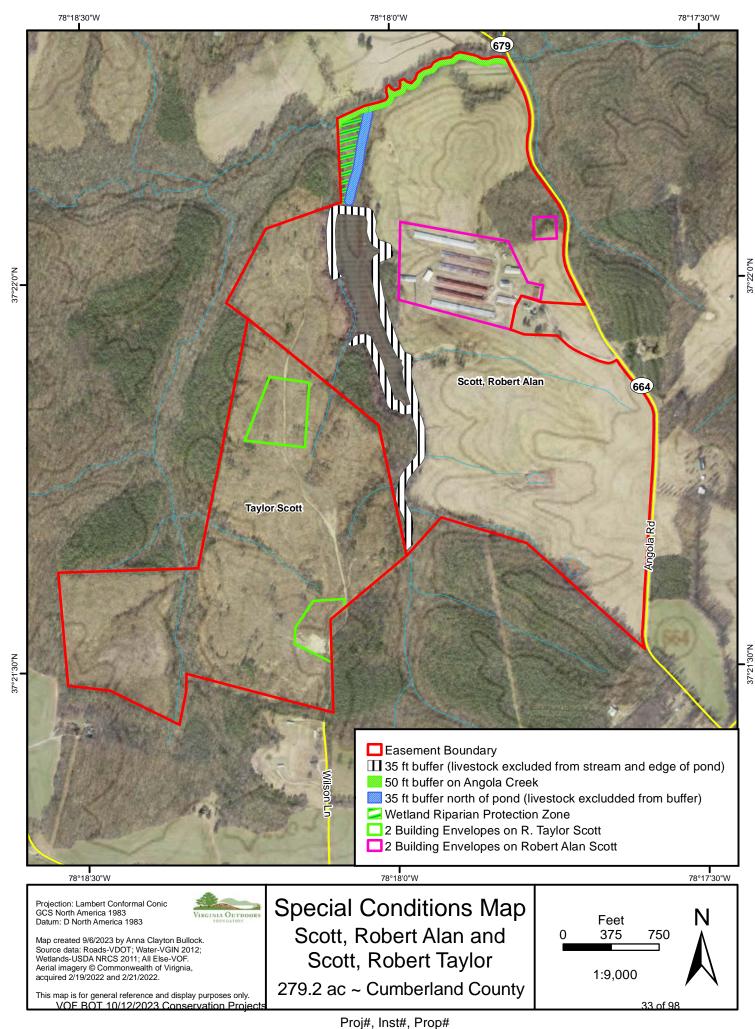
# **Further Discussion/Description**

This property is located in Important Bird Area per National Audubon Society. Farm has been in the family ~130 years and is farmed by father and son. Application for VOF's Preservation Trust Fund grant in the Farmland Conservation category has been made. The grant, if awarded, will help ameliorate the financial hardship that the closure of the poultry plant has caused.

Special Conditions Table (for VOF use)								
Waterbody  Feature Length Width (ft)  Buffer Sides  Live Rest						SC ID		
	Angola Creek	1,660 ft	50 ft	One side	Yes	6849		
	Wetland RPZ			Choose an item.	Yes	6848		
Tributary t	760 ft	35 ft	Both sides	Yes	6878			
Tributary to Angola Creek south of pond 1,180 ft 35 ft Both sides Yes from stream only					6879			
	Pond 35ft One side Yes from pond only							
Siting Condition	Description							
2 building envelopes	Building Envelope around existing farm buildings and on the edge of woods near road.							
2 building envelopes	2 Building Envelopes on 97.6 a	cre tract.				3881		

Compliance with County Comprehensive Plan Delete this section for BDR		
∑ YES □ NO		
Charity Gold, Planning Dept 8/4/2023		
Public Infrastructure Information Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
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<b>Roads</b> : Angola Road: 30-foot prescriptive RoW—paving to occur, no conflict.		
Rail: n/a		
Utilities:		
Notes:		
Easement Boundary Information		
Survey of the lands of Robert A. Scott to be commissioned by VOF. Survey for Robert T. Scott's 97.6 acres is legible and usable.		





Dear Sherry,

I have been thinking a lot about the reason I am wanting to conserve my portion of the land at Angola Farm. Growing up on the farm helped form a large part of my identity. Working closely with my father and uncle provided me with many life lessons and experiences that serve me today. I hope that by entering the land into a conservation easement that it will increase the likelihood of my children continuing to experience the same hard work and build character on the farm. My oldest son Emmett(10) already helps to work cattle when it is time to vaccinate and pregnancy check the herd. My middle son Lex(7) is just starting to get used to be around cattle without being afraid. My youngest son Samuel(2) will hopefully join his older brothers to continue helping on the family farm. My family has been working this land for over 100 years. When the opportunity arose for me to purchase 97.6 acres of land adjoining the farm several years ago I jumped at the chance. I had spent a lot of time hunting the pine woods and hardwood bottoms on that land. Emmett and Lex and I enjoy hunting together on the farm. I dread the thought of the land being sold and subdivided. I do not know what the future holds for my sons but I hope that this conservation easement being in place will help to keep the land in the family for generations to come by removing any possible temptation to cut it up into housing lots. I had the opportunity to leave this area and take a job in Louisiana just of college working for Weyerhauser. I turned that job down and went to work in Southside Virginia because this is the place for me. I hope my children cultivate the same love of the land, and this farm that I have. I greatly appreciate your consideration for this easement and any help with the cost of the easement. My father grew chickens for Tyson for many years and his last flock was a few months ago as the Crewe broiler division is being shuttered. We will continue to raise beef cattle on the farm and enjoy living in the beautiful countryside. This easement will allow others to enjoy this same beauty in the future. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Taylor Scott** 

# Joseph R. Smith

**Locality**: Louisa **Total Acres**: 108.643

Project ID # 4956 Instrument ID # 7550 Property ID # 5756

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Sherry Buttrick

**Project Type**: Deed of Gift of Easement

**Project Description**: This property in the Chesapeake Bay watershed is mostly cropland and has long

frontage on the Little River with a large wetland area.

# **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

# **Agricultural Use**:

- Contains approximately 39 acres of prime soils and 38 acres of farmland of statewide importance.
- American Farmland Trust's Study on Productivity, Versatility and Resilience, a part of the Farmland Under Threat report, whose purpose is to identify "the agricultural lands best suited for cultivation, with a focus on production of human-edible food crops", identifies approximately 30-acre portion of the Property ranked Exceptional in that study.

#### **Forestal Use:**

• Forest Conservation Value – about 15 acres ranked as high.

## Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:

- Property lies within the Virginia Piedmont Forest Block Complex Important Bird Area as designated by the National Audubon Society, and within one mile of Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Green Springs Birding and Wildlife Trail.
- Contains, in the riparian zone portion of the Property, an area identified in the VA Natural Landscapes Ecological Cores data base created by Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation ranked Very High.

## Scenic/Open Space:

- Property not only provides scenic enjoyment from the Little River Baptist Church but also for the travelers on Buckner Road, with frontage of approximately 915 feet on that road and visibility from additional road length because of the openness of the land cover.
- Property lies within approximately 1,150 feet of a property of approximately 457 acres that is under permanent open-space easement held by the Virginia Department of Forestry, and as such contributes to the rural character of the area.

#### **Water Resource Protection:**

• Bounded on the south by the Little River for a distance of approximately 2,700 feet and contains associated wetlands and multiple stream channels. Portions of the property are ranked 41-60

(out of 100) in VA Conservation Vision Watershed Model created by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

• Property is located within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

#### **Historic Preservation:**

• Lies within the viewshed of the historic Little River Baptist Church (DHR 054-01-70), (the thirdoldest Baptist church in Louisa County, organized in 1791 and moved to the present site in the early twentieth century) which is located across Buckner Road from the Property. Further, the Property lies in close proximity to two areas identified in the VA Conservation Vision Cultural Resource Model: two areas ranked #2 (of 3).

<b>Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines</b> (Delete this section for BDR)
Approve as presented.
Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
Deny (not supported by staff)
<b>Notes:</b> Some sections of the new model easement continue to be reviewed. Any resulting changes to the language in the deed of easement are expected and will not require additional consideration from the Board.

#### **Easement Terms\***

\*The Governing Document: The primary terms of the easement are listed below in a condensed form. The complete terms, conditions, and restrictions are set forth in final and governing form in the recorded deed of easement.

- **1. Division of Land**: 1 property permitted. No division.
- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Impervious coverage is the ground area measured in square feet of all three-dimensional buildings and structures excluding walls or fences and the ground area measured in square feet of all impervious two-dimensional surfaces exceeding 2,000 square feet in area not including roads or driveways. For the purpose of this Easement the surfaces of solar panels are to be considered impervious surfaces. Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 15,000 square feet.
- 3. Buildings and structures. Existing and new buildings and structures on the Property with the right to construct, use, enlarge, maintain, and replace such buildings and structures, all subject to the impervious coverage limitations, the siting restrictions, and any other restrictions set forth elsewhere in this Easement. No more than one detached (freestanding) dwelling may be maintained or constructed on the Property. Any new building or structure with a ground area and any additional impervious surface, together exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No building may exceed 35 feet in

height, measured from the average grade of the foundation thereof, excepting cupolas, chimneys, antennas, silos, or other structural features having the prior written approval.

Siting of Buildings and Structures:

Summary: All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within the Building Envelopes shown on the Special Conditions Map and Exhibit A. Any detached (freestanding) dwelling must be located in a Building Envelope.

Water Quality Protection Areas:

Summary: A Riparian Protection Zone along Little River and its associated wetlands.

• Livestock excluded from RPZ and waterway: 

YES 

NO

• Length of "forested/vegetated" riparian buffers (livestock excluded): 2,700 feet along Little River.

# **6.** Unique deed provisions:

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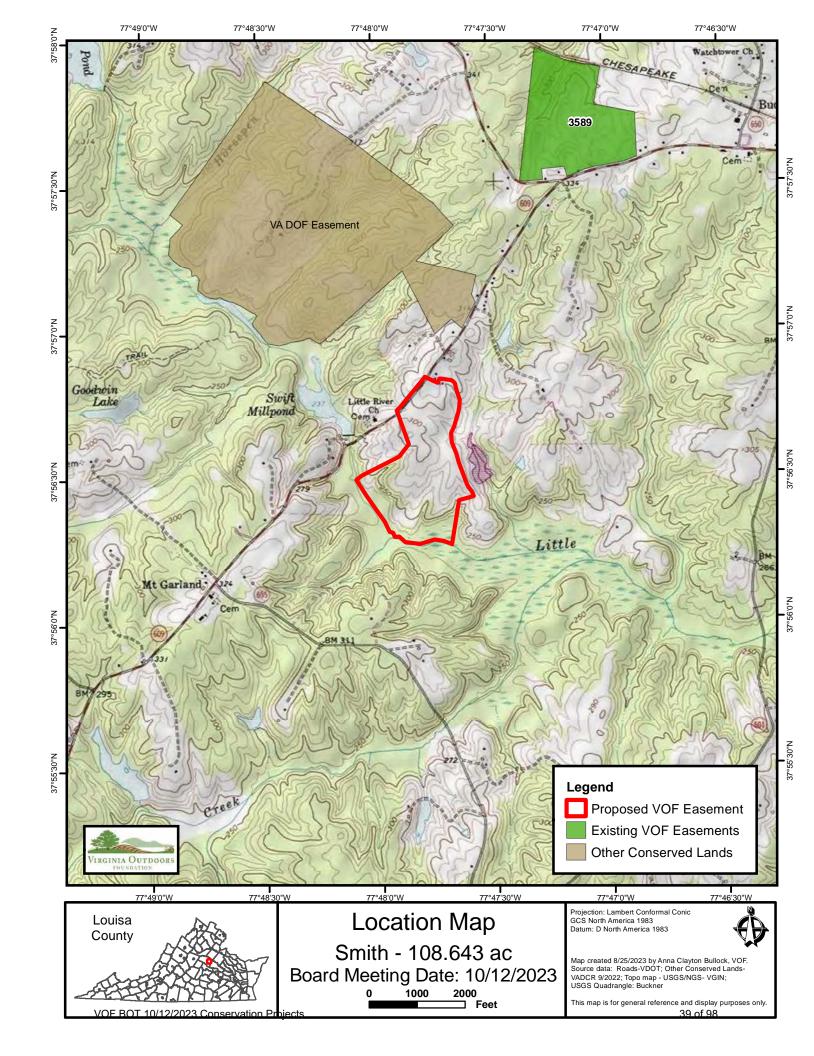
A right of first refusal for a prior owner and his wife exists. The lawyer is trying to get this released. The husband is dead and the wife has moved to Florida. If release cannot be accomplished and counsel agree that right of refusal affects ability to give easement, previous owner will be asked to sign the deed.

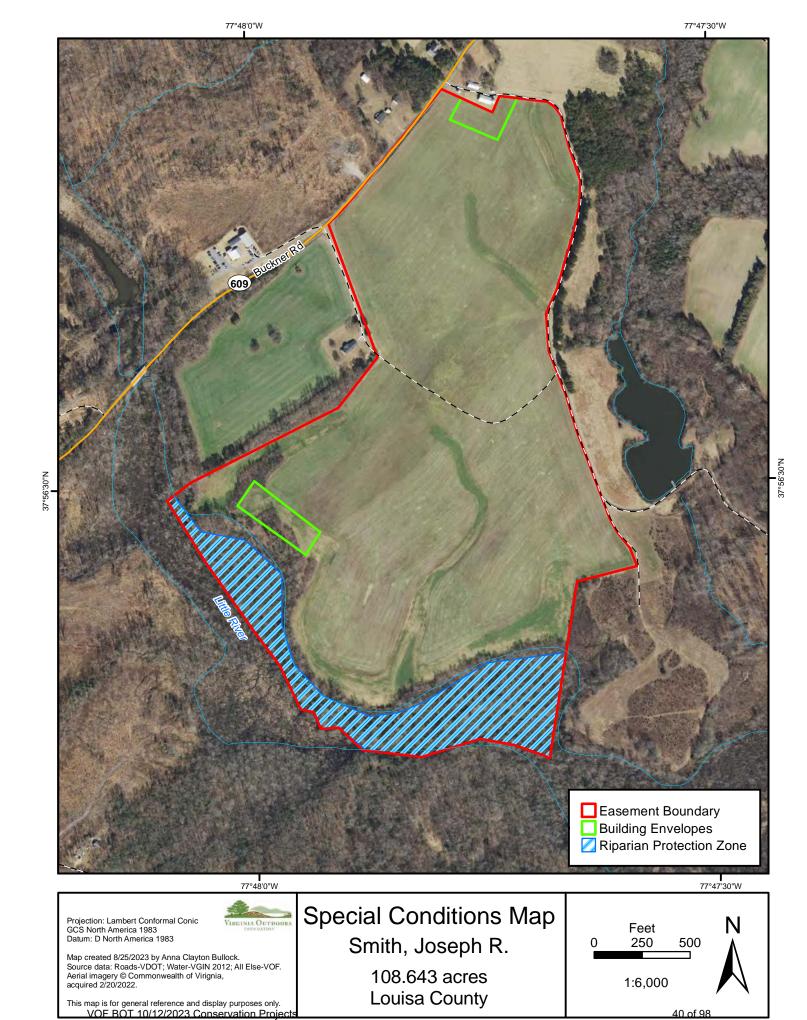
The same prior owners have also retained hunting rights. This does not affect the easement and the conditions have expired.

Special Conditions Table (for VOF use)						
Waterbody		Feature Length (ft)	Buffer Width (ft)	Buffer Sides	Livestock Restriction	SC ID
Little River and its associated wetlands (Riparian Protection Zone)		2,700 ft	RPZ	Choose an item.	Yes	6850
Siting Condition	Description				SC ID	
Building Envelopes	2 envelopes, one in the northern portion of the property near adjacent farm buildings and one in southern portion of property above the Little River				6876	

Compliance with County Comprehensive Plan Delete this section for BDR				
If applicable describe any complication with land use designations in "Further Discussion" section ☐ YES ☐ NO				
County Notified, awaiting County's response. Property is Zoned A1 for Agriculture.				

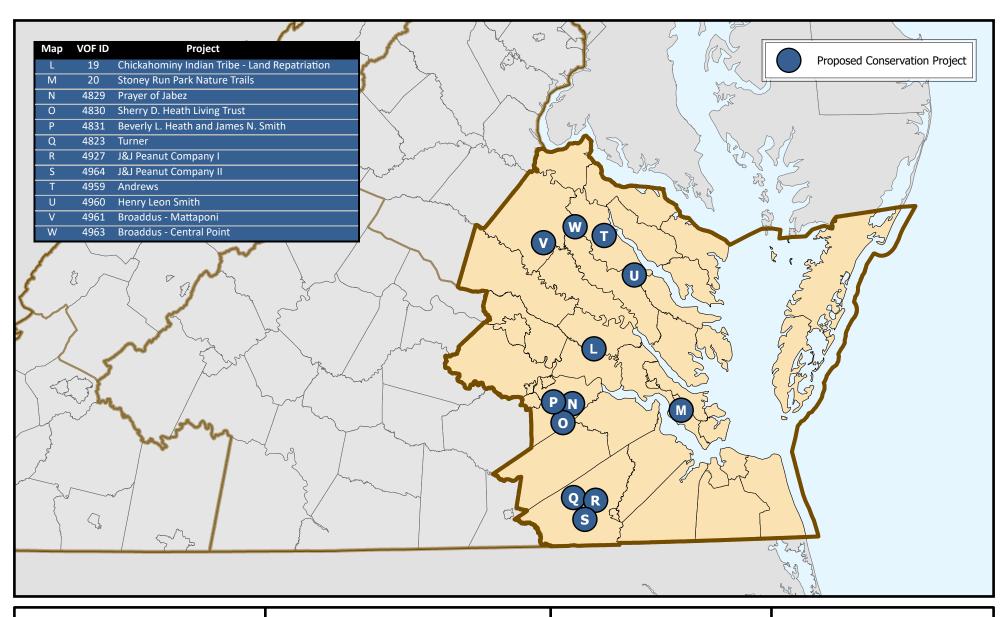
Public Infrastructure Information	Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No	
<b>Roads</b> : Rt. 609 (Buckner Rd) appears to have a 30' prescriptive easement.				
Rail:				
Utilities:				
Notes:				
<b>Easement Boundary Information</b> Delete this section f	For RDR			
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Easement boundary is complete from 2003 survey and i	s referenced in the property descrip	tion.		





# Conservation Projects

Eastern Virginia Region 3



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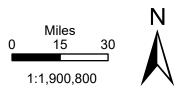
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**Proposed Conservation Projects** Region 3

> October 12, 2023 **Board of Trustees Meeting**





# Applicant/Grantor: Chickahominy Indian Tribe

**Project Title: Chickahominy Indian Tribe – Land Repatriation** 

Locality: New Kent County VOF Region 3 Total Acres: 200 acres

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 Application ID #19 VOF Staff Lead: Estie Thomas

Funding: Preservation Trust Fund Recommended Award \$300,000, Requested \$326,000

## **Project Description**

The Chickahominy Indian Tribe seeks funding to purchase a 200-acre parcel at South Courthouse Road in New Kent County, so they can repatriate a portion of their ancestral land back to their tribe for hunting, fishing, and nature-based education and recreation purposes. This project would restore a small part of the land that the tribe once managed and held in relationship. The New Kent County future land use map designates the area for Conservation.

This project is about Indian land restitution, repatriation, and about the reconstruction of sovereignty that accompanies that act. Much policy negotiation and work has been done in the past 30 years for a growing #LandBack movement across the United States. While 200-acres may be small compared to some projects in other areas of the country, size does not necessarily connote significance to the tribe in question.

# **Open Space Easement**

This project is expected to utilize an open space easement as the mechanism for conveyance of a real estate interest. VOF worked with the tribe to record an open space easement in 2019 on land owned by the Chickahominy on the James River and acquired in conjunction with the Surry Skiffes transmission line mitigation project. This project is expected to build on that experience and success.

The project will be brought back before the board of trustees once an open space easement has been developed for the specific property and its intended use.

## **Objectives and Outcomes**

The proposed goal of the project is to repatriate a portion of the historically accurate ancestral lands of the Chickahominy Indian Tribe back to the rightful holders and managers.

#### **Future Management**

The property will be managed through the tribal government. via their Natural Resources Management Working Group. Any management will be for passive recreation such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, and nature-based recreation as well as informal education.

**Applicant/Grantor: City of Newport News** 

**Project Title: Stoney Run Park Nature Trails** 

**Locality**: City of Newport News **VOF Region 3** Total Acres: 26.33 acres

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 Application ID #20 VOF Staff Lead: Estie Thomas Funding: Preservation Trust Fund Recommended Award \$363,750 Requested \$485,000

# **Project Description**

This project will facilitate the development of approximately 2 miles of nature trails through City-owned property adjacent to an existing community park. The new trail will take users through wooded wetlands teaming with biodiversity. Interpretive signs throughout the path will educate users on the natural features, plant and animal species found along the trail.

The property selected to host the nature trail directly abuts City-owned and managed Stoney Run Park. A recently completed park master plan identified the need to expand the use of the existing park beyond athletics, to meet broader community recreation needs. Substantial community input identified "trails" as one of the most desired features to be added to the existing park. The City has selected a 26.33-acre parcel adjoining the existing park to host the nature trails. Much of the parcel is a designated wetland with ample woodlands throughout.

The development of new walking and hiking trails in Newport News is ranked as the 4th most needed outdoor recreation resource in the Hampton Roads area in the 2018 Virginia Outdoors Plan.

# **Open Space Easement**

This project is expected to utilize an open space easement as the mechanism for conveyance of a real estate interest. The project will be brought back before the board of trustees once an open space easement has been developed for the specific property and its intended use.

#### **Deliverables**

Grant funding from the Virginia Outdoor Fund would be used to construct trails and boardwalks through the property and install interpretive signage to educate trail users on the rich biodiversity of the area.

#### **Objectives and Outcomes**

The Stoney Run Park Trail project is intended to help improve the health of the community by providing access to engaging trails and walkways that inspire users to be active.

## **Future Management**

Stoney Run Park is owned by the City of Newport News and managed by the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Once developed, the new trail will be incorporated into the park and will also be managed by Newport News Parks and Recreation.

**Grantor Name: PRAYER OF JABEZ LLC** 

**Locality**: Prince George **Total Acres**: 215.7004 (Note acreage may change as survey work

is underway)

Project ID #4829 Instrument ID #6535 Property ID # 5578

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: E. Thomas

Project Type: Open Space Easement

**Project Description**: Located just outside of Disputanta, the property contains working farm and forest and drains to the Chowan River watershed that empties into the Pamilico and Albemarle estuary

systems.

# **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

Contains wetlands and 2,700 feet of frontage on the Blackwater River, a tributary of the Chowan River, which drains to the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound Estuary.

Lies in the Chowan River Basin, one of the major tributaries to the Albemarle Sound, and is located in the Inner Coastal Plain of southeastern Virginia, which provides important breeding, stopover, and overwintering habitat for national high-priority waterfowl species and a great diversity of Atlantic flyway migratory songbirds.

Contains 45.13 acres of United States Department of Agriculture-designated prime farmland soils and 58.07 acres of soils of statewide importance.

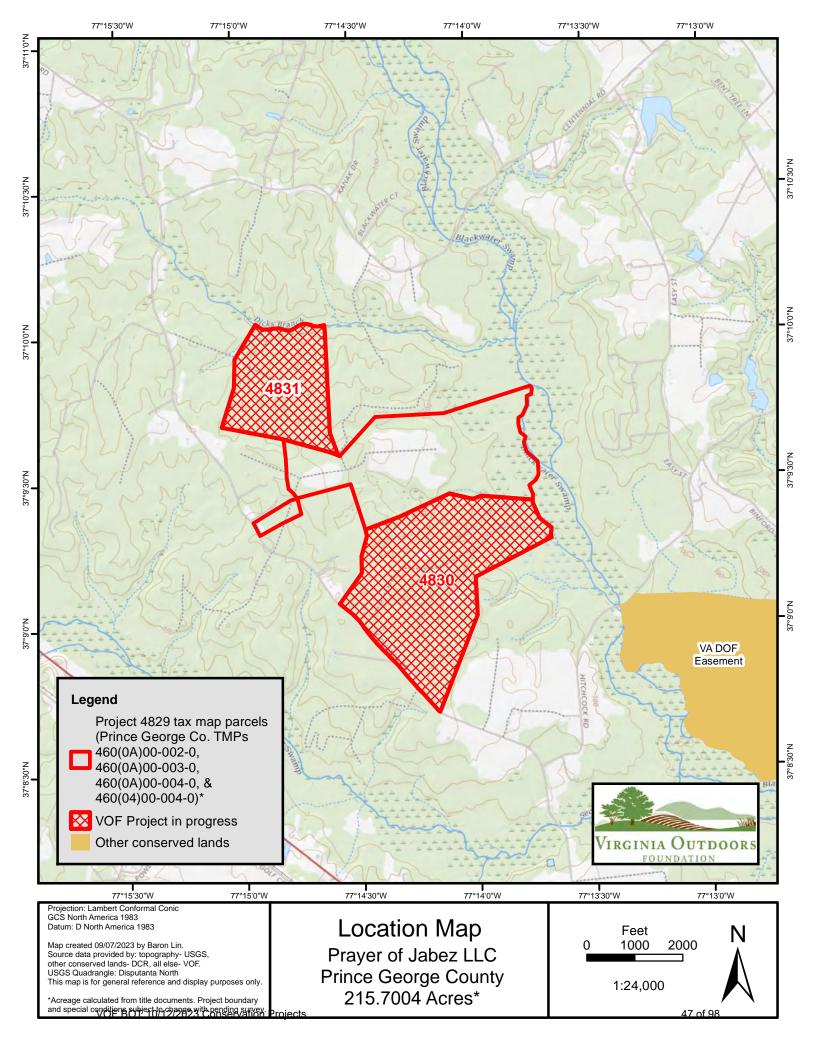
Contains 118.75 acres of forest ranked FCV "Very High" and "Outstanding" in the Virginia Department of Forestry's Forest Conservation Model.

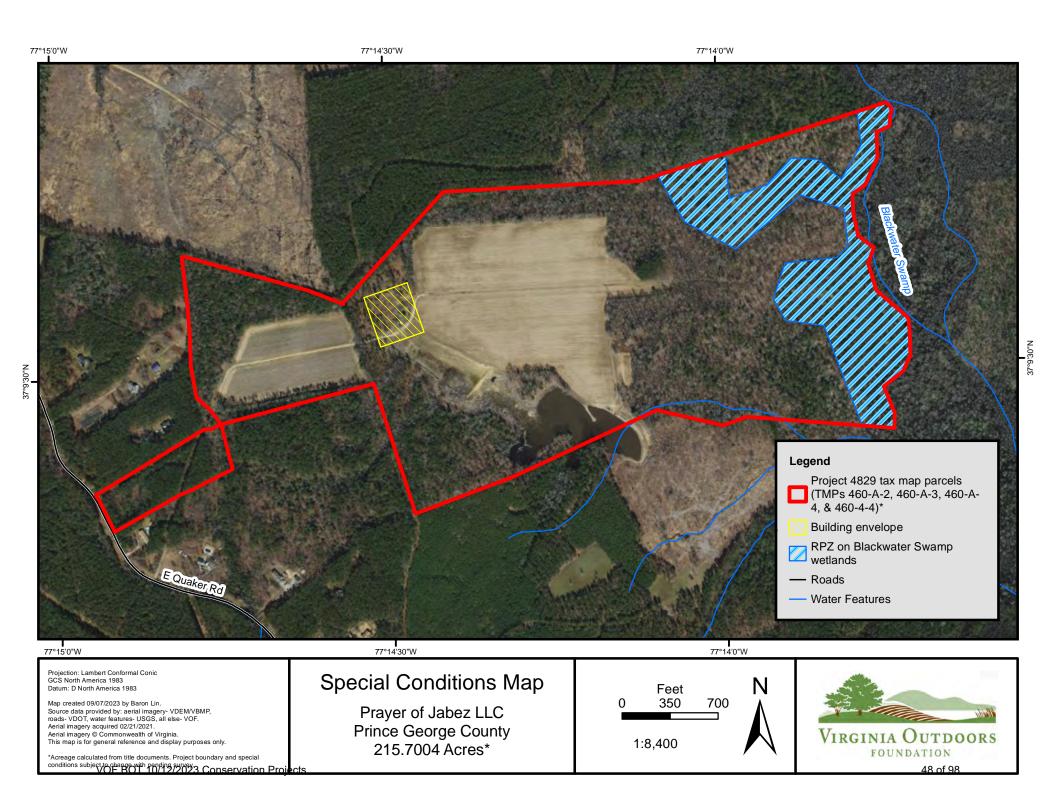
Lies upstream on the Blackwater River from a conservation easement held by the Virginia Department of Forestry.

Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines
Approve as presented.
Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
Deny (not supported by staff)
<b>Notes:</b> Some sections of the new model easement continue to be reviewed. Any resulting changes to the language in the deed of easement are expected and will not require additional consideration from the Board.

Ease	ement Terms*
form	e <b>Governing Document</b> : The primary terms of the easement are listed below in a condensed . The complete terms, conditions, and restrictions are set forth in final and governing form in the rded deed of easement.
1.	Division of Land: One property permitted (no division)
2.	<b>Impervious Coverage Limitations</b> : Total impervious surface coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 25,000.
3.	Buildings and structures. Existing and new buildings and structures on the Property with the right to construct, use, enlarge, maintain, and replace such buildings and structures, all subject to the impervious coverage limitations, the siting restrictions, and any other restrictions set forth elsewhere in this Easement. No more than two detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. Any new building or structure with a ground area and any additional impervious surface, together exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No building may exceed 35 feet in height, measured from the average grade of the foundation thereof, excepting cupolas, chimneys, antennas, silos, or other structural features having the prior written approval.
4.	Siting of Buildings and Structures: Summary: All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within the Building Envelopes shown on the Special Conditions Map/ Exhibit A. Any detached (freestanding) dwelling must be located in a Building Envelope.
5.	Water Quality Protection Areas: Summary: RPZ on Blackwater River.  ■ Livestock excluded from RPZ and waterway: ☐ YES ☐ NO
6.	Unique deed provisions: N/A
7.	Consolidation of Tax Parcels: NO YES Summarize:
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<b>Special Cor</b>	nditions Table						
Waterbody		Feature Length (ft)	Buffer Width (ft)	Buffer Sides	Livestoc Restricti		SC ID
E	Blackwater River RPZ			Choose an item.	Yes		
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Siting Condition		Descripti	on				SC ID
Compliance	e with County Comprehensive	Plan					
⊠ YES	□NO						
Public Infr	astructure Information		Conflicts	with publish	ed plans	Yes	No
Roads: Rt.	629 is a 40-foot RoW			<u> </u>	-		
Rail:							
Utilities:							
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## **Grantor Name: SHERRY D. HEATH LIVING TRUST**

**Locality**: Prince George **Total Acres**: 226 +/- (note will change once additional survey

work is complete)

Project ID #4830 Instrument ID #6536 Property ID # 5579

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Estie Thomas

Project Type: Open Space Easement

**Project Description**: Located just outside of Disputanta, the property contains working farm and forest and drains to the Chowan River watershed that empties into the Pamilico and Albemarle estuary systems.

# **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

Contains wetlands and 536 feet of frontage on the Blackwater River, a tributary of the Chowan River, which drains to the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound Estuary.

Lies in the Chowan River Basin, one of the major tributaries to the Albemarle Sound, and is located in the Inner Coastal Plain of southeastern Virginia, which provides important breeding, stopover, and overwintering habitat for national high-priority waterfowl species and a great diversity of Atlantic flyway migratory songbirds.

Contains 90.23 acres of United States Department of Agriculture-designated prime farmland soils and 112.53 acres of soils of statewide importance.

Contains 213.08 acres of forest ranked FCV "Very High" and "Outstanding" in the Virginia Department of Forestry's Forest Conservation Model.

Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines (Delete this section for BDR)
Approve as presented.
Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
☐ Deny (not supported by staff)
<b>Notes:</b> Some sections of the new model easement continue to be reviewed. Any resulting changes to the language in the deed of easement are expected and will not require additional consideration from the
Board.

Easement Terms*
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- 3. Buildings and structures. Existing and new buildings and structures on the Property with the right to construct, use, enlarge, maintain, and replace such buildings and structures, all subject to the impervious coverage limitations, the siting restrictions, and any other restrictions set forth elsewhere in this Easement. No more than two detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. Any new building or structure with a ground area and any additional impervious surface, together exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No building may exceed 35 feet in height, measured from the average grade of the foundation thereof, excepting cupolas, chimneys, antennas, silos, or other structural features having the prior written approval.
- 4. Siting of Buildings and Structures:

**Summary**: All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within the Building Envelopes shown on the Special Conditions Map and Exhibit A. Any detached (freestanding) dwelling must be located in a Building Envelope.

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**Summary**: RPZ on Blackwater River.

•	Livestock excluded from RPZ and waterway:	$\boxtimes$	YES		NO	)
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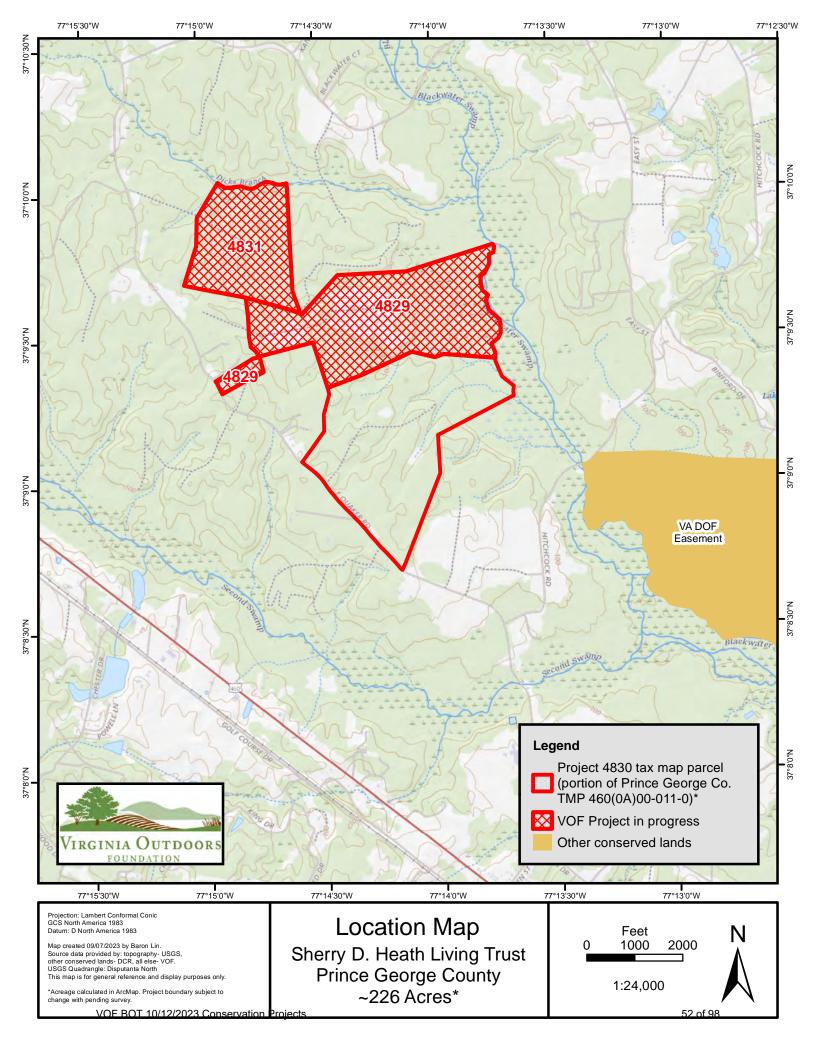
Unique deed provisions: N/A

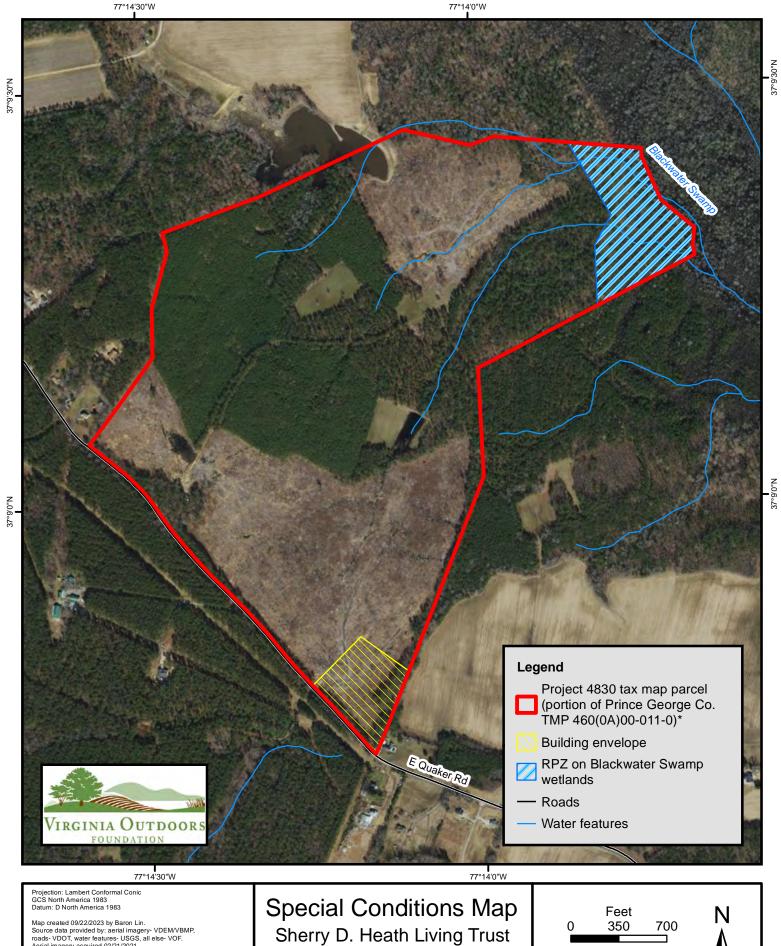
**Further Discussion** 

6. Consolidation of Tax Parcels: ⊠ NO ☐ YES Summarize:	
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Special Conditions Table						
Waterbody	Feature Length (ft)	Buffer Width (ft)	Buffer Sides	Livestock Restriction	SC ID	
Blackwater River			Choose an item.	Yes		
			Choose an item.	Choose an item.		
			Choose an item.	Choose an item.		

Siting Condition	Description		SC ID
Compliance	with County Comprehensive Plan		
⊠ YES	□ NO		
Public Infra	structure Information Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads: Rt.	629 is a 40-foot RoW		
Rail:			
<b>Utilities</b> :			
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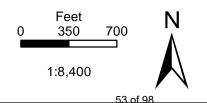


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\*Acreage calculated in ArcMap. Project boundary and special conditions subject to change with pending survey. Building envelopes to be selected by property 10/12/2023 Conservation

Sherry D. Heath Living Trust Prince George County

~226 Acres\*



Grantor Name: BEVERLY L. HEATH, JR., and JAMES NORMAN SMITH

Locality: Prince George Total Acres: 99.2

Project ID #4831 Instrument ID #6537 Property ID # 5580

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Estie Thomas

Project Type: Open Space Easement

**Project Description**: Located just outside of Disputanta, the property contains a working farm and forest and drains to the Chowan River watershed that empties into the Pamilico and Albemarle Estuary systems.

# **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

Contains wetlands and 1,430 feet of frontage on Dicks Branch, a tributary of the Blackwater River, a tributary of the Chowan River, which drains to the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound Estuary.

Lies in the Chowan River Basin, one of the major tributaries to the Albemarle Sound, and is located in the Inner Coastal Plain of southeastern Virginia, which provides important breeding, stopover, and overwintering habitat for national high-priority waterfowl species and a great diversity of Atlantic flyway migratory songbirds.

Contains 5.91 acres of United States Department of Agriculture-designated prime farmland soils and 71.29 acres of soils of statewide importance.

Contains 104.49 acres of forest ranked FCV "Very High" and "Outstanding" in the Virginia Department of Forestry's Forest Conservation Model.

Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines (Delete this section for BDR)
Approve as presented.
Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
☐ Deny (not supported by staff)
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- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious surface coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 16,000.
- 3. Buildings and structures. Existing and new buildings and structures on the Property with the right to construct, use, enlarge, maintain, and replace such buildings and structures, all subject to the impervious coverage limitations, the siting restrictions, and any other restrictions set forth elsewhere in this Easement. No more than two detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. Any new building or structure with a ground area and any additional impervious surface, together exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No building may exceed 35 feet in height, measured from the average grade of the foundation thereof, excepting cupolas, chimneys, antennas, silos, or other structural features having the prior written approval.
- 4. Siting of Buildings and Structures:

**Summary**: All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within the Building Envelopes shown on the Special Conditions Map and Exhibit A. Any detached (freestanding) dwelling must be located in a Building Envelope.

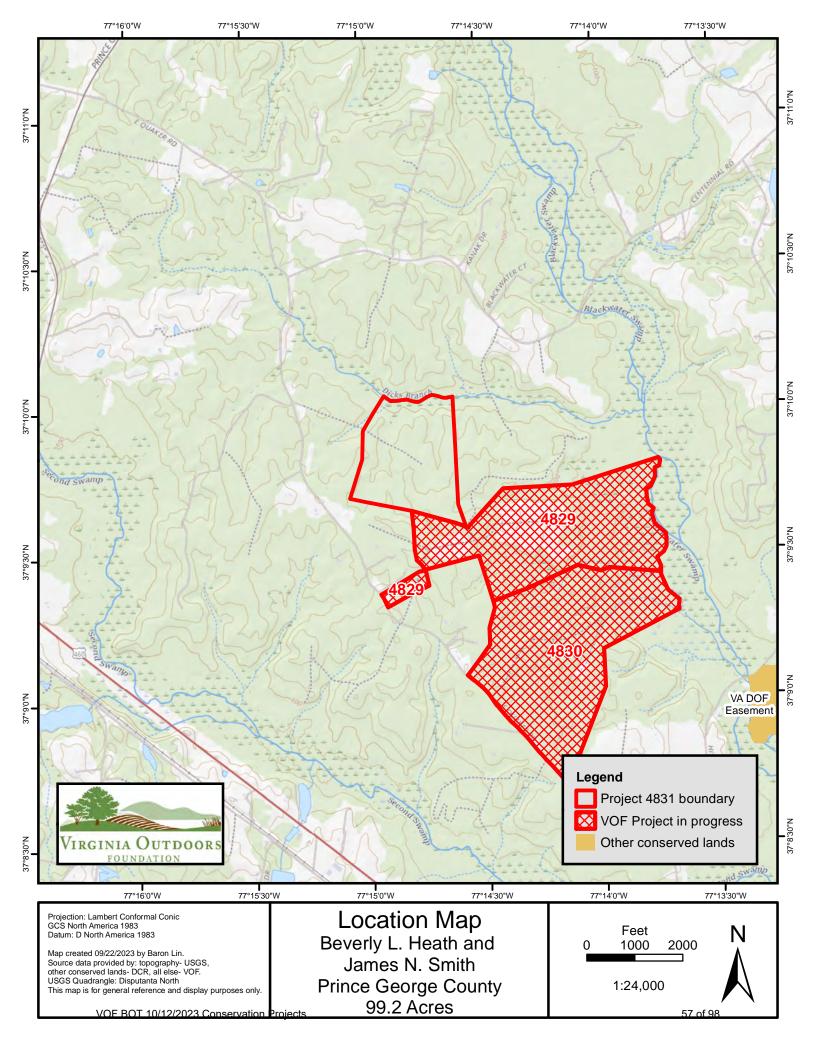
5.	water Quality Protection Areas:	
	Summary: RPZ on Dicks Branch.	
	• Livestock excluded from RPZ and waterway: ∑ YES	□ NO
	Unique deed provisions: N/A	

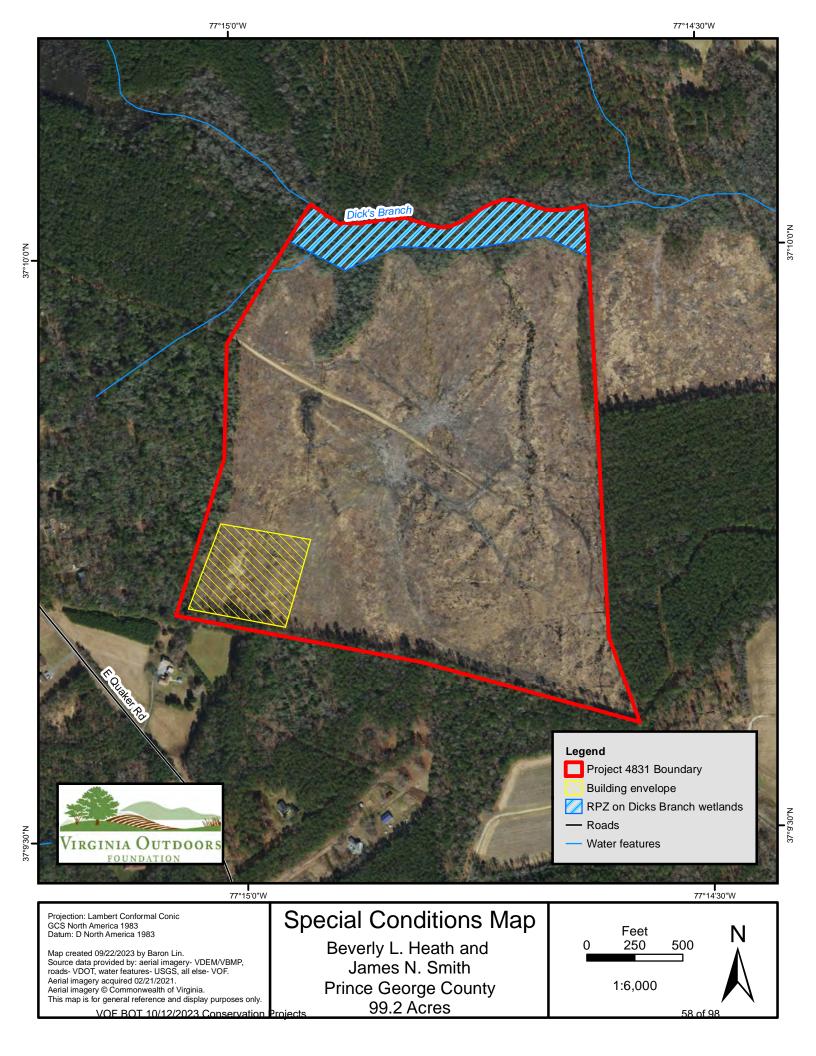
<b>6.</b>	Consolidation of Tax Parcels: NO Tyes Summarize:	

<b>Further Discussion</b>		

Special Conditions Table					
Waterbody	Feature Length (ft)	Buffer Width (ft)	Buffer Sides	Livestock Restriction	SC ID
Dicks Branch			Choose an item.	Yes	
			Choose an item.	Choose an item.	
			Choose an item.	Choose an item.	

Siting Condition	Description		SC ID
Compliance	with County Comprehensive Plan		
⊠ YES	□NO		
Public Infra	structure Information Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads: N/A	A no road frontage		$\boxtimes$
Rail:			
Utilities:			$\boxtimes$
Property is a	ccessed by a dedicated right of way easement.	.1	
<b>Easement B</b>	oundary Information		
Boundary fro	om existing survey.		





**Grantor Name:** Turner, William M.

Locality: Southampton Total Acres: 279.8

Project ID # 4823 Instrument ID #6336 Property ID # 5557

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Estie Thomas

Project Type: Partial Purchase Easement NAWCA Grant Project

**Project Description**: Property is located in Southampton County and contains significant frontage along the State Scenic Nottoway River with extensive bald cypress and tupelo swamps that support wildlife species and habitat.

# **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

Property contains 2,175 feet of frontage on the Nottoway River, and 1,800 feet on Buckhorn Swamp, both tributaries of the Chowan River, which drains to the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound Estuary.

Nottoway River has been designated as a state Scenic River and Blueway Trail.

Property lies along the Nottoway River in southeastern Virginia, which is eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System created by Congress in 1968 to include rivers based on "remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural or other similar values" in order that "their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations".

Property lies along the Nottoway River which is designated "Threatened and Endangered Waters by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources due to the presence of the Roanoke Logperch (*Percina rex*) and the Dwarf wedge mussel (*Alasmidonta heterodon*).

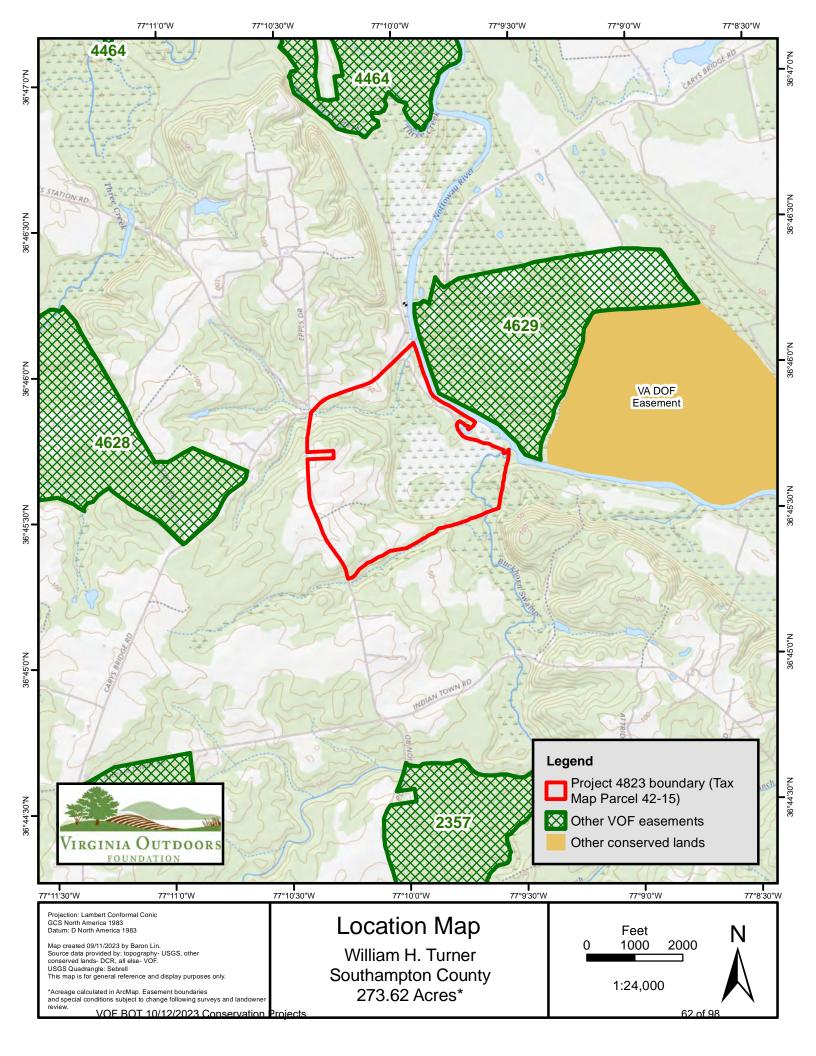
Contains C1 Ecological core Cs identified by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Natural Heritage Resources. The element occurrences include Bald Cypress, Water Tupelo, Oak Toad and Kidney Sedge.

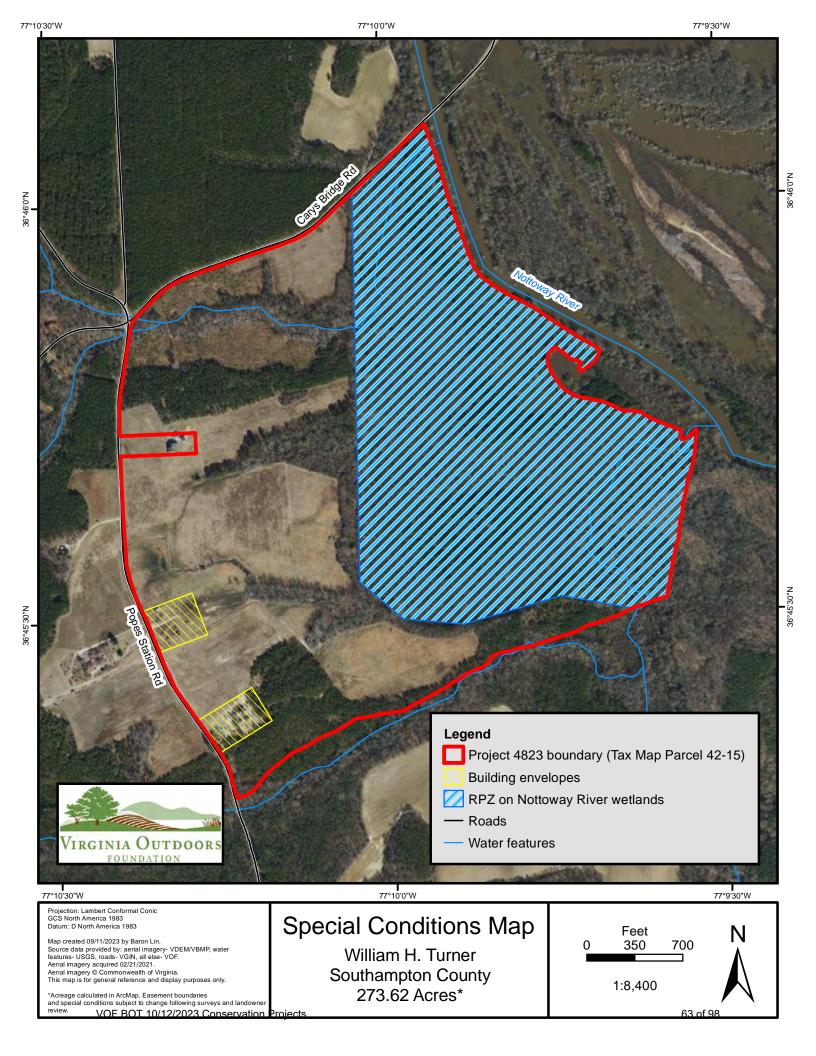
Property is located in the Inner Coastal Plain of Southeastern Virginia, which provides important breeding, stopover, and overwintering habitat for national high-priority waterfowl species and a great diversity of Atlantic Flyway migratory songbirds.

Property lies less than a mile down river from a Division of Wildlife Resources public boat ramp and is located in a five-acre radius containing three conservation easements held by VOF.

Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines
Approve as presented.
Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
☐ Deny (not supported by staff)
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Easement Terms*
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3. Buildings and structures. Existing and new buildings and structures on the Property with the right to construct, use, enlarge, maintain, and replace such buildings and structures, all subject to the impervious coverage limitations, the siting restrictions, and any other restrictions set forth elsewhere in this Easement. No more than two detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. Any new building or structure with a ground area and any additional impervious surface, together exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No building may exceed 35 feet in height, measured from the average grade of the foundation thereof, excepting cupolas, chimneys, antennas, silos, or other structural features having the prior written approval.
4. Siting of Buildings and Structures: Summary: All new buildings and structures on the Property exceeding 500 square feet in ground area other than renewable energy facilities must be located in specific areas of the Property designated as "Building Envelopes". Any detached (freestanding) dwelling must be located in a Building Envelope.
5. Water Quality Protection Areas: Summary: RPZ as shown on Special Conditions Map- covers the Nottoway River and Buckhorn Swamp frontage and bald cypress tupelo swamp areas.
Livestock excluded from RPZ and waterway: ∑ YES ☐ NO
6. Unique deed provisions: N/A
7. Consolidation of Tax Parcels: ⊠ NO ☐ YES

<b>Further Dis</b>	cussion						
Partial purchase project with grant funding from North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) this program is designed to protect wetland and waterfowl habitat, grant project is managed by US Fish and Wildlife Service.							
Special Con	ditions Table						
Special Conditions Table  Waterbody  Feature Length (ft)  Buffer Width (ft)  Buffer Sides  Livestock Restriction						SC ID	
	Nottoway River			Both sides	Yes		
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				item. Choose an item.	Choose a item.	ın	
Siting Condition	ion Description				SC ID		
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Compliance	with County Comprehensive I	Plan					
⊠ YES	□NO						
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Rail:						Ш	
Utilities:							
	oundary Information						
Boundary er	ntered from current survey.						





# **Grantor Name J and J Peanut Company**

**Locality**: Southampton **Total Acres**: 159.52 (will change--survey underway)

Project ID #4927 Instrument ID #7485 Property ID #5723

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Estie Thomas

**Project Type**: Partial Purchase NAWCA grant funding

**Project Description**: Situated on the Nottoway River just outside Courtland, the property contains extensive bald cypress and tupelo swamps that support several important wildlife species and habitat types.

# **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

Contains 4,200 feet of frontage on the Nottoway River, a tributary of the Chowan River, which drains to the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound Estuary.

This section of the Nottoway River has been designated as a state Scenic River and Blueway Trail.

Lies along the Nottoway River in southeastern Virginia, which is eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System created by Congress in 1968 to include rivers based on "remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural or other similar values" in order that "their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Lies along the Nottoway River which is designated "Threatened and Endangered Waters by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources due to the presence of the Roanoke Logperch (*Percina rex*) and the Dwarf wedge mussel (*Alasmidonta heterodon*).

Contains C1 Ecological core as identified by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Division of Natural Heritage Resources. The element occurrences include Bald Cypress, Water Tupelo, Oak Toad and Kidney Sedge.

Property is located in the Inner Coastal Plain of Southeastern Virginia, which provides important breeding, stopover, and overwintering habitat for national high-priority waterfowl species and a great diversity of Atlantic Flyway migratory songbirds.

Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines
Approve as presented.
Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
☐ Deny (not supported by staff)
<b>Notes:</b> Some sections of the new model easement continue to be reviewed. Any resulting changes to the language in the deed of easement are expected and will not require additional consideration from the Board.

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1. Division of Land: One property permitted (no division)

#### 2. Buildings and Structures

Two wildlife observation platforms or hunting stands not to individually exceed 300 square feet in size.

One pier with access thereto.

One boat ramp with access thereto.

## 3. Unique deed provisions:

#### **ACTIVITIES**

No activities other than the-following are permitted on the Property:

- (i) Management of wildlife;
- (ii) Natural resource-based educational and scientific activities;
- (iii) Outdoor recreational activities requiring little or no surface alteration of the land.

## 4. MANAGEMENT OF FOREST.

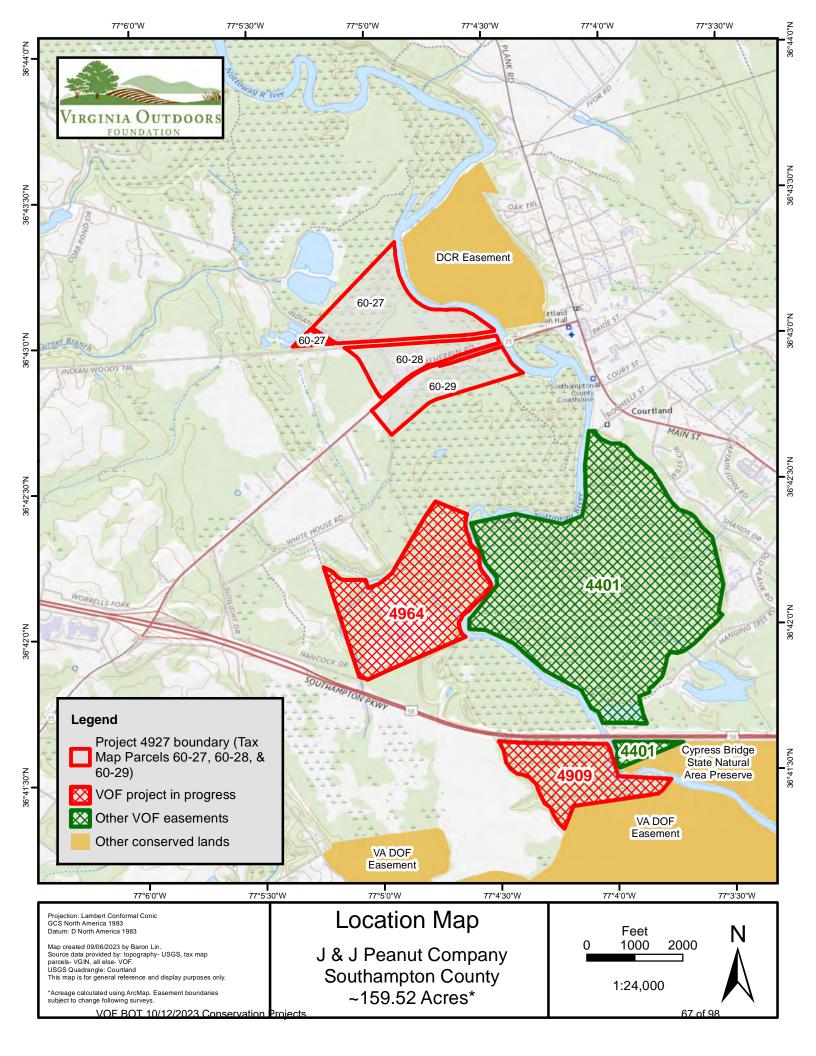
No timbering shall be permitted other than for the following purposes:

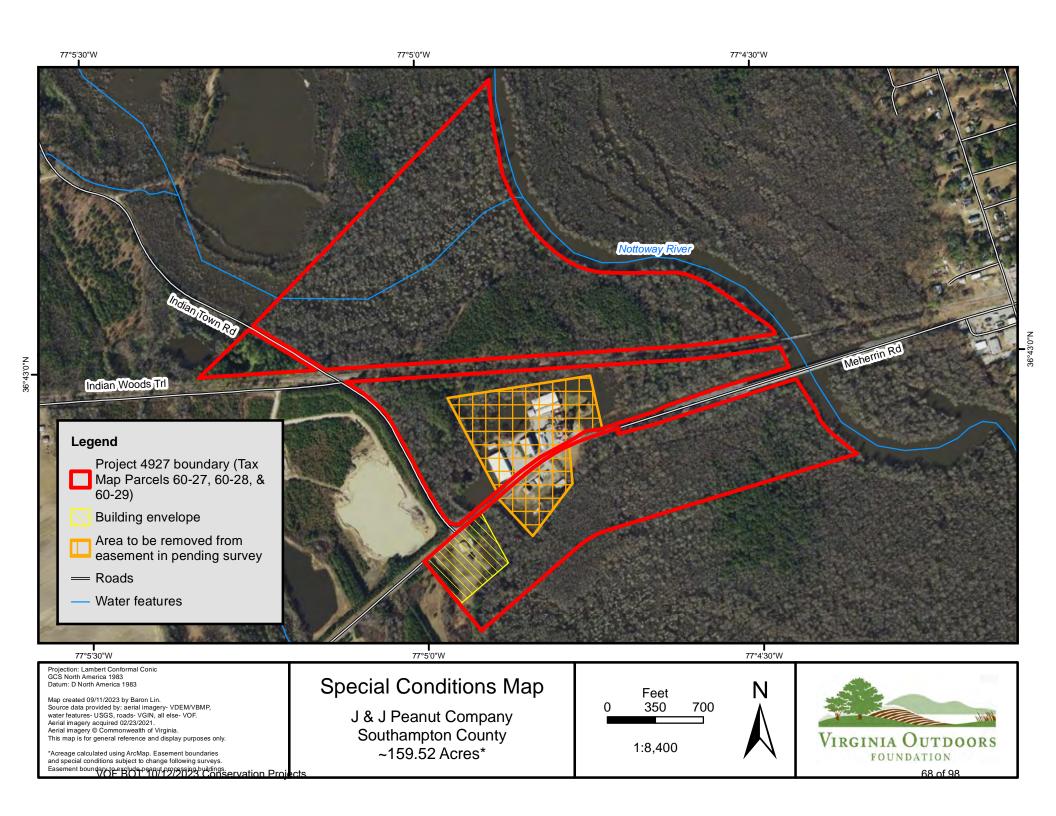
- (i) cutting of trees for maintenance of existing cleared areas used for roads, utilities, or structures allowed above;
- (ii) cutting of trees for creation and maintenance of trails;
- (iii) cutting of trees (with prior written approval of Grantee) for wildlife habitat management and for the protection or enhancement of the natural heritage resources, which approval or disapproval shall take into consideration the ecological importance of tree cover and avoidance of forest fragmentation.
- (iv) removal of trees posing an imminent hazard to the health or safety of persons or to property;
- (v) removal of invasive trees or other invasive species; or
- (vi) removal of trees that are diseased or storm-damaged.

In general, the forest shall be maintained in its natural state. Forest management practices conducted shall comply with an approved forest stewardship plan with

the intent maintaining and enhancing the ecological health and function of the forest. Such practices may not be employed primarily for commercial purposes. Best Management Practices (BMPs), as defined by the Virginia Department of Forestry, shall be used to control erosion and protect water quality when any timber harvest is undertaken such as may be required for (iii), (v), or (vi) above. A pre-harvest plan shall be submitted to Grantee for approval no later than fourteen days before the proposed date of such a timber harvest. Such plan must be consistent with the terms of this Easement on the Property. The pre-harvest plan must describe the BMPs to be used in sufficient detail to ensure that water quality will be protected. **4.** Consolidation of Tax Parcels: ⋈ NO ☐ YES Summarize: **Further Discussion** Partial purchase with grant funding from North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA). Peanut processing facility on property is currently being surveyed and will be excluded from easement, final acreage will be determined after survey work completed. Comprehensive plan for area is industrial, County working on support resolution once survey work is complete. **Special Conditions Table** Buffer Feature Buffer Livestock Waterbody Length Width SC ID **Sides** Restriction (ft) (ft) Choose an Choose an Nottoway River item. item. Choose an Choose an item. item. Siting **Description** SC ID Condition **Compliance with County Comprehensive Plan**  $\bowtie$  NO YES Conflicts with published plans **Public Infrastructure Information** Yes No  $\boxtimes$ Roads: Rt. 35 -40-foot ROW, 651, 652, 30 foot ROW Rail: NS rail line.  $\boxtimes$ **Utilities**:  $\boxtimes$ **Easement Boundary Information** 

Survey under way for final easement boundary.





# **Grantor Name J and J Peanut Company**

Locality: Southampton Total Acres: 140 (will change--survey underway)

Project ID #4964 Instrument ID # 7577 Property ID #5769

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Estie Thomas

**Project Type:** Partial Purchase NAWCA grant funding

**Project Description**: Situated on the scenic Nottoway River just upriver from the Cypress Bridge Natura Area, , the property contains extensive bald cypress and tupelo swamps that support several

important wildlife species and habitat types.

# **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

Contains 3,000 feet of frontage on the Nottoway River, a tributary of the Chowan River, which drains to the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound Estuary.

This section of the Nottoway River has been designated as a state Scenic River and Blueway Trail.

Lies along the Nottoway River in southeastern Virginia, which is eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System created by Congress in 1968 to include rivers based on "remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural or other similar values" in order that "their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Lies along the Nottoway River which is designated "Threatened and Endangered Waters by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources due to the presence of the Roanoke Logperch (*Percina rex*) and the Dwarf wedge mussel (*Alasmidonta heterodon*).

Contains working forest areas and has been identified by the Virginia Department of Forestry as having a high ranking in "Forest Conservation Value," (FCV4 and FCV 5).

Located in the Inner Coastal Plain of Southeastern Virginia, which provides important breeding, stopover, and overwintering habitat for national high-priority waterfowl species and a great diversity of Atlantic Flyway migratory songbirds.

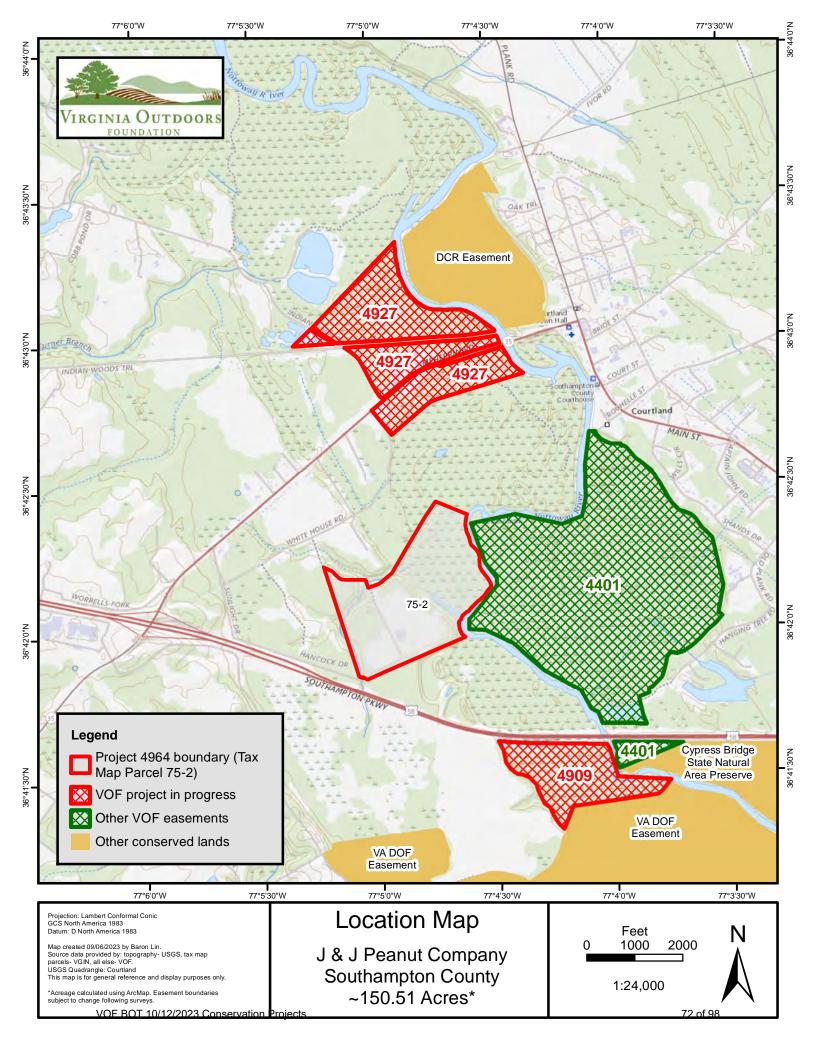
Lies in the Cypress Bridge Conservation Site as designated by the Virginia Department of Conservation and across the Nottoway River from a conservation easement held by VOF.

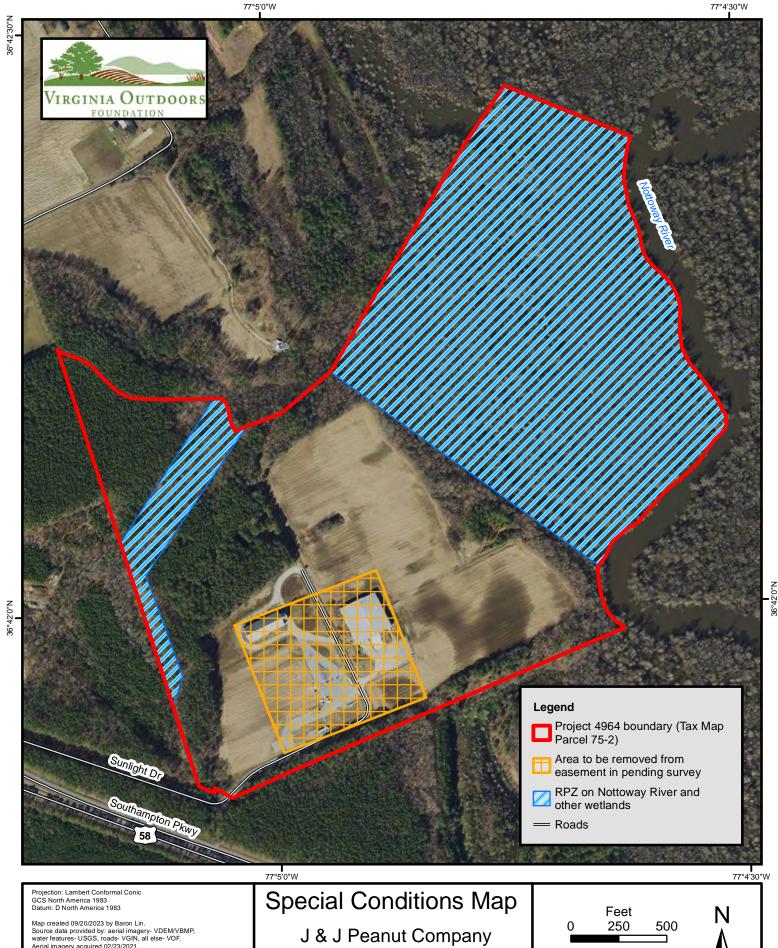
Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines
Approve as presented.
Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
☐ Deny (not supported by staff)
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Easement Terms*
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1. Division of Land: One property permitted (no division)
<ul><li>2. Buildings and Structures     Two wildlife observation platforms or hunting stands not to individually exceed 300 square feet in size.     One pier with access thereto.     One boat ramp with access thereto.</li></ul>
3. Unique deed provisions:
ACTIVITIES.
No activities other than the-following are permitted on the Property:
(i) Management of wildlife;
(ii) Natural resource-based educational and scientific activities;
(iii) Outdoor recreational activities requiring little or no surface alteration of the land.
4. Water Quality Protection Areas: Summary: RPZ on Nottoway River frontage and wetlands.
Livestock excluded from RPZ and waterway:  ☐ YES ☐ NO
5. Consolidation of Tax Parcels: NO YES Summarize:

# **Further Discussion**

Partial purchase with grant funding from North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA). Peanut processing facility on property is currently being surveyed and will be excluded from easement, final acreage will be determined after survey work completed. Comprehensive plan for area is industrial, County working on support resolution once survey work is complete.

Special Con	nditions Table						
Waterbody		Feature Length (ft)	Buffer Width (ft)	Buffer Sides	Livestoc Restricti		SC ID
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Complianc	e with County Comprehensive	Plan					
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YES	⊠ NO						
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	eastructure Information		Conflicts	with publish	ed plans	Yes	No No
Roads: R	Rt. 994, 775 are 30-foot RoW						
Rail:							
<b>Utilities</b> :							
	Boundary Information						
Survey und	er way for final easement bounds	ary.					

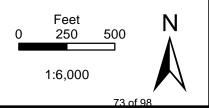




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\*Acreage calculated using ArcMap. Easement boundaries and special conditions subject to change following surveys. Easement boundary re ជាក្រុក នាក់ក្រុក នេះ ប្រការ នេះ ប្រភាព នេះ ប្រការ នេះ ប្រការ

Southampton County ~150.51 Acres\*



**Grantor Name:** William Lee Andrews & Jo Ellen Andrews

**Locality**: Essex **VOF Region 3 Total Acres**: 328.577

Grant Application #39 Project ID #4959 Instrument ID #7572 Property ID #5764

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: E. Thomas

Funding Type: Preservation Trust Fund Partial Purchase-Open Space Easement

Requested & Recommended: \$200,000

**Project Description**: Located in rural Essex County, This project is designed to permanently protect a farm that has been owned and operated by the same family for over 100 years.

# **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

Contains 165.69 acres of United States Department of Agriculture-designated prime farmland soils and 18.43 acres of soils of Statewide Importance.

Identified by the Virginia Department of Forestry as having a high-ranking (FCV4-5) in "Forest Conservation Value".

Contains approximately 3,900 feet of frontage on an unnamed perennial stream, a tributary of the Rappahannock River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Within a five-mile radius of 23 other properties under open-space easements held by VOF.

Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines					
Approve as presented.					
Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.					
☐ Deny (not supported by staff)					
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### **Easement Terms\***

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- 1. **Division of Land**: Two properties permitted (one division)
- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious surface coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 80,000 square feet.
- 3. Buildings and structures. Existing and new buildings and structures on the Property with the right to construct, use, enlarge, maintain, and replace such buildings and structures, all subject to the impervious coverage limitations, the siting restrictions, and any other restrictions set forth

elsewhere in this Easement. No more than two detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. Any new building or structure with a ground area and any additional impervious surface, together exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No building may exceed 35 feet in height, measured from the average grade of the foundation thereof, excepting cupolas, chimneys, antennas, silos, or other structural features having the prior written approval.

# 4. Siting of Buildings and Structures:

**Summary**: All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within the Building Envelopes shown on the Special Conditions Map/ Exhibit A. Any detached (freestanding) dwelling must be located in a Building Envelope.

5. V	Vater	Ouality	<b>Protection</b>	Areas
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Summary: 100 foot buffer on unnamed stream.

- Livestock excluded from riparian buffer and waterway: XYES NO
- Length of "forested/vegetated" riparian buffers (livestock excluded): 2,500 feet
- 6. Unique deed provisions: N/A

7.	Consolidation of Tax Parcels: NO XYES Summarize: working with locality to try to
	consolidate tax parcels.

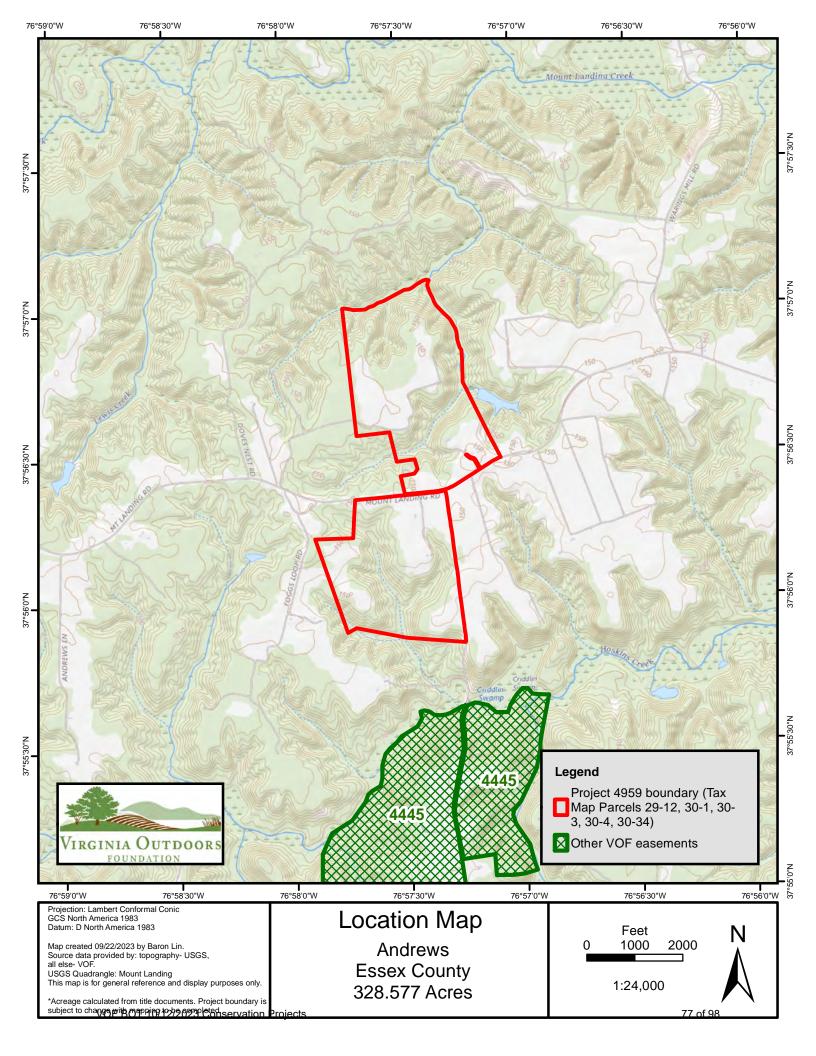
### **Further Discussion/Description**

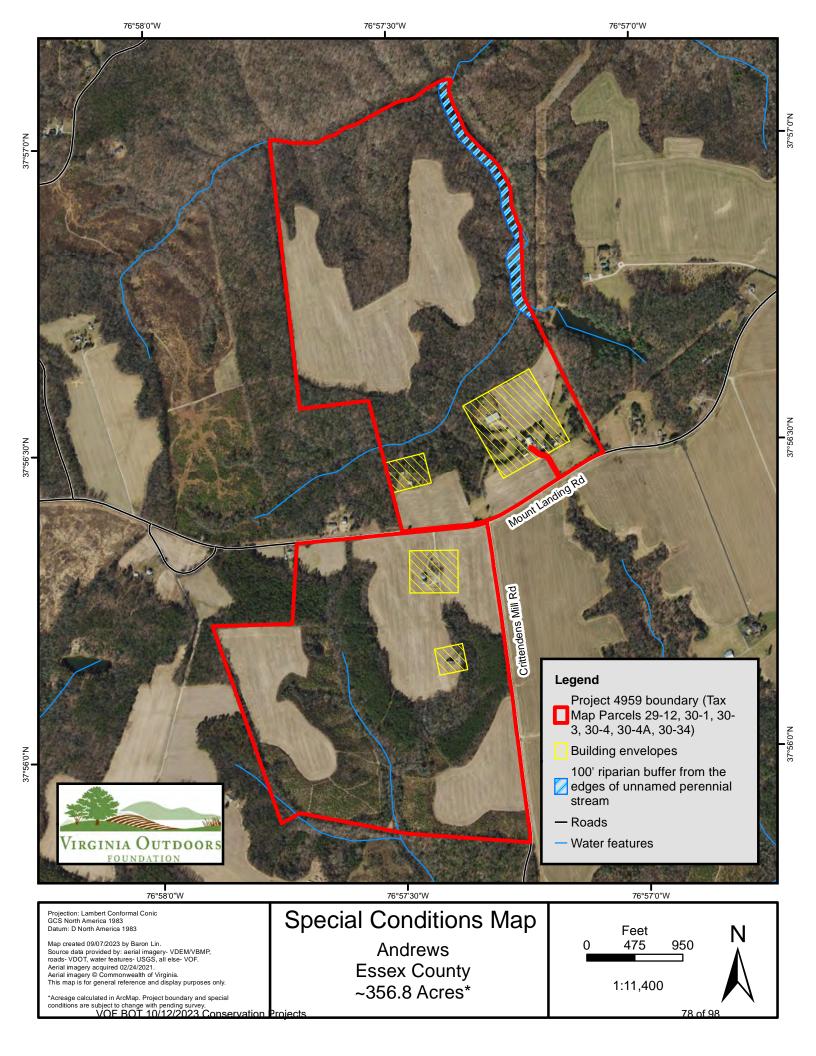
The property consists of 328.577 acres and is currently farmed in a small grain rotation consisting of corn, soybeans and winter wheat. The farm is situated within a five-mile radius of twenty-two easements held by VOF. Property is listed in two ConserveVa categories -Agriculture and Forestry and Natural Habitat and Ecosystem Diversity. The property contains 3,900 feet of frontage on an unnamed stream that is a tributary of the Rappahannock River and the Chesapeake Bay. The property is listed as a C2 Ecological Core under the Virginia Natural Landscapes Assessment Ecological Cores and supports a variety of wildlife species.

The property is located on Mount Landing Road which leads to the Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Special Conditions Table						
Waterbody		Feature Length (ft)	Buffer Width (ft)	Buffer Sides	Livestock Restriction	SC ID
	Unnamed stream	2,500	100	One side	Yes	
Siting Condition		Description	on			SC ID

Compliance with County Comprehensive Plan			
⊠ YES □ NO			
Public Infrastructure Information	<b>Conflicts with published plans</b>	Yes	No
	Connects with published plans		110
<b>Roads</b> : Routes 727 and 627 are 30-foot Row			
Rail:			
Utilities:			
Easement Boundary Information			
Boundary from existing surveys.			





**Grantor Name:** Henry Leon Smith

Locality: King and Queen Total Acres: 149.4

Project ID #4960 Instrument ID #7573 Property ID # 5765

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Estie Thomas

**Project Type:** Open Space easement with PTF Cost Only

Project Description: Located on the scenic Dragon Run Swamp this property contains working forest

land in a mix of managed pine and hardwoods and agricultural land in a small grain rotation.

# **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

Contains 63.03 acres of United States Department of Agriculture-designated prime farmland soil and 55.77 acres of Farmland of Statewide Importance.

Contains working forest areas and has been identified by the Virginia Department of Forestry as having a high ranking in "Forest Conservation Value," (FCV3 and FCV 5).

Adjacent to land under open-space easement deeded to Grantee.

Contains frontage and wetlands on the scenic Dragon Run, a tributary of the Piankatank River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Substantial portion of the Property is located in an area designated by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation – Division of Natural Heritage as being part of a "natural land network" and an ecological core with a ranking of C1 "Outstanding." These designations were made through the Virginia Natural Landscape Assessment (VaNLA), which is a landscape-scale GIS analysis that has identified, prioritized, and linked important lands to form natural land networks throughout Virginia.

Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines
Approve as presented.
Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
Deny (not supported by staff)
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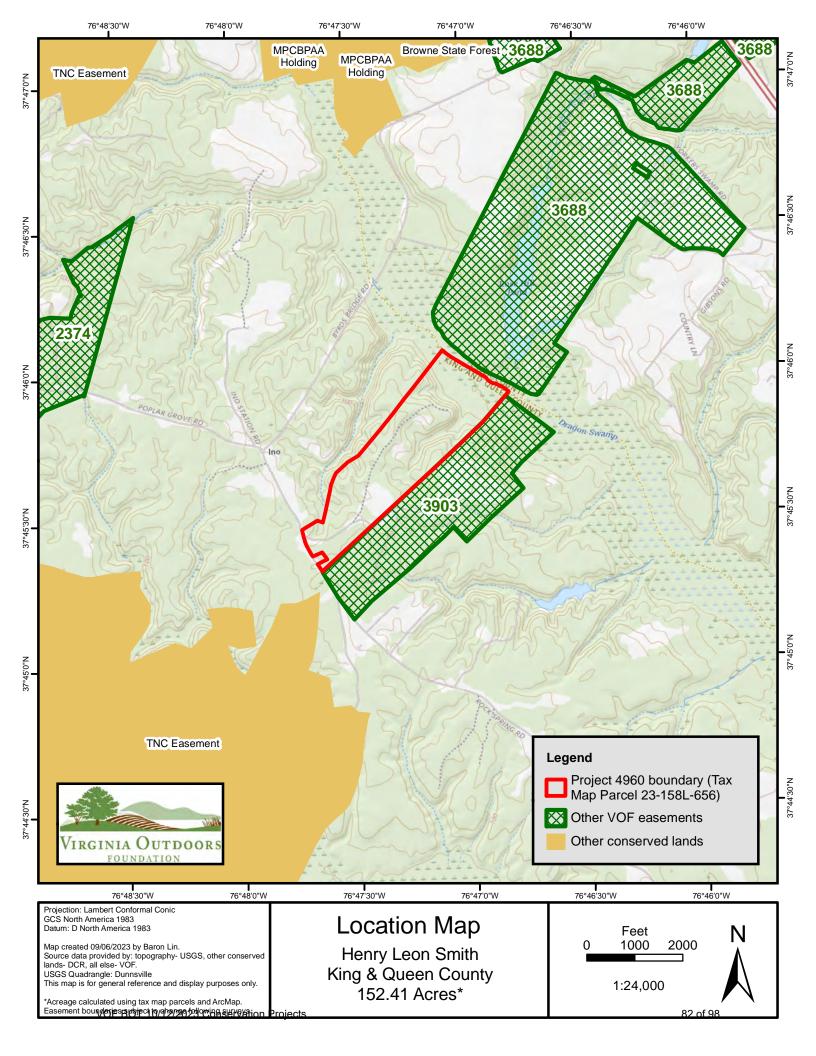
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form.	<b>Governing Document</b> : The primary terms of the easement are listed below in a condensed The complete terms, conditions, and restrictions are set forth in final and governing form in the ded deed of easement.
1.	Division of Land: One property permitted (no division)
2.	<b>Impervious Coverage Limitations</b> : Total impervious surface coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 18,000 square feet.
3.	Buildings and structures. Existing and new buildings and structures on the Property with the right to construct, use, enlarge, maintain, and replace such buildings and structures, all subject to the impervious coverage limitations, the siting restrictions, and any other restrictions set forth elsewhere in this Easement. No more than two detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. Any new building or structure with a ground area and any additional impervious surface, together exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No building may exceed 35 feet in height, measured from the average grade of the foundation thereof, excepting cupolas, chimneys, antennas, silos, or other structural features having the prior written approval.
4.	Siting of Buildings and Structures: Summary: All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within the Building Envelopes shown on the Special Conditions Map and Exhibit A. Any detached (freestanding) dwelling must be located in a Building Envelope.
5.	Water Quality Protection Areas: Summary: 100 foot buffer along the edge of the Dragon Run.
	<ul> <li>Livestock excluded from riparian buffer and waterway: XES NO</li> <li>Length of "forested/vegetated" riparian buffers (livestock excluded): 1,600 feet</li> </ul>

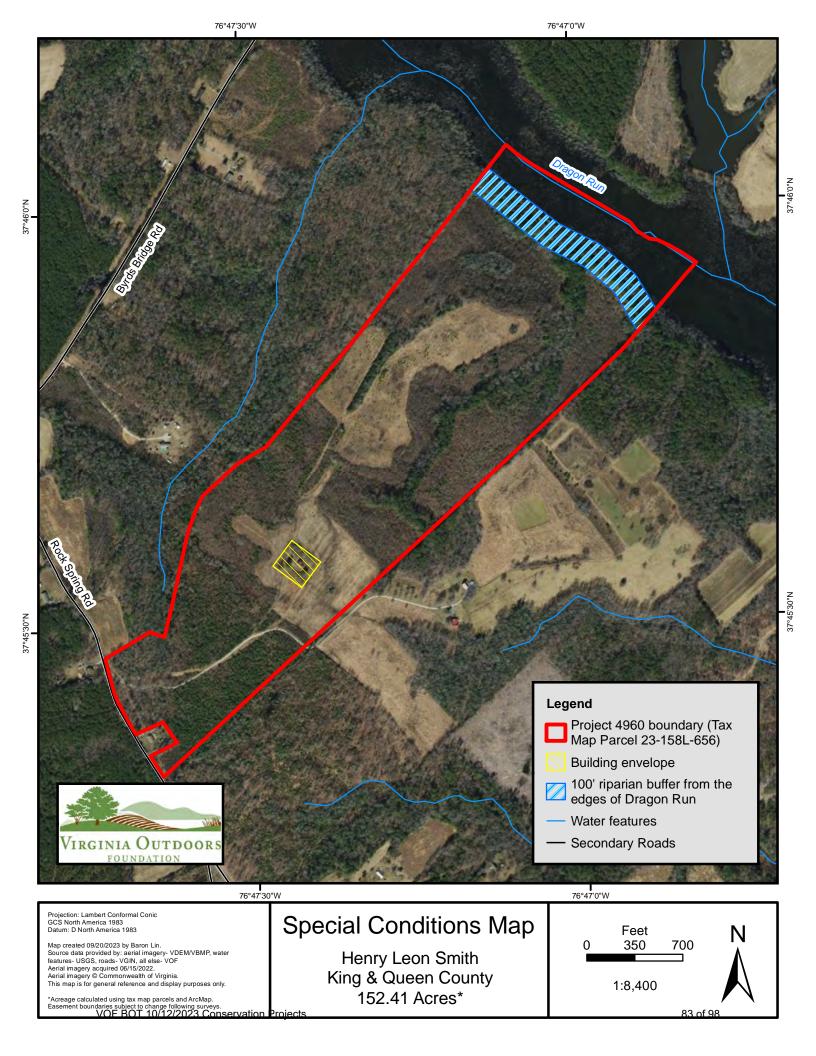
7.	Consolidation of Tax Parcels: NO YES Summarize:
Fur	ther Discussion

Special Conditions Table						
Waterbody	Feature Length (ft)	Buffer Width (ft)	Buffer Sides	Livestock Restriction	SC ID	
Dragon Run			One side	Yes		

Unique deed provisions: N/A

Siting Condition					
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Compliance	with County Comprehensive Plan				
⊠ YES □ NO					
Public Infra	structure Information Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No		
Roads: Rt.	614- Rock Spring Road is a 30-foot RoW				
Rail:					
<b>Utilities</b> :					
Easement B	oundary Information				
Full survey e	·				





### **Grantor Name Jessica Broaddus**

**Locality**: Caroline **Total Acres**: 171

Project ID #4961 Instrument ID #7574 Property ID # 5766

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Estie Thomas

Project Type: Open Space Easement

Project Description: Located on the Mattaponi River, this property contains working farm managed in

a small grain rotation and forest land in a mix of hardwoods and pines.

# **Conservation Purposes/Property Features**

Property contains 126.83 acres of United States Department of Agriculture-designated prime farmland soils.

Property contains 98 acres of forest ranked FCV "Very High" and "Outstanding" in the Virginia Department of Forestry's Forest Conservation Model.

Property contains 8,300 feet of shoreline on the Mattaponi River, a tributary of the Chesapeake Bay.

Property contains several important fish species in the Mattaponi River including Atlantic Sturgeon, (Federally and State listed species), Alewife, Hickory Shad, American Shad, Blueback Herring and Yellow Perch.

Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines
Approve as presented.
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☐ Deny (not supported by staff)
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- **2. Impervious Coverage Limitations**: Total impervious surface coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 30,000 square feet.
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### 4. Siting of Buildings and Structures:

**Summary**: All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within the Building Envelopes shown on the Special Conditions Map/ Exhibit A. Any detached (freestanding) dwelling must be located in a Building Envelope.

5.	Water	Quality	<b>Protection</b>	Areas:
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Summary: 100-foot riparian buffer on Mattaponi River.

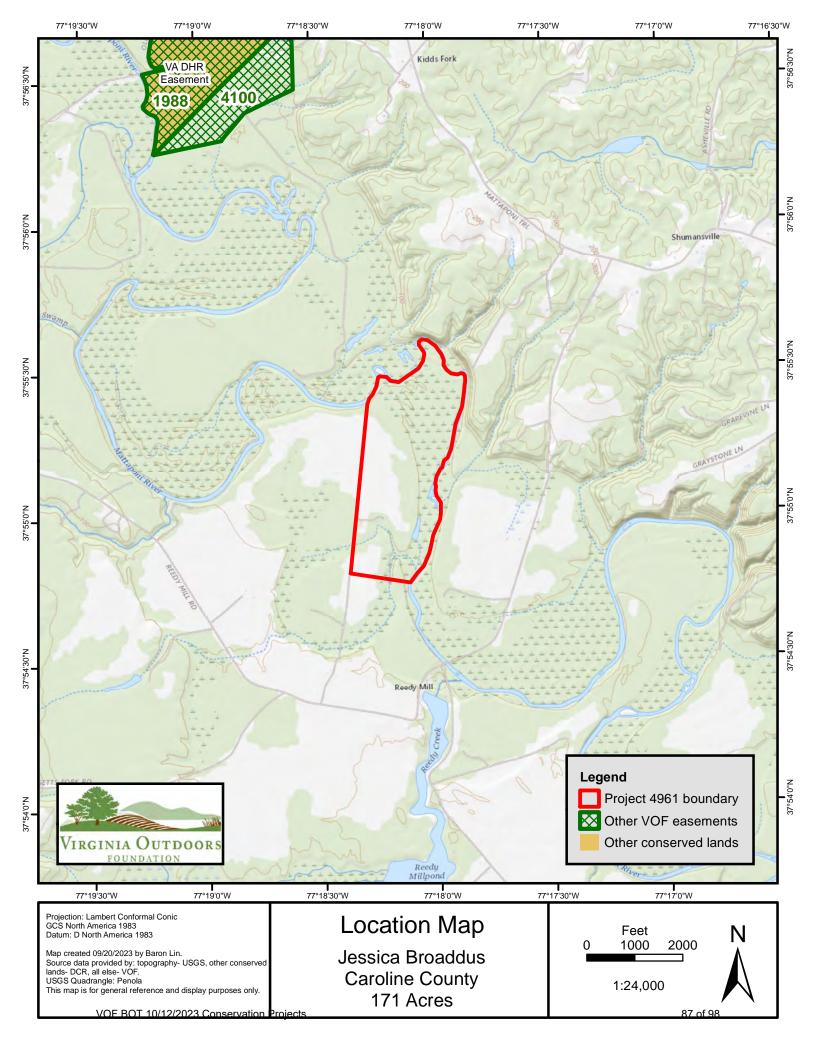
- Livestock excluded from riparian buffer and waterway: X YES NO
- Length of "forested/vegetated" riparian buffers with livestock exclusion. 8,700 feet.
- 6. Unique deed provisions: N/A

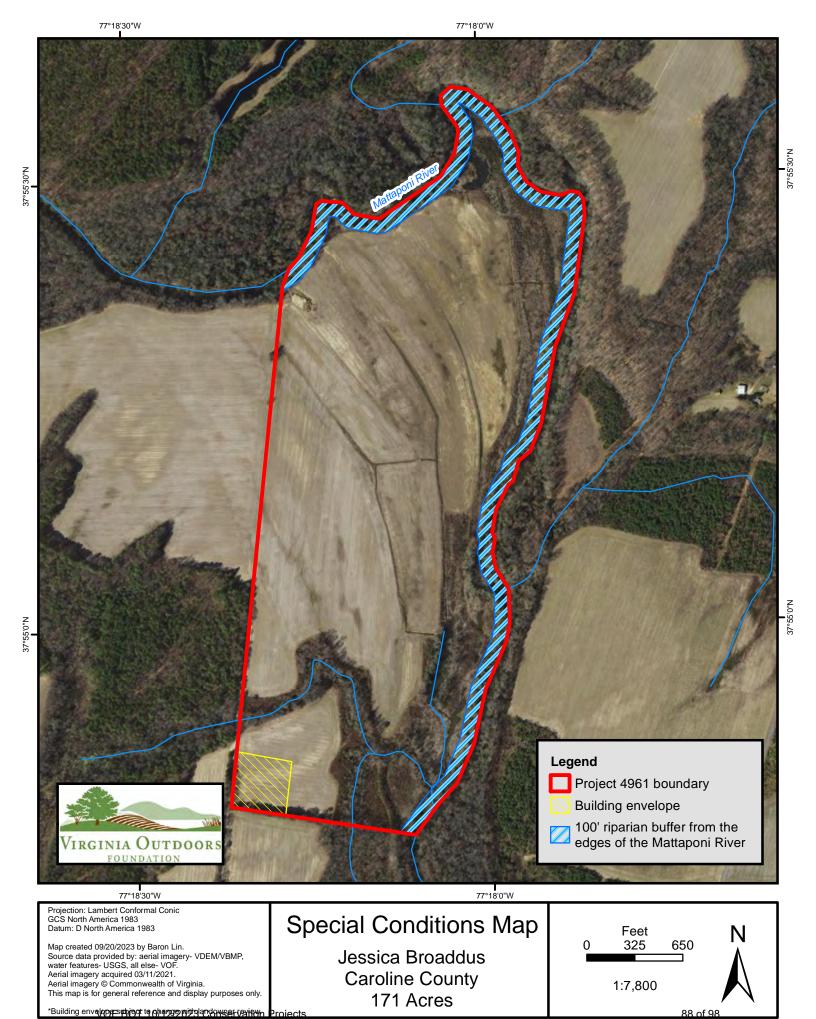
7.	<b>Consolidation of Tax Parcels:</b>	$\bowtie$ NO	YES Summarize:
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Further Discussion
No road frontage, access is through dedicated right of way easement.

Special Conditions Table						
Waterbody	Feature Length (ft)	Buffer Width (ft)	Buffer Sides	Livestock Restriction	SC ID	
Mattaponi River		100	One side	Yes		
			Choose an item.	Choose an item.		

Siting Condition	Description				
Compliance	with County Comprehensive Plan				
⊠ YES	□NO				
Public Infra	astructure Information Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No		
Roads: N/A	A no road frontage				
Rail:					
Utilities:					
Easement B	oundary Information				
	tered from existing surveys.				





### **Grantor Name Jessica Broaddus**

**Locality**: Caroline **Total Acres**: 272.566

Project ID #4963 Instrument ID #7576 Property ID # 5768

**Board Meeting Date**: 10/12/2023 **VOF Staff Lead**: Estie Thomas

Project Type: Open Space Easement

**Project Description**: Located in Central Point adjacent to a VOF held easement and within the viewshed of a Rosenwald School, this property contains working farm managed in a small grain

rotation and forest land in a mix of hardwoods and pines.

### **Conservation/Property Features**

Property contains 66.04 acres of United States Department of Agriculture-designated prime farmland soils and 115.31 acres of Soils of Statewide Importance.

Property has been identified by the Virginia Department of Forestry as having a high-ranking (FCV4-5) in "Forest Conservation Value".

Property contains approximately 4,000 feet of frontage on unnamed perennial streams which are all tributaries of the Mattaponi River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Property lies approximately 500 feet from a historic Rosenwald School.

Property is located adjacent to a property that has been protected by a conservation easement conveyed to VOF.

Staff Recommendations/Conformance with VOF Guidelines
Approve as presented.
Approve subject to suggested changes and final VOF legal review as to form.
☐ Deny (not supported by staff)
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# 4. Siting of Buildings and Structures:

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5.	Water	Quality	<b>Protection</b>	Areas:
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**Summary**: 100-foot riparian buffer on unnamed streams.

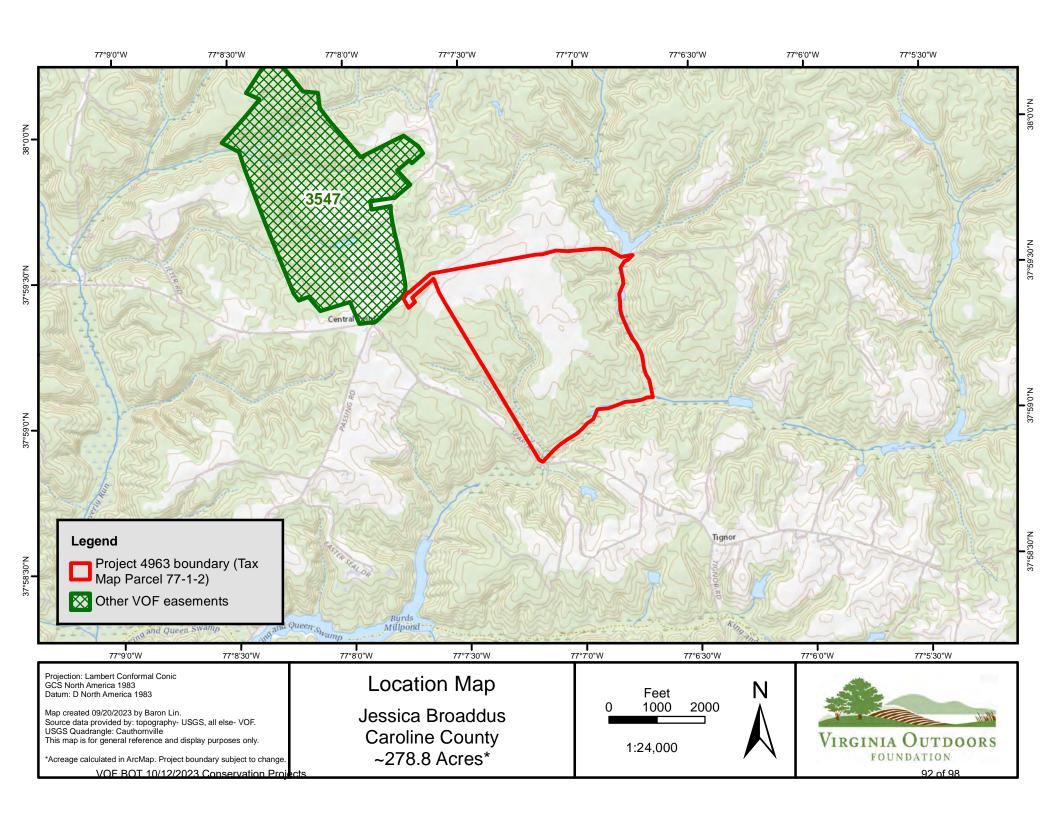
- Livestock excluded from riparian buffer and waterway: X YES NO
- Length of "forested/vegetated" riparian buffers with livestock exclusion. 6,000 feet.
- 6. Unique deed provisions: N/A

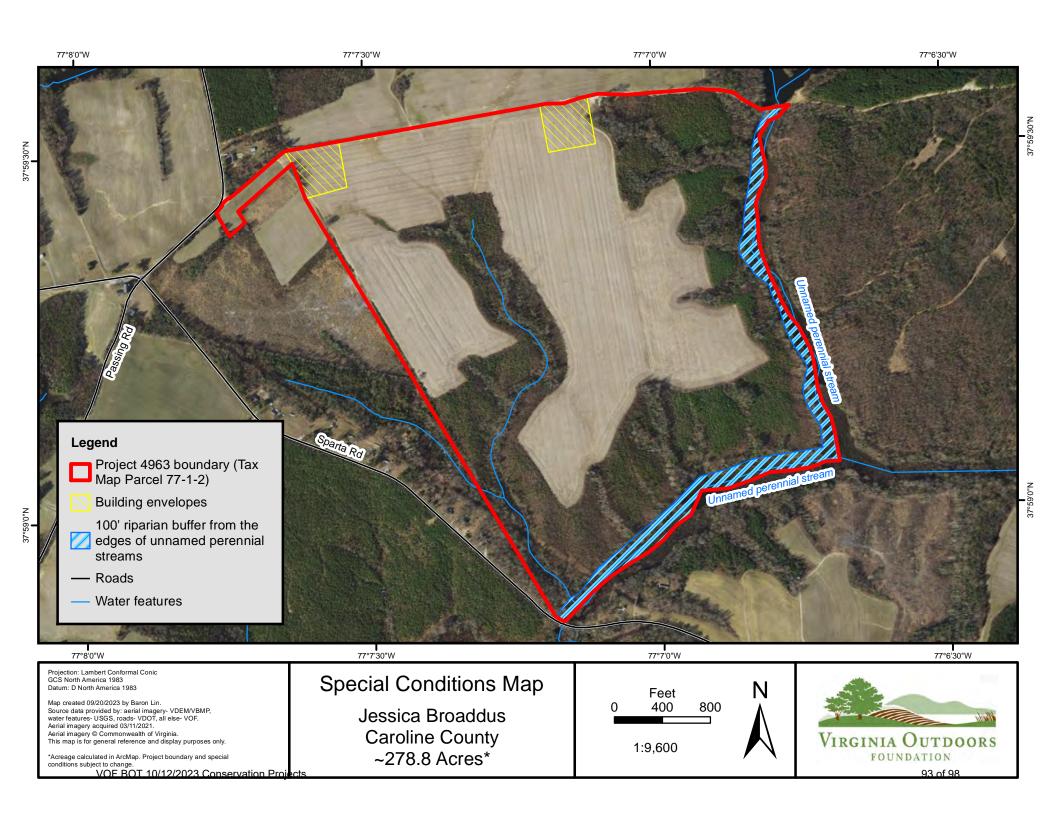
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7.	<b>Consolidation of Tax Parcels:</b>	$\boxtimes$ NO $[$	☐ YES Summarize:	
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Special Con	nditions Table					
Waterbody		Feature Length (ft)	Buffer Width (ft)	Buffer Sides	Livestock Restriction	SC ID
	Unnamed streams		100	One side	Yes	
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Siting Condition		Descripti	on			SC ID
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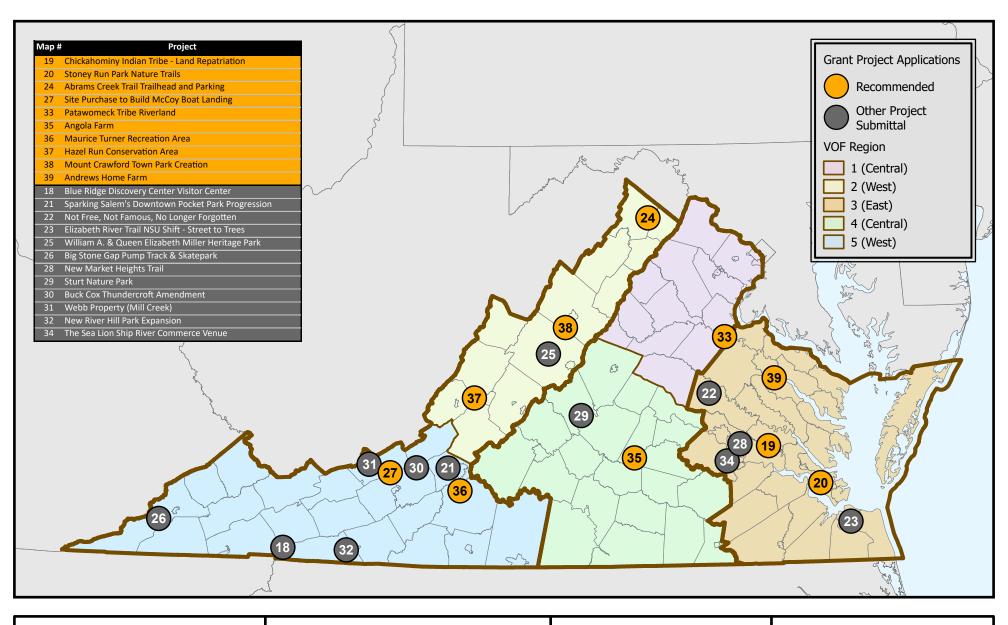
Compliance with County Comprehensive Plan		
⊠ YES □ NO		
Public Infrastructure Information Conflicts	with published plans Yes	No
Roads: Routes 625 and 630 are 30-foot Row		
Rail:		
Utilities:		
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Easement Boundary Information		
Boundary entered from existing surveys.		





# Preservation Trust Fund Grant Program

Projects Not Recommended for Funding



Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic GCS North America 1983 Datum: North America 1983

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# Preservation Trust Fund (PTF) Grant Summaries Other Submitted Projects, October 12, 2023

# Western (VOF Regions 2 and 5)

Applicant: 18, Blue Ridge Discovery Center

Project Title: Blue Ridge Discovery Center Visitor Center

**Locality:** Smyth County **VOF Region:** Western, 5

**Funds Requested:** \$150,000.00

**Proposed Land Protection Partner:** Virginia Outdoors Foundation **Proposed Land Protection Instrument:** Open Space Easement

**Description:** This project is to repurpose an old building into the Blue Ridge Discovery Center Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is designed to meet the needs of the myriad travelers that pass through this busy intersection, especially those whose destination is the Blue Ridge Discovery Center, the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, the Appalachian Trail, the Virginia Creeper Trail, Trail Town USA, and/or

Grayson Highlands State Park.

**Applicant:** 21, City of Salem

Project Title: Sparking Salem's Downtown Pocket Park Progression

**Locality:** Salem, City of **VOF Region:** Western, 5

Funds Requested: \$250,000.00

Proposed Land Protection Partner: City of Salem as Landowner

Proposed Land Protection Instrument: Deed of Dedication to Open Space

**Description:** The City of Salem, in conjunction with the property owners at 230 West Main Street, envision the conversion of a private residence and its surrounding greenspace into a Downtown pocket park which will serve as an accessible oasis for local residents and visitors alike. While preliminary discussions amongst staff have yielded ideas such as inclusive playgrounds and splashpads, the City anticipates conducting a community engagement process to solicit and execute the public's dream for the space.

**Applicant:** 25, Friends of Miller-Jackson Institute for Historic Preservation

Project Title: William A. & Queen Elizabeth Miller Heritage Park

**Locality:** Staunton, City of **VOF Region:** Western, 2 **Funds Requested:** \$294,000.00

Proposed Land Protection Partner: City of Staunton

Proposed Land Protection Instrument: Open Space Easement or Deed of Dedication to Open Space if

City Takes Ownership.

**Description:** Landowner seeks to plan a heritage and culturally relevant park telling the story of the Millers, an African-American couple who in the early 20th century purchased land and established an orphanage and industrial school for over 300 children in Augusta County. There will be recreational features, interpretive signage, the creation of an outdoor museum, the installation of mobility trails, an amphitheater, and weekend archeology for youth.

**Applicant:** 26, Friends of Southwest Virginia

**Project Title:** Big Stone Gap Pump Track & Skatepark

**Locality:** Wise County

**Funds Requested:** \$125,000.00

**VOF Region:** Western, 5

**Proposed Land Protection Partner:** Town of Big Stone Gap as Landowner **Proposed Land Protection Instrument:** Deed of Dedication to Open Space

**Description:** The Town of Big Stone Gap, in collaboration with Friends of Southwest Virginia, is undertaking a significant endeavor to construct a state-of-the-art pump track and skate park. Situated in the heart of downtown at Bullitt Park, this facility aims to become an outdoor recreational hub in the Southwest Virginia region. Through this initiative, the project seeks to enhance the region's appeal by attracting national sporting events and visitors while fostering a sense of unity among the community.

**Applicant:** 30, New River Land Trust

Project Title: Buck Cox Thundercroft Amendment

**VOF Region:** Western, 5 **Funds Requested:** \$171,500.00

**Proposed Land Protection Partner:** Virginia Outdoors Foundation **Proposed Land Protection Instrument:** Open Space Easement

**Description:** The project will add 64 acres and revise an existing VOF easement for 202 acres of fresh conservation. The New River Land Trust (NRLT) and landowner are coordinating with VOF on the project and have confirmed that contingent on funding and easement details that VOF would consider the additional acres as an amendment, revise the 2011 Deed language to bring it up to current VOF standards, and with DCR NHP designate 20 acres a NAP.

**Applicant:** 31, New River Land Trust **Project Title:** Webb Property (Mill Creek)

**VOF Region:** Western, 5 **Funds Requested:** \$175,500.00

**Proposed Land Protection Partner:** Virginia Outdoors Foundation **Proposed Land Protection Instrument:** Open Space Easement

**Description:** The property is 107 acres of steep forestland on the north side of Wolf Creek Mountain overlooking the Town of Narrows. The property runs from the base to the peak and is mostly forested. It has a large cavern with historical significance, a 1.5-mile trail and is adjacent to National Forest and the Mill Creek Nature Park. The Park is protected by a VOF easement. If this application is successful, the 107 acres will be added by VOF easement amendment, growing park to 255 acres.

Applicant: 32, New River Soil & Water Conservation District

**Project Title:** New River Hill Park Expansion

**Locality:** Grayson County **VOF Region:** Western, 5 **Funds Requested:** \$153,500.00

Proposed Land Protection Partner: New River Soil & Water Conservation District as Landowner

Proposed Land Protection Instrument: Deed of Dedication of Open Space

**Description:** The New River Soil and Water Conservation District is requesting \$153,500 for the purchase of 65 acres adjoining the New River. The land will be operated and maintained by the New River SWCD as a public park and will protect the natural and cultural resources on the land in perpetuity.

# Central (VOF Regions 1 and 4)

**Applicant:** 29, Nelson County **Project Title:** Sturt Nature Park

**Locality:** Nelson County **VOF Region:** Central, 4

**Funds Requested:** \$195,000.00

Proposed Land Protection Partner: Nelson County as Landowner

Proposed Land Protection Instrument: Deed of Dedication to Open Space

**Description:** Nelson County is requesting funding to assist in development of the Sturt Property Nature Preserve Park. This property consists of 344.5 acres of wooded area in ideal condition to incorporate a multi-trail system in addition to boardwalk style access through the designated wetlands areas and vista viewpoints.

# Eastern (VOF Region 3)

Applicant: 22, ECO Foundation Inc.

Project Title: Not Free, Not Famous, No Longer Forgotten

**Locality:** Hanover County **VOF Region:** Eastern, 3

**Funds Requested:** \$388,500.00

**Proposed Land Protection Partner:** Virginia Outdoors Foundation **Proposed Land Protection Instrument:** Open Space Easement

**Description:** This request is for the study and restoration of cultural assets on a VOF easement originally part of Patrick Henry's Scotchtown. The VOF easement likely contains the enslaved cemetery directly related to Scotchtown plantation and The Forrest, an early colonial home built by Quakers. The plan for The Forrest is to restore it as a living history museum. This project is to be performed with the support and guidance of Preservation Virginia, which owns and operates Scotchtown as a museum.

**Applicant:** 23, Elizabeth River Trail Foundation

Project Title: Elizabeth River Trail NSU Shift from Street to Trees

**Locality:** Norfolk, City of **VOF Region:** Eastern, 3

**Funds Requested:** \$396,200.00

**Proposed Land Protection Partner:** City of Norfolk

Proposed Land Protection Instrument: Open Space Easement

**Description:** The project focuses on repositioning a segment of the Elizabeth River Trail from its current location alongside a busy street to a protected off-road meandering path. This project would acquire and protect one acre of open space and establish a new tree-lined path and wildflower meadow connecting the trail to Norfolk State University bringing the trail from streets to trees.

**Applicant:** 28, Henrico County

Project Title: New Market Heights Trail

**Locality:** Henrico County **VOF Region:** Eastern, 3

**Funds Requested:** \$449,012.00

**Proposed Land Protection Partner:** Henrico County

**Proposed Land Protection Instruments:** Open Space Easements, and Deeds of Dedication to Open Space **Description:** Henrico County seeks to establish a natural trail spanning culturally and ecologically significant areas. The proposed route would start at Deep Bottom Park and traverse several Countyowned properties as well as land held by Capital Region Land Conservancy, Inc. and American Battlefield Trust. The project would have three primary goals: history (following the path of the US Colored Troops (USCT) in the Battle of New Market Heights), recreation and observation of nature.

**Applicant:** 34, Sea Lion Foundation

Project Title: The Sea Lion Ship River Commerce Venue

**Locality:** Chesterfield County **VOF Region:** Eastern, 3

Funds Requested: \$250,000.00

**Proposed Land Protection Partner:** Chesterfield County as Landowner **Proposed Land Protection Instrument:** Deed of Dedication of Open Space

**Description:** The Mission of The Sea Lion Ship River Commerce Venue is to provide educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities through the preservation, reconstruction, and interpretation of a replica 17th century ship at Henricus Historical Park in a unique venue while protecting the ancient land along the James River and stressing the importance of preserving the land and water to our future wellbeing. Each year Henricus hosts over 25,000 school children at the Park as well as visitors from across the nation.