



City of Salem Tuttle Transformation - Salem's Downtown Park		
Locality: City of Salem	Acres: 1.34	
Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 Staff Lead: Emily	White Region: Western	
Project Description		
The City of Salem, in conjunction with the property conversion of a private residence and its surrounding will serve as an accessible oasis for local residents a designed to elicit ideas for the project yielded vision access to nature, art, play areas, and cultural activitie	g greenspace into a downtown pocket park which nd visitors alike. A citizen-design charrette s of a community open space catalyzing public	
Project Type		
Charitable Contribution	□ Protection of Owned Land	
□ Purchase of Open-Space Easement	□ Site Enhancement for Passive Public Use	
I Fee Simple Acquisition	□ Other:	
Instrument Type		
☑ Deed of Open-Space Easement	Deed of Conveyance/Acquisition	
□ Deed of Dedication to Open Space	□ Other	
Land Protection Agent		
⊠ VOF	□ Locality:	
Other State Agency:	□ Other:	
Funding Source & Amount		
VOF Grant Program(s): <u>PTF</u>	External Grant Program(s):	
Amount Requested: <u>\$225,000</u>	Amount Requested/Secured: \$	
□ Tax Benefits (Sought by Applicant)	□ Not Applicable	
Staff Recommendation		
 Conservation Project: Approve project as presented. Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction Approve project, final VOF easement terms Meeting. Conservation Funding: Not applicable Approve requested funding: \$ 	on of the following: to be approved at subsequent Board of Trustees	

- Approve recommended funding: \$200,000
- Approved administratively, PTF-Easement Assistance: \$_____

Scenic/Open Space:

• The property is one of very few remaining open green spaces in this urban environment.

Historic Preservation:

• The site is included in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places for both structural significance and the history of ownership.

Outdoor Recreation, Education, or Research:

• Land-based Recreational Need as modeled by the Department of Conservation and Recreation is ranked High for this area.

Project Details

The Governing Document: *The primary terms contained in the deed or instrument are listed below in a condensed form. The complete terms, conditions, and restrictions are in the recorded deed.*

- 1. Divisions permitted: 0 Maximum Properties: 1
- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 50% of the total property.
- **3. Buildings and Structures:** Only buildings and structures allowed are those that support public use of the Property as a park.
- 4. Water Quality Protection Areas: N/A
- 5. Unique Deed Provisions: N/A
- 6. **Public Access:** \Box NO \boxtimes YES
- 7. Sign Required: \Box NO \boxtimes YES
- 8. Consolidation of Tax Parcels: DNO DYES X/A

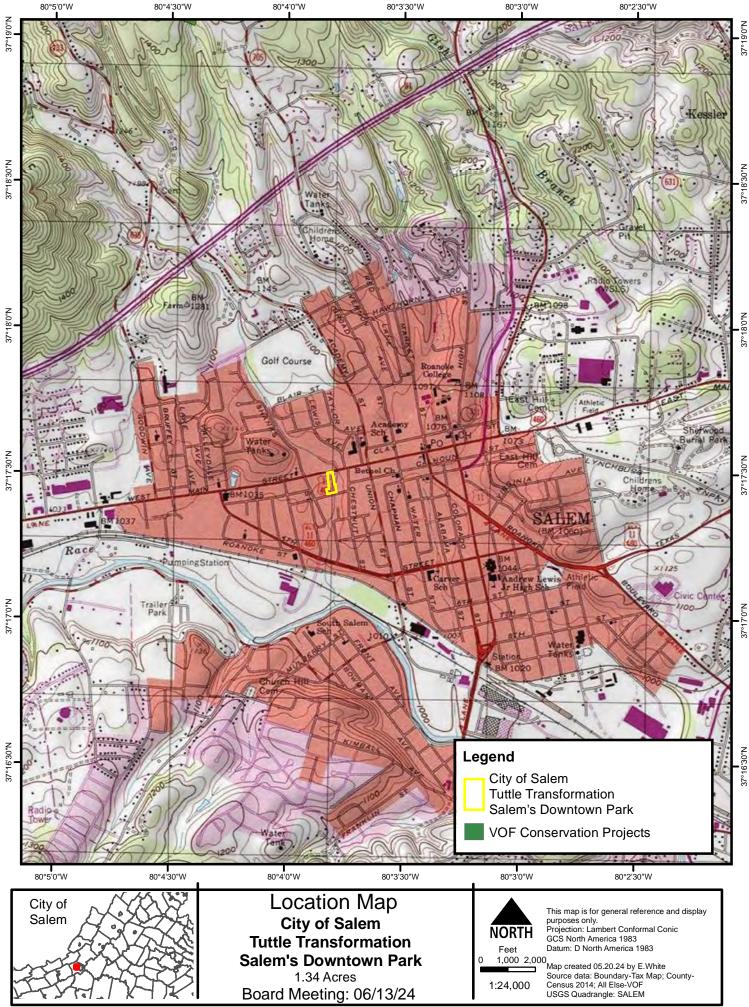
Further Discussion

Comprehensive Plan

Is the project in compliance with the locality's comprehensive plan? \boxtimes YES \square NO

DETAILS: Documented in PTF grant application submitted by locality.

Public Infrastructure Information	Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads:			
Rail:			
Utilities:			
Notes: To be determined if grant award is made.			



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Aerial Map **City of Salem Tuttle Transformation Salem's Downtown Park**

Acreage: 1.34 Locality: City of Salem



NORTH

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Feet 100

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VIRGINIA OUTDOORS

FOUNDATION

37°17'30"N

37°17'30"N



Homestate Properties LLC

Locality: Floyd	yd Acres: 238.95	
Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 Staff Lead: Ton	nmy Oravetz Region: Western	
Project Description		
The project will conserve viable agricultural land, natural heritage species habitat. The property is an the land in 2015 and has installed numerous Best Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Environm project is a partial purchase of an open-space eas Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Agricultura Preservation Trust Fund.	active cow calf operation. The landowner acquired t Management Practices working with the Natural nental Quality Improvement Program (EQIP). This sement with 50% funding from the United States	
Project Type		
□ Charitable Contribution	□ Protection of Owned Land	
☑ Purchase of Open-Space Easement	□ Site Enhancement for Public Use	
□ Fee Simple Acquisition	□ Other:	
Instrument Type		
Deed of Open-Space Easement	Deed of Conveyance/Acquisition	
Deed of Dedication to Open Space	□ Other	
Land Protection Agent		
⊠ VOF	□ Locality:	
□ Other State Agency:	Other: <u>USDA-NRCS</u>	
Funding Source & Amount		
VOF Grant Program(s): <u>PTF Easement Assistance</u>	☑ External Grant Program(s): <u>USDA ALE</u>	
Amount Award: \$ <u>13,000</u>	Amount Secured: \$250,000 (could	
\boxtimes VOF Grant Program(s): <u>PTF</u>	increase with an updated yellow book	
Amount Requested: <u>\$149,250</u>	<u>appraisal)</u>	
Tax Benefits (Sought by Applicant)	□ Not Applicable	
Staff Recommendation		
 Conservation Project: Approve project as presented. Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of Approve project, final VOF easement terms to Meeting. Conservation Funding: Not applicable Approve requested funding: \$_149,250 (PTF) Approve recommended funding: \$_ Approved administratively, PTF-Easement Assent Assent Approve 	be approved at subsequent Board of Trustees	

Agricultural Use:

• 60% of the property is composed of soils of statewide significance, creating quality pasture for the cow/calf operation.

Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:

• The property has viable habitat for two rare Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)-Division of Natural Heritage species and lies within the region of Floyd which historically has supported several Natural Heritage species.

Scenic/Open Space:

- The property has approximately 1,500 linear feet of road frontage along Kyle Weeks Road (State Route 768), a county-sponsored thematic driving tour route.
- The property is within the viewshed of the Buffalo Mountain State Natural Area Preserve.

Water Resource Protection:

- The property is the headwaters of Greasy Creek, and it contains 3.5 acres of open-herbaceous wetlands.
- The streams and associated open-herbaceous wetland found on the property are ranked as Outstanding in DCR's Virginia Wetland Catalog.

Project Details

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- **1.** Divisions permitted: 0
- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 2% of the total property. *Note: USDA calculations for impervious cover includes all hardened features resulting in the allowance for a higher percentage impervious cover*.
- 3. Buildings and Structures:

Any new building or structure exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No more than 2 detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within designated Building Envelopes. Any detached (freestanding) dwelling must be located in a Building Envelope.

4. Water Quality Protection Areas: Both 35-ft Riparian Buffers and Riparian Protection Zones will be placed on the property. The Riparian Protection Zone will allow limited cattle access to help support the Natural Heritage species present on the property.

- **5.** Unique Deed Provisions: The easement will require a current Agricultural Land Easement plan drafted by NRCS. NRCS will be the lead on the compliance of the agricultural operation with the plan.
- 6. Public Access: \boxtimes NO \square YES
- 7. Sign Required: \Box NO \boxtimes YES
- 8. Consolidation of Tax Parcels: □ NO ⊠YES □ N/A Summarize: The property is currently two tax parcels. Consolidation will be dependent on working with the county to consolidate into one tax parcel.

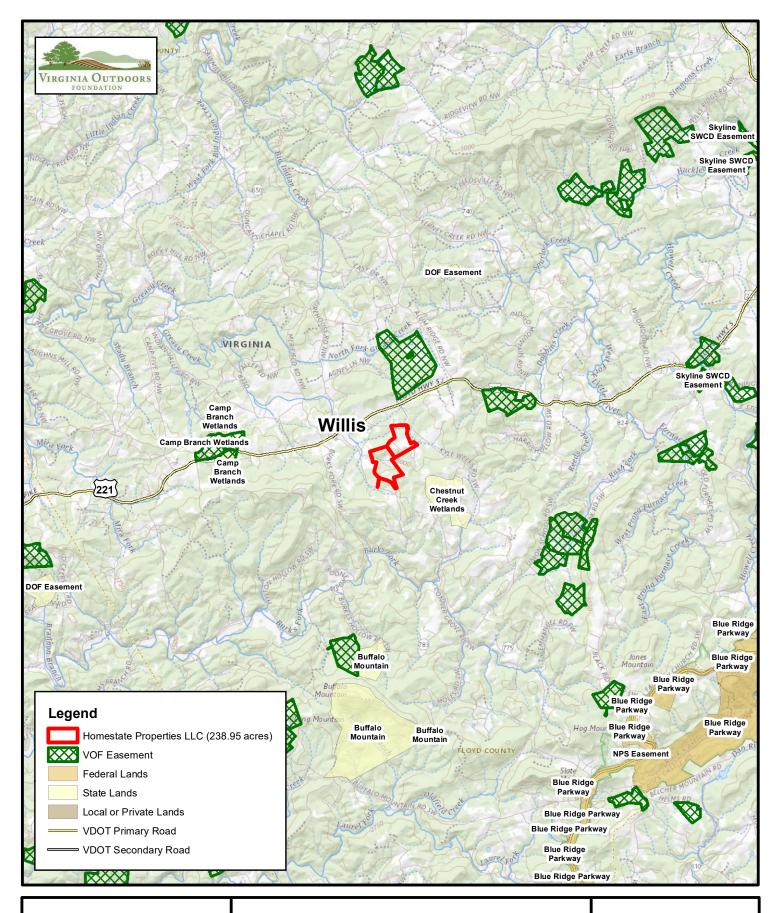
Further Discussion

Easement terms to be finalized in coordination with ALE program requirements Final project terms will be presented for approval at the October meeting of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation Board of Trustees.

Comprehensive Plan

Is the project in compliance with the locality's comprehensive plan? ⊠YES □ NO DETAILS: A letter from Karla Turman (Floyd County Planner and Subdivision Agent) dated 02/21/2024 confirmed the Floyd County Planning Commission unanimously approved the proposed conservation easement for the property owned by Homestate Properties LLC. The approval occurred in the 02/20/2024 Planning Commission Meeting.

Public Infrastructure InformationConflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads : Road frontage along Kyle Weeks Road (State Rte 768) and Connor Grove Rd (State Rte 799)		\boxtimes
Rail:		\boxtimes
Utilities : AEP powerlines through the property and serving building and structures on the property.		X
Notes:		

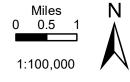


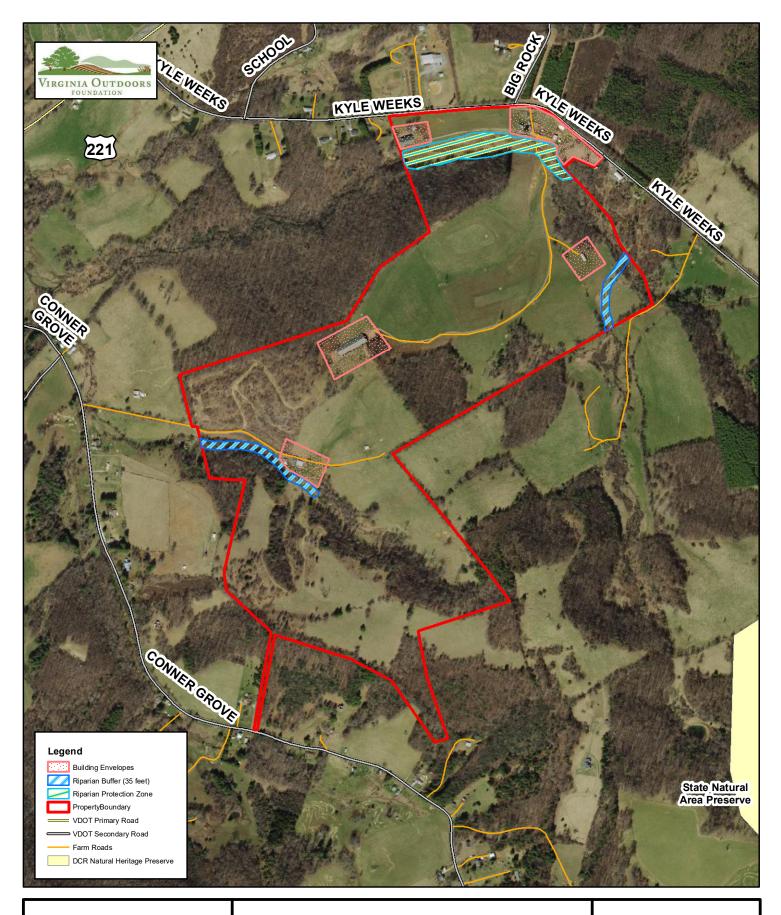
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Location Map

Homestate Properties LLC Acreage: 238.95 County: Floyd





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Special Conditions Map

Homestate Properties LLC Acreage: 235.95 County: Floyd Feet 0 250 500 1:10,000

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New River Land Trust Town of Narrows' Mill Creek Park Expansion

Locality: Giles County	Acres: 107
Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 Staff Lead: Emily	White Region: Western
Project Description	
The property is 107 acres of steep forestland on Wo Narrows and the New River. The property runs from historical significance, which may be conveyed to the the land to the Town, as well as a 1.5-mile trail. The Appalachian Trail & the existing Mill Creek Nature supporting the Town by preparing the application. I park/existing Virginia Outdoors Foundation easeme	n the base to the peak. It has a large cavern with he Virginia Cave Conservancy before the sale of e property is adjacent to National Forest, the Park. The New River Land Trust (NRLT) is f funded, the 107 acres will be added to the
Project Type	
Charitable Contribution	□ Protection of Owned Land
□ Purchase of Open-Space Easement	□ Site Enhancement for Passive Public Use
I Fee Simple Acquisition	□ Other:
Instrument Type	
☑ Deed of Open-Space Easement	□ Deed of Conveyance/Acquisition
□ Deed of Dedication to Open Space	□ Other
Land Protection Agent	
⊠ VOF	□ Locality:
□ Other State Agency:	□ Other:
Funding Source & Amount	
VOF Grant Program(s): <u>PTF</u>	External Grant Program(s):
Amount Requested: <u>\$175,500</u>	Amount Requested/Secured: \$
□ Tax Benefits (Sought by Applicant)	□ Not Applicable
Staff Recommendation	
Meeting. Conservation Funding: Not applicable Approve requested funding: <u>\$175,500</u>	s to be approved at subsequent Board of Trustees

Forestal Use:

• The property is entirely wooded, with a large portion of the forest ranked Very High or Outstanding by the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) Forest Conservation Value (FCV) model.

Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:

- Ranked as having an ecological core rating of C4 (Moderate) as well as a very small portion of a C1 (Outstanding) and C2 (Very High) ecological core by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Natural Landscape Assessment (VaNLA) indicates the property supports numerous habitat and ecosystem values.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) identifies the property as containing habitat essential for the success of the Golden Winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*).
- Giant Caverns, a cave on the property, is designated as a significant cave under the Virginia Cave Protection Act of 1979 for its biological, esthetic, historical, and geological values.
- The property has been identified by The Nature Conservancy as an area of importance for climate & biodiversity resilience.

Scenic/Open Space:

- The property is within the viewshed of the Narrows Commercial Historic District, and it contains Sentinel Point, the highest and one of the most scenic spots in Giles County.
- Located adjacent to the existing Mill Creek Nature Park, the protection of the property will expand the protected natural area by 50%.

Water Resource Protection:

• The property lies in an area of limestone geology with karst features.

Historic Preservation:

• Giant Caverns was once an attraction open to the public around 1920. Cultural and historic resources remain inside the cave.

Outdoor Recreation, Education, or Research:

- Cave research and education is conducted on the property.
- While currently privately owned, the landowner allows the public to build and use trails on the property, enabling access to Sentinel Point.

Project Details

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- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 10% of the total property.
- **3. Buildings and Structures:** Only buildings and structures allowed are those that support public use of the Property as a park.
- 4. Water Quality Protection Areas: N/A
- 5. Unique Deed Provisions: Forest CORE Fund, Forest Management Provision
- 6. **Public Access:** \Box NO \boxtimes YES
- 7. Sign Required: \Box NO \boxtimes YES
- 8. Consolidation of Tax Parcels:
 NO DYES N/A

Further Discussion

This project will be an amendment to an existing VOF easement, adding acres.

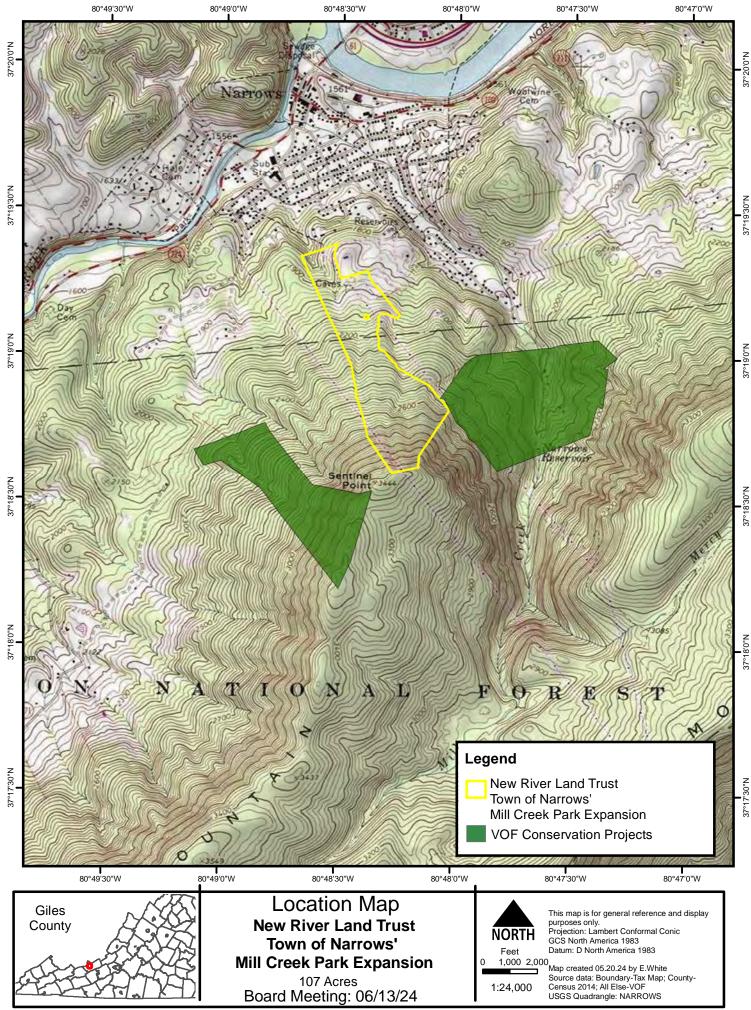
Comprehensive Plan

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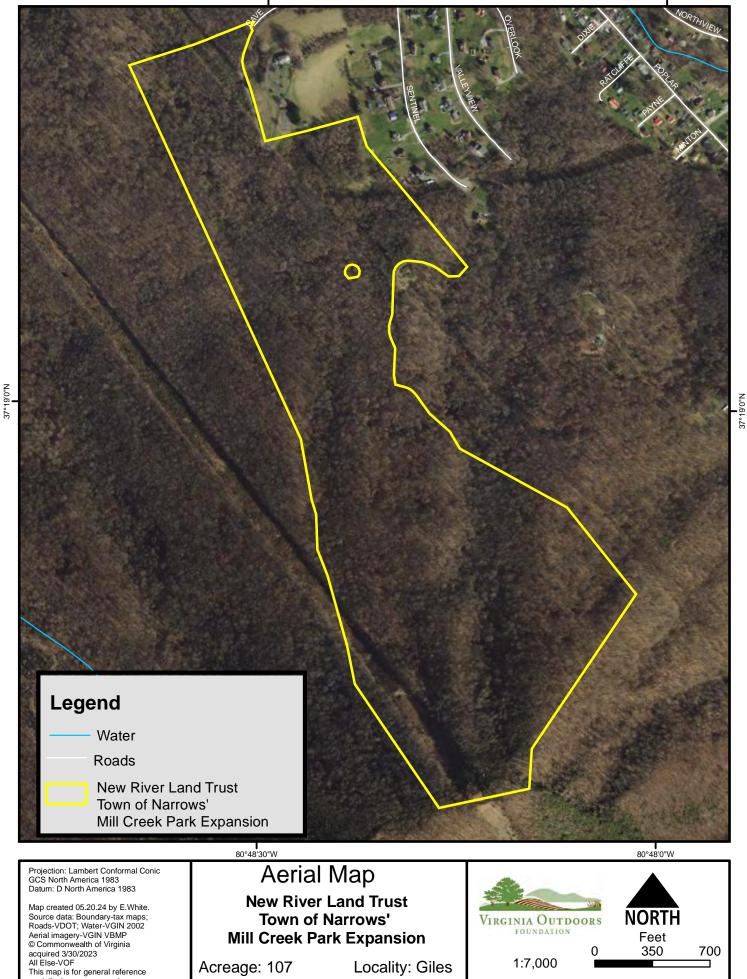
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DETAILS: Documented in PTF grant application. Confirmation from locality to be obtained if grant award is made.

Public Infrastructure Information	Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads:			
Rail:			
Utilities:			
Notes: To be determined if grant award is made.		•	



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New River Soil & Water Conservation District New River Hill Park Expansion & Sensory Trail

New River Hill Park Exp	ansion & Sensory Trail		
Locality: Grayson County Acres: 65			
Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 Staff Lead: Emily	White Region: Western		
Project Description			
The New River Soil and Water Conservation Distric of 65 acres adjoining the New River. A sensory trail visitors, with special adaptations for the visually, he creative ways. The land will be operated and mainta protect the natural and cultural resources on the land	will be designed and installed for all park aring, and mobility impaired to enjoy nature in ined by the SWCD as a public park and will		
Project Type			
□ Charitable Contribution	□ Protection of Owned Land		
□ Purchase of Open-Space Easement	□ Site Enhancement for Passive Public Use		
☑ Fee Simple Acquisition	□ Other:		
Instrument Type			
□ Deed of Open-Space Easement	Deed of Conveyance/Acquisition		
Deed of Dedication to Open Space	□ Other		
Land Protection Agent			
□ VOF	□ Locality:		
Other State Agency:	I Other: SWCD, Subdivision State Government		
Funding Source & Amount			
VOF Grant Program(s): <u>PTF</u>	External Grant Program(s): <u>VLCF</u>		
Amount Requested: <u>\$145,500</u>	Amount Requested/Secured: \$117,500		
□ Tax Benefits (Sought by Applicant)	□ Not Applicable		
Staff Recommendation			
Conservation Project:			
\square Approve project as presented.			
Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction			
Approve project, final VOF easement terms to be approved at subsequent Board of Trustees			
Meeting. Conservation Funding:			
□ Not applicable			
Approve requested funding: \$ <u>145,500</u>			
□ Approve recommended funding: \$			

Approved administratively, PTF-Easement Assistance: \$_____

Notes:

Forestal Use:

• The almost entirely wooded property has been identified by the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) as having an overall ranking of Very High in the Forest Conservation Value (FCV) model.

Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:

- Ranked as having a predominate ecological core rating of C3 (High) by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)'s Natural Landscape Assessment (VaNLA) indicates the property may support numerous habitat and ecosystem values.
- The Nature Conservancy has identified the site as part of an area of importance for climate & biodiversity resilience.
- The DCR-Division of Natural Heritage has delineated a portion of the property as a Natural Heritage Conservation Site, indicating the property contains habitat for one or more natural heritage resources (rare plants, animals, communities, or geologic features).

Scenic/Open Space:

- The property is located along the New River, a Virginia Outdoors Plan identified Blueway, on one of the most frequently traveled and most recognized sections of the river.
- The land is adjacent to other conserved properties, creating a vast area of land that will never be disturbed by development.
- Protecting the property from development will ensure the viewshed containing 1,700-ft of ridgeline will remain untouched.

Water Resource Protection:

- The property has extensive frontage along the New River as well as just under 5,000-ft of streams and springs.
- The property is located in an area identified for Water Quality Improvement by ConserveVA.

Project Details

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- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 2% of the total property.
- **3. Buildings and Structures:** Only buildings and structures allowed are those that support public use of the Property as a park.
- 4. Water Quality Protection Areas: N/A
- 5. Unique Deed Provisions: N/A
- 6. Public Access: \Box NO \boxtimes YES
- 7. Sign Required: \Box NO \boxtimes YES
- 8. Consolidation of Tax Parcels: D NO DYES X N/A

Further Discussion

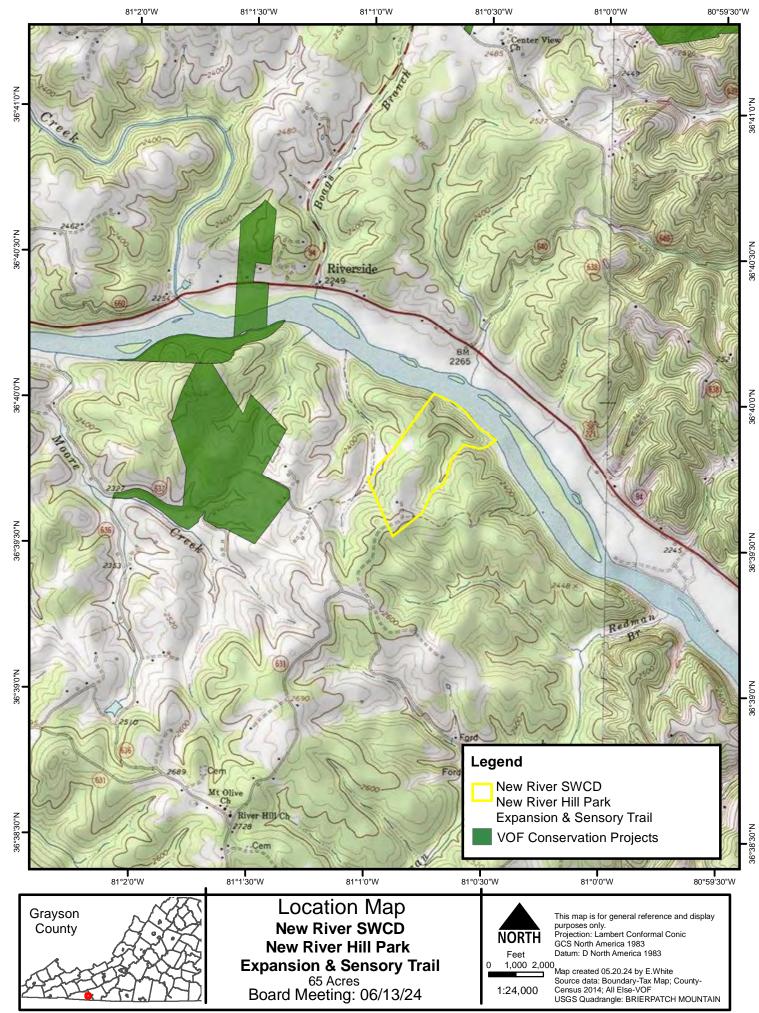
Comprehensive Plan

Is the project in compliance with the locality's comprehensive plan?

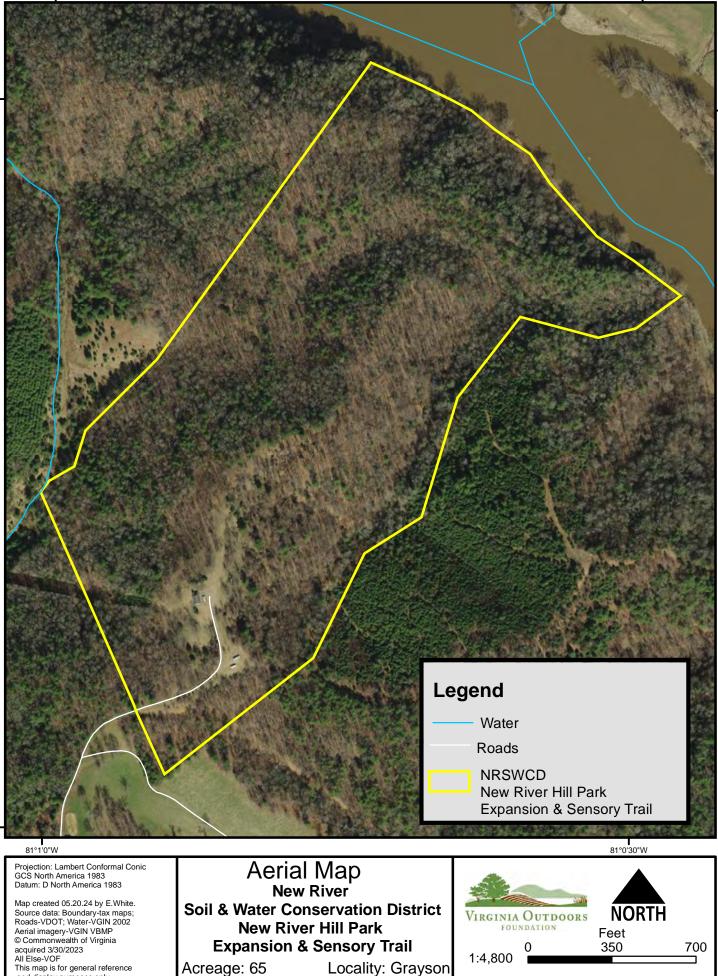
 \boxtimes YES \square NO

DETAILS: Documented in PTF grant application. Confirmation from locality to be obtained if grant award is made.

Public Infrastructure Information	Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads:			
Rail:			
Utilities:			
Notes: To be determined if grant award is made.			



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36°40'0"N

36°40'0"N



Town of Elkton Elkton Downtown Park Phase II

Locality: Rockingham County			
Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 Staff Lead: Emi	ily White Region: Western		
Project Description			
The Elkton Downtown Park Project Phase II will transform a vacant, uninspired lot in the heart of downtown into an engaging nature-inspired space. Phase I is constructing an open-air pavilion and an amphitheater stage, and will be complete in July 2024. Phase II will install a sitting wall with nature-based art, children's play area, pollinator garden and bird houses, permeable path, native tree grove and ID walk, ADA picnic tables, and native plant boxes to encourage everyday park use.			
Project Type			
□ Charitable Contribution	□ Protection of Owned Land		
□ Purchase of Open-Space Easement	Site Enhancement for Passive Public Use		
□ Fee Simple Acquisition	□ Other:		
Instrument Type			
Deed of Open-Space Easement	Deed of Conveyance/Acquisition		
Deed of Dedication to Open Space	□ Other		
Land Protection Agent			
□ VOF	☑ Locality: <u>Town of Elkton</u>		
□ Other State Agency:	□ Other:		
Funding Source & Amount			
VOF Grant Program(s): <u>PTF</u>	External Grant Program(s):		
Amount Requested: <u>\$155,500</u>	Amount Requested/Secured: \$		
□ Tax Benefits (Sought by Applicant)	□ Not Applicable		
Staff Recommendation			
 Conservation Project: 	ction of the following: ms to be approved at subsequent Board of Trustees		

Approve requested funding: \$155,500

□ Approve recommended funding: \$_

□ Approved administratively, PTF-Easement Assistance: \$_____

Notes:

Scenic/Open Space:

• This open green space is located in the center of a busy small town. It will be seen and used regularly.

Historic Preservation:

• The park is located within the Elkton Historic District.

Outdoor Recreation, Education, or Research:

• The property is currently open to and used by the public.

Project Details

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- 1. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 50% of the total property.
- 2. Buildings and Structures: Only buildings and structures allowed are those that support public use of the Property as a park.
- 3. Water Quality Protection Areas: N/A
- 4. Unique Deed Provisions: N/A
- **5. Public Access:** \Box NO \boxtimes YES
- 6. Sign Required: \Box NO \boxtimes YES
- 7. Consolidation of Tax Parcels:
 NO DYES N/A

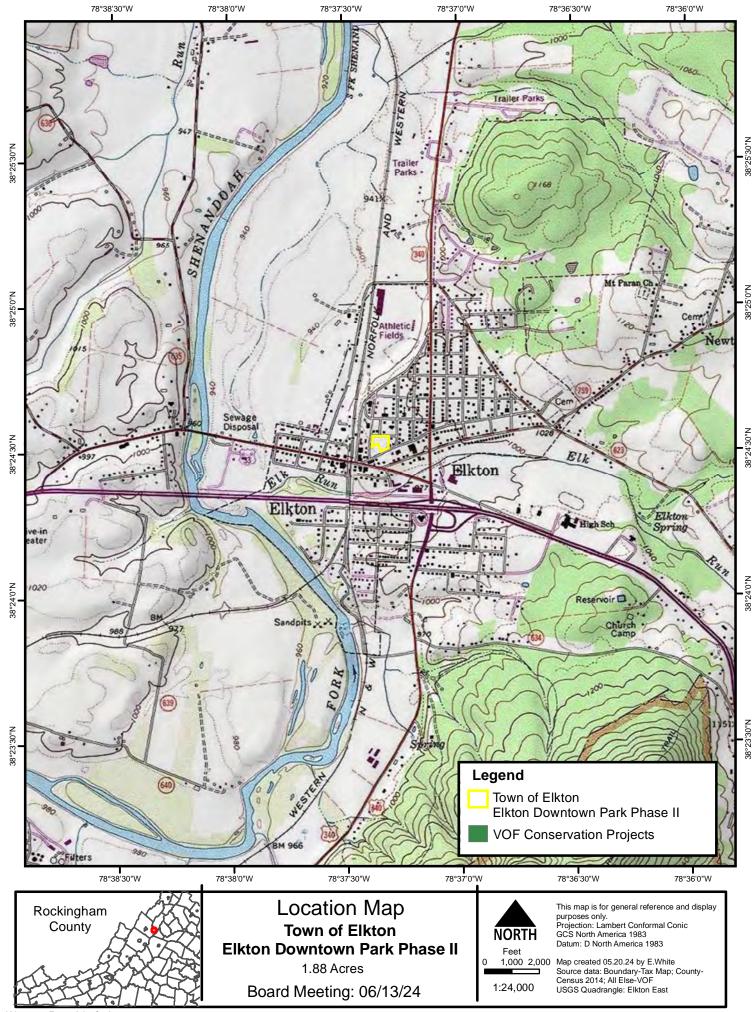
Further Discussion

Comprehensive Plan

Is the project in compliance with the locality's comprehensive plan? ⊠YES □ NO

DETAILS: Documented in PTF grant application submitted by locality.

Public Infrastructure Information	Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads:			
Rail:			
Utilities:			
Notes: To be determined if grant award is made.			



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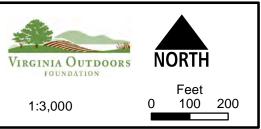
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Aerial Map

Town of Elkton Elkton Downtown Park Phase II

Acreage: 1.88 Locality: Rockingham



38°24'30"N



Town of Pound Pine Mountain C&O Trail Campsites

Locality: Wise County	Acres: 3.41	
Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 Staff Lead: En	mily White Region: Western	
Project Description		
The Town of Pound is developing 3.41 acres along the Pine Mountain C&O Trail for public use. The plan is to build campsites that are ADA compliant, as well as a picnic shelter. People with limited mobility will be able to access the site by using the Grit Freedom Chairs recently purchased by the town. Hikers, mountain bikers and horse trail riders who are already enjoying the trail will also benefit from these additional camping facilities. VA Master Naturalists will use the site for programs.		
Project Type		
□ Charitable Contribution	□ Protection of Owned Land	
□ Purchase of Open-Space Easement	☑ Site Enhancement for Passive Public Use	
□ Fee Simple Acquisition	□ Other:	
Instrument Type		
□ Deed of Open-Space Easement	□ Deed of Conveyance/Acquisition	
Deed of Dedication to Open Space	□ Other	
Land Protection Agent		
□ VOF	Locality: <u>Town of Pound</u>	
□ Other State Agency:	□ Other:	
Funding Source & Amount		
VOF Grant Program(s): <u>PTF</u>	External Grant Program(s):	
Amount Requested: <u>\$40,900</u>	Amount Requested/Secured: \$	
□ Tax Benefits (Sought by Applicant)	□ Not Applicable	

Staff Recommendation
Conservation Project:
Approve project as presented.
□ Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of the following:
Approve project, final VOF easement terms to be approved at subsequent Board of Trustees
Meeting.
Conservation Funding:
□ Not applicable
Approve requested funding: \$ <u>40,900</u>
□ Approve recommended funding: \$
Approved administratively, PTF-Easement Assistance: \$
Notes:

Forestal Use:

• The entirely wooded property, which abuts the National Forest, is predominantly composed of forest rated Very High and Outstanding by the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) Forest Conservation Value (FCV) model.

Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:

- Adjacent to the National Forest, half of the property is part of an ecological core rated C1 (Outstanding) by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Natural Landscape Assessment (VaNLA) indicating the property supports numerous habitat and ecosystem values.
- The site is part of a designated Audubon Important Bird Area.
- Several endangered and threatened species of bat have been documented on the site by the Division of Wildlife Resources.
- The Nature Conservancy has identified the property as part of an area of importance for climate & biodiversity resilience.

Historic Preservation:

• Undocumented historic and cultural resources are known to be in the area, with the Pine Mountain Tunnel used for transporting coal to/from Kentucky nearby.

Outdoor Recreation, Education, or Research:

• The property is currently open to the public for outdoor recreation.

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- 4. Water Quality Protection Areas: N/A
- 5. Unique Deed Provisions: N/A
- 6. Public Access: \Box NO \boxtimes YES
- 7. Sign Required: \Box NO \boxtimes YES
- 8. Consolidation of Tax Parcels: DNO DYES X N/A

Further Discussion

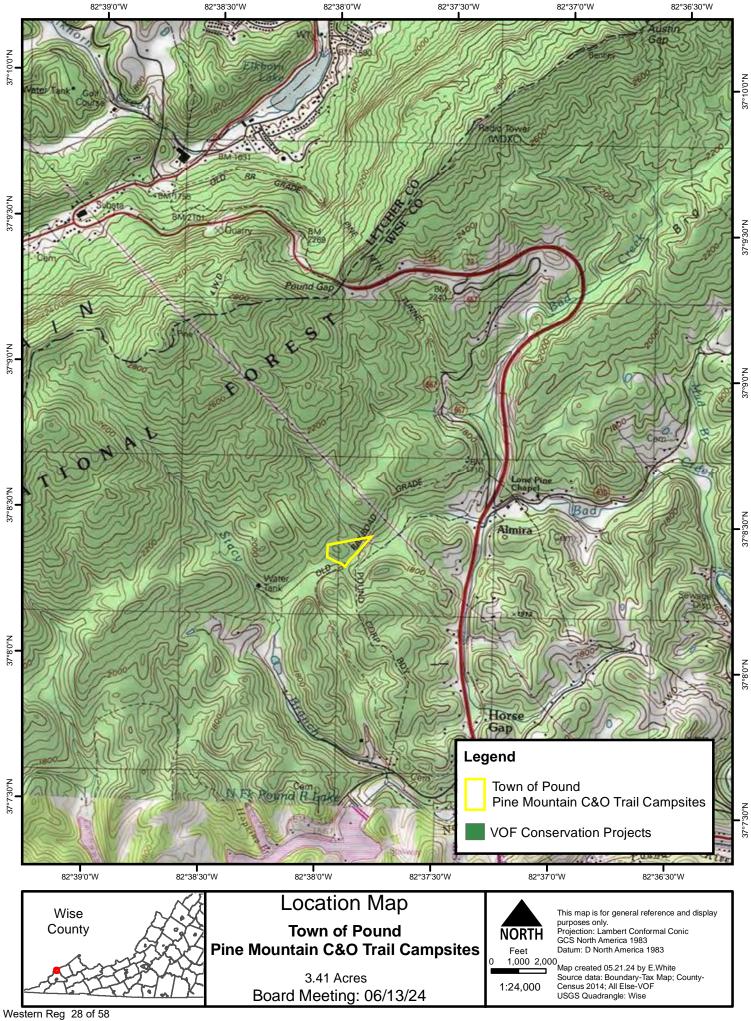
Comprehensive Plan

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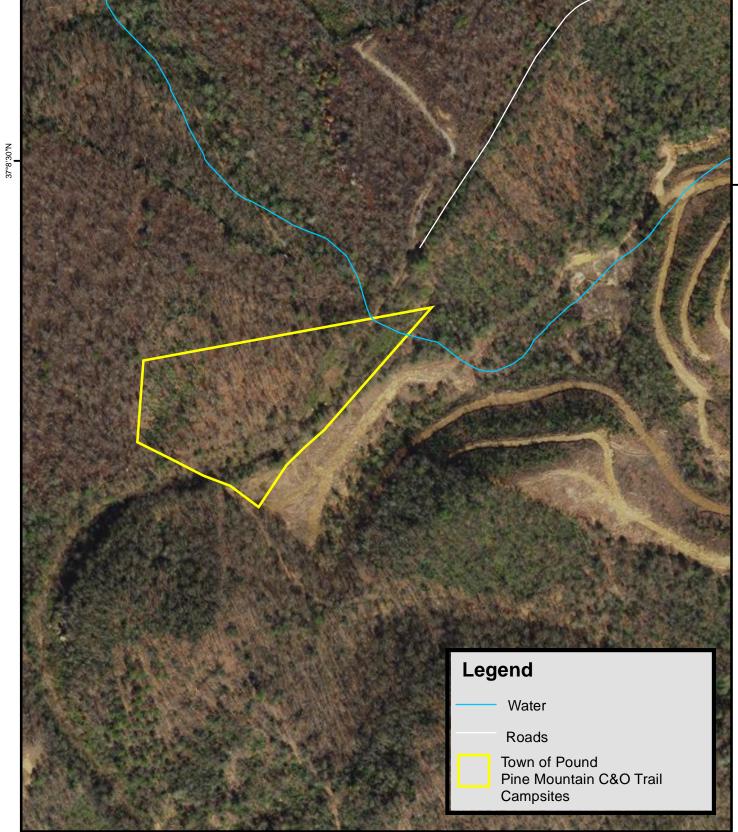
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DETAILS: Documented in PTF grant application submitted by locality.

Public Infrastructure Information	Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads:			
Rail:			
Utilities:			
Notes: To be determined if grant award is made.		•	



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82°38'0"W			
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acquired 3/30/2023 All Else-VOF	Acreage: 3.41 Locality: Wise County	4-0.000	Feet 0 100 200



Town of Pulaski Draper Mountain Trails

Locality: Pulaski County	Acres: 160		
Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 Staff Lead: Emily	White Region: Western		
Project Description			
The Town of Pulaski requests funds to provide for the surveying, design, and improvement of approximately 160 acres of land known as the Draper Mountain Trails. Funding this project will allow the Town to survey and separate the area of the existing property that contains trails for preservation. Once designated as open space and officially a park, the Town hopes to use the rest of the funds to create and implement a design plan for the facility that addresses recreational and ecological issues.			
Project Type			
□ Charitable Contribution	□ Protection of Owned Land		
 Purchase of Open-Space Easement Fee Simple Acquisition 	☑ Site Enhancement for Passive Public Use ☐ Other:		
Instrument Type			
Deed of Open-Space Easement	Deed of Conveyance/Acquisition		
Deed of Dedication to Open Space	□ Other		
Land Protection Agent			
□ VOF	Locality: <u>Town of Pulaski</u>		
□ Other State Agency:	□ Other:		
Funding Source & Amount			
☑ VOF Grant Program(s):PTF	External Grant Program(s):		
Amount Requested: <u>\$90,500</u>	Amount Requested/Secured: \$		
Tax Benefits (Sought by Applicant)	□ Not Applicable		
Staff Recommendation			
 Conservation Project: Approve project as presented. Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction Approve project, final VOF easement term Meeting. Conservation Funding: Not applicable Approve requested funding: \$90,500 Approve recommended funding: \$ Approved administratively, PTF-Easement 	s to be approved at subsequent Board of Trustees		

Forestal Use:

• The entirely wooded property consists of forest predominantly rating Very High in the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) Forest Conservation Value (FCV) model.

Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:

- Ranked as having an ecological core rating of C3 (High) by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Natural Landscape Assessment (VaNLA) indicates the property may support numerous habitat and ecosystem values.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) identifies the property as containing habitat essential for the success of the Golden Winged Warbler (*Vermivora chrysoptera*).
- The Nature Conservancy has identified the property as part of an area of importance for climate & biodiversity resilience.

Water Resource Protection:

• The property lies in an area of limestone geology with karst features.

Outdoor Recreation, Education, or Research:

• The property is currently open to the public with an established trail system.

Project Details

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- 1. Divisions permitted: 0 Maximum Properties: 1
- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 10% of the total property.
- **3. Buildings and Structures:** Only buildings and structures allowed are those that support public use of the Property as a park.
- 4. Water Quality Protection Areas: N/A
- 5. Unique Deed Provisions: N/A
- 6. Public Access: \Box NO \boxtimes YES
- 7. Sign Required: □ NO ⊠ YES
- 8. Consolidation of Tax Parcels: D NO DYES X N/A

Further Discussion

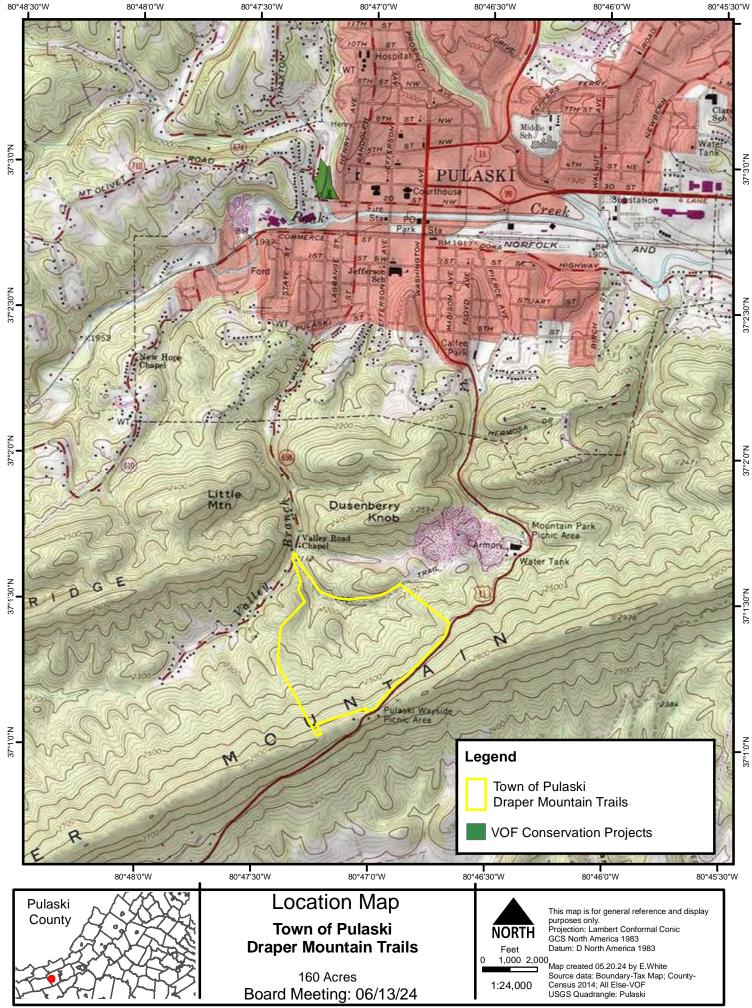
Comprehensive Plan

Is the project in compliance with the locality's comprehensive plan?

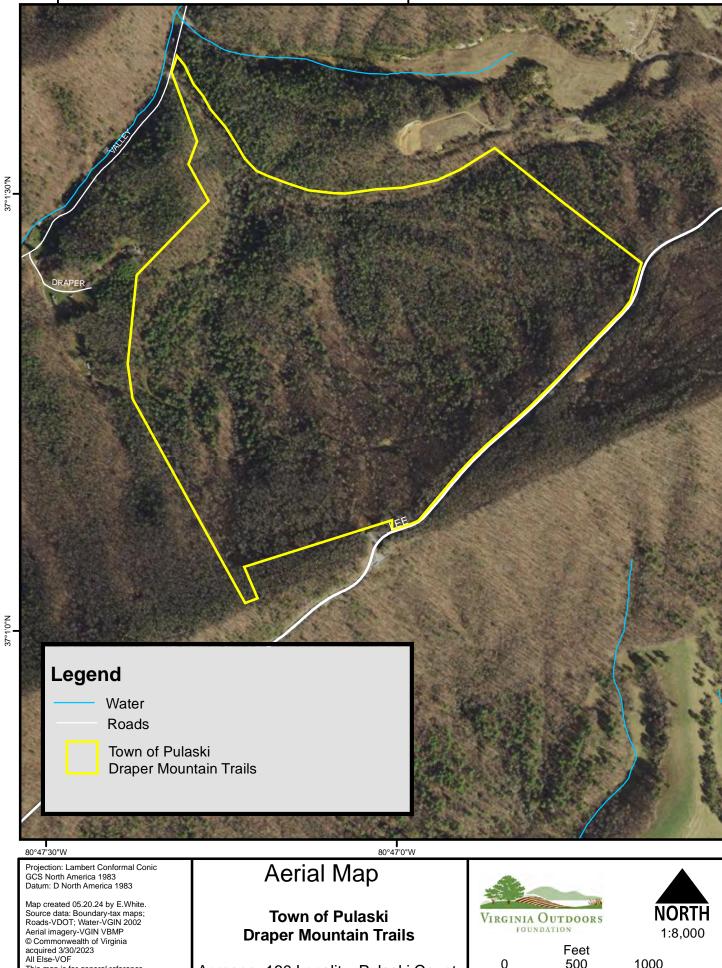
 \boxtimes YES \square NO

DETAILS: Documented in PTF grant application submitted by locality.

Public Infrastructure Information	Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads:			
Rail:			
Utilities:			
Notes: To be determined if grant award is made			



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Acreage: 160 Locality: Pulaski County

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PROJECT SUMMARY Reconsideration

Gary A. & Darren A. Pultz

Locality: Rockbridge

Acres: 127.065

Meeting Date: June 12, 2024 Staff lead: Laura Thurman R

Region: West

Project Description	
This forested property borders the Blue Ridge Park from the ridges of Boston Mountain down to Irish of unprotected piece of land in the immediate Irish Creek a and other VOF easements. The National Forest land r Peak Roadless Area." In an area of protected land, National Forest with Parkway land and a third prop	Creek valley. The 126-acre property is the largest area and would fill the gap between the National Forest north of Irish Creek is designated as the "Adams the Property connects an orphan tract of the
Project Type	
□ Charitable Contribution	□ Protection of Owned Land
☑ Partial purchase of Open-Space Easement	□ Site Enhancement for Public Use
□ Fee Simple Acquisition	□ Other:
Instrument Type	
Deed of Open-Space Easement	Deed of Conveyance/Acquisition
Deed of Dedication to Open Space	□ Other
Land Protection Agent	
⊠ VOF	Locality:
□ Other State Agency:	□ Other:
Funding Source & Amount	
☑ VOF Grant Programs: PTF natural resources protection Amount Allocated in 2020: \$50,000 - to include acquisition costs.	External Grant Program(s): Amount Requested/Secured: \$
Tax Benefits (Sought by Applicant)	□ Not Applicable
Staff Recommendation	
 Conservation Project: △ Approve project as presented. △ Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of △ Approve project, final VOF easement terms to Meeting. Conservation Funding: △ Not applicable △ Approve requested funding: \$ △ Approve recommended funding: \$50,000 (valid) △ Approved administratively, PTF-Easement Assent Approve 	be approved at subsequent Board of Trustees

In June 2020, the VOF Board of Trustees awarded the Pultz project a \$50,000 PTF public access grant to protect the Pultz property along the Blue Ridge Parkway. The project, as originally proposed, would allow public access from the Blue Ridge Parkway to the Clarks Mountain cemetery located on the property.

Correspondence with the National Park Service (NPS) to achieve access from the parkway has proven unsuccessful. The NPS will not approve public use of the road crossing parkland to access the cemetery.

VOF has broadened the PTF grant program, since the time of this project's approval, to fund protection of exceptional natural resources as well as projects that provide public access,

and the property scores "Exceptional" in three SCORE-card categories – Historic, Scenic and Public Policy.

VOF's Deputy Directors approved extension of the existing 2020 grant, and to the proposal to apply the funds to a natural resource protection project via email dated 4/13/24

Conservation Purposes/Property Features

Forestal Use:

• The entire Property designated by the Virginia Department of Forestry as having "Very High" forest conservation value.

Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:

• Property drains to Irish Creek, designated native trout habitat. Property lies within the Upper Blue Ridge Mountains Important Bird Area.

Scenic/Open Space:

- Visible at a distance from the public hiking trail on Whetstone Ridge, which is within GWNF's Adam's Peak Roadless Area. Visible from portions of the Blue Ridge Parkway.
- Shares boundaries with GWNF, other VOF protected land, and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Historic Preservation:

• The Clark Mountain Cemetery is on this land. According to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources: "It is a traditional family cemetery and one existing element of a community that reflects one of a number of contemporaneous settlements in Amherst and adjoining counties where people of Indian descent reaffirmed their link to the landscape through use of legal documentation in the local government. Many members of the Clark and related families continue to identify themselves as Indian and are enrolled members of the Monacan Indian Nation. The cemetery contributes to the proposed Blue Ridge Parkway Rural Historic District."

Open Space as Designated by a Government or Conservation Organization:

• Conserve VA designates nearly the entire Property as worthy of protection because of its natural habitat and ecosystem diversity. The remainder of the Property is in Conserve VA because of its proximity and visibility from the BRP (protected landscapes resilience).

Project Details

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- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 10,000 square feet.
- **3.** Buildings and Structures.

Any new building or structure exceeding 5,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No more than three detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within designated Building Envelopes. Any detached (freestanding) dwelling larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located in a Building Envelope.

- 4. Public Access: \boxtimes NO \square YES
- 5. Sign Required: ⊠ NO □ YES
- 6. Consolidation of Tax Parcels: ⊠ NO □YES □ N/A Summarize: Rockbridge County requires a new survey to consolidate tax parcels and requires that each dwelling be on a separate tax parcel.

Further Discussion

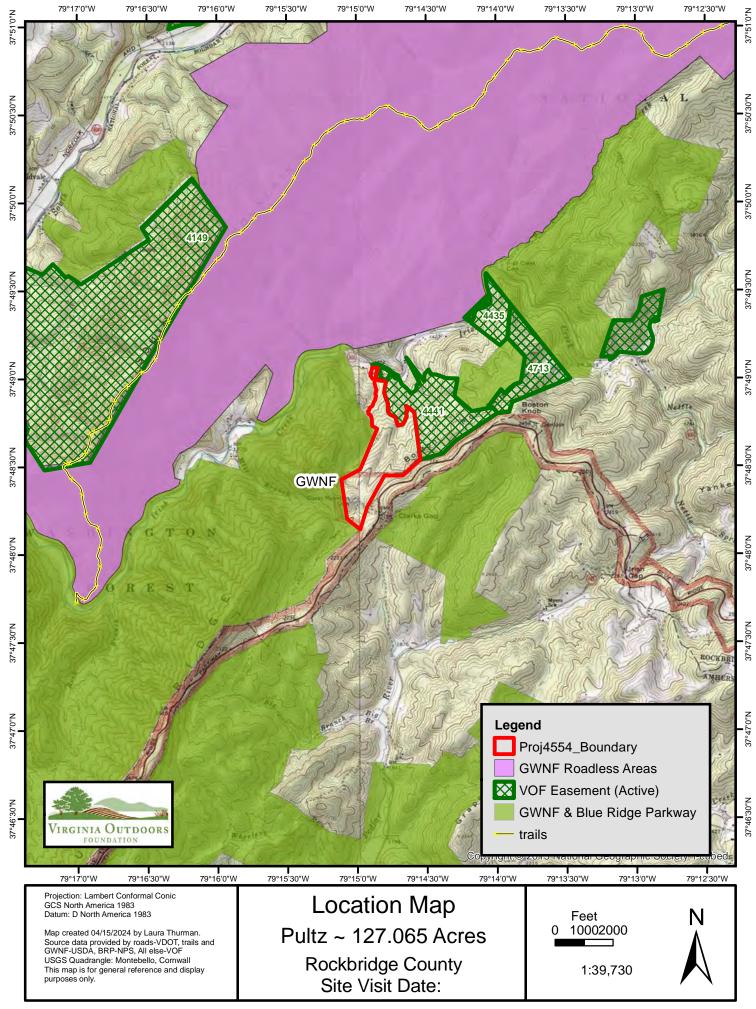
The board is asked to approve this project and its allocated PTF grant funding by transferring the project category type from public access to natural resource protection.

Comprehensive Plan

Is the project in compliance with the locality's comprehensive plan? ⊠YES □ NO DETAILS: *Initial correspondence from 2020, with follow-up 4-16-2024 email from county planner.*

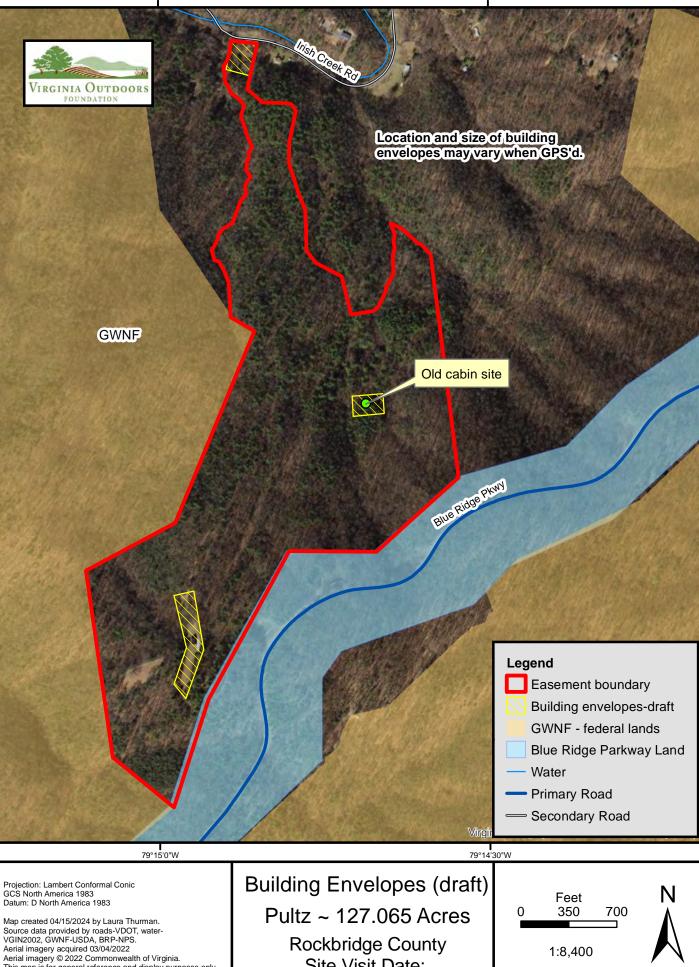
Public Infrastructure Information	Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads : See notes regarding nearby bridge.			Ø
Rail:			Ø
Utilities:			\boxtimes

Notes: VDOT notes that there is a bridge over Irish Creek very close to the property boundary on 603. VDOT requests a 50' ROW allowance in the deed despite there not being any plans (either in the six-year or 35-year version) to expand this ROW.



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Site Visit Date:

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Wesley A. and Jeana W. Dew

Locality: Alleghany/Botetourt Acres 263.629* subject to survey

Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 Staff lead: Laura Thurman Region: West

Project Description			
This multi-generational family farm lies at the confluence of the Jackson and Cowpasture Rivers where the James River starts. The James River is a State Scenic River and the Jackson and Cowpasture are used recreationally. The Cowpasture is habitat for an endangered fish that exists only in the upper James watershed. Contains 150 acres of prime soils. The forested area lies within the Daisy Knob Barrens, designated as habitat for rare plants/animals. Visible from Rt. 220, part of the DWR's Birding and Wildlife Trail and of the James River Heritage Trail. Shares 4,000 feet of boundary with the George Washington National Forest.			
Project Type			
Charitable Contribution	□ Protection of Owned Land		
□ Purchase of Open-Space Easement	□ Site Enhancement for Public Use		
□ Fee Simple Acquisition	□ Other:		
Instrument Type			
Deed of Open-Space Easement	Deed of Conveyance/Acquisition		
Deed of Dedication to Open Space	□ Other		
Land Protection Agent			
🖾 VOF	□ Locality:		
□ Other State Agency:	□ Other:		
Funding Source & Amount			
☑ VOF Grant Program(s): PTF Easement Assistance	External Grant Program(s):		
Amount Requested: \$12,500 for survey	Amount Requested/Secured: \$		
Tax Benefits (Sought by Applicant)	□ Not Applicable		
Staff Recommendation			
 Conservation Project: □ Approve project as presented. ⊠ Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction of expired oil & gas leases. □ Approve project, final VOF easement terms to be Meeting. Conservation Funding: □ Not applicable □ Approve requested funding: \$ □ Approve recommended funding: \$ ⊠ Approved administratively, PTF-Easement Assistation Notes: Survey estimate is from August 2023. 			

Agricultural Use:

• Approximately 150 acres of Prime Soils – the farm fields are used to grow crops. Multigenerational family farm.

Forestal Use:

• Contains 113 acres identified by the Virginia Department of Forestry as ranking "outstanding" for Forest Conservation Value.

Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:

- A portion of the Property lies within the Daisy Knob Barrens, designated by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Natural Heritage Division as an area providing habitat and buffer for one or more rare terrestrial plants or animals, or significant natural communities. Fronts the Cowpasture River in an area that is habitat for the Roughead Shiner, which exists only in the upper James watershed and is listed by Virginia's Department of Wildlife Resources as a Tier 1, species of greatest need.
- The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Virginia Natural Landscape Assessment project (the "VNLA")_identifies a portion of the Property as having an ecological core of very high integrity.

Scenic/Open Space:

• Shares approximately 4,000 feet of boundary with the George Washington National Forest. Visible from State Route 220, which is part of the James River Heritage Trail as well as part of DWR's Alleghany Highlands Loop Birding and Wildlife Trail along this stretch. The James River Trail is a developing braided trail network that follows the James River from the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains to the Chesapeake Bay. Trail segments follow the old Kanawha Canal towpath, park trails, scenic riverside roadways and urban riverfront trails deep into the Commonwealth. The farm is bisected by Fork Farm Road, State Route 727, which leads to the Iron Gate Cowpasture River Recreational Area, managed by Alleghany County.

Water Resource Protection:

• Property sits at the confluence of the Jackson and Cowpasture Rivers, which combine to form the James River, designated as a State Scenic River by DCR. Fronts the Jackson for over 1.5 miles and the Cowpasture for over a half mile – both these rivers are used recreationally.

Open Space as Designated by a Government or Conservation Organization:

• Within the Chesapeake Bay watershed and contributes to the goals and outcomes of the 2014 Chesapeake Watershed Agreement.

Project Details

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- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 35,000 square feet.

3. Buildings and Structures.

Any new building or structure exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No more than 3 detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within designated Building Envelopes. Any detached

(freestanding) dwelling larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located in a Building Envelope.

4. Water Quality Protection Areas:

35-foot riparian buffer on the Jackson and Cowpasture Rivers. A 100-foot riparian buffer along the unnamed tributaries as shown on an Exhibit attached to the deed. (These tributaries run through the forested areas of the property.

- **5. Public Access:** \boxtimes NO \square YES
- 6. Sign Required: \boxtimes NO \square YES
- 7. Consolidation of Tax Parcels: DNO XYES DN/A

Summarize: Both Alleghany and Botetourt County Planning staff agree with the concept of a survey that consolidates the existing tax parcels to two in each county (to allow for dwellings). Current number of tax parcels = Nine. VOF will pay for the survey from its new acquisitions survey fund and staff has approved the proposed funding.

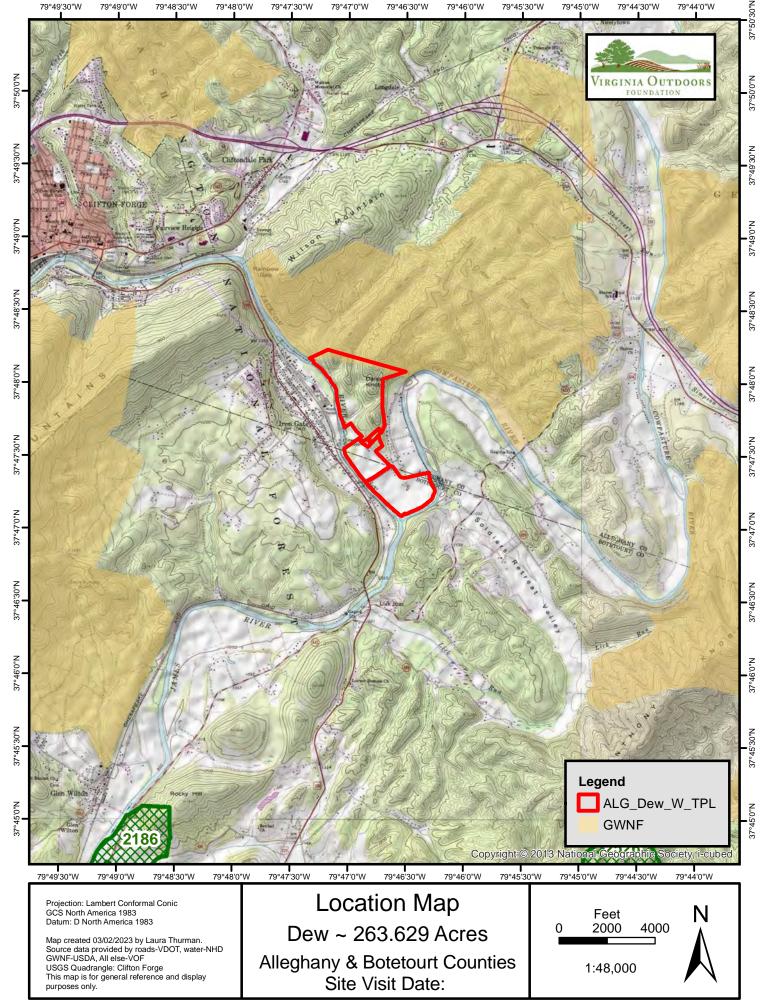
Further Discussion

- The parcels are owned either by Wesley Dew or by him and his wife. The attorney is drafting a deed to convey the ownership of all the land going into easement to both parties so that the ownership of entire property is consistent.
- Two parcels (with dwellings) are being left out of the easement. One is 1.831 acres with a house that belonged to the donor's parents that is rented. The other is a 2.18 acre parcel with he and his wife's home. Staff believes that a no-division easement on the remaining property sufficiently protects the conservation values of this property even with the outparcels.
- A survey is needed to consolidate the tax parcels (est. \$12,500) and utilizing VOF survey funds has been approved. This landowner is eligible for PTF based on his normal income however in one of the past 3 years he sold some land and his income that year was unusually high.
- There are two expired oil & gas leases that VOF will obtain affidavits for. There is a third oil and gas lease that expires July 2024 so we will obtain the affidavit on it as well.

Comprehensive Plan

Is the project in compliance with the locality's comprehensive plan? ⊠YES □ NO DETAILS: Beth Stull, Alleghany County Zoning Administrator – May 3, 2023 Jonathan McCoy, Botetourt County Planner – March 21, 2023 Joint phone call – August 3, 2023 to discuss tax parcel consolidation.

Public Infrastructure Information	Conflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads : SR 727 – Fork Farm Road – No projects reported per VDOT.			Ø
Rail:			\boxtimes
Utilities:			\boxtimes



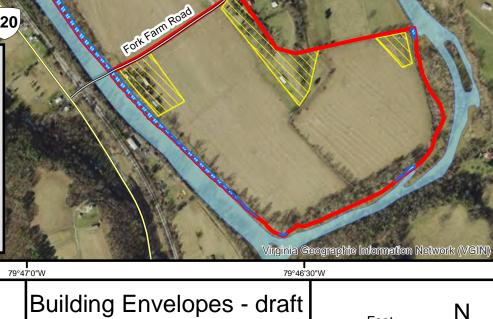
Location and size of building envelopes may vary when GPS'd.

IRGINIA OUTDOOR FOUNDATION

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- **DRAFT Building Envelopes** 100' Riparian buffer 35' Riparian buffer Rivers
- **Primary Road**
- Secondary Road
 - Local Road



Dew ~ 263.629 Acres

Alleghany & Botetourt Counties

Site Visit Date:

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

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Marlon D. Old

Locality: Craig County	Acres: 81+/-		
Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 Staff lead: Ruth	Babylon Region: West		
Project Description			
This easement completes the protection of a family farm that began with the donation of approximately 200 acres across Craig Creek in 2008. This family farm contains 55 acres of prime soils and provides scenic views from Craig Creek Road, a designated Virginia Byway. Craig Creek – containing several natural heritage species – borders the property for over one mile.			
Project Type			
Charitable Contribution	□ Protection of Owned Land		
□ Purchase of Open-Space Easement	□ Site Enhancement for Passive Public Use		
□ Fee Simple Acquisition	□ Other:		
Instrument Type			
☑ Deed of Open-Space Easement	Deed of Conveyance/Acquisition		
Deed of Dedication to Open Space	□ Other		
Land Protection Agent			
⊠ VOF	Locality:		
□ Other State Agency:	□ Other:		
Funding Source & Amount			
VOF Grant Program: PTF Easement Assistance	External Grant Program(s):		
Amount Requested: \$12,000	Amount Requested/Secured: \$		
Tax Benefits (Sought by Applicant)	□ Not Applicable		
Staff Recommendation			
 Conservation Project: △ Approve project as presented. △ Approve project, contingent upon satisfaction △ Approve project, final VOF easement term Meeting. Conservation Funding: △ Not applicable △ Approve requested funding: \$ △ Approve recommended funding: \$ △ Approved administratively, PTF-Easement 	s to be approved at subsequent Board of Trustees		

Agricultural Use:

- Family farm for more than 60 years.
- Contains approximately 55 acres of Prime Farmland Soils as defined by the USDA, Natural Resource Conservation Service.
- This property is a portion of a family farm that was protected by VOF easements in 2008.

Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:

• The more than one-mile mile segment of Craig Creek that borders the property is part of the "Craig Creek-Johns Creek Stream Conservation Unit," ranked B1 ("Outstanding") and designated as such by DCR due to the occurrence of several natural heritage species, including the orange fin madtom (*Noturus gilberti*) and the roughhead shiner (*Notropis semperas*per).

Scenic/Open Space:

- Fronts on State Route 615, a Virginia Byway, a roadway of scenic importance designated as such by the Commonwealth Transportation Board in cooperation with the Director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation.
- Craig Creek "qualifies" for listing as a State Scenic River in the 2018 Virginia Outdoors Plan.
- The property borders the Craig County Greenway Trail and provides scenic views to the users of that trail.

Water Resource Protection:

- Craig Creek, a tributary of the James River, is located within the Chesapeake Bay watershed and contributes in a relatively undeveloped state to the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.
- Lies in an area of limestone geology with karst features, and in this type of terrain surface contamination is more likely to travel through solution channels and cause groundwater contamination.
- Craig Creek from the confluence of Barbours Creek upstream to the Johns Creek mouth is listed as impaired on the 2014 Impaired Waters list.

Project Details

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- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 18,000 square feet. (1/2%)
- **3.** Buildings and Structures.

Any new building or structure exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval. No more than one detached (freestanding) dwelling may be maintained or constructed on the Property. All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within the designated Building Envelope. The permitted detached (freestanding) dwelling (if larger than 500 square feet in ground area) must be located in a Building Envelope.

- 4. Water Quality Protection Areas: A Riparian Protection Zone (RPZ) includes the entire wooded area between the perimeter farm road and Craig Creek.
- 5. Unique Deed Provisions: Within the RPZ, "minimal harvesting of trees" is permitted with submission of a pre-harvest plan and in compliance with BMPs.
- 6. Public Access: \boxtimes NO \square YES
- 7. Sign Required: ⊠ NO □ YES
- Consolidation of Tax Parcels: ⊠ NO □YES □ N/A Summarize: The tax parcel for this 81-acre property is a portion of the same parcel covering Marlon Old's 2008 easement across Craig Creek.

Further Discussion

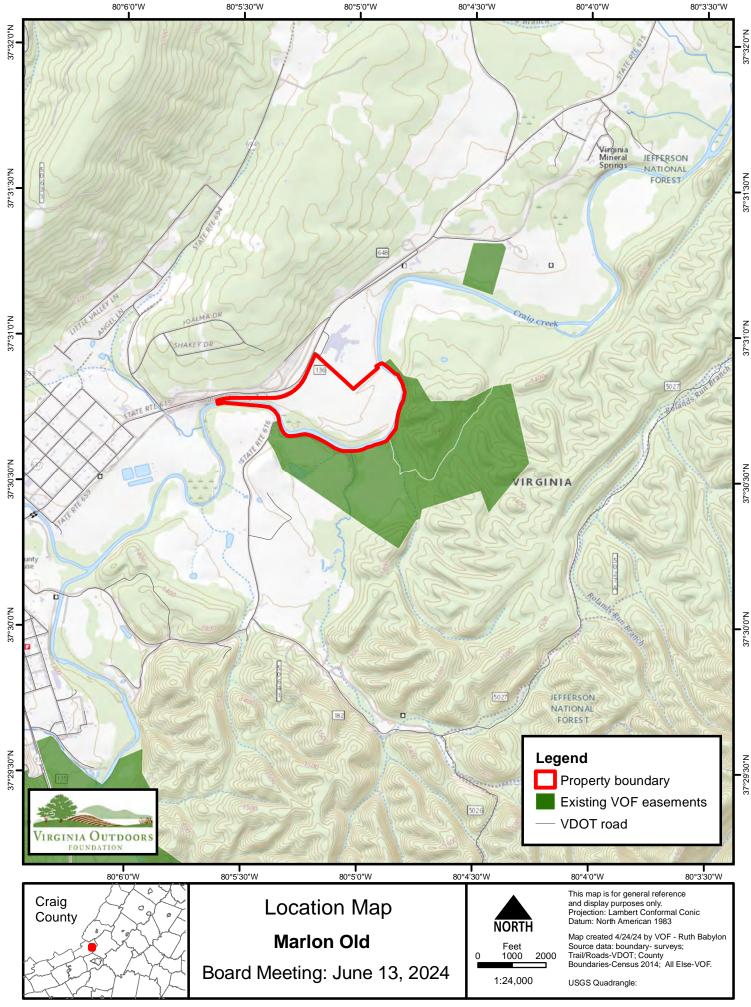
The tax maps erroneously show the property extending to Craig Creek Road, but VDOT owns a narrow strip between Marlon Old's farm and the road. (The strip contains the Craig County Greenway Trail that will eventually become part of the proposed Craig-Botetourt Scenic Trail.) There is no delineation of the property boundary here and approximately half of the trench silo lies on VDOT land. VDOT staff explained to Mr. Old that no changes will be made to the trail in this area and that he can continue to use the land for hay.

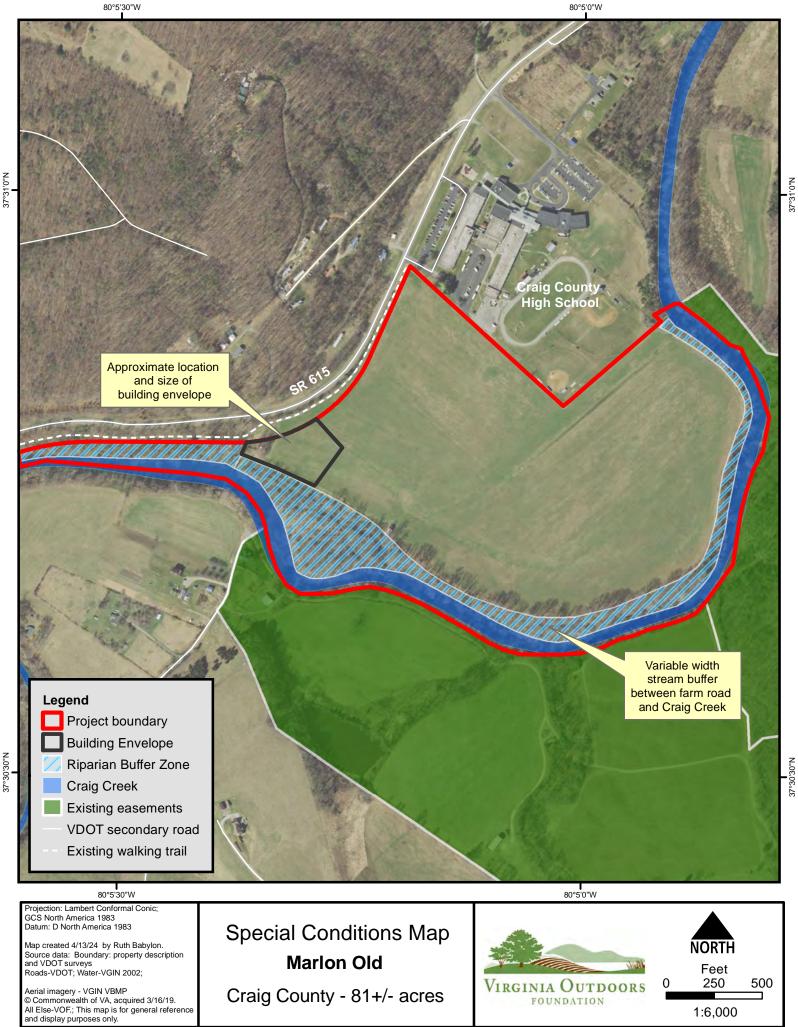
Comprehensive Plan

Is the project in compliance with the locality's comprehensive plan? \square YES \square NO

DETAILS: The property borders the Craig County Greenway Trail as well as Craig County High School. Email correspondence dated September 20, 2023 from Dan Collins, County Administrator states support for the easement.

Public Infrastructure InformationCo	nflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads:			X
Rail:			X
Utilities:			\boxtimes
Notes: No conflicts			





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Beatrice C. Goodbar Revocable Trust, Timothy L. Goodbar Sr., Sole Trustee

	Locality: Rockbridge	Acres: survey	182.811* <mark>(needs</mark>)
Meeting Date:	Staff lead: Laur	a Thurman	Region: West
Project Descript	ion		
House Mountain. Vis Management Areaand	mily farm, eligible for Century Farm des ible from George Washington National l d House Mountain Reserve. Kerrs Creek l soils and very high forest conservation	Forest and the Goshen/ is habitat for endanger	Little North Mountain Wildlife
Project Type			
Charitable Contr	ribution	□ Protection of O	wned Land
Partial Purchase	of Open-Space Easement	□ Site Enhanceme	ent for Public Use
🗖 Fee Simple Acqu	uisition	□ Other:	
Instrument Type	9		
Deed of Open-S	pace Easement	Deed of Conve	yance/Acquisition
Deed of Dedicat	ion to Open Space	□ Other	
Land Protection	Agent		
🛛 VOF		Locality:	
□ Other State Ager	ncy:	□ Other:	
Funding Source	& Amount		
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Tax Benefits (So	ought by Applicant)	□ Not Applicable	
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Agricultural Use:

• Multi-generational family farm, eligible for Century Farm listing, containing 97 acres of Prime soils and 11.5 acres of Soils of Statewide Importance and 70 acres identified as Exceptional by the American Farmland Trust's Study on Productivity, Versatility and Resistance.

Forestal Use:

• Contains 105 acres of land designated as having High or Very High Forest Conservation Value by the Virginia Department of Forestry.

Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:

• Fronts Kerrs Creek for approximately 1,300 feet and has an unnamed tributary of Kerr's Creek running through the Property for approximately 4,100 feet. Kerrs Creek is habitat for two species of endangered freshwater mollusks with those species having been found within 250 feet of the property boundary.

Scenic/Open Space:

- Lies within one mile of the boundary of VOF's House Mountain Reserve and is visible from the saddle on the Reserve. Lies in the viewshed of "Scenic Drive" a ridge road within the George Washington National Forest one mile to the west.
- From public trails and an old fire tower overlook on Big Butt Mountain in the Goshen Little North Mountain Wildlife Management Area, one mile north of the property.

Water Resource Protection:

• Kerrs Creek and its tributary flow to the Maury River, a source of public drinking water for downstream communities, including the town of Lexington.

Open Space as Designated by a Government or Conservation Organization:

• Lies within the Chesapeake Bay watershed so that an easement on the Property contributes to the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

Project Details

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- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 25,000 square feet.
- Buildings and Structures.
 Any new building or structure exceeding 10,000 square feet in ground area, must have Grantee's prior review and written approval.
 No more than two detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the Property. All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within designated Building Envelopes.

Any detached (freestanding) dwelling larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located in a Building Envelope.

4. Water Quality Protection Areas: 35-foot riparian buffers, excluding livestock, on Kerr's Creek and its unnamed tributary on the Property as shown on an EXHIBIT attached to the deed.

- **5. Public Access:** \boxtimes NO \square YES
- 6. Sign Required: \boxtimes NO \square YES
- 7. Consolidation of Tax Parcels: ⊠ NO □YES □ N/A Summarize: Consists of one tax parcel.

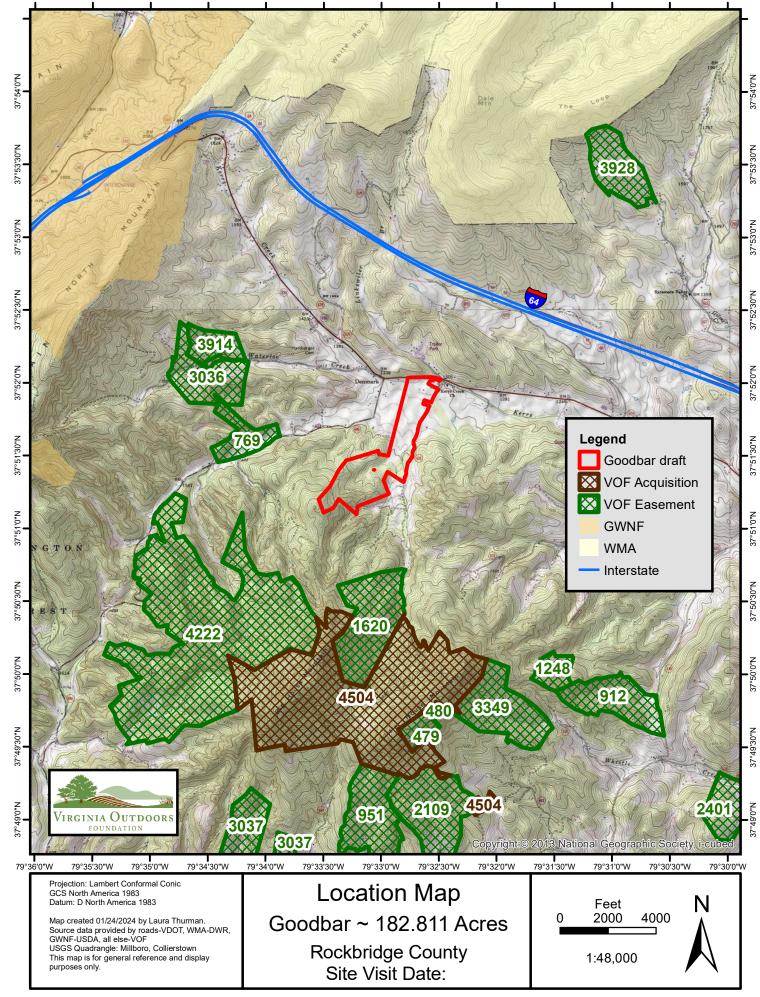
Further Discussion

Schedule A states this property is 201 acres, the tax records indicate 182.811 acres. The GIS boundary shows 213 acres. The boundary research is shown on a map included in the materials to review. The property needs to be surveyed and funding has been requested via the PTF grant proposal.

Comprehensive Plan

Is the project in compliance with the locality's comprehensive plan? ⊠YES □ NO DETAILS: *Chris Slayden, Planner, March 20, 2024*

Public Infrastructure InformationConflicts with published plans	Yes	No
Roads : According to VDOT, the 50-foot ROW for West Midland Trail is owned by VDOT (shown on 1999 plats). No plans for expansion are known.		
Rail:		Ø
Utilities:		Ø
Notes:		



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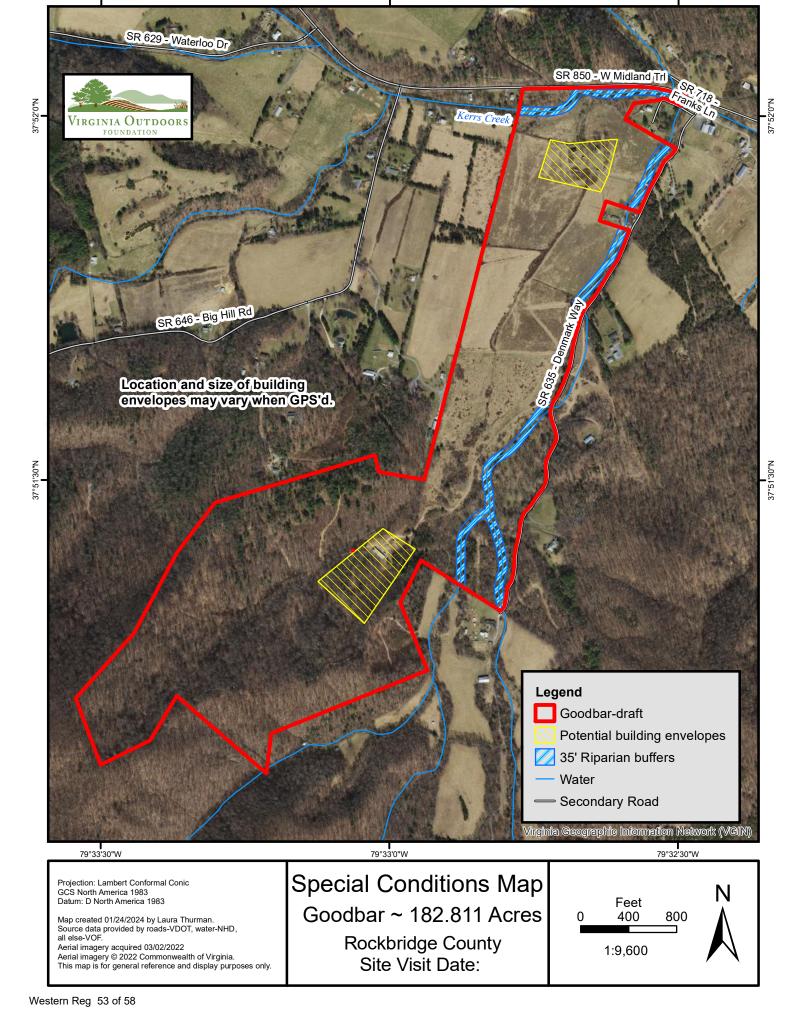
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Mary and Jack McDonald, III

Locality: Roanoke CountyAcres: 91.055			
Meeting Date: June 13, 2024 Staff lead: R	uth Babylon Region: West		
Project Description			
This property wraps around the historic Anderson-Doosing Farm, and the farm's pastures and wooded hillsides are highly visible from Blacksburg Road, a Virginia Byway. The wooded areas of the property are ranked by VDOF as having "very high" Forest Conservation Value and the property contains habitat for two endangered bat species.			
Project Type			
Charitable Contribution	□ Protection of Owned Land		
□ Purchase of Open-Space Easement	□ Site Enhancement for Passive Public Use		
□ Fee Simple Acquisition	□ Other:		
Instrument Type			
Deed of Open-Space Easement	Deed of Conveyance/Acquisition		
Deed of Dedication to Open Space	□ Other		
Land Protection Agent			
⊠ VOF	□ Locality:		
□ Other State Agency:	□ Other:		
Funding Source & Amount			
UOF Grant Program(s):	_ External Grant Program(s):		
Amount Requested: \$	_ Amount Requested/Secured: \$		
Tax Benefits (Sought by Applicant)	□ Not Applicable		
Staff Recommendation			
 Conservation Project: □ Approve project as presented. ☑ Approve project, contingent upon appro Extinguishment paragraph. □ Approve project, final VOF easement to Meeting. Conservation Funding: ☑ Not applicable □ Approve requested funding: \$ □ Approve recommended funding: \$ □ Approved administratively, PTF-Easem 	erms to be approved at subsequent Board of Trustees		

Agricultural Use:

- Hay production
- Setting for rural farm workshops (F.A.R.M. Farm Animal Refresher for Missions)

Forestal Use:

• The wooded areas of the property have been identified by the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF) as having a ranking of "Very High" or "Outstanding" in its "Forest Conservation Value" (FCV) model.

Natural Habitat and Biological Diversity:

- The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Natural Landscape Assessment (VaNLA) ranks the Property as having an ecological core of C3 ("High"), meaning the property likely supports numerous habitat and ecosystem values.
- According to biologists with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Natural Heritage Program, the property contains habitat for several endangered bat species.
- Lies in close proximity to the Havens Wildlife Management Area (WMA), a 7,000-acre tract of conserved land on Fort Lewis Mountain managed by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources

Scenic/Open Space:

• State Route 785 (Blacksburg Road) has been designated a Virginia Scenic Byway, and the farm's historic buildings, pristine pastures and wooded slopes, being highly visible from this Byway, provide scenic enjoyment to the traveling public.

Water Resource Protection:

- Contains Catawba Creek, which is located within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
- Lies in an area of limestone geology with karst features; riparian buffers, and prevention of intensive development on the Property will help minimize soil erosion and contribute to the protection of water quality.

Historic Preservation:

- Lies within the Catawba Rural Historic District, which is included in the Virginia Landmarks Register.
- The easement wraps around the historic "Anderson-Doosing Farm" (nine historic buildings), which is listed on both the National Register of Historic Places and the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Project Details

The Governing Document: *The primary terms contained in the deed or instrument are listed below in a condensed form. The complete terms, conditions, and restrictions are in the recorded deed.*

- 1. Divisions permitted: None Maximum Properties: One
- 2. Impervious Coverage Limitations: Total impervious coverage, including that of both existing and future improvements, may not exceed 5,000 square feet.

3. Buildings and Structures.

- a) No more than two detached (freestanding) dwellings may be maintained or constructed on the property, the smaller of which shall not exceed 1,000 s.f. in ground area.
- b) All new buildings and structures larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located within the designated Building Envelope.
- c) A "Restricted Build Area" (within the Building Envelope) prohibits buildings or structures individually exceeding 1,000 s.f. in ground area.
- d) Any detached (freestanding) dwelling larger than 500 square feet in ground area must be located in the Building Envelope or Restricted Build Area.

4. Water Quality Protection Areas:

Minimum 20-foot riparian buffer along the northern edge of Catawba Creek.

Minimum 35-foot riparian buffers along southern edge of Catawba Creek. Both buffers exclude livestock.

- 5. Unique Deed Provisions: None.
- 6. Public Access: \boxtimes NO \square YES
- 7. Sign Required: \boxtimes NO \square YES
- 8. Consolidation of Tax Parcels:
 NO XYES N/A
 Summarize: The property is currently in two tax parcels. A survey plat consolidating the parcels
 will be recorded immediately after recordation of the easement.

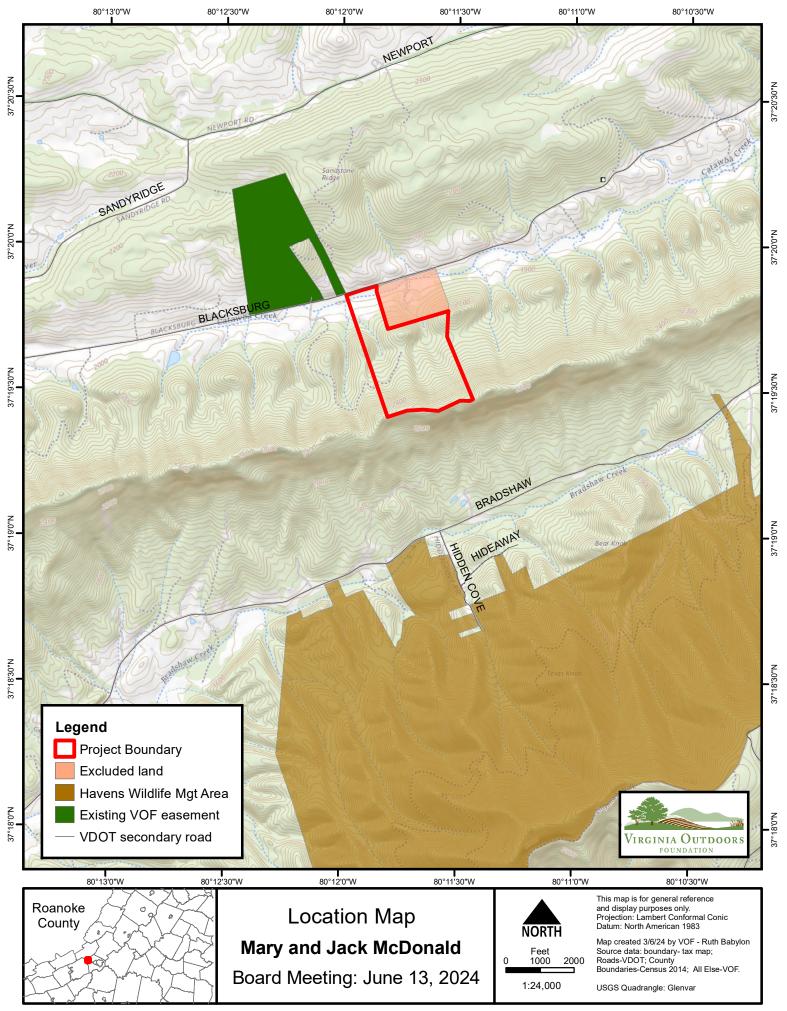
Further Discussion

Conservation Partners requested modifications to the Extinguishment paragraph on 5/23/24. Staff attorney and directors must review and approve the specific language.

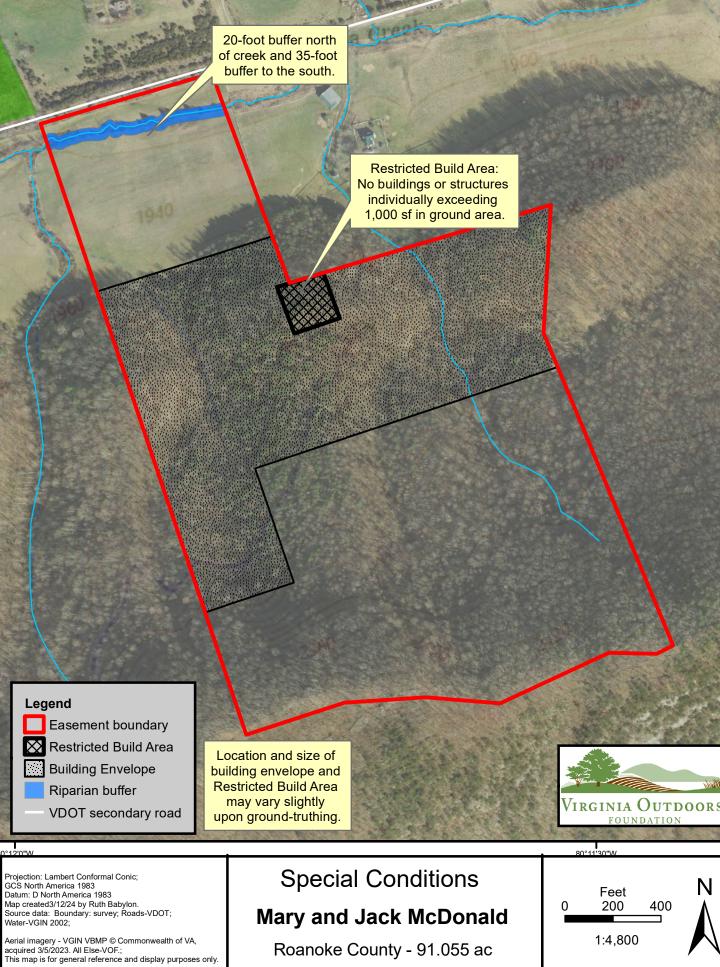
Comprehensive Plan

Is the project in compliance with the locality's comprehensive plan? ⊠YES □ NO DETAILS: March 22, 2024 email from Philip Thompson, County Planning Director

Public Infrastructure Information Conflicts with published	plans Yes	No
Roads: SR 785 (Blacksburg Road)		Ø
Rail:		\boxtimes
Utilities:		Ø
Notes:		•



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