

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2022 STUDENT LIFE VILLAGE MASTER PLAN
AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE CAMPUS MASTER PLAN**

The university has prepared the Student Life Village master plan to guide the physical development of a new residential district in supplement to the 2018 Campus Master Plan, *Beyond Boundaries 2047: The Campus Plan*. The plan for the Student Life Village sets forth a long-range vision that builds off the goals, objectives, and aspirations of the master plan and the university's strategic plan, *The Virginia Tech Difference: Advancing Beyond Boundaries*.

The planning process for the Student Life Village included engagement with campus executive leadership, a broad range of constituents including students, and was shaped by the technical expertise of campus stakeholders.

The plan incorporates analysis of residential program needs, land use, landscape, building massing, scale, and siting. Additionally, the plan evaluated and incorporated layers of infrastructure including mobility and accessibility, utilities and stormwater, technology, and safety.

The resolution seeks adoption of the plan as a supplement to the previously adopted 2018 Campus Master Plan.

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WHEREAS, the 2018 Campus Master Plan is an important tool to serve as a guide to the effective development of Virginia Tech's physical footprint to support the logical development of facilities and infrastructure necessary to move forward the strategic vision of the university, as well as to preserve and enhance the unique character of the campus; and,

WHEREAS, the 2018 Campus Master Plan envisioned a residential system with the flexibility to adjust capacity incrementally from 10,500 beds to 13,420 beds through a series of actions including: replacing Slusher Hall in situ (net zero new beds), constructing new facilities for the 21st Century Living Learning District (2,800 new beds), and renovation and expansion of the Oak Lane facilities (120 incremental beds), as key elements to address residential system goals; and,

WHEREAS, subsequent to the board's November 2018 approval of the 2018 Campus Master Plan, the costs to implement these three elements proved to be prohibitive; and,

WHEREAS, the university, together with its independent consultants, engaged in intensive study to identify alternative approaches that would be affordable and would meet the programmatic intent of the 2018 Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, during the planning process from late 2021 through early 2022, the university, together with its independent consultants, held 100 engagements with campus partners, students, and the Town of Blacksburg to share the developing vision for the Blacksburg campus and to receive feedback to inform the 2022 Student Life Village Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the resulting solution identified in the 2022 Student Life Village Master Plan proposes an improved land use strategy to accomplish the intent of the 2018 Campus Master Plan with respect to residential, well-being, recreation, dining, and enrichment programs in a financially feasible manner while maintaining flexibility within the target range of nearly 13,500 bed capacity established in the 2018 plan; and,

WHEREAS, the supplemental plan identifies a pathway to incrementally adjust the residential capacity from 10,500 beds to roughly 13,700 beds through a series of actions including constructing the Student Life Village (5,000 new beds), razing Slusher Hall (approximately 650 less beds), razing the Oak Lane Community (roughly 600 less beds), and providing capacity to remove beds temporarily from existing stock on a revolving and continuous cycle for renovations (500 or more beds temporarily removed) as key elements to address residential system goals; and,

WHEREAS, the supplemental plan includes the flexibility to implement the Student Life Village beds in three sequenced phases, separately and independently, as needed to address demand for on-campus beds over time; and,

WHEREAS, the action of adopting the 2022 Student Life Village Master Plan as a supplement to the Campus Master Plan would not grant authority beyond the land use designation and would not authorize action and/or expenditures for design or construction services; and,

WHEREAS, the implementation of any element of a master plan, including the 2022 Student Life Village Master Plan Supplement, shall follow the university's review and approval processes including the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan, capital project authorizations, debt authorizations, capital project design preview authorizations, and capital project design reviews authorizations; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Visitors previously reviewed and discussed the Student Life Village master plan at the start of the planning process in August 2021, at the conclusion of the final master plan report in April 2022, and during the review discussion in August 2022; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the university to adopt the 2022 Student Life Village Master Plan as a supplement to the Campus Master Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors adopt the 2022 Student Life Village Master Plan as a supplement to the Campus Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution adopting the 2022 Student Life Village Master Plan as a supplement to the Campus Master Plan be approved.

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