

**RESOLUTION FOR SMITHFIELD PLANTATION HISTORIC EASEMENT  
TO BE HELD IN PERPETUITY**

The university desires to make permanent the existing historic preservation easement relative to the Historic Smithfield Plantation which adjoins Virginia Tech's main campus.

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**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2014, the Board of Visitors authorized Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (“Virginia Tech”) to accept an easement from the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (“Preservation Virginia”) to ensure the preservation of the historic and architectural features for which Smithfield Plantation was listed on the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places by restricting the use of Smithfield Plantation, which restricted uses are more particularly described in the Deed of Gift of Easement that was both made a part of the March 24, 2014 Board of Visitors Resolution and was recorded in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Virginia at Instrument Number 2014001977; and

**WHEREAS**, the historic preservation easement stated in part that it was for an initial seven year “trial period,” at the end of which Virginia Tech would be (1) required to determine if Virginia Tech desired to hold the historic preservation easement in perpetuity or not, and (2) to be evaluated by Preservation Virginia to determine if Virginia Tech should hold the historic preservation easement in perpetuity; and

**WHEREAS**, by Deed of Gift dated March 28, 2014 from Preservation Virginia to the Smithfield-Preston Foundation, Inc. (“Smithfield-Preston”) recorded in the said Clerk’s Office at Instrument Number 2014001978 the approximately 12.85 acres that are the Smithfield Plantation were conveyed to Smithfield-Preston subject to the historic preservation easement; and

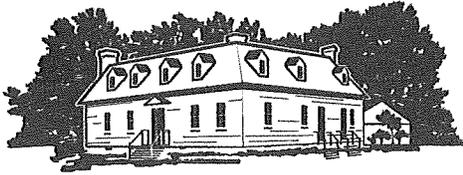
**WHEREAS**, both Virginia Tech and Smithfield-Preston desire that Virginia Tech hold the historic preservation easement in perpetuity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that upon acceptance and approval by Preservation Virginia, Virginia Tech is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effect Virginia Tech’s permanent participation in the historic preservation easement for Smithfield Plantation pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Deed of Gift of Easement, as may be amended.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the above resolution authorizing Virginia Tech to execute any and all documents necessary to effect Virginia Tech’s permanent participation in the historic preservation easement for Smithfield Plantation be approved.

June 3, 2019



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April 12, 2019

Dr. Sherwood G. Wilson  
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Re: Deed of Gift of Easement – Historic Smithfield Plantation  
Recorded March 31, 2014

Dear Sherwood:

On behalf of the Smithfield-Preston Foundation, I am writing in reference to the above referenced Easement relative to the university's willingness and intent to hold the Easement in perpetuity.

Since the execution of this Easement and the inception of the transition period, the university's staff abilities have been consistently demonstrated. The university has been responsive in scheduling the annual inspections as well as to queries that pertain to both the "Historic Buildings and Structures" and the "Ancillary Buildings and Structures" as identified in R-2, R-3 and R-4 of the Deed of Gift of Easement.

The Smithfield-Preston Foundation is pleased to offer, without reservation, its support of the university's decision to hold this Easement in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William G. Foster, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

William G. Foster, Jr.  
Chairman of the Board

