

Virginia Outdoors Foundation 2012 Fee Schedule

Virginia Outdoors Foundation provides a vast array of services to landowners free of charge. The foundation staff assists landowners with the process of donating easements, prepares baseline reports, interprets existing easements, reviews and approves plans for activities on easement properties and responds to all questions and inquiries from easement landowners and prospective owners. The foundation prides itself on being able to offer landowners our time, expertise, and professional staff free of charge. Monetary donations to the Foundation are fully deductible as charitable contributions and we gratefully accept any donations offered by our landowners and supporters. Contributions from those that can make them will further land conservation work in Virginia and help ensure that we can continue to provide the majority of our services to landowners free of charge.

The following are situations for which a fee is charged in order to recover a portion of the costs incurred by the Foundation in providing the service.

- **Boundary Line Adjustments: \$1,000 flat fee with application plus staff hours billed at hourly rate for each hour after the initial 30 hrs.** This fee applies to boundary adjustments between two VOF easements as well as a boundary adjustment between a VOF easement and an adjacent property subject to an easement held by another governmental entity. The fee covers the review of documents and plats, as well as the transaction deed.
- **Ecosystem Service Request for Review: \$1,000 flat fee with application plus staff hours billed at hourly rate for each hour after the initial 30 hrs.** This fee applies to requests for review and evaluation of ecosystem function projects for commercial purposes on easement properties including, but not limited to, stream bank restoration, wetland and stream mitigation, biological carbon sequestration, and biodiversity mitigation.
- **Reconsideration of Proposal by the Board after One Year lapse: \$1,000 flat fee.** This fee applies when an easement project is approved by the Board of Trustees and not recorded within one year of approval. An approved but unrecorded project must be resubmitted to the Board for reconsideration and is subject to a \$1,000 fee. In the event that there are no changes in terms and conditions, this time period may be extended by the VOF Executive Director, and he may waive the fee for good cause shown. A proposed change in any terms of the easement that would result in a less restrictive easement than the one approved by the Board must be resubmitted to the Board for its consideration and approval may not be extended by the Executive Director.

Other situations that are rare but subject to a cost recovery charge consisting of \$1,000 flat fee at application, or request for service, and hourly billing at staff rate after initial 30 hours.

- Oil and Gas drilling plan review
- Request for conversion or diversion of Open Space (Virginia Code Section 10.1-1704) by non-governmental entity
- Present Condition Report or Compliance Report in conjunction with Property sale