

## Memorandum

**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Anna G. Chisholm, PTF Program Administrator  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 6.6.2017  
**Re:** Brooks Farm, LLC; 314.5 acres in Essex County

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This easement project was approved for \$15,000 in survey funds from PTF at an earlier meeting, however I was unable to contract a survey for that amount. This is a large property with significant swamp and wetland areas and is difficult to survey. The whole property has never been surveyed and surveys found for adjacent parcels do not join up accurately. The existing surveys found are all from the early 1900's. An reasonable price for the survey needed on this property is \$25,500. An accurate survey will help VOF monitor and steward this property in the future.

The property contains extensive shoreline on the Dragon Run Swamp, a special ecosystem which has been a focus of conservation efforts protecting thousands of acres in the watershed in partnership with the VA Department of Forestry, Friends of Dragon Run and The Nature Conservancy.

Because of the property's important water and forest resources, I recommend approval of an additional \$10,500 to complete the survey.