

**Open Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund**  
**Summary of Cost Only Awards Approved since 5.3.2018**

| <b>Project:</b>           | <b>Locality:</b> | <b>Acres:</b> | <b>Staff:</b> | <b>VOF Fees:</b> | <b>Landowner Costs:</b> | <b>Survey:</b> | <b>Total Award:</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Burks                     | Bedford          | 128           | RB            | 4,500            | 4,000                   |                | \$8,500             |
| Williamson                | Nottoway         | 287.47        | SB            | 4,500            | 7,000                   |                | \$11,500            |
| Richardson-1              | Middlesex        | 686           | ET            | 5,000            | 5,500                   | 5,000          | \$15,500            |
| Richardson-2              | Middlesex        | 75            | ET            | 4,500            | 5,000                   |                | \$9,500             |
| Richardson-3              | Middlesex        | 71            | ET            | 4,500            | 5,000                   |                | \$9,500             |
| Leech/Sun Valley Farm LLC | Rockbridge       | 264           | LT            | 3,000            | 9,000                   |                | \$12,000            |
| Blevins                   | Washington       | 270           | NK            | 4,500            | 6,500                   | 9,000          | \$20,000            |
| Waddle                    | Smyth            | 62.31         | NK            | 4,500            | 8,000                   | 6,000          | \$18,500            |
|                           |                  |               |               |                  |                         |                | <b>\$105,000</b>    |

**Cost Only Request with Survey-exceeds delegated authority**

|         |            |     |    |       |       |        |        |
|---------|------------|-----|----|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Hockman | Shenandoah | 244 | LT | 4,500 | 6,500 | 13,500 | 24,500 |
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**Public Access Purchase**

|                   |                    |     |    |       |         |  |         |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----|----|-------|---------|--|---------|
| Lee Memorial Park | City of Petersburg | 299 | KJ | 5,000 | 134,500 |  | 139,500 |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----|----|-------|---------|--|---------|

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|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Available Funds:</b>     | <b>\$ 269,000 *</b> |
| less Cost-Only              | -\$105,000          |
| less Hockman request        | -24,500             |
| <b>Remaining Available:</b> | <b>\$ 139,500</b>   |

\* incl. \$10,000 of reserve funds identified on 2nd pg

**Reserve Funds Available for FY19:**  
**\$ 44,000**

**Virginia Outdoors Foundation**  
**Open Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund**

**Current Activity**

|  | Thru<br>Thru 2.1.2018  | Thru<br>4.17.2018      | Thru<br>6.5.2018       |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                      |                        |                        |                        |
| <b>4000 Program Specific Revenue</b>               |                        |                        |                        |
| <b>4002 VA Land Conservation Fund (VLCF)</b>       |                        |                        |                        |
| 4002-2 Quarterly Disbursement of GF Appropriation  | 675,000.00             | 900,000.00             | 900,000.00             |
| <b>Total 4002 VA Land Conservation Fund (VLCF)</b> | <b>\$ 675,000.00</b>   | <b>\$ 900,000.00</b>   | <b>\$ 900,000.00</b>   |
| <b>4004 Federal Grants</b>                         | <b>594,500.00</b>      | <b>594,500.00</b>      | <b>597,500.00</b>      |
| <b>Total 4000 Program Specific Revenue</b>         | <b>\$ 1,269,500.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,494,500.00</b> | <b>\$ 1,497,500.00</b> |
| <b>4120 Investment Earnings</b>                    |                        |                        |                        |
| 4122 LGIP-PTF                                      | 2,556.86               | 3,560.05               | 23,623.00              |
| <b>Total 4120 Investment Earnings</b>              | <b>\$ 2,556.86</b>     | <b>\$ 3,560.05</b>     | <b>\$ 23,623.00</b>    |
| <b>Total Income</b>                                | <b>\$ 1,272,056.86</b> | <b>\$ 1,498,060.05</b> | <b>\$ 1,521,123.00</b> |
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| <b>Expenses</b>                                    |                        |                        |                        |
| <b>5300 Contractual Services</b>                   |                        |                        |                        |
| <b>5301 Professional Services</b>                  |                        |                        |                        |
| 5320 Other   | 43,700.00              | 43,700.00              | 43,700.00              |
| <b>Total 5301 Professional Services</b>            | <b>\$ 43,700.00</b>    | <b>\$ 43,700.00</b>    | <b>\$ 43,700.00</b>    |
| <b>Total 5300 Contractual Services</b>             | <b>\$ 43,700.00</b>    | <b>\$ 43,700.00</b>    | <b>\$ 43,700.00</b>    |
| <b>5500 General Services</b>                       |                        |                        |                        |
| 5525 Bank/Credit Fees                              | 35.00                  | 35.00                  | 35.00                  |
| <b>Total 5500 General Services</b>                 | <b>\$ 35.00</b>        | <b>\$ 35.00</b>        | <b>\$ 35.00</b>        |
| <b>5700 OSLPTF</b>                                 |                        |                        |                        |
| 5710 Cost Only                                     | 117,130.35             | 154,130.35             | 229,710.35             |
| 5715 Purchase                                      | 82,319.00              | 338,319.00             | 751,819.00             |
| 5716 Federal Funds Expenditure                     | 593,000.00             | 593,000.00             | 593,000.00             |
| <b>Total 5700 OSLPTF</b>                           | <b>\$ 792,449.35</b>   | <b>\$ 1,085,449.35</b> | <b>\$ 1,574,529.35</b> |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                              | <b>\$ 836,184.35</b>   | <b>\$ 1,129,184.35</b> | <b>\$ 1,618,264.35</b> |
| <b>Net Operating Income</b>                        | <b>\$ 435,872.51</b>   | <b>\$ 368,875.70</b>   | <b>\$ (97,141.35)</b>  |
| <b>Net Income</b>                                  | <b>\$ 435,872.51</b>   | <b>\$ 368,875.70</b>   | <b>\$ (97,141.35)</b>  |

**Beginning Balance: \$ 2,684,181**

**FY18 VLCF: 900,000**

**\$ 3,584,181**

**Completed Projects:**

**Cost Only \$ (274,811)** 21 easements; 7,320 acres

**Purchase Projects \$ (718,500)** 3 easements; 574 acres \*

**\$ (993,311)**

\* Elizabeth River/VA Beach; Hansborough Ridge/CWPT, Hottel-Keller

**Committed Funds:**

**Cost Only \$ (204,550)** 15 projects; 3,154 acres

**Purchase Projects \$ (2,136,500)** 15 projects; 2,100 acres

**\$ (2,341,050)**

**Available Funds (VLCF): \$ 249,820**

**Reserve Funds: \* \$ 53,658 \***

**\$ 303,478**

\* Reserve funds are private donations and interest not required to be returned to VLCF

**To: Preservation Trust Fund Committee**

**From: Leslie H. Grayson**

**Re: Allocation of remaining FY 2018 PTF funds for Public Access Projects for June 21, 2018 Board meeting and Public Access Projects Update**

**Date: June 5, 2018, 2018**

## **Background**

The Open Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund (PTF) was created in 1997 to help cover the costs of acquiring open space easements. Most funding comes from state appropriations and varies by year. The Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) board passed a resolution in June 2016 giving the highest priority for purchased easement projects to those projects that provide public access, especially in urban areas and communities VOF has not served in the past. The board also directed staff to reserve enough PTF funds to assure that eligible applicants for Cost-Only donated projects would be covered throughout the year. In fiscal year 2017 PTF received its largest amount of funding ever of \$2 million. Every Cost-Only PTF eligible project that applied for funding was funded and the VOF board of trustees approved the allocation of nearly \$1.55 million from its Open Space Lands Preservation Trust Fund to help fund 11 conservation projects that use open space easements to increase public access for outdoor recreation and education. Those projects are in 11 jurisdictions spread across the state and include three in localities – the cities of Richmond, Charlottesville and Alexandria – where VOF did not hold an easement at the time.

VOF received \$900,000 in PTF funding for FY 2018. At the June 2017 board meeting a resolution passed to reserve \$250,000 of the FY 2018 funds for cost only PTF eligible donated easement projects and to use the remaining \$650,000 for public access purchase projects. Eleven Cost Only projects were approved at the September 2017 meeting totaling \$136,850. Eight Cost Only projects totaling \$127,000 were approved prior to the May 3, 2018 meeting; and \$530,000 in grants to support public access projects were approved at the February 15, 2018 meeting. An additional 9 Cost Only projects totaling \$117,000 were approved since the May 3, 2018 meeting. One Cost Only project that exceeds the maximum permitted under the delegated approval authority will be presented to the Trustees on June 21, 2018.

## **Requests for PTF Public Access Projects FY 2018**

A request for submission of “purchase of easement” proposals was put out November 15, 2017 and applications were received through January 15, 2018. Nine projects were submitted and four of those projects were approved for funding totaling \$530,000 at the February 15, 2018 meeting. The proposals recommended for board review were based on the four main criteria used in evaluating purchase of easement projects; extent of public access, population served,

conservation value, and demonstrated community support and readiness. The remaining five projects submitted were either incomplete or deemed not ready for review and decision for the February 15 meeting. One of those five PTF public access projects, the Tucker Cemetery in Hampton, was deemed ready for review at the May 3, 2018 meeting, and was approved at that time for \$100,000 in funding. In addition, we have funds from two projects from prior grant rounds that have been released and that are eligible for reprogramming. The PTF fund has funds to allocate to public access purchase projects to close out the FY18 funding of \$146,000.

Please see the following items for further information: 1.) synopsis of the public access project recommended for review at this time (Lee Memorial Park below), 2.) Report and Update of public access projects approved at prior meetings, 3.) PTF financial summary, 4.) full grant submission for Lee Memorial Park project recommended for review.

## 1.)

### **Synopsis of public access easement project for Review at June 21, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting:**

**Project Name: Lee Memorial Park**

**Locality: City of Petersburg      Acres: 299+-**

**PTF Funding requested: \$250,000    Recommended: \$remainder of PTF funds for FY2018**

**Description:** Lee Memorial Park once contained over 1,700 acres, and now contains 348.7 acres, 299.49 acres of which is on the Virginia Landmarks Registry (6/14/2000) and the National Register of Historic Places (8/14/2000). This application is to place an easement on most of the 299.49 acres of the park that is on these historic registries, and to provide funding to protect, restore and maintain these areas, and to help begin to fund buildout of the Master Plan for the park, including an educational center and other interpretive features. The park is currently open to the public, with trails, historic areas, a ballfield and access Willcox Lake. Lee Park has considerable history from pre-European times, through the Civil War, and continuing today. The area is rich in fossils, and contains portions of the “Dimmock Line,” a series of fortifications designed to help protect Petersburg from Union assaults during the Civil War. The City bought 1,700 acres in 1894, sold much of the land, but also developed a portion of those lands on what is now known as Lee Memorial Park. Much of the park was built and maintained by the CCC and the Women’s Division of the WPA during and after the Great Depression. The park was segregated until 1953, when a group of African American citizens filed suit for access, and the swimming areas were subsequently shut down for a time rather than integrate. The City continued to sell off pieces of the park, and the park now encompasses 331 acres. The Willcox Watershed Conservancy was founded in 2007 (WWC) and continues to work with the City to preserve and maintain the Lee Memorial Park, and to provide educational programs. Please see Master Plan for Lee Memorial Park and National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for further information.

- SEE Full grant submission attached.

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## **UPDATES RE: APPROVED PTF PUBLIC ACCESS PROJECTS**

Public access project approved at May 3, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting

**Project Name: Tucker Cemetery**

**Locality: City of Hampton      Acres: 2.02**

**PTF Funding approved: \$100,000**

**Update and Status:** Attorney has been identified. Working on commemoration event planning for August with City. **Description:** This Property contains the Tucker cemetery, noted as the oldest African American family in North America. William Tucker, born about 1624 in Jamestown, is believed to be the first documented African child baptized in the Anglican church in Virginia. Son of slaves Anthony and Isabella, he was born at Jamestown, Virginia, baptized there and sold at Fort Monroe to an English sea captain named William Tucker. Tucker (named after the sea captain) is believed to be buried in his family cemetery in Hampton, Virginia. His descendants have formed a society to preserve his legacy and care for the site. The Tucker cemetery is located in the Aberdeen Gardens community in the City of Hampton.

## **Public access projects approved February 15, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting**

**Project name: Suffolk Park**

**Locality: City of Suffolk      Acres: 6.12**

**PTF funding approved: \$200,000** Other funding: Adjacent facilities being developed by the National Wildlife Refuge (U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior).

**Update and Status:** VOF is working with the City of Suffolk and USFWS to draft the easement. Hope to record early in 2019. **Description:** The City of Suffolk is requesting assistance to acquire a parcel of land to create a city park adjacent to the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. This project in conjunction with a planned contact station, environmental education facility, and wetland restoration area will create enhanced accessibility, recreation, and connection between the City and the Refuge. The project will create a strong connection and access point between downtown Suffolk and the Refuge.

**Project name: Captain Sinclair Recreational Area**

**Locality: County of Gloucester      Acres: 40.84**

**PTF funding approved: \$180,000.** Other funding: Public Access Authority considering selling fee lands in order to fund public access infrastructure improvements.



**Locality:** City of Alexandria

**Acres:** .3

**PTF funding approved:** \$350,000. VLCF funding: \$900,000

**Update and Status:** City of Alexandria closed on property April 27, 2017. VDHR board reviewed at June 15, 2017 meeting. VOF PTF funds will be dispersed when easement records. VOF and DHR deeds are being finalized and Baseline Documentation Report is complete.

**Deeds should record in sequence in June 2018. Description:** The Murray-Dick-Fawcett House is an 18th century home and garden, recognized as one of the oldest, and most authentic pre-Revolutionary buildings remaining in the city within the Alexandria Historic District. The City of Alexandria proposes to purchase the property and manage it as a public museum and garden. This site, originally used as a residence and commercial livery, will enable the city to interpret the life and times of ordinary residents during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century. Partners include the City of Alexandria, the Office of Historic Alexandria, the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust(NVCT), Historic Alexandria Foundation, Historic Alexandria Resources Commission, Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission, in addition to VLCF, VDHR, and VOF.

**Project name: Charley Close Property**

**Locality:** City of Charlottesville

**Acres:** 2.8

**PTF funding approved:** \$50,000. VLCF grant \$82,600 and City funds \$125,000 +

**Update and Status:** Easement in final review. City acquisition is imminent. Recordation to follow shortly thereafter, and expected in first half of 2018. **Description:** This property is located on Moore's Creek, a tributary of the Rivanna River, in the City of Charlottesville. The 2.8-acre parcel will be a key link in an existing trail network that connects Hartmann's Mill, Jordan Park and several communities. The trail completion will provide year-round access to open space, and further goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan for water quality, open space, transportation (walkable and bikeable communities) and economic development. The city plans to build a parking and access area and maintain the trail network through the property.

**Project name: Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT)/ Hansbrough's Ridge**

**Locality:** Culpeper County

**Acres:** 174

**PTF funding approved:** \$250,000. American Battlefield Protection program grant \$462,000

**Update and Status:** CWPT acquired property July 2016. VDHR and VOF **RECORDED** easements in February 2018. **Description:** The Civil War Trust proposes the placement of a conservation easement on its Hansbrough's Ridge property, on Route 3 in Culpeper County. The property is notable for the presence of intact archaeological sites and features related to the 1863-1864 Union Army winter encampment. The grant will enable the Trust to facilitate access to the property, and construct amenities such as interpretive trails and signage. The preservation of the Hansbrough's Ridge project involves support from the Virginia Department of Historic

Resources, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, the National Park Service's American Battlefield Protection Program, the Supervisors of Culpeper County, the Brandy Station Foundation and the Friends of Cedar Mountain.

**Project name: Hazel Hollow Tract**

**Locality:** Pulaski County

**Acres:** 11.925

**PTF funding approved:** \$142,500. VLCF funding 2014 grant \$125,000 + county funds.

**Update and Status:** Pulaski County closed on acquisition of property May 2017. Deed is in final stages and should record in first half of 2018. **Description:** The Hazel Hollow tract is located on the New River just upstream from the community of Fairlawn. Pulaski County plans to acquire the land for a public park and extend the planned bicycling/walking trail from a nearby former school site through the VOF-owned Smith Farm and along the river onto the property. The property also creates the opportunity to link trails on the north side of the river via a pedestrian bridge on four piers and connect with the City of Radford's Bisset Park and trails to nearby Wildwood Park, which is also under VOF easement.

**Project name: Eastern Branch Restoration Park**

**Locality:** City of Virginia Beach

**Acres:** 8.8

**PTF funding approved:** \$55,000. VLCF grant \$141,525. Living River Restoration Trust \$43,475 +. Va. Beach \$75,000 +

**Update and Status:** **RECORDED** January 2018. **Description:** This site, is made up of wetlands and forest along the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth River directly across the water from the Carolanne Park, in an otherwise intensely developed area. The project will protect the wetlands and riparian areas, provide a hiking trail along the water, and provide a kayak/canoe launch area for access to the Elizabeth River. The Living River Restoration Trust will work with the City to improve the site with a canoe/kayak launch facilities and picnic shelter, and to manage the park for public access and maintenance of the riparian buffer along the shoreline. Partners include the Living River Restoration Trust, Elizabeth River Project, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, and VOF.

**Project name: Richmond Public Schools Outdoor Classroom**

**Locality:** City of Richmond

**Acres:** 4.8

**PTF funding approved:** \$150,000

**Update and Status:** Estie Thomas (VOF) is in the initial stages of drafting the easement. The City Department of Parks and Recreation will likely be the owner and conveyer of easement. Moving forward. **Description:** This project involves developing up to 4.8 acres of city-owned land as an outdoor classroom serving all the city's public schools and hopes to become a pilot project for other school systems in the Commonwealth. The site contains a mixture of open space, forest cover, and a perennial stream that is part of the Upper Goode Creek watershed. A

portion of the site will be utilized as a neighborhood connector with public trails. Core partners of the project include VOF, Richmond City Schools, the Richmond Department of Parks and Recreation, and the EnRichmond Foundation.

**Project name: Carvin's Cove Access**

**Locality:** Roanoke County **Acres:** 38.12 acres

**PTF funding approved:** \$70,000. VLCF funding approved: \$69,980 Roanoke County \$, City of Salem \$, Pathfinders for Greenways \$.

**Update and Status:** Deed drafting of easements in process. Transactions still pending due to family ownership. Several parcels involved, some will have public access trail easements and some will have open space easements, so time needed to resolve. **Description:** The goal of this project is to connect the Roanoke Valley Greenway network to the 12,463-acre Carvin's Cove Natural Reserve, a watershed property protecting the Carvin's Cove reservoir. The majority of the Reserve is protected by an easement co-held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation and the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy and provides recreational trails to the population of nearby Salem and Roanoke. The project would provide the opportunity for users to bicycle, walk, or ride horses from the Hanging Rock Battlefield Trail to Carvin's Cove, thus connecting an urban area to a very rural, natural preserve. Key partners for this project are Pathfinders for Greenways, Inc., Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission, and Roanoke County.

**Project name: Hottel-Keller Memorial, Inc.**

**Locality:** Shenandoah County **Acres:** 391.066

**PTF funding approved: \$400,000**

**Update and Status:** Additional PTF funding recommended at June 22, 2017 meeting: \$200,000 for total of PTF \$400,000 which provides full funding for the request. RECORDED MAY 2018

**Description:** The 391 acre property is situated in western Shenandoah County between Woodstock and Strasburg. This historic homestead surrounded by fields and forest adjoins the GW National Forest and is owned by Hottel-Keller Memorial, Inc., a non-profit educational organization dedicated to the preservation of the historical and cultural heritage of early Germanic immigrants into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The grant will enable the organization, run by volunteers from the community, to improve and expand public access to the farm and buildings and create hiking or birding trails. The organization, which has owned the property since the late 70's, want to restore the late 1800's era farmstead, add a museum building for collections, displays and classrooms and create a loop trail to connect with the Big Blue Trail in the National Forest. The property also contains a portion of the Toms Brook battlefield and a named cave which has been gated and protected. Easement preliminary value appraised at \$865,000+

**Project name: Four Winds / Rappahannock River Access**

**Locality:** Caroline County **Acres:** 306 acres

**PTF funding approved:** \$80,000. US Fish and Wildlife Service \$127,000+. A.P. Hill ACUB program \$873,000+. Trust for Public Land (TPL) \$ due diligence costs

**Update and Status:** The project is moving forward with Army ACUB processing through their system to fund an easement acquisition. Easement drafting and appraisal work underway. Trust for Public Land (TPL) has land under contract. **Description:** TPL is working with the property owner and VOF to purchase a conservation easement on 306 acres of wetlands and forestland situated on Skinker's Neck, the first big bend in the Rappahannock east of Fredericksburg. The VOF PTF grant will facilitate providing public shoreline access to the Rappahannock River as part of the project. The property is located within a priority area for the Fort A.P. Hill Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program and the County who is seeking public access to the river and will also partner in this project.

**Project name: Malvern Hill Farm**

**Locality:** Henrico and Charles City counties                      **Acres:** 878

**PTF funding approved:** \$100,000. VLCF funding \$687,500 + \$141,482. Virginia Battlefield Preservation Fund \$400,000. Cabell Foundation \$500,000 two-to-one match. Mary Morton Parsons Foundation \$500,000 two-to-one match. Additional funds being sought by Capital Region Lands Conservancy (CRLC).

**Update and Status:** CRLC closed on the Property in February 2018, and is currently working with Department of Historic Resources and Henrico County to finalize an easement on the portion of the property that will be protected by the Board of Historic Resources. VOF is currently working with CRLC, the James River Association, and Henrico County to finalize the portion to be protected by open-space easement with VOF, and which will become the James River Association canoe/kayak launch on Turkey Island Creek, and trail area with Henrico County. VOF easement moving forward, and hope to record in first half of 2018. **Description:** CRLC acquired this significant 878-acre property southeast of Richmond. A portion of the property is within the National Parks Service acquisition boundaries property and will become part of the Malvern Hill Battlefield interpretive area. The remaining portions of the property are anticipated for public use (James River Association and possibly County as owners) and will include a public access area with trails and a canoe/kayak launch into Turkey Island Creek.

**Project name:** Belmead on the James

**Locality:** Powhatan County    **Acres:** 2,265

**PTF funding approved:** \$100,000. VLCF funding approved: \$750,000 BOJI is actively fund raising.

**Update and Status:** Belmead on James, Inc. (BOJI) and Virginia Conservation Legacy Fund (VCLF) have made an offer for the property, and final approval is expected from the Vatican. We are in holding pattern until Vatican approval. **Description:** Belmead on the James, just west of Richmond, is one of the Commonwealth's most historic properties with 2,265 acres, historic buildings, and 2.8 miles of frontage on the James River. 1,000 acres is currently protected by a

conservation easement held jointly by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation and the James River Association. The nonprofit Belmead on the James, Inc. (BOJI) is working to acquire the property with the intention of preserving it and to make the entire property accessible to the public by providing trails on the property. Additionally, a partnership with Powhatan State Park and Powhatan County is expected to provide river access accommodating paddlers between the State Park and Belmead.

- FY 2016

**Public access easement projects approved June 30, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting**

**Project name: Evergreen and East End Cemeteries**

**Locality: City of Richmond Acres: 76**

**PTF funding approved: \$400,000 Other funding: EnRichmond**

**Update and Status:** Parity LLC is now the owner of the 59.2 acre Evergreen Cemetery. A caretaker is now on-site and several clean-ups have been organized and public events. VOF is currently working with EnRichmond and Parity LLC to draft an easement deed for the Evergreen Cemetery portion of the properties. **Description:** The Evergreen (60 acre) and East End (16 acre) cemeteries are adjacent to each other on the eastern boundary of Richmond in the East End. They are part of a four cemetery complex which includes, in addition to Evergreen and East End, the Oakwood and the Colored Paupers cemeteries which are owned by the city. The cemeteries comprise a significant open space resource within a densely populated urban setting. Stony Run and Gillies Creek run through, and to the south, of the cemeteries. Established in 1891, Evergreen and East End are predominantly wooded as they have grown up in trees over the last 100 years. Over 2,800 interments at East End and 6,500 interments at Evergreen have been catalogued to date (Find A Grave) including the grave of civil rights pioneer, John Mitchell, Jr. and businesswoman, civil leader, newspaper founder, lecturer, and first African American bank president, Maggie Lena Walker. The ownership history of both parcels is complicated. The funds from the PTF grant will support the project and insure that the parcels remain as open space and historic resources for perpetuity and available for public access (under appropriate use rules). The grant funds include payment for conveyance of perpetual easements as well as transaction costs including, but not limited to, title search, title insurance, legal fees, and survey or site work to establish legal descriptions. Funds for restoration and maintenance work are included in the grant. Each cemetery project may progress independently and they are not contingent on each other.

**Project name: Virginia Holding Company/Norfolk Southern**

**Locality: City of Portsmouth Acres: 30**

**PTF funding approved: \$200,000. Other funding: NA. Norfolk Southern**

**Update and status:** This project has been pulled by Norfolk Southern Corporation as they no longer wish to proceed. Funds to be re-programmed

**Project name: Calhoun/Ditchley**

**Locality: Northumberland County          Acres: .36**

**PTF funding approved: \$50,000. Other funding:NA. Northern Neck Land Conservancy,  
National Park Service, County of Northumberland**

**Update and status:** This project has been pulled as it has been funded through other sources;  
Funds to be re-programmed