

ART AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (AARB)

Project Data Sheet

Revised February 6, 2025

(Due by 3:00 p.m. on the Friday two weeks before the meeting to AARB@dgs.virginia.gov)

Date Submitted: November 20, 2025, for the December 5, 2025 meeting

Agency Name: Virginia Tech

Project Name, Number, and Location [** must include the project number*]

Demolition of University Building No. 0508 (Hay Shed)

Blacksburg, Virginia

Project Number: 25-737025

Representatives for the Agency and the Architect/Engineer

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Current Project Status/Phase and Schedule [** must select one of the following*]

- Preliminary Design Submission: ☐
- Final Design Submission: ☒

Demolition is anticipated in the Spring of 2026 following required approvals from the Department of Historic Resources and the Art and Architectural Review Board.

Request for Consent Agenda: Yes: ☒ No: ☐

* Please refer to the [AARB Agency Project Submission and Presentation Guidelines](#) – Project Submission Section for additional information and guidance on the Consent Agenda versus Regular Agenda.

PLEASE NOTE: If you did not check the box for Consent Agenda, your project will be posted on the Regular Agenda and the agency will be required to attend the meeting to make a presentation to the board on the day of the meeting. ***Presentations are not to exceed 15 minutes.***

Project Description

Building No. 0508, located at 1588 Old Mill Road on Moore Farm, is a 1,382-square-foot open-air, wood-framed structure used for hay storage supporting the beef cattle program's research, teaching, and extension activities. The structure has sustained significant damage from snow loading, resulting in a partial roof collapse. Given its age and deteriorated condition, repairs are not feasible relative to the remaining useful life of the facility, and demolition is therefore proposed to ensure safety and maintain operational continuity. An insurance claim is in progress to support the eventual replacement of the shed, which will be advanced under a separate resolution following completion of the claim and design process. The university will obtain review and any required approvals from the Department of Historic Resources and the Art and Architectural Review Board prior to demolition. The structure has been determined to have no historic significance.

Architectural Aesthetic:

The existing hay shed is utilitarian in nature, with limited architectural character. Its removal will not adversely affect the architectural or visual integrity of Moore Farm. The replacement facility, to be advanced under a future project, will reflect contemporary agricultural design principles and materials consistent with current farm operations. Building 0508 is located in open farmland within a lightly wooded area of Moore Farm in Montgomery County, surrounded by other agricultural support structures of similar functional character.

Relationship to Approved Master Plan [** this section must contain information for Board review, do not leave blank*]

The project aligns with Virginia Tech's Beyond Boundaries 2047: The Campus Plan, supporting the modernization of obsolete facilities and ensuring safety while enabling future development consistent with the university's long-term planning and sustainability objectives. Demolition of the existing structure allows for continued advancement of research and teaching programs in a manner consistent with campus planning principles promoting safety, functionality, and responsible renewal of agricultural infrastructure.

Existing Architectural Context

Moore Farm, located in Montgomery County, comprises a collection of utilitarian agricultural structures supporting teaching, research, and extension programs within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The hay shed is situated within open farmland used for cattle grazing and feed storage, forming part of a rural, agrarian landscape characteristic of the region. The surrounding context is agricultural and research-oriented, with rolling hills, fenced pastures, and a mixture of wooded and open field areas that support the university's livestock and crop research programs.

AARB History (for return presentations on the same project): [** this section must contain information for Board review, do not leave blank / if this section does not apply to your project, please indicate with N/A*]

- State when previous presentation(s) were made to the Board on the project. N/A
- Restate previous Board comments. N/A
- Show actions taken to address Board comments; use visuals to compare previous renderings with updates. N/A

DEMOLITION of UNIVERSITY BUILDING **0508 (HAY SHED)**

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December 5, 2025

PROJECT LOCATION

SITE



Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA

/ DEMOLITION OF BUILDING 0508 (HAY SHED)

PROJECT SITE



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EXISTING CONDITIONS



① VIEW TO THE NORTHWEST



② VIEW TO THE SOUTHEAST