



Good News from Hull Springs

CONSTRUCTION ADVANCES

Construction is proceeding on the new research lab at Hull Springs. With footings poured and framing going up, the project is slated to be completed by April. The addition of this lab space, complete with expanded broadband access, will enhance research opportunities for Longwood students and faculty, as well as allow for expanding partnerships with other institutions including VCU's Rice Rivers Center and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

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BROADBAND EXPANSION

Atlantic Broadband is completing a broadband expansion project which will serve the Yellow House, Big House and new research lab. A big thank you goes out to Westmoreland County and the Northern Neck Planning District Commission, who made this critical element of the overall new facilities plan a reality.

NEW GRANTS RECEIVED

Longwood's Hull Springs has been awarded grant funding from the United States Department of Agriculture and GO VIRGINIA (Region 6) for a Commercial Kitchen Feasibility Study. The study will investigate the need for a commercial kitchen to be added to the dining facility designed to serve the Westmoreland County property, as well as the Northern Neck community. The scope of the study will include the operations, business model, examination of the use of integrated digital supply chain technology, and space plan with equipment specifications for a commercial kitchen, with canning/food preservation component, and culinary arts training offered through a partnership developed with Rappahannock Community College. Many of the small communities on the



The footings are in place and construction of the new research lab is slated to be finished by April, 2021.

Northern Neck, including the nearby Town of Warsaw, are undergoing downtown revitalizations anchored primarily with food-related businesses. The addition of a commercial kitchen with associated culinary arts training opportunities, presents increased employment options for one of Virginia's most depressed economic areas. The study will be conducted by Northbound Ventures and will include opportunities for Longwood University students to intern/participate in the research and end product. Northbound Ventures is a professional services firm based in Montpelier, Vermont. Their mission is "to assist the development of sustainable communities and regional food systems, that in turn improve social wellness and allow equal opportunity for economic prosperity." The study is scheduled to be completed by the end of June.

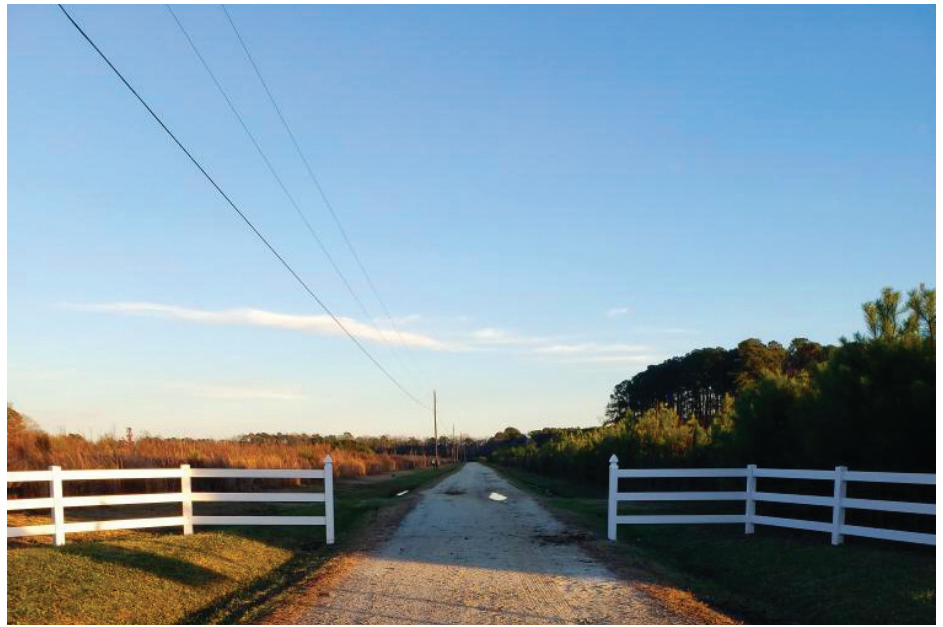


The great nephew of Mary Farley Ames Lee '38 skillfully removes the historic Red Oak that was destroyed by a storm last August.

Grand Old Oak Removed

Poetically, it was the great nephew of our benefactor, Mary Farley Ames Lee '38, who masterfully completed the removal of the grand old oak.

As a climbing arborist and master woodworker, Will dedicated an entire day to carefully removing the hundreds-year old tree after it was destroyed by a lightning strike. He plans to epoxy the top of the remaining 7-foot-wide stump, as a reminder of where the tree offered shade to many visitors and guidance to boaters for centuries. Preserving the base of the tree will provide a sense of its grandness and allow for ring-counting of its massive circumference. Much of the wood is being preserved for future building construction and for furnishings for the Big House and new lab space. A number of seedlings saved from the historic tree are being nurtured in pots until ready for future planting at Hull Springs.



Sustainable Security Gate Installed

Another addition to the Hull Springs property is a new fenced entrance with solar-powered security gate. When making reservations, guests will be provided a code to use during their stay. Usage of an alternative power source will be a welcoming reminder of the Hull Springs mission of making this a more sustainable commonwealth, country, and planet.

THANK YOU

We'd like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt *thank you* for supporting the growth of Hull Springs — its campus and its programming — and ask that you consider including Hull Springs, again, on your end-of-year, tax-deductible, donation list. May you and your loved ones enjoy a safe, healthy, and joyous holiday season, and as we happily tuck 2020 behind us, we look forward to a brighter 2021 and having you join us when we snip the ribbon on the new lab this Spring.

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