

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](mailto:AARB@dgs.virginia.gov))

**Date Submitted:** May 22, 2026, for the June 5, 2026 meeting

**Agency Name:** Virginia Tech

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

Disposition of Storage Shed

Blacksburg, Virginia

Project Number: Disposition related to 208-L00085

**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:

Disposition activities are anticipated to begin in 2026 following receipt of all required approvals.

**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

The university proposes the disposition of a small storage shed located along Dairy Drive at the Blacksburg campus. The approximately 25-square-foot wood-frame structure is located along Dairy Lane adjacent to a residential home. The structure is weathered from age and is beyond its useful life.

Disposition of the building will enable site reconfiguration to support accessible parking and circulation improvements related to construction of the columbarium. The columbarium project is part of the broader New Residence Halls capital project to be located adjacent to Holtzman Alumni Center.

## Architectural Aesthetic:

The project area reflects a transition zone between the historic agricultural uses of the former Dairy Center and more recent campus development. The shed is a modest, utilitarian outbuilding representative of mid-20th-century support facilities.

The building exhibits simple construction and limited architectural distinction. Its condition and character do not contribute significantly to the architectural identity of the site or campus. Removal of the structure will allow for improved site organization and integration with planned campus improvements.

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

The proposed disposition is consistent with Beyond Boundaries 2047: The Campus Plan, which identifies the Southgate and Duck Pond area as a zone for continued campus development and infrastructure improvements. Disposition of the shed supports site improvements associated with the university columbarium, including accessible parking and circulation enhancements.

**Existing Architectural Context**

The project site is located along Southgate Drive within the former Dairy Center area of the main campus. The surrounding context includes a mix of open space, recreation fields, and evolving campus infrastructure.

The shed is a small-scale, detached structure situated within this transitional landscape. The structure exhibits aging materials and deferred maintenance, and its location and condition are incompatible with planned site improvements and circulation upgrades associated with ongoing campus development.

**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

# DISPOSITION of STORAGE SHED

ART AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

June 5, 2026

# PROJECT LOCATION



Virginia Tech  
Blacksburg, VA

# PROJECT SITE



# EXISTING CONDITIONS

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## SHED



VIEW TO THE EAST



VIEW TO THE NORTHWEST