

ART AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (AARB)

Project Data Sheet

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

Date Submitted: April 17, 2026 for the May 1, 2026 meeting

Agency Name: Virginia Tech

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

Demolition of University Building No. 0317

Blacksburg, Virginia

Project Number: Demolition Preparation for Capital Project 208-L00085-000

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:

This submission is for review by the Art and Architectural Review Board. Demolition activities are anticipated to begin in 2026 following receipt of all required approvals and in coordination with site preparation and enabling work associated with the New Residence Halls capital project.

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 demolition of University Building No. 0317 (Residence), located at 1305 Southgate Drive on the main Blacksburg campus within the former Dairy Center area.

Building No. 0317 is a 1,138-square-foot residential structure constructed in 1955 to support historic dairy operations. The building has exceeded its useful life, requires ongoing maintenance, and no longer supports current operational needs.

The structure is currently utilized by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; however, its location is within an area identified for site improvements associated with upcoming capital development. Demolition of the building will enable site reconfiguration to support accessible parking and circulation improvements

related to the relocation of the university columbarium. The columbarium relocation is part of the broader New Residence Halls capital project located adjacent to the 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. Building No. 0317 is a modest, utilitarian residential structure representative of mid-20th-century agricultural 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 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 demolition 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.

The New Residence Halls capital project advances the university’s strategic objective to enhance the on-campus residential experience. Demolition of Building No. 0317 supports implementation of associated site improvements, including the relocation of the university columbarium and the provision of 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.

Building No. 0317 is a small-scale, detached residential structure situated within this transitional landscape. The building exhibits aging materials and deferred maintenance. 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

DEMOLITION of UNIVERSITY BUILDING **0317**

ART AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

May 1, 2026

PROJECT LOCATION



Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA

PROJECT SITE



EXISTING CONDITIONS

BUILDING NO. 0317



VIEW TO THE NORTHEAST



VIEW TO THE SOUTHEAST