**Friends of Stadium Woods Forest Management Plan Recommendations**

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1. Legally binding permanent preservation of Stadium Woods

2. No parking in or on the edges of the woods under trees, on tree root zones or in the turf

3. No vehicular traffic into or through the woods or on sidewalks except for emergency vehicles

4. No mowing in the woods or on the edges with the exception of a minimal swath on each side of paved walking path, and reincorporation of the 3 acres surrounding the edge of the woods allowing natural succession and reintroduction of native species as appropriate

5. No more tolerated or sanctioned abuse including dumping of debris, landscape materials, concrete, soil, sand or trash of any kind; and removal of existing trash including concrete chunks and metal poles etc.

6. No new structures in woods, and eventually the removal of the rappelling tower to remove liability as well as allow regeneration of the forest

7. No new impervious surfaces including brick, pavement or new gravel roadways

8. Evaluate the need for soil remediation where soil mounds have been left in the woods and where soil has been compacted by vehicles and heavy pedestrian traffic. Need for encouraging a minimum of specific trails with preference on pedestrians use of existing paved paths, current gravel road and new walking areas being established between the woods and the APF. There is a need to limit wandering in the woods off of designated pathways to protect native plant regeneration and growth

9. Community representation on permanent management committee from groups that are actively supporting the permanent preservation of the woods including Virginia Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners, NRV Bird Club, The Native Plant Society, VT Student Environmental Coalition, Friends of Stadium Woods and VT Arboretum Committee

10. Evaluate, develop and determine best management practices for invasive species removal in old-growth forests and plans for ongoing control of invasive species as well as encourage the growth of native plants in the woods and also on the entire campus

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