

Stadium Woods Talking Points

"This is football vs. trees and I choose football"

You don't have to choose, we can have both! Friends of Stadium Woods loves Hokie football. We do not oppose the building of the practice facility, we oppose destroying an old growth forest to do so and think it should be built at an alternative site.

"There are no alternative sites for this facility"

There are two alternative sites. One is on Washington St. at the tennis courts and the other is in the parking lot across from the outdoor practice field. The original plan has the practice facility sited at the tennis courts. In the University Master Plan, the Stadium Woods is designated as Protected Environmental Greenway.

"What about the tennis and hockey players?"

Friends of Stadium Woods advocates the replacement of the tennis and hockey facilities before the construction of the practice facility starts. It is possible that even if they didn't build on the tennis courts that this area would be destroyed regardless due to construction staging.

"Nobody uses the woods"

The woods are used for many purposes including teaching, research, recreation, and relaxation. In fact, the woods are used by everyone on campus whether they know it or not. It helps protect the imperiled Stroubles Creek watershed and contributes to VT's Sustainability Plan and the Climate Action Commitment Resolution.

"Who cares about some trees"

*Stadium Woods is one of the largest remnants of old-growth forest on the East Coast. What is more remarkable is that it is easily accessible to the public. There are 46 ancient White Oaks 250-350 years old, capable of living to be over 600 years old. For reference, the trees in Jefferson National Forest are about 100 years old. Ten ACC schools have (or are building) an indoor practice facility (including VT) but **only one has an old growth forest- VT!***

Groups that oppose building in Stadium Woods:

- Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Ecological Society of America
- Virginia Tech Faculty Senate
- VT Commission of Student Affairs

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