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TAX MAP NO. OR PIN: 7011-28-2599-000

Exempted from recordation tax
under the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended,
Sections 58.1-811 (A) (3), 58.1-811 (D) and from Circuit Court Clerk's fee under
Section 17.1-266

THIS DEED OF GIFT OF EASEMENT (the "Easement"), made this ___ day of _____, 2016, between **ROBERT M. MONK AND JILL A. MONK**, husband and wife, (herein called "Grantor"), the **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FAUQUIER COUNTY**, of the Commonwealth of Virginia ("Grantee"), whose address is 10 Hotel Street, Warrenton, Virginia 20186, **CITIBANK, N.A.** (the "Bank"), and **GLASSER AND GLASSER, P.L.C., TRUSTEE** (the "Trustee"), the designations Grantor and Grantee including their successors and assigns;

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Grantor is the owner in fee simple of real property situated on Route 629, in Scott Magisterial District of Fauquier County, Virginia, containing 37.2542 acres, more or less, by Deed dated June 6, 2014 and recorded June 10, 2014 in Deed Book 1461 at page 796 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Fauquier County, Virginia and hereinafter referred to as "the Property," and desires to convey to Grantee, for the public purpose identified herein, an open-space easement over the Property as herein set forth; and

WHEREAS, Grantee is the governing body of a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia and a "qualified organization" and "eligible donee" under Section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulation §1.170A-14(c)(1), is a public

body under Section 10.1-1700 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and is willing to accept an open-space easement over the Property as herein set forth; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 461 of the Acts of 1966, codified in Chapter 17, Title 10.1, of the Code of Virginia, as amended (the “Open-Space Land Act”), declares that the preservation of open-space land serves a public purpose by curbing urban sprawl, preventing the spread of urban blight and deterioration and encouraging more economic and desirable urban development, helping provide or preserve necessary park, recreational, historic and scenic areas, and conserving land and other natural resources, and authorizes the acquisition of interests in real property, including easements in gross, as a means of preserving open-space land; and

WHEREAS, the Open-Space Land Act declares it to be the public policy of the Commonwealth to encourage preservation of open-space land and authorizes the Grantee to hold real property or any estate or interest therein for the purpose of preserving the natural, scenic, historic, scientific, open-space and recreational lands of the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, the Grantor’s property is located in the Little River Valley in Upper Fauquier County and within the Goose Creek watershed, such locations being designated critical environmental areas planned for special protection under the Fauquier County Comprehensive Plan and under the State Critical Environmental Areas Report, Goose Creek being a public water supply and a State Scenic River; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan of Fauquier County, Virginia (1992-2012), as adopted by its Board of Supervisors, includes the following goals: “To recognize the county’s traditionally agricultural and rural character and the need for preservation of its open-spaces and scenic beauty”; “To protect critical environmental resources and to maintain renewable natural resources so that they are not degraded but remain viable for future generations”; and “To protect and promote the agricultural industry;” and

WHEREAS, preservation of the Property will promote the public policies of Fauquier County and further a public purpose of the Grantee by protecting open-space, productive agricultural lands, scenic views, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Grantor and the Grantee desire to protect in perpetuity the open-space values identified in the previous paragraphs, including, but not limited to, conserving and protecting agricultural and forestal lands as natural resources, protecting rural agricultural lands by prohibiting further subdivisions, protecting water quality, protecting scenic views and protecting open-space lands currently in open-space easements, the “Open-Space Values,” and intend to accomplish such protection by restricting the use of the Property as hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, the conservation purpose of this Easement is to preserve and protect in perpetuity the Open-Space Values of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee has determined that the restrictions hereinafter set forth in this Easement (the “Restrictions”) will preserve and protect in perpetuity the Open-Space Values of the Property, which advance the public purposes established in its Comprehensive Plan, which values are reflected in the preceding paragraphs, the Grantee’s evaluation of the Property, and the documentation of the condition of the Property as contained in the Grantee’s files and records; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee has determined that the Restrictions will limit the uses of the Property to those uses consistent with, and not adversely affecting the Open-Space Values of the Property, the scenic values enjoyed by the general public, or the governmental conservation policies furthered by this Easement; and

WHEREAS, the Grantee, by acceptance of this Easement by its Board of Supervisors at its meeting of _____, 2016, designates the Property to be retained and used for the preservation and provision of the Open-Space Values and of Open-Space land pursuant to the Open-Space Land Act; and

WHEREAS, the Grantor intends to convey to the Grantee by this Easement the right to preserve and protect the Open-Space Values of the Property in perpetuity and to further the public purposes established in the Fauquier County Comprehensive Plan, and to qualify the grant of such restrictions and associated rights as a qualified conservation contribution under Section 170(h)(2)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the foregoing and in consideration of the mutual covenants herein and the acceptance hereof by Grantee, Grantor does hereby give, grant and convey to Grantee an open-space easement in gross over, and the right in perpetuity to restrict the use of, the Property, which consists of 37.2542 acres, more or less, located in Scott Magisterial District, Fauquier County, Virginia, and described as follows, to-wit:

ALL THAT certain tract or parcel of land located on Rt. 629, about three miles southwest of Middleburg, in Scott Magisterial District, Fauquier County, Virginia, more particularly described by plat and survey of Eric K. Niskanen, L.S. dated May 23, 2014 titled "Plat Showing Boundary Survey on the Properties of Peter R. Holbrook and Lucinda Anne Liebert" shown thereon as tax map# 7011-28-2599-000, containing 37.2542 acres, more or less.

hereinafter referred to as the "Property."

The above-described tract is identified as tax map# 7011-28-2599-000 among the tax records of Fauquier County, Virginia. Even if the Property should consist of more than one subdivided or tax parcel, it shall be considered one parcel for the purposes of this Easement, and the restrictions and covenants of this Easement shall apply to the Property as a whole rather than to such individual parcels.

ARTICLE I – EASEMENT

1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Easement is to preserve and protect the conservation value of the Property in perpetuity by enforcing the restrictions imposed on the use of the Property by Article II, while allowing the Property to be used for all other uses by the

owner as long as such uses do not interfere with the conservation value of the Property. The conservation value of the Property is its value as open-space land as more specifically identified as the Open-Space Values described in the Recitals to this Easement which are hereby incorporated.

2. **DURATION.** This Easement shall be perpetual. It is an easement in gross which runs with the land as an incorporeal interest in the Property. The covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions contained in this Easement are binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the Grantor and the Grantee, and their respective successors, and assigns, and shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the Property.

3. **NO PUBLIC ACCESS.** Although this Easement in gross will benefit the public as described above, nothing herein shall be construed to convey to the public a right of access to, or use of the Property. Grantor retains the exclusive right to such access and use, subject to the terms hereof.

ARTICLE II – RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions are hereby imposed on the use of the Property to protect the Open-Space Values of the Property pursuant to the public policies set forth above. The acts that the Grantor covenants to do and not to do upon the Property, and the restrictions that Grantee is hereby entitled to enforce, are and shall be as follows:

1. **DIVISION.** Division of the Property is prohibited. The Property shall not be sold or conveyed except as a whole. Boundary line adjustments with adjoining parcels of land are permitted and shall not be considered a prohibited division of the Property, provided that Grantee is made party to the deed creating the boundary line adjustment and at least one of the following conditions is met:
 - (i) The entire adjacent parcel is subject to a recorded open-space easement conveyed to Grantee, or other public body as defined in Section 10.1-1700 of the Code of Virginia; and

(ii) The proposed boundary line adjustment shall have been reviewed and approved in advance by the Board of Grantee or the governing body of any successor in interest to the Grantee.

2. BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES. Grantor shall give Grantee at least thirty (30) days written notice before beginning construction or enlargement of any dwelling on the Property.

No permanent or temporary buildings or structures may be built, maintained or replaced on the Property other than:

(i) The existing single-family dwelling, which may be renovated, repaired, replaced or reasonably enlarged to a size no greater than 125% of its existing size of the current dwelling that includes both above ground living area and the basement. An attached garage shall not be considered in the above ground living area.

(ii) Non-residential outbuildings or structures commonly and appropriately incidental thereto and sized appropriately for single family use, including but not limited to pools and tennis courts;

(iii) One (1) secondary dwelling not to exceed 2,500 square feet of above-ground enclosed living area and non-residential outbuildings or structures commonly and appropriately incidental thereto and sized appropriately for single family use if permitted under Fauquier County Zoning Ordinances; and

(iv) Farm buildings or structures, except that a farm building or farm structure not in existence on the date of this Easement. Outdoor riding rings and ponds are permitted. For the purposes of this subparagraph, a farm building or structure shall mean a building or structure originally constructed and used for the activities specified in paragraph 3(i).

(v) Private roads and utilities that serve permitted buildings or structures in this Paragraph 2, unpaved farm or forest roads may be constructed and maintained.

(vi) The total collective footprint of all buildings or structures permitted on the Property shall not exceed one percent (2%) of the total area of the Property. The collective footprint of buildings shall be measured in square feet around the perimeter of structures and shall be compared to the total square footage of the Property.

3. INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. Industrial or commercial activities (including, without limitation, any activity for which Grantor receives monetary compensation) other than the following are prohibited:

(i) agriculture, including livestock production and animal husbandry, aquaculture, silviculture, viticulture, equine activities and forestry, as well as related small-scale commercial agricultural operations that Grantee may approve in writing as being consistent with the conservation values of this Easement; provided, however, that (a) farm wineries, breweries, cideries and distilleries, (b) animal race tracks, (c) animal slaughtering facilities, (d) industrial chicken or pork farming, and (e) livestock feed lots are specifically prohibited.

(ii) processing and sale of agricultural products produced on the Property (other than as expressly prohibited above) as long as the same may be processed or sold in buildings existing on the Property as of the date hereof, or if intended to be processed or sold in farm structures otherwise allowed to be constructed or approved by Grantee for construction under Article II, Paragraph 2.H above, then with the written approval of Grantee.

(iii) home occupation activities allowed under then current zoning applicable to the Property as long as the same are of an office, craft or artisanal nature, are wholly contained within a structure existing on the Property as of the date hereof or otherwise permitted hereby and do not require or utilize any outdoor storage or activity, do not involve significant customer visitation to the Property, and are approved in writing by Grantee upon a determination that such activities do not conflict with the conservation values being protected herein.

(iv) the sale of excess power generated incidentally in the operation of approved alternative energy structures and associated equipment primarily sized and constructed to serve only the energy needs of the Property, as permitted in Section II, Paragraph ____ above.

(v) activities to restore or enhance wetlands or streams or to restore, enhance or develop other ecosystem functions on the Property including, but not limited to, stream bank restoration, wetland and stream mitigation, biological carbon sequestration and biodiversity mitigation; provided that (a) such activities are not in conflict with the conservation values being protected herein and that written approval for the same shall have been obtained from Grantee, and (b) Grantee is not responsible for monitoring any such activities and has no obligation to enforce the provisions of any permit, restriction or easement therefor. Subject to Grantee's approval, Grantor is free to participate in same in Grantor's discretion and to retain any remuneration derived therefrom.

(vi) The parties acknowledge and agree that the above-referenced restrictions are intended to limit the commercial recreational use of the property to a de minimis level as defined from time to time under the I.R.C. and Treasury Regulations. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Deed of Easement, should the I.R.C. or Treasury regulations impose more stringent restrictions on de minimis commercial recreational uses than those set forth above, those more stringent restrictions shall apply.

Approval of any activity under this Paragraph 3 shall be within the sole, but reasonable discretion of Grantee, and may be subject to such conditions as Grantee may reasonably impose in order to preserve the conservation values protected herein. Grantor and Grantee understand and agree that activities permissible under current or then existing zoning regulations applicable to the Property are not necessarily intended to be the standard for approval hereunder, it being acknowledged that the purpose and intent of this Deed of Easement is to restrict the use of the Property beyond the applicable zoning regulations in order to protect the conservation values expressed and protected herein.

MANAGEMENT OF FOREST. A forest stewardship plan prepared by a professional forester shall be provided to Grantee prior to any commercial timber harvesting. The primary purposes of the forest management plan shall be to maintain a working forest, improve wildlife habitat, maintain the health of the forest and conserve soil and water.

At least thirty (30) days before beginning any commercial timber harvesting, a timber sales contract, pre-harvest plan or other documentation of the intended harvest shall be submitted to Grantee. Best Management Practices, as defined by the Virginia Department of Forestry, shall be used to control erosion and protect water quality when any commercial forestry or land clearing activity is undertaken. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following shall be permissible on the Property and shall not constitute commercial timber harvesting:

- (i) The cutting and removal of trees for Grantor's domestic consumption;
- (ii) The cutting and removal of trees or brush in connection with the construction of permitted structures, roads, trails and fences and to accommodate other permitted activities hereunder; and
- (iii) The cutting and removal of diseased or dead trees or trees, which, were they not removed, would present a hazard to health or safety.

5. GRADING, BLASTING, MINING. Grading, blasting or earth removal shall not materially alter the topography of the Property except for dam construction to create private ponds, stream bank restoration and erosion control pursuant to a government permit, or as required in the construction of permitted buildings, structures, private roads, and utilities as permitted in Paragraph 2. Best Management Practices, in accordance with the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Law, shall be used to control erosion and protect water quality in such construction. Generally accepted agricultural activities shall not constitute a material alteration. Surface mining, subsurface mining or drilling for oil or gas on the Property is prohibited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the removal of surface rocks or boulders for agricultural purposes is permitted. In addition, any permitted conversion of forested property shall be governed by the following practices:

- (i) Clearing shall be done when the soil moisture content is such that soil structural damage or compaction is minimized.
- (ii) A 50-foot wide undisturbed area will be left between the area being cleared and all wetlands, water bodies and perennial streams except where greater riparian buffers are required herein.

(iii) Temporary cover will be established as necessary to control sheet and rill and/or wind erosion on the cleared area until the planned land use is in place.

(iv) The cleared area shall be left in a neat and sightly condition that will facilitate the planned use and treatment of the land.

(v) Clearing debris shall not be pushed into standing or green timber. Debris piles shall not be closer than 100 feet from adjacent woodland, buildings or roads.

6. **ACCUMULATION OF TRASH.** Accumulation or dumping of trash, refuse, junk or toxic materials is not permitted on the Property. This restriction shall not prevent generally accepted agricultural or wildlife management practices, such as creation of brush piles, composting, or the storage of farm machinery, organic matter, agricultural products or agricultural byproducts on the Property.

7. **SIGNS.** Display of billboards, signs, or other advertisements that are visible from outside the Property is not permitted on or over the Property except to:

(i) State the name and/or address of the owners of the Property;

(ii) Advertise the sale or lease of the Property;

(iii) Advertise the sale of goods or services produced incidentally to a permitted use of the Property;

(iv) Provide notice necessary for the protection of the Property;

(v) Give directions to visitors; or

(vi) Recognize historic status or participation in a conservation program.

No such sign shall exceed nine square feet in size.

8. **RIPARIAN BUFFER.** To protect water quality of the Protected Stream, Grantee covenants and agrees there shall be no plowing, cultivation or other earth disturbing activity in a (50) foot buffer strip along each edge of the Protected Stream, the "buffer area," as measured from the top of the stream bank. Within this buffer area there shall be no buildings or other structures constructed, no storage of compost, manure, fertilizers, chemicals, machinery or equipment, and no cultivation or other earth disturbing activity conducted, except as may be reasonably necessary for:

- (i) Stream bank restoration and erosion control pursuant to a government permit;
- (ii) Fencing along or within the buffer area; however, fencing shall not be required unless cattle, horses or other livestock are located within or near the buffer strip;
- (iii) Provided the water-quality protection function of the buffer area is not impaired, removal of trees presenting a danger to persons or property and removal of diseased, dead or non-native invasive trees, shrubs or plants;
- (iv) Construction and maintenance of stream crossings which allow for unobstructed water flow and wildlife movement;
- (v) Creation and maintenance of foot or horse trails with unimproved surfaces;
- (vi) Improvement of the viewshed from the dwelling by the minimal harvesting of trees or limbing of the tree canopy; and
- (vii) Limited mowing to control non-native invasive species or protect trees and other plants planted in the buffer area.

ARTICLE III – ENFORCEMENT

- 1 RIGHT OF INSPECTION.** Grantor covenants and agrees that representatives or agents of Grantee may enter the Property from time to time for purposes of inspection and enforcement of the terms of this Easement after permission from, or reasonable notice to, the Grantor or the Grantor's representative, provided, however, that in the event of an emergency, entrance may be made to prevent, terminate or mitigate a potential violation of these restrictions with notice to the Grantor or Grantor's representative being given at the earliest practicable time.

- 2. ENFORCEMENT.** The parties agree that monetary damages would not be an adequate remedy for the breach of any terms, conditions and restrictions herein contained. Grantor hereby grants and conveys to Grantee the right to bring an action at law or in equity to enforce the Restrictions contained herein. This right specifically includes the right to require restoration of the Property to a condition of compliance with the terms of this

Easement as existed on the date of the gift of the Easement, except to the extent such condition thereafter changed in a manner consistent with the Restrictions; to recover any damages arising from non-compliance, and to enjoin non-compliance by ex parte temporary or permanent injunction. If the court determines that Grantor failed to comply with this Easement, Grantor shall reimburse Grantee for any reasonable costs of enforcement, including costs of restoration, court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, in addition to any other payments ordered by the court.

3. **NATURAL CAUSES.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Easement, Grantor shall not be responsible or liable for any damage or change to the condition of the Property caused by fire, flood, storm, Act of God, governmental act or other cause outside of Grantor's control or any prudent action taken by Grantor to avoid, abate, prevent or mitigate damage or changes to the Property from such causes.
4. **FAILURE TO ENFORCE.** The failure of Grantee to enforce any term of this Easement shall not be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter, nor discharge nor relieve Grantor from thereby complying with any such term. Furthermore, the Grantor hereby waives any defense of laches, estoppel, or prescription.

ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENT

1. **GRANTEE'S PROPERTY RIGHT.** Grantor covenants and agrees that the donation of this Easement gives rise to a property right, immediately vested in Grantee, with a fair market value that is at least equal to the proportionate value that the perpetual conservation restriction at the time of the gift bears to the value of the Property as a whole at that time.
2. **EXTINGUISHMENT, CONVERSION, DIVERSION.** Grantor and Grantee covenant and agree that this Easement is perpetual and shall not be extinguished, and acknowledge that extinguishment of the Easement is not permitted by the Open-Space Land Act. Nevertheless, should any attempt be made to extinguish the Easement, any such

extinguishment can be made only by judicial proceedings and only if such extinguishment also complies with Virginia Code Section 10.1-1704. In addition, no part of the Property may be converted or diverted from its open-space use except in compliance with the provisions of Section 10.1-1704 and the provisions of Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable Treasury Regulations. In any sale or exchange of the Property subsequent to an extinguishment, Grantee shall be entitled to a portion of the proceeds at least equal to the proportionate value of the perpetual conservation restriction computed as set forth in Section 1 above, but not to be less than the proportionate value that the perpetual conservation restriction at the time of the extinguishment bears to the then value of the Property as a whole. Grantee covenants and agrees to use all its share of the proceeds from the sale of the Property in a manner consistent with the conservation purpose of this easement and the Open-Space Land Act.

3. **AMENDMENT.** Grantor and Grantee, or Grantee and the then owner of the Property, may amend or modify the Easement to strengthen its terms, increase protection of the Property's conservation value and natural resources, add to the restricted property, provided that no amendment shall be allowed which affects the Easement's perpetual duration or results in any financial benefit to the Grantor or the then property owner. No amendment or modification shall be effective unless documented in a notarized writing executed by Grantee and the then owner of the Property and recorded among the land records of the Fauquier County, Virginia.

ARTICLE V – DOCUMENTATION

DOCUMENTATION. Documentation retained in the office of Grantee including, but not limited to the baseline documentation report, describes the condition and character of the Property at the time of the gift. The Documentation may be used to determine compliance with and enforcement of the terms of the Easement; however, the parties are not precluded from using other relevant evidence or information to assist in that determination. Grantor has made available to Grantee, prior to the donation, documentation sufficient to establish the condition of

the Property at the time of the gift. The parties hereby acknowledge that the documentation supplied and contained in the files of Grantee is an accurate representation of the Property.

ARTICLE VI – GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. **TITLE.** Grantor covenants and warrants that Grantor has good title to the Property, that Grantor has all right and authority to grant and convey this Easement and that the Property is free and clear of all encumbrances, including but not limited to, any mortgages not subordinated to this Easement.

2. **ACCEPTANCE.** Acceptance of this conveyance by Grantee is authorized by Virginia Code Section 10.1-1701 and is evidenced by the signature of Paul McCulla, County Administrator, by authority granted by Grantee’s Board, _____, 2016.

3. **ASSIGNMENT BY GRANTEE.** Grantee may transfer or convey this Easement to a public body, as the same is defined by the Open-Space Land Act, but only if Grantee conditions such transfer or conveyance on the requirements that;
 - (i) All restrictions and conservation purposes set forth in this Easement are to be continued in perpetuity; and
 - (ii) The transferee agrees not to convert or divert the Property from open-space land uses except as permissible under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and under Section 10.1-1704 of the Open-Space Land Act; and
 - (iii) The transferee then qualifies as an eligible donee as defined in Section 170(h)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, and the applicable Treasury Regulations; and
 - (iv) The transferee records among the land records where the Easement is recorded an assignment of the Easement and provides written notice of such assignment to the Grantor or the then current owner of the Property.

4. **NOTICES TO GRANTEE.** Grantor shall notify Grantee in writing at, or prior to, closing on any inter vivos transfer or sale of the Property. Any notices, requests for

approval or other communications to Grantee or any notices, responses to requests for approval or other communications to Grantor under any section of this Easement shall be in writing and sent to the following addresses or to such addresses as may hereafter be specified in writing:

Grantee:

Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County
Care of: Fauquier County Administrator
10 Hotel Street
Warrenton, Virginia 20186

Grantor:

Robert M. Monk and Jill A. Monk
2792 Bull Run Mountain Rd.
The Plains, VA 20198

5. **INCLUSION OF TERMS IN SUBSEQUENT DEEDS.** This Easement shall be referenced by deed book and page number, instrument number or other appropriate reference in any deed or other instrument conveying any interest in the Property.

6. **CONSTRUCTION.** Any general rule of construction to the contrary notwithstanding, this Easement shall be liberally construed in favor of the grant to affect the purposes of the Easement and the policy and purposes of Grantee. If any provision of this Easement is found to be ambiguous, an interpretation consistent with the purposes of this Easement that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid. Notwithstanding the forgoing, lawful acts or uses not expressly prohibited by this Easement are permitted on the Property. Grantor and Grantee intend that the grant of this Easement qualify as a “qualified conservation contribution” as that term is defined in Section 170(h)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations §1.170A-14, and the restrictions and other provisions of this instrument shall be construed and applied in a manner that will not prevent this Easement from being a qualified conservation contribution.

7. **INTERACTION WITH OTHER LAWS.** This Easement does not permit any use of the Property which is otherwise prohibited by federal, state, or local law or regulation. Neither the Property, nor any portion of it, shall be included as part of the gross area of other property not subject to this Easement for the purposes of determining density, lot

coverage or open-space requirements under otherwise applicable laws, regulations or ordinances controlling land use and building density. No development rights that have been encumbered or extinguished by this Easement shall be transferred to any other property pursuant to a transferable development rights scheme, cluster development arrangement or otherwise.

8. **ZONING ORDINANCE.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Easement, Grantee's Zoning Ordinance shall apply to the Property and shall take precedence over this Easement to the extent that the Zoning Ordinance regulations are more restrictive than the terms of this Easement.
9. **MERGER.** Grantor and Grantee agree that in the event that Grantee acquires a fee interest in the Property, this Easement shall not merge into the fee interest, but shall survive the deed and continue to encumber the Property.
10. **TAX MATTERS.** The parties hereto agree and understand that any value of this Easement claimed for tax purposes as a charitable gift must be fully and accurately substantiated by an appraisal from a qualified appraiser as defined in IRS regulations (see Section 1.170A-13(c)(5)), and that the appraisal is subject to review, audit and challenge by all appropriate tax authorities. The Grantee makes no express or implied warranties that any tax benefits will be available to Grantor from donation of this Easement, or that any such tax benefits might be transferable, or that there will be any market for any tax benefits that might be transferable. By its execution hereof, Grantee acknowledges and confirms receipt of the Easement and further acknowledges that Grantee has not provided any goods or services to Grantor in consideration of the grant of the Easement.
11. **WARRANTIES.** THE COUNTY OF FAUQUIER AND ANY CO-HOLDER MAKE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES REGARDING WHETHER ANY TAX BENEFITS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GRANTOR FROM THE DONATION OR ANY PARTIAL DONATION OF THIS EASEMENT, NOR WHETHER ANY SUCH TAX BENEFITS MIGHT BE TRANSFERABLE, NOR WHETHER THERE WILL BE

ANY MARKET FOR ANY TAX BENEFITS WHICH MIGHT BE TRANSFERABLE, NOR WHETHER THIS DEED OR ANY OTHER FORM OR DOCUMENTATION PREPARED BY THE COUNTY WILL SATISFY ANY STATE OR FEDERAL REQUIREMENT, LAW OR REGULATION RELATED TO TAX CREDITS OR DEDUCTIONS FOR THE DONATION OR PARTIAL DONATION OF THIS EASEMENT.

12. **RIGHT TO DESIGNATE EASEMENT CO-HOLDER.** Grantee shall have the right, in its sole discretion, now and at any time in the future, to transfer part or all interest it has under this Easement to a public body as the same is defined in Section 10.1-1700 of the Open-Space Land Act. Such transfer shall not require the consent of the Grantor or any trustee under a deed of trust which has been subordinated to this Easement, but shall be subject to the conditions and requirements of subsection 3 of this section (Assignment by Grantee).
13. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this deed or its application to any person or circumstance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining provisions of this Easement shall not be affected thereby.
14. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This instrument sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the Easement and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings, or agreements relating to the Easement.
15. **CONTROLLING LAW.** The interpretation and performance of this Easement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
16. **RECORDING.** This Easement shall be recorded in the land records office of the Circuit Court of Fauquier County, Virginia, and Grantee may re-record it any time as may be required to preserve its rights under this Easement.

“Signature pages to follow”

WITNESS the following signatures and seals:

_____(SEAL)
ROBERT M. MONK, Grantor

_____(SEAL)
JILL A. MONK, Grantor

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY OF FAUQUIER, TO WIT:

I, _____, a Notary Public for the Commonwealth aforesaid, hereby certify that **Robert M. Monk and Jill A. Monk**, husband and wife, Grantor, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

Registration No.: _____

Accepted:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA
A body corporate and politic

By: _____
Paul McCulla
Its County Administrator

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
COUNTY OF FAUQUIER, TO WIT:

I, _____, a Notary Public for the Commonwealth aforesaid, hereby certify that **Paul McCulla**, Fauquier County Administrator, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the foregoing instrument on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County, Virginia.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

Registration No.: _____

Bank: CITIBANK, N.A.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

STATE OF _____,
CITY/COUNTY OF _____, TO WIT:

I, _____, a Notary Public for the State/County
aforesaid, hereby certify that _____,
_____ (title) of **CITIBANK, N.A.**, personally appeared before me this
day and acknowledged the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

Registration No.: _____

Trustee: GLASSER AND GLASSER, P.L.C.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: Trustee

STATE OF _____,
CITY/COUNTY OF _____, TO WIT:

I, _____, a Notary Public for the State/County
aforesaid, hereby certify that _____, on behalf
of GLASSER and GLASSER, P.L.C., as Trustee, personally appeared before me this day and
acknowledged the foregoing instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

Registration No.: _____

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