

PREPARATION OF A PLAN FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF
CERTAIN COLLEGE WOODS AS A NATURE PRESERVE
FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

WHEREAS, The Board of Visitors recognizes the potential of the major portion of the College Woods north and west of Lake Matoaka for development as a future nature preserve for educational purposes, and

WHEREAS, Such a development could serve not only the educational needs of the College and the Williamsburg area, but also as a distinctive ecological and botanical resource of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and

WHEREAS, The President of the College has reported to the Board the difficulties encountered in reference to protection, preservation, and improvements of these woods, which have not been thinned or treated in some forty years, especially from the standpoint of lack of financial resources for this purpose, and the fact that considerable attention has more recently been focused on the problem because of the cutting of certain of the woods occasioned by the infestation of Southern Pine Bark Beetle, but of necessity involving the selective cutting of some aged hardwood in the particular area involved--which cutting is being done in accordance with the advice of the State Forestry Service, and

WHEREAS, The President of the College has further recommended that a plan be prepared for the systematic management and supervision of certain areas of the College Woods whereby the approach to relieving periodic emergency situations, such as the one now being experienced, can be handled with understanding and support of all concerned--which plan, if developed properly, would prove worthy of consideration for financial assistance by whatever agency may be authorized by the General Assembly as a result of the recent report of the Virginia Outdoor Recreation Study Commission,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary authorizes the President to request the assistance of the Chairman of the Department of Biology, representatives of the State Forestry Service, and such others whose assistance may be helpful, in preparing such a plan for the establishment of the appropriate areas of the College Woods north and west of Lake Matoaka for development as a future nature preserve, involving an arboretum, bird sanctuary and similar features, for educational purposes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this plan or a progress outline of the same be submitted to the Board of Visitors at its meeting in January, 1966, for consideration, and with a view to its constituting the basis for a possible proposal for financial support by whatever State agency may, at that time, be appropriate.