

February 8, 2022

Mr. Bill and Michelle DeWitt 16119 John Marshall Highway Broad Run, VA 20137

Re:

Scott Cemetery Anomaly Truthing report

Dear Mr. and Ms. DeWitt:

I reviewed the report titled "Scott Cemetery Anomaly Truthing, Broad Run, Prince William County, Virginia (Goode and Goode 2022)."

While the excavation of the 11 anomalies showed no evidence of human burials, it remains unclear if other portions of the cemetery area, as reported by Ron Turner, contain human burials.

The results of the remote sensing and excavation of the 11 anomalies were impacted by the trash on the project area, the removal of that trash, the use of heavy equipment (dumpsters and trucks associated with the delivery and removal of dumpsters), the use of the Forester to clear this parcel of vegetation and possibly the depth of the excavations. Without additional archaeological testing, we cannot determine if burials exist or do not exist (see Figure 1 for the proposed testing area).

Until that additional archeology is performed, refrain from engaging in any land disturbing activity on the property. I will continue to make myself available to assist you in navigating this challenging issue efficiently.

We are scheduling a public meeting in the near future to review the findings of the remote sensing and truthing reports. I invite your archaeology consultants to attend and present their findings and answer questions.

In addition, we will post the report "Scott Cemetery Anomaly Truthing, Broad Run, Prince William County, Virginia (Goode and Goode 2022)." on www.princewilliamthoroughfare.com this week, accompanied by my professional assessment and recommendations as I have shared here.

Sincerely,

Justin S. Patton

County Archaeologist

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Figure 1. Proposed Additional Testing Area Scott Cemetery

