#### RESOLUTION NO. 2952

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SALISBURY UNIVERSITY TO ALLOW THE UNIVERSITY TO UTILIZE PORTIONS OF THE PLANT STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY TO REDEVELOP OUT OF USE INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES AND TO PROVIDE A SAFE MULTI-MODAL PATH TO THE STUDENT BODY AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

WHEREAS, the City of Salisbury supports redevelopment of several out-of use industrial properties; and

WHEREAS, Salisbury University intends to construct a multi-modal path connecting to and extending the City's Rail-with-Trail for the betterment of the student population and general public; and

WHEREAS, the path and its associated utility and landscaping improvements will benefit the City as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Plant Street right-of-way is currently a dead-end, is of little general use, and Salisbury University owns the parcels along the approximate 300 foot length of the easterly border of Plant Street; and

WHEREAS, the City and Salisbury University have jointly developed the attached Memorandum of Understanding that defines the responsibilities of each party in regard to the use of the Plant Street Right-of-Way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Salisbury University and enter for the use/maintenance of Plant Street in connection with the referenced multi-modal path.

THIS RESOLUTION was introduced and duly passed at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury, Maryland held on June 10, 2019 and is to become effective immediately upon adoption.

ATTEST:

Kimberly R. Nichols

CITY CLERK

John R Heath

PRESIDENT, City Council

APPROVED by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

2019

Jacob R. Day

MAYOR, City of Salisbury

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF SALISBURY AND SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

This Agreement is made by and between the City of Salisbury ("City") and Salisbury University (SU), an institution of higher learning in the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, the Salisbury Charter (SC11-2) gives the City charge of all public ways in the City; and

WHEREAS, Section 10.04.010 gives the Mayor certain powers in connection with roadways; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the 2017 Salisbury Bicycle Network Plan in Resolution No. 2712 on December 13, 2016 which included provisions for a multi-modal "rail trail" within the City's corporate limits from Delmar, Maryland to Fruitland, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Salisbury University has purchased all parcels on the east side of Plant Street and the Parcel adjacent to the northern terminus of Plant Street; and

WHEREAS, the only property owner to the west of Plant Street is Norfolk-Southern Railroad which does not utilize Plant St for any form of access; and

WHEREAS, Plant Street is a fifty foot wide Right-of-Way extending three hundred feet in a northerly direction before terminating at a dead-end; and

WHEREAS, Salisbury University is the source of all traffic on Plant Street; and

WHEREAS, Salisbury University desires to modify the Street width in order to build a multi-modal rail trail to provide safe passage for pedestrians and cyclists to include City residents that may transit the path; and

WHEREAS, Salisbury University has agreed to build and maintain such a multi-modal path.

THEREFORE, based on the foregoing, the parties enter into the following Agreement.

### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF PLANT STREET FOR THE USE OF SALISBURY UNIVERSITY.

The City shall allow Plant Street to be used by SU for the purposes of access to the properties along its frontage and for the construction of an ADA-compliant multi-modal pedestrian and cycle path of at least 10 feet in width. SU may modify the existing cross-section and width of Plant Street as necessary for this purpose as long as the public is still allowed to

transit the Right-of-Way. A drawing of the site, 2018-02-12, 3D Arts Site Concept (2), is attached as Appendix A and made a part of this MOU.

### SECTION 2. TRANSFER OF MAINTENANCE OF PLANT STREET TO SALISBURY UNIVERSITY

Maintenance of surface and subgrade facilities, to include the Street surface itself, any underlying subgrade material and appropriate signage shall be the responsibility of SU. City shall be consulted with regard to signage to ensure that Section 10.04.010 of the City Code requirements are satisfied. Any new streetlights placed within the Right-of-Way shall conform to applicable City Standards and become the maintenance responsibility of SU.

# SECTION 3. CITY TO RETAIN RIGHT OF ACCESS TO SERVE PUBLIC UTILITIES BENEATH PLANT STREET AS REQUIRED

Maintenance of public utilities running the length of Plant Street will be serviced by the City as needed up to the standard point where City maintenance ends (up to, but not including any sanitary sewer clean-outs or water meters). The City will continue to maintain existing streetlights and electrical lines servicing them, until such a time that the existing lights may be replaced by SU.

Any stormwater treatment facilities that may be installed by SU, will be their responsibility to maintain.

### SECTION 4. THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES-TO-ENCUMBER (LTE)

The City shall remain the authorizing body to issue LTE's to allow private utilities to proceed through the Right-of-Way as necessary. However, SU shall be consulted prior to the issuance of any such LTE to ensure that any facilities constructed by the University will not be negatively impacted and that the proposed utility is for their benefit.

## SECTION 5. CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-MODAL PATH AND REQUIRED NARROWING OF PLANT STREET

It is jointly understood that the existing width of Plant Street will be narrowed to accommodate the construction of the multi-modal path. During construction SU will adhere to all applicable traffic control and safety standards. The City will be provided with final designs of the multi-modal path before construction so that the City can design the connections of its own path to that maintained by SU and ensure that the final design does not conflict with the City's rights in connection with the affected roadway. No construction shall begin until the City approves the final designs.

### SECTION 6. ACCESS BY GENERAL PUBLIC TO UNIVERSITY MULTI-MODAL PATH

As the City desires to establish a multi-modal path running the entirety of the City limits, it is understood that the City will align its path with that constructed by SU to provide a north-south axis throughout the City for use by the students of SU. In return, it is understood that residents of the City of Salisbury and members of the general public will have access to the reasonable and safe usage of the portion of the multi-modal path constructed and maintained by SU.

#### SECTION 7. MAINTENANCE OF MULTI-MODAL PATH

The multi-modal path built by SU on the City's Plant Street Right-of-Way will be fully funded and maintained by SU. Any connecting or adjacent portions of the City multi-modal path will be funded and maintained by the City. This includes any impervious or pervious surfacing, streetlights, landscaping or signage on the respective paths.

# SECTION 8. ABANDONMENT OR TRANSFER OF THE CITY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY

In the future, the City shall use its best efforts to only abandon or transfer the Plant Street Right-of-Way in such a manner that all improvements constructed by SU will enter into the legal, deeded possession of SU. Should abandonment or transfer in such a manner not be possible, the City shall retain the Right-of-Way and this Memorandum shall remain in effect.

### **SECTION 8. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement represents the parties' entire agreement with respect to the matters specified herein.

#### **SECTION 9. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE**

It is understood that this Agreement shall be governed by and construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland. Venue for any actions arising under this Agreement shall be in Wicomico County.

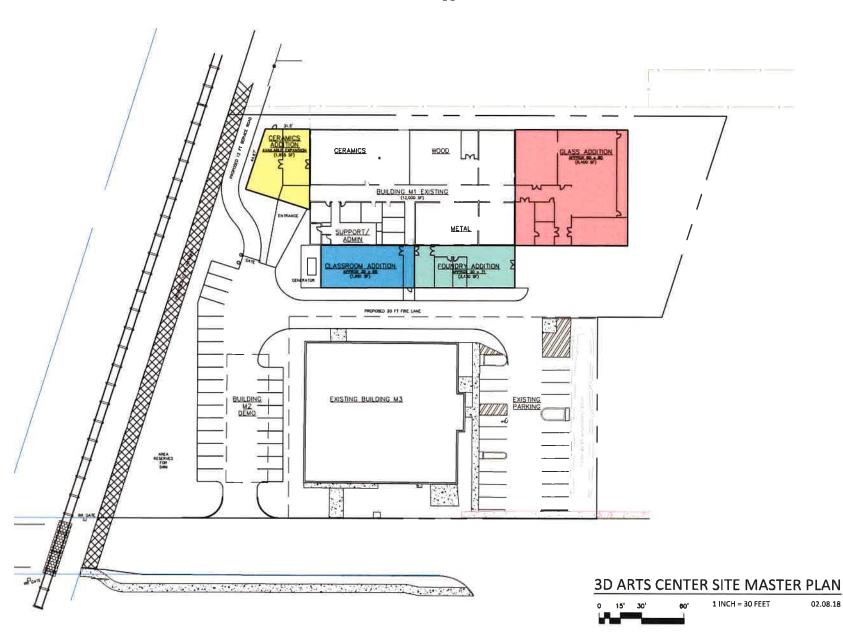
#### SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY

Any provision of the Agreement which is prohibited or unenforceable shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions thereof.

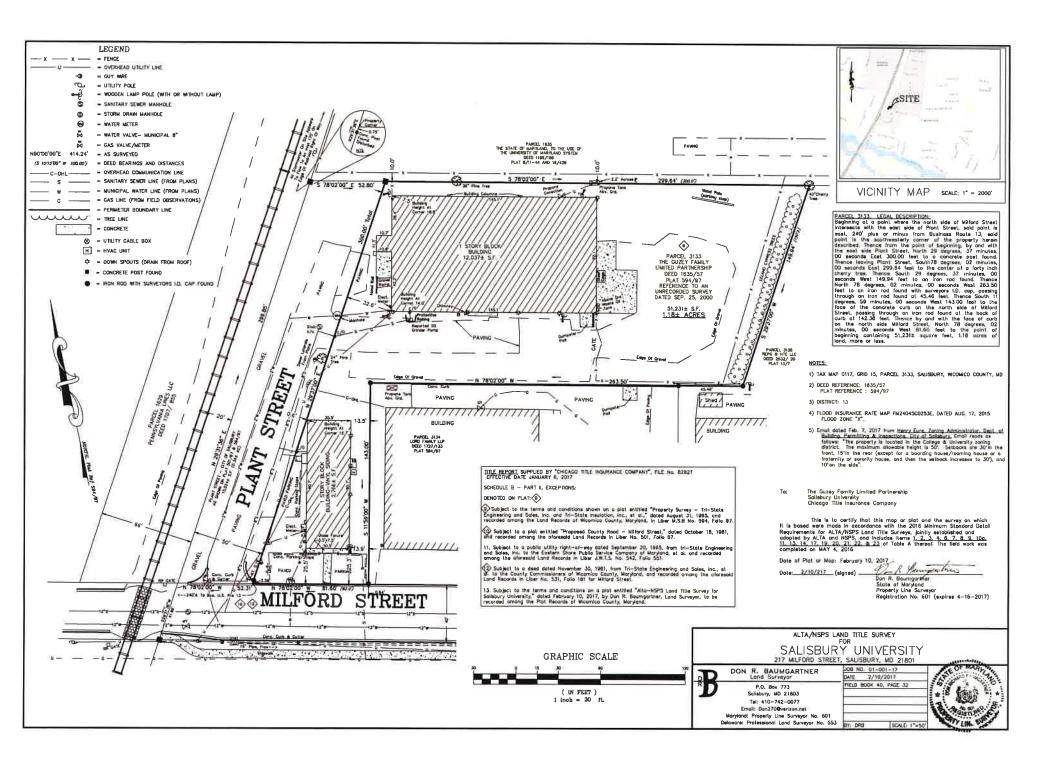
THIS AGR	REEMENT is	hereby executed by the	e duly authorized rep	resentatives of the
parties as of this_	day of	, 2019.		

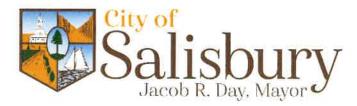
ATTEST:	
Kimberly R. Nichols Kimberly R. Nighols, City Clerk	
Approved by me, thisday of	2019.
Jacob R. Day Mayor City of Salisbury	John R. Heath City Council President City of Salisbury
Marvin Pyles Vice President for Administration and Finance Salisbury University	

Appendix A









To: Julia Glanz, City Administrator

From: Amanda Pollack, P.E., Director of Infrastructure and Development

Date: May 22, 2019

Re: Memorandum of Understanding with Salisbury University for use of Plant Street

Salisbury Department of Infrastructure and Development received a request from Salisbury University to utilize the Plant Street right-of-way. Plant Street is a fifty foot right-of-way located north of Milford Street and east of the Railroad right-of-way. Plant Street is paved to allow for access to buildings on the street. The ALTA survey is attached for reference.

Salisbury University would like to utilize the Plant Street right-of-way to provide for the ten foot wide Rail Trail bicycle and pedestrian pathway, as well as for vehicular access to buildings, parking and stormwater management. The University is planning improvements to the existing building and will have classrooms located off of Plant Street. Additionally, the right-of-way will have a twelve foot wide service road to the athletic fields.

The attached Memorandum of Understanding details the proposed uses and responsibilities. The Department of Infrastructure and Development recommends adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding and supports the creation of the Rail Trail segment.

Unless you or the Mayor have further questions, please forward a copy of this memo, the Resolution and the Memorandum of Understanding to the City Council.