

**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY  
PROTOCOLS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT  
SYSTEMS IN THE DRONE PARK**

**I. Purpose**

This document is supplemental to the *Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Policy Governing the Operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)* and serves to outline the Protocol for conducting UAS operations on University-controlled property. This protocol document establishes the minimum qualifications to operate, specific flight authorizations may require additional qualifications.

**II. Protocol**

The Drone Park has been provided by the University as a place where students, researchers, faculty, staff or University affiliates can safely operate a UAS without the constraints of certifications or training. This facility has been provided as a resource to encourage research, learning and enjoyment.

Anyone seeking to operate a UAS in the Drone Park will be permitted to do so by scheduling their flight with the UAS Safety Office and completing a brief introduction to the safe and appropriate use of the facility. FAA certification is not required to operate in the Drone Park as this space is not considered part of the National Airspace System. Requests for schedule times can be submitted by contacting [ytdronepark@vt.edu](mailto:ytdronepark@vt.edu) or (540) 231-7484 / 7303.

Please submit inquiries concerning UAS operations to the UAS Safety Office at [uassafety@vt.edu](mailto:uassafety@vt.edu) or (540) 231-7484 / 7303.

**Drone Park Checklist**

- ✓ Completion of Drone Park orientation
- ✓ Scheduling and de-confliction with Drone Park User Community/Calendar

This Protocol has been reviewed and approved by the Virginia Tech Unmanned Aircraft Systems Oversight Committee.

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