**Hotel Accommodations**

Welcome to Hampton Inn & Suites Smithfield, located just minutes from the Historic District. The hotel is situated in a tranquil coastal village known for its rich history and hospitality.

Business center, indoor pool, Free Wi-Fi Internet access, available throughout the hotel.

Ask for the “Virginia Nursery & Landscape Association” special rate of $119.00/room

Make your own reservations at:

- 757-365-4760
- Code: VNL

**RESERVATION CUTOFF:**

June 30

(As available after this date)

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**Directions to Bennett’s Creek Nursery from Hampton Inn & Suites**

9 minutes – 5.2 miles from Hampton Inn & Suites

Additional directions, details and updated information available on the VNLA website at http://www.vnla.org

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**Bennett’s Creek Nursery**

- 1974 – Started by Art Lancaster
- 1988 – Speculating future urbanization of Suffolk, BCN Begins to purchase land near Smithfield, VA
- 1994 – Wayne Sawyer becomes President
- 1999 – First crop is grown at the Smithfield location
- 1999 – 2008 Smithfield operation expands and more land is acquired
- 2011 – Wayne Sawyer is named “Nursery Grower of the Year” by Nursery Management
- 2013 – Adjacent retreat center is acquired and renovations begin for the corporate office. Land total reaches 400 acres
- 2015 – Wayne Sawyer passes away after a lifelong career in horticulture. Matthew Sawyer becomes CEO and John Lancaster is named President.
- 2016 – Projects are underway to complete the mover from the original location, including a sales yard, automotive shop, and propagation facility.

**2017 - VNLA Field Day**

(Left) This Sprayer, delivered in the Fall of 2016, was custom built by Airtec Sprayers, 72’ coverage, and will clear hoop houses up to 12’ in height. 500-gallon tank. 40-60 gallons per acre with 25% reduction in chemical usage. See it in action at Field Day!