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### **SAVING A HISTORICAL HOME REQUIRES THE RIGHT TOOLS**

Preserving America's history has always been dear to Joe Wilson's heart. As a member of the Buena Vista historical society in Virginia, Wilson has worked to preserve the history of his hometown.

When it was first mentioned that the Paxton House in Glen Maury Park may have had termites, Wilson was ready to literally protect history as the CEO of PermaTreat Pest and Termite Control in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Wilson assigned Jack Broome, PermaTreat's President and Chief Operating Officer, and Jerry Gastaldo, General Manager, to handle the job.

#### ***The Home and the Termites***

The Paxton House was the home of General Elijah "Bull" Paxton, a Confederate general who was killed at the Battle of Chancellorsville. Built in the 1830's, this Georgian architectural style home was in disrepair for years. In 1971, the city of Buena Vista purchased the Paxton House and surrounding farmland. The Virginia Historic Landmark Commission proclaimed the Paxton House an historic landmark in the spring of 1978.

"When we got the call that there may be termites at the Paxton House, our first duty was to go out and do a full inspection," said Broome. "The inspection revealed an active infestation near the center stairwell in the basement and also around the jam of the front door." The Paxton House was infested with Eastern subterranean termites, which are common throughout Virginia and can be found throughout much of the United States.

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### *The Right Tool*

The decision was made to do a conventional termite treatment using America's #1 termite defense product, **Termidor**<sup>®</sup> termiticide-insecticide. Conventional termite treatments include digging a trench around the structure to create a treated zone the termites travel through en route to the home.

"We decided to do a full conventional treatment as opposed to performing spot treatments on the infested areas, to not only control the current infestations, but also protect the structure from future infestations," said Gastaldo.

On March 17, 2008, two PermaTreat technicians successfully treated this unique structure, and the company will continue to perform yearly inspections to ensure the Paxton House remains termite free.

"We cannot thank PermaTreat Pest and Termite Control and BASF Professional Pest Control enough for donating their time, expertise and products to save this Virginia landmark," said Virginia Hess of the Paxton Historical Society. "Preserving our heritage is the best way we know to provide a strong foundation for future generations."

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