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VACo Achievement Awards
1207 East Main Street
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find two (2) copies of Culpeper County's application for the 2012 VACo Achievement Awards in the category of Regional Collaboration. This application represents the significant efforts undertaken by Culpeper County working with the Town of Culpeper to solve long standing issues surrounding regional cooperation on water and sewer services and boundary line adjustment. The accomplishments described in this application brought an end to over a decade of debate. The solution reached is adaptive, provides only positive outcomes for each jurisdiction and could serve as a model for others to follow.

The Voluntary Settlement Agreement between the Town and County of Culpeper addressed numerous concerns raised by both jurisdictions in an adaptive and original way. We do not know of any similar agreements to address regional provision of utility services or jurisdictional boundary line adjustment, let alone both issues in a single agreement. The Agreement provides for flexibility, allowing sewer service areas to change over time in response to growth patterns without a need to revisit the Agreement. It allows the County to control its land use, but once development is in place, there are density criteria which determine eligibility for boundary adjustment. Water and sewer customers outside of the Town Corporate Limits who had paid a premium in the past are now treated exactly the same as in-Town customers. This Agreement has improved every facet of the relationship between the Town and the County of Culpeper because both jurisdictions are very happy with the outcome.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at (540) 727-3427, or you may contact John Egertson, Planning Director at (540) 727-3404.

Sincerely,

Frank T. Bossio, County Administrator

Enclosures