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VACo Preliminary 2015 Legislative Program



FROM
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VACo First Vice President
Resolutions Committee Chair

VACo has released its [Preliminary 2015 Legislative Program](#), which was developed by the association's seven policy Steering Committees. The document includes a host of important and timely proposed policy statements including language regarding K-12 education funding, stormwater regulations, employee benefits, state and local fiscal obligations and other critical issues.

Please click on the link to read the [Preliminary 2015 Legislative Program](#).

The 2015 Legislative Program is to be adopted during the annual conference at the Omni Homestead Resort in Bath County. VACo's seven steering committees will finalize and adopt their policy sections on Sunday, November 9. The Resolutions Committee will discuss and ratify the program on Monday, November 10, and the VACo membership will adopt the program during the annual business meeting on Tuesday, November 11.

Please contact **Dean Lynch** or **Beau Blevins** for more information about VACo's legislative process at dlynch@vaco.org or bblevins@vaco.org.

Request for County Legislative Proposals

The next key component of the VACo Legislative Process is to hear directly from member counties regarding their policy priorities for the 2015 session of the General Assembly.

In order to assist VACo's steering committees in receiving this critical input in advance of the VACo Annual Conference, please send Erik Johnston (ejohnston@vaco.org) your county's legislative program or issues the county has identified for the 2015 General Assembly session as soon as the information becomes available and no later than **November 1**.



VACo Director of Government Affairs **Erik Johnston** recently presented an Achievement Award to Pittsylvania County for its program titled "Tobacco Barns Preservation Project." It was the second time the county won an Achievement Award. Pittsylvania was also an award winner in 2010. Pictured in the back row from left to right are Supervisor **Tim Barber**, Supervisor **Brenda Bowman** and Supervisor **Elton Blackstock**. Pictured in the front row from left to right are Supervisor **James Snead**, Supervisor **Coy Harville**, **Sonja Ingram** (Preservation Virginia), **Erik Johnston**, Board Chair **Jessie Barksdale** and Supervisor **Jerry Hagerman**.



VACo Executive Director **Jim Campbell** presents Pulaski County with an Achievement Award. The County won its first ever award for the program "Emergency Management Deputy Coordinators." Joining Campbell are members of the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors.

**Are you considering
participating in the
VACo/VML Virginia
Investment Pool?**

**Join us for VIP's
1st Annual Meeting!**



Local governments and authorities from across Virginia are joining the VACo/VML Virginia Investment Pool (VIP) to take advantage of the higher yields available from 1-3 year fixed income investments.

Join us at the first VIP Annual Meeting to learn more about this opportunity from local participants, Board members, program staff, and portfolio fund managers.

Featured Speakers:

- **Fred Parker**, Treasurer, Washington County
- **Allen Scarbrough**, Treasury Manager, Prince William County

**ON
Investing in Virginia: Best Practices and
Things that may Surprise You**

Friday, October 24
SunTrust Center - Tidewater Room
10:30 am - 1:15 pm
919 East Main Street, 4th Floor
Richmond, VA

We hope to see you there!

To RSVP, please email your Name, Title & Organization to info@valocalfinance.org.



Zody named Bedford County Director of Community Development

The Office of County Administrator is pleased to announce that Gregg B. Zody has been named as Bedford County's new Director of Community Development effective November 3. Zody is presently Director of Planning and Zoning for Orange County, Virginia, a position he has held since January 2011. He succeeds former Bedford County Community Development Director Tim Wilson who resigned in June for a position with the Town of South Boston, Virginia.

Zody, a native of Blacksburg, is a 1990 graduate of Virginia Tech with a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Public Administration and Public Affairs, earning his B.S. in Urban Studies and Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University. His prior professional positions include Director, Assistant Director and Senior Planner posts with the Monroe County, Indiana Planning Commission in Bloomington (1999-2010), and regional planning positions with both the New River Valley and Middle Peninsula Planning District Commissions in Virginia. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Zody was chosen from a field of over 20 applicants solicited beginning in July.

"I feel Gregg will bring to Bedford County the depth of experience we need in helping guide the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in long-range planning and land-use regulatory matters," says Mark Reeter, Bedford County Administrator. "The County needs both expertise in practical planning and regulation as well as departmental management skills which Gregg's career demonstrates." Board of Supervisors Chairman John Sharp concurs. "We look forward to Mr. Zody's leadership as Bedford County's new Director of Community Development. He has demonstrated his knowledge and leadership in Orange County and we expect he will be a welcome addition to our community."

"I am honored to serve the residents, elected and appointed officials as a member of the Bedford County team, and look forward to working with both the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission members toward implementing their respective goals," says Zody.

The Bedford County Department of Community Development is one of the largest of the 11 administrative departments of the central county government established by the Board of Supervisors under the direction of the County Administrator, consisting of 25 positions organized into four operational divisions - Building Inspection, Geographic Information Systems, Natural Resources and Planning.

The Department is responsible for the County's building inspections and constructions permits, countywide mapping database, erosion and storm water management programs, and zoning and subdivision regulations and long-range planning processes. Three of the four divisions are supervised by division heads reporting to the Director, with the Director directly responsible for Planning Division. The annual operating budget for the Department is approximately \$1.3 million.



Loudoun County awarded national fish and wildlife grant

Loudoun County citizens will benefit from a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant recently awarded to the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC). The \$200,000 grant from the foundation's Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund will help pay for several water quality improvement projects in the county.

Loudoun County is partnering on the projects with the PEC, the Town of Lovettsville, Virginia Cooperative Extension-Master Gardeners, and the New Town Meadows, Sugarland Run and Broadlands HOAs. The projects funded by the grant include: stormwater infrastructure improvements, tree plantings, and nutrient management planning.

Loudoun County is interested in working with other partner groups to protect and improve water quality. Any group interested in such a partnership should contact Alan Brewer, Strategic Policy and Programs Administrator, at 571.258.3444 or alan.brewer@loudoun.gov.

The grant funds are intended to support, protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay. The projects funded by the grant will assist Loudoun County in meeting the Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) pollution reduction goals. More information on Phase II WIP is online at www.loudoun.gov/wip.



Financial Facts

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On September 19, the IRS issued its annual update for special per diem rates for use in substantiating certain business expenses taxpayers incur when traveling away from home in 2014 and 2015. (Notice 2014-57) The updated rates are effective for per diem allowances paid to any employee on or after October 1, 2014, and supersede the rates in Notice 2013-65. The per diem rate for incidental-expenses-only deduction remains at \$5 per day regardless of the locality of travel.

Employers are required to send Medicare Part D disclosure by October 15, 2014, to all eligible employees. You must inform all employees if the prescription drug coverage you offer is "credible." Credible means the prescription drug coverage you offer is expected to pay, on average, as much as the standard Medicare prescription drug coverage.

County perspective on Workforce Development highlighted at Small Business Commission Meeting

The Small Business Commission Meeting on September 29 highlighted the role of counties in improving Virginia's workforce development system. Patrick Barker, Executive Director and Sally Michaels, Existing Business Coordinator of the Frederick County Economic Development Authority highlighted their industry cluster initiative, business call team, business forums and career pathways program.

Erik Johnston, VACo Director of Government Affairs, provided an overview of the county role in economic and workforce development and gave an overview of VACo priorities on the issue.

Frederick County's Career Pathways Program was highlighted during the meeting as a successful example of a locality bringing together business, teachers and students. Since the program's inception 46 businesses, 1,259 teachers and 5,157 students have participated in tours and educational trainings that connect students with careers that exist in the community.

The VACo presentation stated that VACo members have consistently included support for the workforce development system as a key issue during the VACo policy process and the current draft legislative program for 2015 identifies meeting workforce development challenges as a priority.

Virginia county officials are not unique in their concern regarding workforce development challenges. A [nationwide survey](#) of county officials released by the National Association of Counties in July of this year found that the workforce skills gap is the top economic development barrier cited by county leaders and county economic development professionals. County officials nationwide are focused on addressing the shortage of skilled workers and attracting and retaining a young workforce in their communities.

Local elected officials play a role in appointing officials and business leaders to Virginia's Regional Workforce Investment Boards. While federal and state funding represents nearly all of the funding for traditional workforce development programs, localities are major funding partners in all of the key ingredients that either complement or are critical to supporting the workforce development system including community/infrastructure development, K-12 education funding, business attraction and recruitment and more.

As the debate about improving Virginia's workforce development system continues, VACo encourages a broad focus on not just maintaining and improving direct workforce development training programs, but also the state maintaining its partnership with localities on K-12 funding, transportation/infrastructure development, and the broad array of state/local partnerships on community and economic development.

VACo's membership supports flexibility for workforce development programs to meet the specific challenges identified by the public and private sector at the local and regional level. Lastly, VACo supports state efforts to fund, encourage and facilitate local and regional efforts to convene and facilitate cooperation between the numerous stakeholders involved in Virginia's workforce system.

JLARC will release a comprehensive study on Virginia's Workforce Development System in December and VACo will continue to insert county priorities into the policy debate moving into the 2015 General Assembly Session. Please contact [Erik Johnston](#) if you have additional priorities and policy suggestions that you would like VACo's Economic Development and Planning Steering Committee to consider at VACo's upcoming Annual Conference in November.



Advisory Panel on Fracking holds fifth meeting

By Larry Land
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On September 24 the Regulatory Advisory Panel (RAP) held its fifth meeting at the University of Mary Washington's Dahlgren campus in King George County.

This RAP consists of representatives from industry, environmental organizations and local government. Its purpose is to assist the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) with the development of regulations to permit hydraulic fracking.

A chief issue discussed was whether or not the new regulations should include a provision requiring an applicant for a fracking permit to provide DMME with certification that the activity complies with local land use ordinances. Inclusion

of this requirement is supported by local government representatives, but opposed by the industry. The RAP is likely to revisit the issue at its next meeting that has not yet been scheduled.

Conceptually, RAP members have reached agreement on a number of issues, one of which is public disclosure of chemicals that used in the fracking process. RAP members also agree on the placement of groundwater wells in proximity to the drill pad where fracking activity takes place. However, the RAP has not yet been presented by DMME with regulatory language that would put these requirements into effect. DMME plans to present the RAP with a new set of draft regulations later in the process.

Over the next few months, there are

at least two additional issues that the RAP is likely to address. The first of these is financial assurance, or the method by which an operator can demonstrate financial wherewithal to clean up any environmental damages caused by fracking. Another issue relates to monitoring for possible impacts from fracking on surface water.

Altogether, the process for developing new regulations on fracking could take another year so RAP can consider a number of controversial issues and review actual regulatory language.

Following the completion of the RAPs work, the newly proposed regulations will need to undergo extensive and detailed administrative and public review procedures required under the Administrative Process Act.

Visit Fluvanna County and the Pleasant Grove House



Open House Planned for Old Farm Day on Saturday, October 4

One of Fluvanna County's treasures, the Pleasant Grove House, has now been restored and expanded in a mutual effort by Fluvanna County, the Fluvanna Historical Society and the Fluvanna Heritage Trail Foundation. "This project has taken many years of planning and cooperation between our local government and Fluvanna's non-profit organizations, and it is a major addition to accomplishing one of our primary goals – celebrating our heritage and inviting others to enjoy it," said Mozell Booker, Chair of the Fluvanna Board of Supervisors.

Pleasant Grove is a historic home located along the Rivanna River on land purchased by Fluvanna County in 1994. It was built in 1854, and is a two-story, five bay, brick dwelling with a low hipped roof. It features a four bay pedimented front porch, a mousetooth cornice, architrave moldings, and a delicate stair. Also nearby are the restored summer kitchen and the Haden family cemetery. At the request of the Fluvanna Historical Society the County placed the house, the cemetery and the adjoining five acres on the National Register of Historic Places in 2004 having been declared eligible based on the vernacular architecture and history of the building.

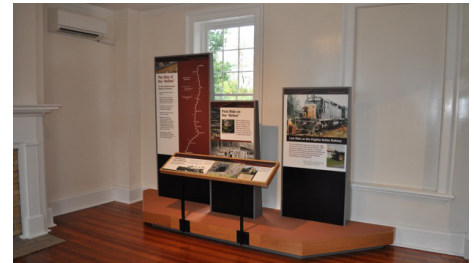
Preceding the current restoration project, the County, the Historical Society and the Fluvanna Heritage Trail Foundation successfully competed for grant funding from the Virginia Department of Transportation to restore the historic summer kitchen adjacent to the house. The non-profits assisted with the funding by paying for part of the 20 percent match required by the grant. The summer kitchen has since been used by the Heritage Trail as its eastern trailhead and as a small museum providing information on Pleasant Grove, its house and the trail system. The Heritage Trail system at Pleasant Grove was designed and installed initially by volunteers.

Working together on planning the house restoration for many years, the group applied for a series of grants from the Commonwealth of Virginia and private foundations. The Historical Society wrote grants to those organizations which did not provide funding to local governments. Eventually the County and the Historical Society raised a total of \$873,750 for restoring Pleasant Grove House. In addition, the Heritage Trail contributed another \$7,500. This money has resulted in over 70 percent of the project cost being paid from sources other than Fluvanna County.

Plans call for the Pleasant Grove House to serve as a Welcome Center for visitors to our County. It will also contain exhibits relating to the history of transportation in Fluvanna including its reliance over the early years on the Rivanna and James rivers for commerce and movement of our agricultural production to Richmond and points east. To accommodate these uses, the County had a historically accurate two-story addition joined to the original building. The addition contains a catering facility, an elevator providing access for people with disabilities as well as office space. The top floor of the original structure will be used as office space for the Fluvanna Department of Parks and Recreation. Currently the exhibits for the Welcome Center and the museum are being installed. Fluvanna County has authorized funding for two part-time assistants to staff the Welcome Center.

The Historical Society is also working with the County on a new project – the construction of a Farm Heritage Museum to be located behind the new parking area for Pleasant Grove House. This museum will contain antique farm equipment donated by John May, one of the founders of Old Farm Day and from other local farmers. In addition to funds allocated by the County, the Historical Society is contributing its own money for the project and raising additional contributions from area foundations.

The County plans to have the Pleasant Grove House open to the public on Old Farm Day, Saturday, October 4. A formal grand opening will be held on November 6.



SOURCE: fluvannacounty.org/services/parks-and-recreation.

STAFF CONTACTS: Historical Society: **Marvin Moss**, 434.589.4839 | Fluvanna County Parks and Recreation: **Jason Smith**, 434.842.3150.

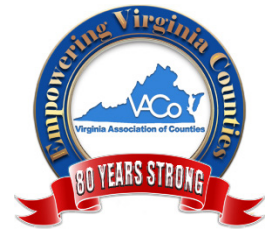
Mark Your Calendars

2014 Annual Conference Update

If you are attending VACo's Annual Conference here are a few helpful suggestions to make your time at The Omni Homestead run smoothly.

UPON ARRIVAL

Check-in time for your room is 4 p.m., and most rooms will be ready at this time. Valet parking is included in the 15 percent daily charge that is automatically added to your room rate. When you arrive, please remember that bellmen and doormen work for tips and are not compensated through any service fees collected by the hotel. These individuals should be rewarded at the guest's discretion for their superior service.



1. The doormen will give each guest a Valet Parking ticket for the car, or you may park in the complimentary parking lots at the top of the hill.
2. The doormen will give each guest a luggage ticket that you should take to the front desk where you will check-in.
3. You will need a credit card, a photo ID and your luggage claim ticket.
4. If your room **is** ready, you will receive your room keys and hotel ID cards and the bellman will deliver your luggage to your room.
5. If your room **is not** ready, you will receive a temporary ID card for charging purposes. Luggage will be stored until your room is ready.
6. Please provide a cell phone number if you would like to be called when your room is available.
7. Luggage delivery will take approximately 20 minutes, but can vary depending on the flow of guests arriving around the same time.

DINING

The Omni Homestead is home to five restaurants, a market, a bar and also offers in-room dining.

The different restaurants are open at varying times and have a variety of dress codes. Be sure to visit the [Dining Overview](#) page for more information before your arrival.

Dinner reservations are required and may be made when your room is reserved. Dinner is available in the Main Dining Room, Jefferson's Restaurant, Sam Snead's Tavern and the Casino Restaurant. You must provide the names of all individuals in your party. In addition, a credit card is needed for reservations of more than eight people. Please do not double book reservations, so that others may have the opportunity to make arrangements.

VACo's SUNDAY BANQUET

All conference attendees staying at The Omni Homestead may attend the Sunday banquet at no additional cost. So that we may provide an accurate headcount for the dinner, please indicate on your registration whether you will be attending the banquet or not. Banquet tickets are available for purchase by those who are staying off-site for \$75 per person. Banquet tickets will be collected and tracked to each attendee. **Unaccounted for tickets will be billed for their banquet meal.**

DAY OF DEPARTURE

Checkout time is before noon. Express checkout is available, and you may settle your room account by using your credit card.

1. To order your car for departure
 - Call the Transportation Department directly at Ext. 57711.
 - Allow 15 minutes for your car to be delivered at the front drive. Please keep in mind that peak departure is between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and you may experience a wait of up to 30 minutes.
 - As a reminder, we are unable to leave cars unattended in front of the resort, due to the flow of arrivals and departures. Please call for your car when you are ready to depart.
2. Luggage pick up
 - Please call the bellman directly by pressing the "Bellman Button" on your guest room phone, or dialing Ext. #57571.
 - Place luggage inside your guest room by the door for the bellman.
 - Your luggage may be retrieved on the front porch.
 - Please speak to a doorman for assistance with departure, and notify them if you have golf clubs to load.
3. Checkout
 - You will receive a copy of your charges under your door the last night of your stay.
 - You may checkout via the television by going to guest services.
 - You may leave your Express Checkout card (located in your key packet) at the Front Desk in the Express Checkout Box (keys may be dropped in the box).
 - You may check out directly with the front desk. Please keep in mind that peak departure is between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and you may experience an extended wait time.

BILL SPLITTING

Separate billing for room, the Daily Resort Charge, the Modified American Plan (MAP) and related taxes will be provided for each conference attendee staying at The Omni Homestead. Expenses for spouse, guests and children, as well as incidentals will be provided on a separate bill. For more information about bill splitting, please request assistance from the front desk during check-in.

VACo Contact: [Amy Elizabeth Vealey](#)

news from our associate members

PMA Architecture expands architectural and interior design staff

PMA Architecture, an award-winning design firm located in Hilton Village, welcomes Interior Designer Paige Wineinger and Intern Architect John “J” Scruggs IV to its staff. Paige and “J” will add to the design talent of the firm as it continues to grow and expand its work. In addition to increasing its staff, the firm will soon move into newly renovated space in the former Beecroft & Bull building in the heart of Hilton Village’s commercial district.



PAIGE WINEINGER (Interior Designer) - Paige grew up in Bermuda and has lived in New York City, Copenhagen, and San Francisco – giving her an early appreciation for global design. A former PMA Architecture intern, Paige returns to PMA as an honors graduate of the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York where she earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design. While at Pratt, Paige was a Green Week Competition winner and an exhibitor at the Pratt Show in Manhattan. Paige brings to PMA her experience working with high-end architecture & interiors firms in both California and New York. “I have been very lucky to work at some great firms in some fantastic cities, however when it comes down to it, I love the PMA family. I love the work they do here and I love being a part of it,” says Paige.



JOHN “J.” SCRUGGS IV (Intern Architect) - J earned his Bachelor of Architecture from Virginia Tech and is a resident of Hilton Village in Newport News. A founding member of *Re:Vision Norfolk* and a former architectural designer with MMM Design Group, J brings to PMA a particular knowledge of the Hampton Roads region and of urban design. His experience includes work on large higher education, municipal, and commercial design projects, as well as involvement in LEED and sustainability projects. As a designer that is passionate about helping clients transform a vision into schematic designs, 3D renderings, and ultimately finished buildings, J is “excited to join the team at PMA Architecture and get the chance to contribute to their impressive portfolio.”

PMA Architecture is involved in community design, architecture, and interior design as well as planning services. The firm partners with communities and clients from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Eastern Shore of Virginia on projects involving the preservation of historic communities and the design of new towns, offices and civic buildings for local government and medical and healthcare uses. PMA has been based in the historic Hilton Village section of Newport News, VA for over 35 years.

DJG, Inc. is proud
to participate in
VDOT’s
“Adopt-a-Highway”
program



DJG’s two-mile stretch of highway is on Longhill Road in Williamsburg between Centerville Road and Buford Road that will be cleaned four times a year. So far, the DJG team has collected over 40 bags of trash.

Besides the typical plastic and paper products, they have disposed of flash drives, car parts, several tires, a large television and a rusty gas can.

DJG is happy to do their part of keeping Virginia clean.



Governor creates commission tasked with ethics reform

On September 25, Governor Terry McAuliffe signed Executive Order 28 establishing the Commission to Ensure Integrity and Public Confidence in State Government.

The order asks the new 10-member commission to provide the Governor with recommendations in December 2014 on ethics laws and policies with the goal of pursuing legislation during the Virginia General Assembly's 2015 session. The commission will continue to meet in 2015 in order to study and make recommendations on other topics, including campaign finance, the selection and service of judges and other public officials, and gubernatorial terms.

"I am creating this commission because it is imperative that we foster a culture of professionalism in state government that attracts future leaders of the highest caliber," Governor McAuliffe said during his announcement at the state Capitol. "I want to guarantee superior service to the next generation of Virginians. And I want to establish an enduring culture of integrity on which this state can prosper. These are not merely my values. They are the essential covenant of democracy."

The appointees were selected based on their knowledge of government operations and the history of the issues they will examine.

"They are bipartisan and represent a cross section of political philosophies," Governor McAuliffe said. "They are pragmatists and problem-solvers. Most important, they are individuals with the highest credibility and integrity."

Former U.S. Representative Rick Boucher and former Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling have agreed to serve as co-chairmen of the commission. Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors agreed to serve as one of the commission members.

To learn more about the executive order and full list of commission members, [click here](#).

BEE Grants now available

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development is pleased to announce the 2015 Building Entrepreneurial Economies Grant Program application is now available.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2015 Building Entrepreneurial Economies (BEE) Grant program through Dec. 1, 2014. BEE Grants provide resources to micro-business development organizations, local governments, planning district commissions and other nonprofit organizations that deliver services to entrepreneurs in new and original ways.

DHCD seeks projects that are highly innovative, collaborative, include strong partnerships and advance other DHCD initiatives.

Organizations may apply for up to \$7,500 for a Planning Grant, up to \$45,000 for an Innovation Grant or up to \$25,000 for an Implementation Grant.

Planning Grants allow organizations to assess market demand for services, research innovative means of providing business services and identify resource gaps. Innovation Grants are available for those projects that advance entrepreneurial business practices in Virginia, such as brand new strategies never before used anywhere or field-tested in other states and countries, but not yet used in Virginia. Implementation Grants will help communities and organizations to implement business development strategies that result in business start-ups, expansions and job creation. Please see the [2015 Building Entrepreneurial Economies Program Design and Grant Application Manual](#) for more thorough descriptions of each type of BEE grant available.

Applications must be submitted in [CAMS](#) by 11:59 p.m. on December 1, 2014.

About Building Entrepreneurial Economies (BEE)

The [Building Entrepreneurial Economies](#) (BEE) program provides grants and technical assistance to regional and local organizations that specialize in assisting nontraditional entrepreneurs. This assistance includes preconcept counseling, business plan development, credit repair and counseling, credit access and continuing technical assistance. To deliver these services, they also partner with banks, area businesses, educational institutions, each other and/or other private and public entities within the community.

2014 Commonwealth Planning and Zoning Conference

This year's conference on October 12-14 in Richmond will feature four tracks.

[Download and Print Copy of Full Agenda](#)

- **Skill Building-** Planning Commissioners and staff planners alike will appreciate the need to keep their skill set sharp. This track offers basic and intermediate level trainings for new and seasoned community planners striving to "get it right."
- **Planning Practice-** Planning as it happens "in the wild". It's not always pretty but its always insightful. Learn from those who have gone before you. This track includes examples of how planning visions and zoning are being put into practice.
- **Hot Topics-** Fracking, Storm water, wireless technology...you've got questions, we've got information. Interact with the state's leading experts and hear the latest news and relevant information you can use back home.
- **High-Tech/ High-Touch-** Community participation. Computers. These are two things we struggle with sometimes. Don't worry. Bring your laptop and attend these sessions. You'll learn about the latest tools, and get a chance to get some hands-on training. Take what you learn back home and get more residents involved, and more useful input.

The registration fee includes all educational materials, refreshment breaks, and meals, unless otherwise indicated. Participants are personally responsible for their own travel and lodging expenses. Need lodging for the event? [Click here to get started!](#)

- \$ 50** Sunday Only
- \$ 180** Full Conference
- \$ 125** Monday and Tuesday Only
- \$ 100** Monday Only
- \$ 80** Student

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS HONOR LARRY DAVIS

2014 EDWARD J. FINNEGAN AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

The Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc. (LGA) awarded Larry W. Davis, Albemarle County Attorney, the Edward J. Finnegan Award for Distinguished Service at its recently concluded annual fall conference in Richmond. The LGA Finnegan Award recognizes Larry Davis for his significant and sustained contributions to Virginia local government law and the LGA.

Davis has served as the County Attorney for Albemarle County for 20 years. In recognition of his dedication to good government, Davis was honored for the remarkable depth and breadth of his knowledge of local government law, for his positive ethical influence on those in county governments, and for his advice on policy issues in addition to legal issues.

Davis's service with LGA has been extensive and significant. He was a board member from 1990 to 1992, treasurer from 1992 to 1993, vice-president from 1993 to 1994, and president from 1994 to 1995. More recently he was a member of the Awards Committee from 2005 to 2008. He was instrumental in laying the foundation for what is now the LGA ListServ, one of the organization's most heavily used resources. Throughout his involvement with the LGA, he has consistently served as a mentor and friend to other local government attorneys.

Davis's government service began in 1984 as an assistant county attorney in James City County. In 1989 he became the Spotsylvania County attorney, during a time of growth for the county. In 1994 Albemarle County hired Davis as its first in-house county attorney.

Davis received his Bachelor of Arts Degree with Highest Honors in Business Administration from Michigan State University in 1976 and his Juris Doctor degree from the College of William & Mary in 1979. He resides in Albemarle County with Lori Davis, his wife of 32 years. They have a son, Alex Davis, and a daughter, Abby Femino.



Larry W. Davis (center), Albemarle County Attorney, receiving the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia Edward J. Finnegan Award for Distinguished Service. Pictured with Davis are members of his office, from left to right, **John Blair**, **Greg Kamptner**, **Andy Herrick** and **Richard DeLoria**.

Virginia receives nearly \$1.2 million for local food economies

On September 29, Governor Terry McAuliffe, First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe, and Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Todd Haymore joined U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack at the State Fair of Virginia to announce that the Commonwealth was awarded nearly \$1.2 million in USDA funding to support local food economies. Authorized through the Agricultural Act of 2014 (the 2014 Farm Bill), Virginia received funding from three participating programs aimed at strengthening organic local and regional food systems through projects that recruit and train farmers, expand economic opportunities, and increase access to healthy foods.

Virginia received a total of \$1,178,409 from three programs to fund 18 projects across the state. Seven projects developing, expanding, and providing training and technical assistance to direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities received \$623,923 in funding from the Farmers Market Promotion Program. Eight projects received a total of \$353,064 from the Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) which focuses on processing, distributing, or storing locally or regionally produced food products. Finally, \$201,422 from the Federal State Market Improvement Program was awarded to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) to assist three projects in exploring new market opportunities for U.S. food and agricultural products and to encourage research and innovation aimed at improving the efficiency and performance of the marketing system.

During the visit, Secretary Vilsack also announced that USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) is making up to \$31.5 million in funding available to help participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) more easily afford healthy foods like fresh fruits and vegetables. For more information on this program, visit www.nifa.usda.gov.



Voting credentials for the November, 2014, VACo Annual Business Meeting scheduled for 11a.m. on November 11, have been sent to each county.

Please return these at your earliest convenience. You may send the credentials form back to VACo or fax it to 804.788.0083.

If you have questions or need a copy, please contact Vicky Steinruck (vsteinruck@vaco.org) or Amy Vealey (avealey@vaco.org).

VA Tech to offer webinars on biosolids

The Department of Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences at Virginia Tech will conduct three informational webinars later this year on biosolids. The webinars are designed to provide local officials – administrators and their staff, elected officials, planners, local attorneys and other interested individuals – basic information about biosolids.

The Department of Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences provides teaching, research and outreach on environmental and agronomic (crops and soils) sciences. Currently more than 230 students are enrolled in its two undergraduate degree programs, Environmental Science, and Crop and Soil Science, and more than 60 graduate students are studying for M.S. or Ph.D. degrees.

According to Dr. Greg Evanylo, Professor and Extension Specialist, it seemed like a good time to provide basic information on biosolids, its regulations and how it is used on farms and forests in Virginia. “Since the new comprehensive biosolids regulations managed by DEQ are now being implemented, and there are so many people who may be unfamiliar with biosolids, it seemed like a good time to provide general background on this material.”

The webinars are scheduled for November 18, from 1:30-3 p.m.; December 4, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and December 16, 10:30 a.m.-12p.m. Look for specific registration information for each of the webinars in October. Subject matter for each webinar is provided below:

SESSION ONE: Basic Information

November 18 | 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Introduction to Biosolids | **Dr. Greg Evanylo**, Virginia Tech
Understanding biosolids generation | **Chris Peot**, DCWater
Virginia’s biosolids regulatory program | **Neil Zahradka**, DEQ
Summary & Questions | **Dr. Greg Evanylo**

SESSION TWO: What’s in biosolids that would impact health or environment

December 4 | 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Heavy metals and nutrients | **Dr. Greg Evanylo**, Virginia Tech
Trace organics | **Dr. Kang Xia**, Virginia Tech
Pathogens | **Dr. Brian Badgley**, Virginia Tech
Summary & Questions | **Dr. Greg Evanylo**

SESSION THREE: Biosolids use and management

December 16 | 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Agriculture and urban soils | **Dr. Greg Evanylo**, Virginia Tech
Reclamation and disturbed lands | **Dr. Lee Daniels**, Virginia Tech
Forestry | **Dr. Tom Fox**, Virginia Tech
Summary & Questions | **Dr. Greg Evanylo**



Governor signs Executive Order establishing task force on prescription drug and heroin abuse

Governor Terry McAuliffe recently signed Executive Order 29 establishing the Governor’s Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse. The task force will recommend immediate steps to address a growing and dangerous epidemic of prescription opioid and heroin abuse in the Commonwealth.

The order asks the task force to suggest strategies that will raise public awareness about the dangers of misuse and abuse of prescription drugs, train health care providers on best practices for pain management, identify treatment options and alternatives to incarceration for people with addiction, and promote the safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs. The task force will also seek to expand use of the rescue drug, naloxone, which has been shown to prevent death from overdose, and leverage the Prescription Monitoring Program to reduce abuse of prescription drugs. Overall, through these efforts, the task force will seek a measurable reduction in deaths from prescription drug and heroin abuse.

“Prescription painkiller and heroin abuse is a nationwide problem, and is spreading rapidly across the Commonwealth,” said Governor McAuliffe. “We must take immediate action in Virginia, or these terrible trends will continue to ravage our families, our businesses and our economy. As part of my plan, *A Healthy Virginia*, I am creating this statewide task force so we can identify and implement strategies that will prevent drug abuse and help people with addiction get the treatment they need to recover. I am confident that by working together to address this growing problem we will be able to make our communities safer, save lives, and put us on a pathway toward building a new Virginia economy.”

Governor McAuliffe was joined by U.S. Senator Tim Kaine at the announcement, who noted: “I am grateful to Governor McAuliffe for forming a task force to address the prescription drug and heroin abuse epidemic that is threatening the health and safety of our communities. This summer, I witnessed firsthand the impact of addiction and the importance of recovery as I spoke with Virginians across the Commonwealth, including at a drug court graduation in Salem and a Project REVIVE training session in Lebanon. I’m proud to see Virginia taking innovative approaches to combat this crisis and I am committed to being a partner at the federal level.”

The Task Force will be co-chaired by Dr. Bill Hazel, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, and Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security, and will be composed of representatives from the Office of the Attorney General, the legislature, and the judiciary, as well as relevant state and local agencies, law enforcement, health professionals, community advocates, and individuals with personal experience with addiction.

Employment Opportunities

Employment ads are edited due to space considerations. Visit www.vaco.org to view the full versions. Click on the County Employment link on the menu bar.

SENIOR PLANNER/ZONING

ADMINISTRATOR | Clarke County

This position performs intermediate professional work interpreting/enforcing the County's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances and serves as primary point of contact for customers, elected/appointed officials, citizens, and other stakeholders seeking land use information. Salary DOQ. For more information, please contact Brandon Stidham, Planning Director, at 540.955.5130 or email bstidham@clarkecounty.gov. Send resume and cover letter to: Attn: County Administration, County of Clarke, 101 Chalmers Court, Suite B, Berryville, VA 22611. Position closes Friday, November 15.

CODE INSPECTOR I - ELECTRICAL | City of Alexandria

Do you enjoy working with builders, contractors and homeowners? Are you capable of providing code inspection services? If you answered yes to these questions, the City of Alexandria has an opportunity for you. We are seeking a Coding Inspector I in our Code Administration Department. Salary: Annually DOQ. For more information and to submit your application, please visit our website at www.alexandriava.gov/jobs or call 703-746-3780. Position closes on October 14 at 5 p.m.

UTILITIES OPERATOR | Powhatan County

Salary Range \$33,877 - \$35,570
This is a technical position responsible for the operation, repair, and maintenance of the water and wastewater systems. Applications may be obtained at the Powhatan County Administration Building located at 3834 Old Buckingham Road Powhatan, Virginia or at www.powhatanva.gov. A pre-employment drug test is required. Powhatan County is an equal opportunity employer. Deadline is Friday, October 17 at 5 p.m.

FINANCE DIRECTOR/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | Beaufort County, N.C.

Beaufort County, a community rich in history and located along the Pamlico Sound in one of the oldest historical areas in the Southeast, is seeking a Finance Director/Chief Financial Officer. A full profile of the

position may be found at www.Springsted.com or www.co.beaufort.nc.us. The salary for the position is negotiable within a range of \$70,202 - \$84,241 based on the candidate's qualifications and experience. An initial screening of applications received by Beaufort County will be ongoing with the position remaining open until filled. To be considered, please submit a Beaufort County application (available under the 'Jobs' tab at: <http://www.co.beaufort.nc.us>) and a letter of introduction and résumé with five (5) business related references and salary history to: John A. Anzivino, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228, 804.726.9750 Fax: 804.726.9752, E-Mail: richmond@springsted.com.

PLANNER II | Roanoke County

Located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Roanoke County is seeking a Planner II to perform difficult professional work preparing and amending programs, policies, and ordinances used to guide current and future development within the County. Online Roanoke County application required. Submit resume and online application at www.roanokecountyva.gov. Closing Date: October 26. SALARY RANGE: \$41,667 - \$53,876.

PLANNER I | Roanoke County

Located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Roanoke County is seeking a Planner I to assist in carrying out current planning and zoning administration functions. The employee in this position handles land use ordinance violations, conducts field investigations, prepares evidence and testifies in court regarding these violations. Assists in the preparation of zoning regulations and planning policies, and assists citizens with planning and zoning matters. Online Roanoke County application required. Submit resume and online application at www.roanokecountyva.gov. Closing Date: October 26. SALARY RANGE: \$37,794 - \$48,867.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER | Dinwiddie County

Annual Salary: \$65,828 - \$72,661. Dinwiddie County is governed by a five member Board of Supervisors and a County Administrator. The life-style of the county is ideally suited for family living. With a land area of 507 square miles, Dinwiddie is a blend of suburban and rural living, within two hours of the Virginia beaches and mountains. To apply, interested candidates should

visit www.dinwiddieva.us for detailed information by November 10.

PLANNING ASSOCIATE | Louisa County

Seeking an innovative and enthusiastic individual to work in a progressive, team oriented environment with a strong organizational focus on customer service. Position assists in performing a broad range of duties associated with current and long-range planning such as processing development and land use applications. \$35,000-\$40,000 with benefits. Non-exempt. Open until filled. Send to County of Louisa, Human Resources Director, P. O. Box 160, 1 Woolfolk Avenue, Louisa, VA 23093. For more information and a Louisa County Employment Application, please refer to our website at www.louisacounty.com.

REGIONAL PLANNER/ZONING

ADMINISTRATOR | Town of Strasburg

The Town of Strasburg, VA is seeking a self-motivated and enthusiastic candidate for a shared position with the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission (NSVRC). A complete position description can be found on Town of Strasburg website www.strasburgva.com and also on the Commission's website at: www.NSVregion.org. Position annual salary range is \$30,000- \$35,000 and will be negotiated depending on qualifications and experience. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For more information, please contact 540.465.9197. NSVRC and the Town of Strasburg are Equal Opportunity Employers. Please submit a resume, cover letter, and completed Town of Strasburg Application to: Kimberly Murray, AICP, Economic Development & Planning Manager, P.O. Box 351, Strasburg, VA 22657, info@strasburgva.com.

DESKTOP SUPPORT TECHNICIAN I |

Botetourt County

Salary Range: \$27,914 - \$42,426 DOE. Nestled in the beautiful Blue Ridge, yet part of one of the top U.S. locations for business development (as rated by Inc. Magazine), Botetourt County offers its workforce the best of all worlds. Go to www.botetourtva.gov for details and application instructions. A completed application form is required in order to be considered for the position. Review of applications will begin immediately; position open until filled.

EMPLOYMENT

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SITE INSPECTOR (Capital Projects) | City of Manassas

Salary range: \$48,443.20 – \$62,940.80.

Public Works. Inspects the daily progress of multiple construction and utility projects; reviews civil engineered site and division plans and revisions; performs inspections of erosion and sedimentation control and site construction in accordance with applicable codes and policies; issues code violations to contractors if they are not in conformance with State and local laws, codes, standards, and specifications. Receives and/or reviews various records and reports such as subdivision and site plans, erosion control plans, engineering compaction reports.

TO APPLY, complete the City application at <http://www.manassascity.org/hr/jobs>.

Applications accepted until position is filled.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS MANAGER | Prince William County

POSITION #: 715004. SALARY: \$65,832. - \$111,774. CLOSING DATE: October 10. The Business Development Manager reports to the Director of Business Development and Investment and works closely with marketing, existing business, and research staff of the Economic Development Department. ENTRY SALARY RANGE: \$65,832 - \$88,803. View the full job posting and apply online at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/pwcgov/default.cfm>.

SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER | New Kent County

New Kent County is seeking candidates for the position of Senior Environmental Planner. The person in this position provides technical advice and performs professional work involving the review of plans, issuance of permits, the inspection of sites, and other tasks to assure compliance with County ordinances relating to erosion and sediment control, storm water run-off, wetlands, floodplains, the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance, and other laws and regulations. Interpersonal contacts are within and outside the organization and require considerable tact and persuasion to obtain consent, approval and cooperation. Visit our website to view the complete job description and to apply for this position: www.co.new-kent.va.us.

SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR - FT | Franklin County

In this full-time mid-level position, the candidate will be expected to have the

experience & knowledge to perform the job functions w/minimal training. Candidates with A+, Network +, Windows 7&13/2000 /XP Certifications desired. Starting salary: \$39k (+) depending on education and experience, plus an excellent benefits package. Applications and a complete job description may be obtained at the Franklin County Government Center, 1255 Franklin Street, Suite #111, Rocky Mount VA, 24151 or apply online at www.franklincountyva.gov. Position closes at 5 p.m. on October 2.

PRINCIPAL TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER/PLANNER - LONG RANGE PLANNING | Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization

Starting Salary Range: \$73,500 to \$100,500, DOQ/DOE. The Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization (HRTPO) is seeking a candidate for Principal Transportation Engineer/Planner to lead a team developing a multimodal long-range transportation plan for the region, subject to Federal requirements of metropolitan planning. The HRTPO serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Hampton Roads region of Virginia and serves over 1.7 million people in 15 jurisdictions. Full description available at <http://www.hrtpo.org/page/employment>. Send resumes to Kelli Arledge, Human Resources Administrator, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23320 or by email to karledge@hrpdcva.gov. Position open until filled.

WEB INTERACTION DESIGNER | James City County

\$54,287 or higher, DOQ + Benefits. Candidate must have the ability to use Adobe Creative Suite applications (Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Flash and Illustrator) for day to day operations, the ability to program in HTML, CSS, PHP, "C", Visual Basic, .Net, Java and Java Script in a Microsoft environment. Thorough knowledge of Microsoft IIS required. Knowledge of database design and management using Microsoft SQL Server or MySQL required. Accepting applications until position is filled. To apply, visit the James City County Career Center at <https://jobs.jamestowncitycountyva.gov>.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE | Westmoreland County

The current Finance Director is expected to retire within the near future and it is anticipated that this position would transition to the Director's position. The county prefers applicants who have

had experience working within a local government operation or structure. Applicants can review the complete job description at the county's website: www.westmoreland-county.org. Applicants shall complete a Commonwealth of Virginia Employment Application along with a cover letter expressing interest in the position to: Norm Risavi, County Administrator, P.O. Box 1000, Montross, VA 22520. The deadline for application submission is the close of business: October 3.

CIVIL ENGINEER II - WATER RESOURCES | Albemarle County

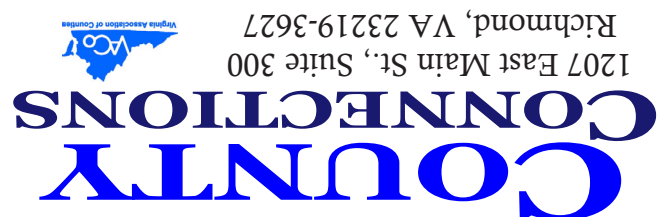
The Civil Engineer II performs professional engineering, technical and administrative work related to the implementation of various water resource programs; responsible for the planning, design, and overall implementation of capital projects and practices to support County-wide water resource goals; does related work as required. SALARY: Hiring Range: 24.67 - \$29.60/per hour based on experience and education | Annual Equivalent \$51,317 - \$61,580. Internal candidates will receive pay adjustments in accordance with Local Government Personnel Policy, §P-60. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: October 17. APPLY: Online.

STORMWATER INSPECTOR | Albemarle County

Non-Exempt, Pay Grade 14. The Stormwater Inspector performs difficult skilled and technical work in support of Countywide water resource management program. Performs responsible and often independent, technical and administrative tasks associated with implementing environmental and safety programs to provide a desired level of service to the community. SALARY: Hiring Range: \$19.97 - \$23.97/per hour based on experience and education | Annual Equivalent: \$41,549 - \$49,859. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: October 17. APPLY: Online.

RISK MANAGER | James City County

\$58,372 or higher, DOQ; Financial and Management Services Division seeking a Risk Manager to perform advanced work developing, recommending, and managing internal and external risk management options, planning and implementing various programs and policies, and developing strategic initiatives. Accepting applications until midnight (EST) on October 3. Only online applications will be considered. Please visit <https://jobs.jamestowncitycountyva.gov> to fill out James City County's online application.



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