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VACo's 2015 Legislative Summary

The [Legislative Summary](#) details the actions of the 2015 General Assembly and provides a budget analysis as well as information on legislation of interest to counties.

This edition contains links to bills through the General Assembly's Legislative Information System. Also included in the [document](#) are lists of studies, resolutions and statistics of importance to counties.

[Read the 2015 Legislative Summary](#)

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2015
LEGISLATIVE
SUMMARY

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State Broadband Planning Grants Available to Localities

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announced on April 22 that the agency is accepting letters of interest from localities interested in receiving funding to undertake planning for broadband deployment.

Urging the Commonwealth to assist localities in their broadband deployment efforts is one of VACo's 2015 legislative priorities. VACo and its membership worked to support these grants and appreciate the leadership of the Governor and General Assembly in securing funding to invest in these important planning efforts.

Please see below for further details and note the **letter of intent deadline of May 22, 2015**. DHCD is under a tight timeline to get this funding out to localities. Even if the current deadline is not workable for your community this year, VACo encourages interested counties to contact DHCD and express their interest so that the agency may document the level of interest in this program.

Details about the Virginia Telecommunication Planning Initiative (VATPI)

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is currently accepting letters of interest for the Virginia Telecommunication Planning Initiative (VATPI). The primary objective of the VATPI is to ensure community sustainability and competitiveness in the global marketplace via comprehensive planning for broadband deployment. VATPI is a comprehensive telecommunications planning effort that will allow communities to identify and develop elements necessary for a successful community broadband network. Community telecommunications plans include, at the least:

- Assessment of current broadband availability and usage;
- Address demand aggregation and future use;
- Address the relationship to regional planning and telecommunications networks;
- Address community development applications and Design.

Funding: Up to \$75,000 in funds will be awarded for communities to develop a comprehensive telecommunication plan. DHCD anticipates awarding **up to eight grants awards**.

Selection Process: Grantees will be selected through a two-phased selection process for the VATPI program. They include Phase I-Letter of Interest (LOI) and Phase II-Detailed Response. **The letter of interest must be submitted on or before Friday, May 22, 2015** to Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D, at 600 East Main Street, Suite 300, Richmond, VA 23219. [Guidelines for the Letter of Interest can be found here](#). For additional information, contact Tamarah Holmes at 804.371.7056 or tamarah.holmes@dhcd.virginia.gov.

VACo Contact: [Erik Johnston, CAE](#)

VACo Regional Legislative Meetings

Join us - Region 10 & 11 - Franklin County

VACo Members

We are excited to bring the next 2015 VACo Regional Legislative Meeting to VACo Region 10&11. Regional representatives are invited to attend and should have received an informational email. This is an opportunity for county elected officials to share local and regional problems and solutions. We expect a robust discussion and your attendance adds to the value of the meeting.

We also invited state legislators in the VACo Region 10&11 area. The event format allows for lawmakers to hear your concerns and answer some of your questions.

The meeting begins with a presentation on economic development issues. It also includes a discussion on broadband and county tax rates and transportation. We encourage you to attend and represent your county.

Light snacks will be provided.

Please RSVP at vrussell@vaco.org.

[Click here to view informational flier.](#)

VACo Contacts: [Larry Land, CAE](#) and [Erik Johnston, CAE](#)



Virginia Association of Counties invites you to join us at the 2015 VACo Regions 10 & 11 Meeting on Monday, May 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Franklin Center in Rocky Mount.

Below is the agenda for the evening.

Expected attendance will include Board Chairs, Vice Chairs, supervisors, area legislators, planning district commissions, county administrators and executive staff from Appomattox, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Halifax, Henry, Montgomery, Patrick, Pittsylvania and Roanoke Counties.

Virginia Association of Counties' 2015 Regions 10 & 11 Legislative Meeting
The Franklin Center, 50 Claiborne Avenue, Rocky Mount, 24151
May 18 • 7 to 9 p.m.

AGENDA

Welcome

Annette Perkins, Supervisor, Montgomery County – VACo Region 10 Director
&
Dean Lynch, Deputy Executive Director, Virginia Association of Counties

Economic Development

Gary W. Tanner, Supervisor, Appomattox County – VACo Region 10 Director
Speaker, TBD

Broadband

Charlotte A. Moore, Supervisor, Roanoke County – VACo Region 11 Director
Speaker: Sandie Terry, Broadband Program Manager, Center for Innovative Technology

Conversations with State & Federal Legislators

(All state and federal legislators from the region have been invited)

County Tax Rates and Transportation Challenges

Gary W. Tanner, Supervisor, Appomattox County – VACo Region 10 Director
Update from Region and Discussion

Round Table Discussion of Local Issues

Hosted by:



ENTER THE 2015 VACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

It's time for the 2015 Achievement Awards Program. Any county department is eligible to compete - ENTER NOW!

Award plaques will be presented at VACo's Annual Conference on November 8-10 in Bath County. VACo representatives also will visit Board of Supervisors meetings to present the winners with their certificates.

The winning entries will be recognized on VACo's Achievement Awards website page, in a news release sent to statewide media and in an Achievement Awards booklet.

Submissions must be received by June 1.

All entries are required to be submitted in electronic form. No paper copy submissions are necessary. The electronic copy should be a PDF or WORD file. E-mail entries to Gage Harter at gcharter@vaco.org.

The judges for the 2015 event will be announced soon. Last year's judges were Tedd Povar, Associate Director of the Virginia Institute of Government; William Quarles, former Goochland County Supervisor; and Linda Lumpkin, retired Essex County Deputy County Administrator.

VACo received more than 300 entries over the past six competitions. Last year's "Best Achievement" winner was Loudoun County for its "You Belong @ Your Library" program.

VACo encourages all counties to enter the 2015 Achievement Awards Program. Please contact gcharter@vaco.org with questions or for more information.

[Click here for registration form](#)

[Click here for Achievement Awards website](#)

[Click here to browse all of the 2014 entries](#)

[Click here to view past Achievement Award winners](#)



York County hires Neil Morgan as County Administrator

The York County Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the selection of Neil A. Morgan as the County Administrator, effective June 15, 2015. Speaking on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Thomas Shepperd stated that Morgan's extensive local government experience and knowledge of the Peninsula and Hampton Roads makes him an outstanding choice to help lead York County into the future.

Previously, Morgan served in the City of Newport News as City Manager from 2009 to 2013. Prior to the City Manager job he served as the Deputy and Assistant City Manager for more than ten years and beginning in 1985 he held various management and planning positions with the City. Currently, Morgan serves as the Senior Fellow for the Virginia Tech Center for Organizational and Technological Advancement in Roanoke. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and a Master's in Public Administration from West Virginia University. Morgan is a graduate of the Senior Executive Institute at UVA and holds memberships in various professional organizations including the Virginia Local Government Management Association and the Virginia Economic Developers Association.

"I am thankful to be selected by the Board of Supervisors and appreciate their confidence," Morgan said. "I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to become a part of a local government team with an outstanding reputation throughout the Commonwealth and beyond. My wife and I are excited to have the opportunity to return to the area to live in and become a part of a great community and county."

Chairman Shepperd noted that Morgan was selected from a pool of over 100 candidates in a selection process managed by the Board's recruitment consultant, Colin Baenziger and Associates. Interim County Administrator, Mark Carter, will continue to serve in that capacity until June 15.



June 3 Mandates Task Force Meeting to Focus on DPB, DEQ

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Task Force for Local Government Mandate Review will be held Wednesday, June 3 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be on the 12th Floor North Conference Room in the Main Street Center, at 600 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

The meeting will include presentations from and discussions with the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The DPB discussion will focus on evaluating the impact of state agency regulations on local governments. DEQ will focus its presentation on Virginia's water quality regulations, including stormwater programs.

The Task Force is charged with reviewing state mandates imposed on localities, and makes recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly with respect to regulations that are overly burdensome or unnecessary. The five members are local elected officials or administrators who serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

VACo continues to work with the Task Force to spotlight mandates of concern to counties and encourages its members to participate in the upcoming meeting.

For additional information, please see the Task Force's website at: <http://tinyurl.com/btp499q>.

VACo Contact: [Erik Johnston, CAE](#)

Governor's Commission on Climate Change holds meeting

Last year Governor Terry McAuliffe established the 35-member [Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission](#). According to Executive Order 19, the Commission's chief purpose is to "evaluate the recommendations made by (former Governor Kaine's) Climate Commission, determine what actions were taken on those recommendations, and issue a final report" by June 30 of this year. The [final report](#) by Governor Kaine's Climate Commission was issued in December 2008.

Governor McAuliffe's Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission is co-chaired by Brian Moran, Secretary of Public Safety and Molly Ward, Secretary of Natural Resources. The other 33 Commission members represent business, environmental advocacy organizations, local governments and academia. Three Commission members are legislators: Senator Barbara Favola, Senator Richard Stuart and Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn.

Since its first meeting in September of last year, Governor McAuliffe's Commission has conducted most of its work through four smaller workgroups. The full Commission's most recent meeting of the full Commission was held on April 21 at the Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond, where work group chairs provided briefings on their preliminary recommendations.

The "Energy" work group focused on the generation of electricity through such smaller-scale energy sources as solar and waste heat. The "Funding" work group emphasized the need for public-private partnerships. The "Funding" work group also suggested the creation of "resiliency bonds" to finance the upgrades in infrastructure that will be needed to withstand such anticipated effects from climate change as increased flooding and more intense storms. The "Information" workgroup reported on the need for developing a "Climate Change Clearinghouse" that will inform the public about "adaptation strategies" that will be needed to cultivate a more "climate change literate public." Much of this information would be provided through a website.

The report by the Land Use and Transportation workgroup focused on reforms to local and state planning processes that will be necessary to improve the capability (especially of coastal localities) to adapt to sea level rise. There was also discussion relating to the need for higher resolution land cover data and Lidar (remote sensing technology) as effective tools for assisting local and regional planning.

VACo will continue to monitor activities by the Governor's Climate Change Commission. The Commission's next meeting has not been scheduled.

Scheduled meetings of interest: VACo's Environment and Agriculture Committee will meet Friday, May 8, 10 a.m. - noon in the Manager's Conference Room of the [Henrico County Western Government Complex](#).

VACo Contact: [Larry Land, CAE](#)

Workforce and Taxing Authority Focus of Region 12 Meeting

County leaders convened on April 22 in Wythe County to share and discuss issues affecting their localities. One issue dominated discussion – the need for counties to have equal taxing authority.

Most attendees agreed that increased state and federal mandates along with economic challenges have left counties with very limited options to meet service demands. County representatives in attendance stated a desire to have the same taxing power as cities, in order to have the option to rely less on property taxes. The law that limits counties taxing authority is outdated, they said, and needs to be reformed since counties now share many of the same service responsibilities as cities.

Wythe County expressed its hope to have a cigarette tax option since the locality is home to several major truck stops that sell a high volume of cigarettes.

VACo's Region 12 Legislative Meeting was the second such event recently held. The first was the Region 13 Meeting in Wise County on April 8.

Carroll County Supervisor and VACo President-Elect David Hutchins attended the Region 12 Meeting and urged his fellow elected official to be active in the legislative process.

"One elected official going and speaking in front of the General Assembly or before any other elected body is probably worth several non-elected officials (speaking before legislators)," Hutchins said.

The other major topic that resonated across the region was the need to attract and retain a workforce that can meet the needs of current and future businesses. John Smolak, Director of Economic and Business Development for Appalachian Power, gave a presentation that gave an overview of the economic and workforce development issues in the region. [Click here to view his presentation](#) and [click here](#) for more information about the meeting, including video of the event.

VACo thanks Wythe County Supervisor and VACo Region 12 Director Tim Reeves for making the event a success. VACo also appreciates event co-hosts: Nationwide, the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission and Wythe County staff for their help organizing the meeting.

VACo Contact: [Erik Johnston, CAE](#)



Wythe County Supervisor and VACo Region 12 Director Tim Reeves opens the meeting on April 22. [Click here to view the meeting agenda.](#)

Financial Facts



FASB planned to issue for public comment a proposal aimed at enhancing the usefulness of the financial statements for not-for-profit organizations.

The proposal changes:

- The current net asset classification scheme
- The required information about an entity's liquidity, financial performance, and cash flows

The proposal will reduce the number of new asset classes presented from three to two. Net assets will be with donor-imposed restrictions and without donor-imposed restrictions. Also, all not-for-profits would be required to report expenses by both their nature and by function.

VACo Contact: [Vicky Steinruck](#)

Martha Walker receives Virginia Tech's 2015 Alumni Award for Excellence in Extension

BLACKSBURG, Va., April 21, 2015 – Martha A. Walker of Ringgold, Virginia, community viability specialist for the Central District Extension Office, has received Virginia Tech's 2015 Alumni Award for Excellence in Extension.

Sponsored by the Virginia Tech Alumni Association, the Alumni Award for Excellence in Extension is presented annually to two Virginia Cooperative Extension faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to the land-grant mission of the university. One award goes to an Extension specialist, and the other is given to an Extension agent. Each award winner receives \$2,000.

Walker began her position as a community viability specialist in 2005, and her appointment coincided with a growing community need for information on the reduction of energy consumption and renewable energy options due in large part to a rapid growth in energy costs. To meet that growing need, Walker developed the Virginia Energy Resource Guide and worked with fellow Extension specialist Bobby Grisso to publish fact sheets on home energy efficiencies.

Similarly, when community leaders wanted to align their economic development efforts to bio-energy production technologies, Walker worked with Virginia Tech faculty, the Virginia Farm Bureau and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to secure a \$1.2 million grant from the Virginia Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Commission for the development and commercialization of a bio-oil product using bio-feed stocks.

In 2009, Walker teamed with Mike Chandler, professor emeritus of agricultural and applied economics, and the Virginia Association of Counties to teach her leadership curriculum to county elected officials. As a result, more than 50 county supervisors have graduated from the Certified Supervisor Program since its inception.

Walker received her bachelor's degree from Averett University, a master's degree from Virginia Tech, and a Ph.D. from Old Dominion University.



Visit Middlesex County in the Month of May



[Click here for a video of the race](#)

May in Middlesex County, VA

Three great events you don't want to miss this month!

May 16

[Urbanna Cup](#) presents cocktail boat racing with its 8-foot wooden boats. Awards ceremony and musical concert follow.

May 23

Enjoy the [Deltaville Seafood Festival](#) with its Paddlefest race, maritime exhibits, children's pirate activities, free boat rides, seafood and crafters. A Bobby Messano waterfront concert with a beer and wine garden.

May 30-31

[Arts in the Middle](#) for two days of fine art and music at historic Hewick Plantation near the charming village of Urbanna.

It's relaxing, it's rural, it's waterfront!
Learn more at www.visitmiddlesexva.org.



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Mark Your Calendars

The National Stormwater Center is offering Certified Stormwater Inspector (municipal) training in **Richmond, VA on June 1-2.**

Designed specifically for municipal personnel the course offers training and certification to demonstrate, for the record, that inspectors are qualified.

Inspectors who take our course learn:

- how to inspect construction, commercial, industrial and municipal activities
- what to inspect
- the limits of their authority
- appropriate demeanor
- appropriate discretion

They also learn about the Clean Water Act, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, the six Minimum Control Measures and how to better implement and support their MS4 stormwater program.

Graduates of the Certified Stormwater Inspector course receive certification for 5 years and continuing education units and ongoing, unlimited support of the National Stormwater Center. All of our instructors have stormwater enforcement experience at the Federal or State level.

Please download the announcement with course details and registration information. Click on the announcement to the right for more information. You may call Michele at 1.888.397.9414, email info@npdes.com or visit www.npdes.com. Registration is available on the website for all classes.

2015 National Stormwater Center 

Promoting and Advocating Clean Water Act Compliance

Certified Stormwater Inspector - Municipal
Richmond, VA June 1-2, 2015

Designed specifically for MS4 personnel, this course focuses on stormwater permit compliance as the key to restore and maintain the waters of the United States. Testing will be conducted. Students are expected to achieve a minimum overall score of 75% to be awarded 1.2 CEUs (Continuing Education Units) from National Stormwater Center, and a five (5) year CSI™ Inspector Certificate. This certification indicates that the services are being performed by professionals who have completed the stormwater inspector certification requirements and have met established standards of knowledge, experience, and competence required in the field of stormwater inspections.



Certified Stormwater Inspector - Municipal is appropriate for MS4 stormwater personnel including:

- Public Works
- Code Enforcement Officials
- Building Code Inspectors
- Floodplain and Watershed Personnel
- FOG Inspectors (fats, oils, greases)
- Consultants to MS4s

National Stormwater Center
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Join us for the next Supervisor Certification Course

Managing While Leading: Understanding Your Powers, Duties and Responsibilities

Friday, May 15 and Friday, July 17

Are leadership, management and governance symbiotic or separate? Boards of Supervisors are elected to serve specific roles and guide county functions as defined by the Code of Virginia.

This course reviews the powers, duties and responsibilities of the local Supervisor in addition to identifying the skill set needed to establish a governance policy body that is consequential. Avoiding poor performance and learning how to blend leadership with strategic thinking is a course outcome.

Register Today! The deadline is May 5.

- [Registration Form](#)
- [Register Online](#)
- [Program Webpage](#)

2015 VA Tech Land Use Education Program (LUEP) Legal Seminar

Date: Friday, May 29
Location: Charlottesville Omni Hotel
Sponsor: Land Use Education Program (LUEP) at Virginia Tech
Cost: \$125 per person
Registration Deadline: May 21

Topics to be covered

- Virginia's New Variance Standard: What BZA's and Zoning Professionals Need to Know
- Planning for Fracking in Virginia: Comp Plan and Zoning Considerations of Consequence
- Eminent Domain and Private Property Rights in Virginia: Clarity or Confusion?
- A Review of 2015 General Assembly Actions Impacting Planning and Zoning Practices.

Registration Information
www.planvirginia.com

Contacts for More Information
 Mike Chandler at rmchan@vt.edu
 and/or Jonah Fogel at jfogel@vt.edu

news from our
associate members

Milestone Executes Master Lease Agreement with Stafford County, VA



Milestone has executed a new master lease agreement with Stafford County, Virginia, to market government owned sites to wireless providers as possible locations for cell towers. The agreement was executed on March 2 and includes 37 sites, one of which Milestone is already managing. The variety of locations includes water tanks, a communication tower and raw land.

“There’s been immediate interest from wireless carriers,” said Milestone Project Manager Kristen Stelzer. “We are currently in pre-zoning for two raw land builds at McDuff Green Park and Stafford Landfill, and investigating a third.”

The agreement opens up great possibilities for Stafford County to improve wireless coverage while generating valuable revenue. The Stafford locations add to Milestone’s [1800+ potential wireless infrastructure sites](#) in the Mid-Atlantic region.

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in Promoting County Employee
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Coming Soon...

VACo’s 2015 Products
and Services Catalog

VACo’s [Associate Membership Program](#) is the most efficient and cost-effective way to showcase your company to decision makers from Virginia’s 95 counties. This relationship can play a major role in your marketing efforts, and it benefits counties by identifying potential suppliers in a broad range of services.

For more information on VACo’s Associate Member program or to apply for membership, see our [Associate Member Brochure & Application](#).

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JEFFERSON CUP AWARD

VACo seeks nominations for this year's Jefferson Cup Award to be presented at the November 8-10 Annual Conference. The deadline for nominations is August 1.

Please submit nominations to Jim Campbell at jcampbell@vaco.org.

Below is a brief history of the Jefferson Cup as well as criteria for award recipients.

On October 25, 1964 at The League of Virginia Counties Executive Board Meeting--The Committee that had been appointed by the President Stuart T. DeBell of Fairfax County to study methods and procedures for recognizing outstanding programs, contributions and achievements in local government, reported. The Committee recommended the establishment of an award for outstanding contributions and achievements in local government to be made at the discretion of an Awards Committee in a presentation at the Annual Meeting. The Committee further recommended that the Jefferson Cup suitably engraved to set on a wooden base be adopted as the award. The award was to be called THE JEFFERSON CUP AWARD.

Criteria established for award recipients

1. Any individual who has made an outstanding contribution to local government may be a recipient of the Award.
2. Any local government which has participated in an outstanding local government activity may be a recipient.
3. The Award is to be made at the Annual Meeting of the League but may not necessarily be made each year.
4. Nominations are to be made to the Awards Committee by August 15 of each year prior to the Annual Meeting.
5. Any additional rules, regulations, standards can be adopted by the Awards Committee.

****Excerpt form the VACo Board of Directors Minutes-August 13, 1995.**



Former Henrico County Manager Virgil Hazelett was the 2012 recipient of the Jefferson Cup. He's pictured with former VACo President Catherine Hudgins.

Recipients of VACo's Jefferson Cup Award

- 1965 **William B. Speck** | Executive Director for the League of Virginia Counties
- 1966 **Mills E. Godwin** | Virginia Governor (1966-1970) and (1974-1978)
- 1966 **Sam E. Pope** | Member of the House of Delegates
- 1966 **Stuart B. Carter** | VACo President and Botetourt County Supervisor
- 1970 **Clifford E. Wood** | Nelson County Supervisor
- 1973 **Billy W. Frazier** | VACo President and Scott County Supervisor
- 1979 **W.D. "Berry" Gray** | Richmond County Supervisor
- 1984 **George Long** | VACo Executive Director
- 1991 **A.L. Philpott** | Speaker (1980-1991) and Member (1958-1991) of the House of Delegates
- 1993 **Ford C. Quillen** | Member (1969-1993) of the House of Delegates
- 1995 **Kathleen K. Seefeldt** | Prince William County Supervisor
- 1997 **Ellen M. Bozman** | Arlington County Supervisor
- 1998 **Harry G. Daniel** | Chesterfield County Supervisor
- 1999 **James F. Moore** | Essex County Supervisor
- 2000 **C.M. Williams, Jr.** | Stafford County Administrator
- 2001 **Peggy R. Wiley** | Greenville County Supervisor
- 2002 **C. Flippo Hicks** | VACo General Counsel
- 2003 **Katherine K. Hanley** | Fairfax County Supervisor
- 2004 **John D. Jenkins** | Prince William County Supervisor
- 2005 **Henry H. Bradby** | Isle of Wight Supervisor
- 2006 **William G. O'Brien** | Rockingham County Administrator
- 2007 **John H. Chichester** | Member (1978-2007) of Virginia Senate
- 2012 **Virgil Hazelett** | Henrico County Manager



Excellence in Virginia Government Awards

The Excellence in Virginia Government Awards (EVGA) are presented by VCU's L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs to celebrate the accomplishments of Virginians who have made distinctive contributions to the practice of government and to the well-being of our communities and our citizens.

Now entering its eleventh year, the EVGA has become a hallmark of excellence for both VCU and the commonwealth of Virginia. Last year's ceremony was a tremendous success with more than 300 individuals and 21 sponsors attending the event.

[View the award categories and past recipients.](#)

Nominations

The EVGA ceremony offers an ideal opportunity to recognize exemplary leadership and innovation while expanding interest and excitement in the field of public service. Generally, public nominations are reviewed between March and June each year.

[Learn more about making a public nomination.](#)

Public nominations made after June 1, will be considered for the 2016 EVGA ceremony.

Nomination Forms

[Lifetime Achievement Form](#)

[Community Enhancement Form](#)

[Innovation in Government Form](#)

More Information

For more information, please contact:

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Director of Student Success

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The expert panel for Urban Tree Canopy and Urban Tree Planting will hold an open session on
Wednesday, June 3, 1-3 p.m.
in Annapolis, MD.

The location and other details are available in the linked agenda (right) and on the Chesapeake Bay Program calendar: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/22656>.

If you plan to attend remotely or in-person, please RSVP using this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/oVLLrAkrJY>.



AGENDA
Open Session: Chesapeake Bay Program Partnership's Urban Tree Planting and Tree Canopy Expert Panel Stakeholder Forum
Wednesday, June 3, 2015
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Joe Macklin Memorial Conference Room (Fish Shack)
410 Severn Avenue, Suite 117
Annapolis, MD 21403

Audio: Dial: 866-299-3188 ***All audio is via conference line***
Enter this code when prompted: 2679856222

Webinar: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/22656>
All presentations will be displayed via Adobe Connect

Materials: <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/calendar/event/22656>

RSVP/Registration URL: <http://goo.gl/forms/oVLLrAkrJY>

Meeting objectives:

- Provide context on this BMP review for urban tree planting and urban tree cover to stakeholders and expert panel members.
- Provide input to the panel in the form of presentations or discussion that will help inform their evaluation of water quality benefits – specifically nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment reductions – associated with urban tree cover and urban tree planting in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The input requested may address, but is not limited to: data, policy and regulations, experiences with implementation, or tracking and reporting credits.

1:00PM	Welcome and Introduction	Jeremy Hanson, Virginia Tech
	Call-to-order and verify participants Overview of BMP Review and Expert Panel Process	
1:20PM	Panel Introductions	Expert panel members
	Panelists will introduce themselves and briefly describe their research and professional background.	
1:40PM	Stakeholder Presentations and Discussion	Pre-registered presenters
	Interested stakeholders are welcome to present relevant data or experiences to the panelists.	

Lead Virginia Announces New Officers New members' broad experience advances program's mission

Lead Virginia, the statewide leadership program now entering its tenth year of educating Virginia's leaders about the issues most relevant to the Commonwealth, has appointed new officers to its Executive Committee. Each officer will serve a one year term.

- **Chairman: Adrian Chapman** – President and Chief Operating Officer, Washington Gas, Springfield, Lead Virginia Class of 2006
- **Vice Chairman: Ned Massee** – Vice President Corporate Affairs, MWV, Richmond, Lead Virginia Class of 2007
- **Secretary: Mark Gordon** – Chief Executive Officer, Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center, Richmond, Lead Virginia Class of 2013
- **Treasurer: Deborah S. Armstrong** – Senior Vice President, SunTrust Bank, Richmond, Lead Virginia Class of 2008
- **Past Chairman: Bernard A. Niemeier** – President & Publisher, Virginia Business Magazine, Richmond, Lead Virginia Class of 2007

"This new leadership team of officers brings a depth of experience from across the Commonwealth that will serve Lead Virginia well as we celebrate our milestone 10th anniversary in 2015," said Susan Horne, president and CEO of Lead Virginia. "Board chair Adrian Chapman brings his special focus on leadership and stewardship through his company's values and in his role as Lead Virginia's chairman," Horne stated.

Lead Virginia reaches a 10-year milestone of its statewide leadership program in 2015, having been founded in 2005 through an effort among community leadership programs, academic and business leaders seeking a way to educate and connect leaders across the Commonwealth. This year, Lead Virginia will number 500-plus participants in its statewide program since its founding. Anniversary events included a Founder's Day reception in March, which recognized inaugural class members from 2005 as well as founding board members, and will conclude with a 10th Anniversary Awards Gala in November to be held at the historic Altria Theater.

Lead Virginia brings together experienced, established senior-level executives from public and private entities across the state to learn about important local and regional issues and opportunities. Lead Virginia educates participants about regional differences and statewide needs through the shared experience of seven, two-day sessions held throughout the Commonwealth. To view a complete list of Lead Virginia's board of directors, please visit the website: www.leadvirginia.org.

Lead Virginia offers leaders a forum for gaining deeper insights into complex statewide issues, exchanging resources, creating momentum and working within and outside the political arena to usher in positive change for the Commonwealth. Specific curriculum themes of local/regional economies, as well as the larger issues of health and education, are explored through in-depth dialogue, on-site field studies and experiential activities designed to highlight the diverse interests of each region.

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 EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | Cumberland County

Senior Executive Assistant – Full-time position in Offices of County Administrator/ Finance. Work includes research, general administrative functions and finance. Excellent written and verbal communication skills required. Position open until filled. For a detailed job description, call the county administrator's office at 804.492.3625 or email Stephany S. Johnson at sjohnson@cumberlandcountyvirginia.gov. Submit County application (Available on the County website www.cumberlandcountyvirginia.gov). Resume and Cover Letter to County Administrator, P.O. Box 110, Cumberland, VA 23040, or email to vgiles@cumberlandcountyvirginia.gov.

FT CIVIL ENGINEER I/II | James City County

\$58,372 or higher, DOQ + benefits; Engineering and Resource Protection Division seeking individual to perform experienced professional work involving the engineering and plan of development review functions associated with the County's Bay Act, erosion and sediment control, drainage standards and VSMP stormwater management programs. Accepting applications until position is filled. Only online applications to our website will be accepted. To apply, please visit the James City County Career Center at jobs.jamescitycountyva.gov.

FT ACCOUNTANT | James City County

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PURCHASING AGENT | Albemarle County

The Purchasing Agent provides strategic leadership in initiating best practices

in purchasing for the varied customers (County, School Division, and joint services) and implementing efficient and effective business processes. Performs specialized, complex, and highly responsible technical duties related to the processing, purchase, and acquisition of materials, supplies and equipment, contractual services and professional services. Hiring Range: \$55,058 - \$66,070/based on experience, education, and internal equity. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Until Filled.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR | Powhatan County

Under limited supervision, this position performs complex professional and administrative work, coordinating and supervising the operations of the Public Works Department. Primary duties include managing all county public utilities, overseeing maintenance of buildings and grounds of all general government properties, overseeing all general government capital projects, and overseeing the county's solid waste convenience center. Starting salary range is \$90,000 to \$100,000, based on qualifications and experience. Applications and a full job description may be obtained at www.powhatanva.gov, or at the Powhatan County Administration Office located at 3834 Old Buckingham Road, Powhatan, Virginia. All submissions must have a completed county application and resume. Position open until filled, with preference given to applications received by Friday, May 15.

PLANNER | Orange County

This full-time position performs intermediate skilled technical work providing professional planning services, gathering and analyzing data, conducting studies, maintaining records and files, preparing reports, administering ordinances and related work as required. Work is performed under the supervision of the Director of Planning. Application packets with a complete job description are available from Orange County Administrator's Office, located at 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia, or by calling 540.672.3313. County employment applications are available at www.orangecountyva.gov. The position requires the satisfactory completion of a criminal background check. Position open until filled with first review of completed applications commencing after May 29. Hiring salary range is \$40,673 - \$46,773 DOQ.

FLEET MANAGER | Hanover County

General Statement of Duties Formulates plans and implements programs for the management of the County's vehicle fleet, overseeing the maintenance, replacement of all automotive equipment, and disposition of surplus vehicles; does related work as required. Hiring range \$57,787 - \$78,025 plus excellent benefits. For more information and to apply, visit www.hanovercountyjobs.com or call 804.365.6489. (TDD #365-6140) EOE/ MFDV.

REVENUE MANAGER | Albemarle County

The Revenue Manager is responsible for planning, organizing, and supervising the Tax Assessment or the Tax Collection Unit in the Revenue Administration Division of the Finance Department. Under the direction of the Chief of Revenue Administration, this position functions as one of two assistant managers of the Revenue Administration Division. SALARY: Hiring Range: \$51,317 - \$61,580/annual equivalent based on experience and education. Internal candidates will receive pay adjustments in accordance with County Policy, §P-60. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Until Filled

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT | Albemarle County

The Senior Accountant performs difficult professional work in the maintenance and preparation of complex financial records; does related work as required. Work is performed under general supervision of the Chief Accountant. Supervision is exercised over subordinate accounting personnel in the absence of the Chief Accountant. SALARY: Hiring Range: \$19.97 - \$23.97/ per hour based on experience, education and internal equity. Annual Equivalent \$41,549 - \$49,859. Internal candidates will receive pay adjustments in accordance with Local Government Personnel Policy, §P-60. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Until Filled

COUNTY ASSESSMENT MANAGER | Campbell County

The Campbell County Department of Management Services is seeking a forward-thinking, organized and motivated County Assessment Manager with excellent interpersonal skills to direct, plan and organize the Real Estate Office as well as the appraisal and assessment of real property in the County. Salary Range: Dependent

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upon qualifications and experience. An excellent benefit package is provided. Application procedure: Please submit a Campbell County application along with a resume stating your salary requirements. Applications are available on-line at www.co.campbell.va.us. This position is open until filled.

COUNTY REAL ESTATE ASSESSOR | Campbell County

The Campbell County Department of Management Services is seeking a forward-thinking, organized and motivated County Assessor with excellent interpersonal skills to direct, plan and organize the Real Estate Office as well as the appraisal and assessment of real property in the County. Salary Range: Dependent upon qualifications and experience. An excellent benefit package is provided. Application procedure: Please submit a Campbell County application along with a resume stating your salary requirements. Applications are available on-line at www.co.campbell.va.us. This position is open until filled.

LABORATORY TECHNICIAN | Hanover County

Public Utilities is seeking a qualified candidate for this technical position. The incumbent will be performing professional chemical, physical, biological and microbiological tests on water, wastewater and associated samples, while assuring compliance with Federal/State/Local environmental laws. Knowledge of municipal water and wastewater chemistry and associated laboratory procedures, principles and practices required. Hiring range \$30,420 - \$41,073 plus benefits. For more information and to apply, visit www.hanovercountyjobs.com or call 804.365.6489 (TDD # 365.6140).

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR | Williamsburg Area Transit Authority

\$43,667 or higher, DOQ. This position supervises assigned staff; plans and executes operational strategies to support WATA's goals and objectives; develops, coordinates, and implements WATA's operational policies and procedures, daily transit activities, operation of vehicles, and staff performance; ensures adherence to federal, state, local, and organizational regulations; manages and coordinates the implementation of customer service, safety and security, scheduling, training, drug and

alcohol compliance, vehicle maintenance, and capital equipment management programs; and oversees, maintains, and develops operational statistics, reporting, and documentation for required for federal, state, and local reporting requirements. Accepting applications until position is filled. To be considered for this position, a James City County on line application must be completed. Please visit: <https://jobs.jamescitycountyva.gov>.

SENIOR PARK RANGER | Gloucester County

Hiring Salary Range: \$31,214 - \$37,194. Serves as shift supervisor; assists Park Superintendent with supervision of full-time and part-time staff, volunteers and court appointed workers; assists in preparation of daily work assignments; assists with training program for park employees; ensures work assignments and training are completed in a timely manner; maintains training records. Performs general maintenance and safety inspection of park grounds, equipment and facilities; processes work orders for more complicated maintenance needs; maintains safety and inspection records; tracks repairs and ensures completion of work. For a complete job description and to apply online, visit our website at www.gloucesterva.jobs.

PARK AIDE (WAR) | Gloucester County

SALARY: \$9.42 - \$9.42 Hourly. CLOSING DATE: May 10. Part-time Limited Hours: No set number of hours per week; hours and days worked may vary from week to week and will include holidays and weekends. Under general supervision, performs a wide variety of tasks in the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the County parks to provide a safe environment for visitors; performs related work as required. Employee must exercise independent judgment, discretion and initiative in completing all job assignments. For a complete job description, visit our website: www.gloucesterva.jobs.

PART-TIME ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER | James City County

\$13.58/hour + partial benefits including paid time off and the ability to participate in a deferred compensation plan and a flexible benefits account; part-time regular position; 20 hours/week; must be available to work standby hours (weekends, holidays, nights are rotated); Police Department seeking individual to perform responsible animal control work enforcing local city, county, and state animal protection and control laws and regulations. Accepting applications

until the position is filled. To be considered for this position, a James City County on line application must be completed. Please visit: <https://jobs.jamescitycountyva.gov>.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANT | Orange County

This full-time position provides staff support and marketing assistance to the Orange County Economic Development Office and Economic Development Authority (EDA). Application packets with a complete job description are available from Orange County Administrator's Office, located at 112 West Main Street, Orange, Virginia, or by calling 540.672.3313. County employment applications are available at www.orangecountyva.gov. The position requires the satisfactory completion of a criminal background check. Position open until filled with first review of completed applications commencing on May 11. Hiring salary range is \$35,135 - \$40,405 DOQ.

ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS MANAGER | City of Manassas

Salary: \$69,659 - \$114,920. The successful candidate will perform supervisory and technical work in the construction and maintenance of standard, complex, and often interacting electronic equipment and/or systems. Provides technical reports and data for the City's Utility Commission and Virginia Municipal Electric Association (VMEA) concerning energy usage and associated cost estimates. Apply online at <http://www.manassascity.org/hr/jobs>. Applications accepted until position is filled.

DIVISION DIRECTOR - BUSINESS OPERATIONS (Human Services) | Hanover County

Hanover County is seeking an experienced professional to supervise and manage all customer service, accounting, reimbursement, information technology and facility management functions for the County's Human Service Departments. Hiring range: \$70,416 - \$95,000 plus excellent benefits. For more information and to apply visit www.hanovercountyjobs.com or call 804.365.6489 (TDD# 365.6140).

UTILITY TECHNICIAN | Hanover County

Public Utilities is seeking a qualified candidate for this technical position. The incumbent will be performing routine repairs and preventive maintenance on water and wastewater Utility electrical/mechanical equipment; repairing and

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installing electrical/mechanical equipment as needed; and maintaining records. Hiring range \$26,203 - \$44,562 plus benefits. For more information and to apply, visit www.hanovercountyjobs.com or call 804.365.6489 (TDD # 365.6140).

UTILITY OPERATOR | Hanover County

Public Utilities is seeking a wastewater operator with a background in laboratory, environmental science or technology based skills for the Totopotomoy wastewater treatment plant. The Totopotomoy plant is a BNR facility requiring extensive lab process control testing. The incumbent will collect samples, conduct lab testing, monitor computerized control system (SCADA), perform scheduled equipment preventative maintenance, data entry and record keeping. Hiring range: \$27,565 to \$37,208, plus benefits. For more information and to apply, visit www.hanovercountyjobs.com or call 804.365.6489 (TDD # 365.6140).

FIELD UTILITY ENGINEER | Augusta County Service Authority

The Augusta County Service Authority is accepting applications for the position of Field Utility Engineer. Bachelor's Degree in Civil, Mechanical, Environmental Engineering or related degree with 1-5 years experience in operations/ construction of water and wastewater facilities. Starting salary range \$51,800 - \$60,000 DOQ. Excellent benefits including Virginia Retirement System (VRS). Interested applicants can view a complete job description and apply online at www.acsawater.com, or pick up a job description and application at the Augusta County Service Authority Administration & Engineering Office located at 18 Government Center Lane, Verona, VA. Position open until filled.

PRETRIAL OFFICER | Gloucester County

\$37,176 - \$59,482. CLOSING DATE: May 3. Under limited supervision, performs professional work screening individuals booked into the Middle Peninsula Regional Security Center (MPRSC) and Gloucester County Jail awaiting trial and makes recommendations to the court, identifying defendants who are pretrial detainees and cannot make bond. Employee must exercise considerable tact, courtesy and discretion in frequent contact with program clients, criminal justice agencies and the general public.

DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES | City of Charlottesville

CLOSING DATE: May 8 at 5 p.m. The City of Charlottesville, consistently ranked as one of the best cities to live in the nation, is in search of a dynamic leader to direct its award winning Department of Neighborhood Development Services (NDS) to new heights of success! The final candidate will have a proven track record in managing a complex organization while demonstrating the ability to work with many stakeholders in a highly engaged community. Hiring Salary Range is \$110,000 to \$145,000 annually, dependent on education and experience. To be considered, an application must be filled out online at www.charlottesville.org/jobs. Please include in your application a cover letter, resume, salary history, and five (5) work-related references with your online application. For more information, please contact: Galloway Beck, Human Resources Director, City of Charlottesville, Department of Human Resources, P.O. Box 911, 605 East Main Street, Charlottesville, VA 22902. 434.970.3490 or beck@charlottesville.org.

DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR | Sussex County

Sussex County, Virginia (population 12,500) is a rural county located 45 miles Southeast of Richmond. Long known for its rural lifestyle and quality of life, Sussex County spans 500 square miles. The County is seeking candidates with a passion for public service and experience in local government to serve as its Deputy County Administrator. The County is a full service county with approximately 50 employees within the County Administration and a total budget of \$38 million. Salary Range: \$51,801 to \$80,000. Submit completed Virginia state application, cover letter, detailed resume, salary history and work related references to: Deborah A. Davis, County Administrator at Post Office Box 1397, 20135 Princeton Road, Sussex, Virginia 23884 or e-mail ddavis@sussexcountyva.com. State applications can be downloaded at www.virginia.gov. Deadline for submission of application and pertinent documents: 4 p.m., Friday, May 8. If mailing or hand delivering documents, please mark them "CONFIDENTIAL."

UTILITY WORKER I - MECHANICAL | Gloucester County

\$24,724 - \$39,558. CLOSING DATE: Continuous. This position is open until filled. Review of applications will begin immediately. Under close supervision, performs specialized semi-skilled work

assisting in the maintenance and repair of the County's sewer pump stations, water towers, machinery, equipment, and grounds. Work involves assisting lead worker in the areas of preventive and corrective maintenance, inspection and repair of chemical feed systems, repair of altitude valves, basic ground maintenance at all facilities, and responds to emergency calls pertaining to area of responsibility. Employee must exercise initiative and some independent judgment in completing assigned tasks. Position reports to the Pump Station Mechanic.

WATER QUALITY ADMINISTRATOR | City of Roanoke

In Roanoke, our stormdrain system discharges all of the stormwater it collects to the Roanoke River or one of its thirteen tributaries, such as Peters Creek, Ore Branch, or Lick Run. As a City known for its outdoor activities and amenities, Roanoke recently created a Stormwater Utility to protect the health of the Roanoke River and its tributaries. To that end, Roanoke's Stormwater Utility focuses upon capital stormwater construction projects, water quality initiatives and education, and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure. Salary range is \$51,200-\$81,920 DOQ.

CIVIL ENGINEER I - STORMWATER | City of Roanoke

In Roanoke, our stormdrain system discharges all of the stormwater it collects to the Roanoke River or one of its thirteen tributaries, such as Peters Creek, Ore Branch, or Lick Run. As a City known for its outdoor activities and amenities, Roanoke recently created a Stormwater Utility to protect the health of the Roanoke River and its tributaries. Salary range is \$45,919-\$73,471 DOQ. The City of Roanoke offers competitive health and dental benefits, life insurance, and retirement pension plans.

BUILDING OFFICIAL | City of Harrisonburg

CLOSING DATE: Continuous. Community Planning/Development. Full time position with benefits. \$61,672 - \$80,184, DOQ. Responsible for difficult technical and administrative work planning, directing and participating in inspection and code enforcement activities. Oversees the administration and enforcement of State and local building codes and related ordinances. Applications will be accepted until a suitable pool of candidates is received. Position may close at any time after 10 calendar days (posted 3/31/15). APPLICATIONS MAY BE FILED ONLINE AT: <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/jobs>.



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