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NOTICE Cluster Zoning Requirements Begin July 1

By July 1, the following counties must amend their land use ordinances to permit by-right the clustering of single-family dwellings on 40 percent of the unimproved land located in the county's agricultural or residential zoning districts:

Accomack, Albemarle, Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Augusta, Bedford, Botetourt, Brunswick, Buckingham, Caroline, Charles City, Chesterfield, Craig, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Essex, Fauquier, Fluvanna, Franklin, Frederick, Gloucester, Goochland, Grayson, Greene, Greenville, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, James City, King George, King William, Loudoun, Louisa, Lunenburg, Mathews, Mecklenburg, Middlesex, Montgomery, Nelson, New Kent, Northumberland, Orange, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Prince William, Richmond, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Surry, Sussex, Warren, Washington, and York.

The requirement does not apply to any county that on June 1, 2004, allowed single-family clustering by-right in at least one residential zoning classification without any discretionary approval (e.g., special use permit, etc.).

Counties that are amending local ordinances to meet the cluster provision found in Section 15.2-2286.1, Code of Virginia, should consult their county attorney on how the deadline would affect that process.

Two counties with existing cluster zoning provisions, Hanover and New Kent, have agreed to assist other counties in complying with the cluster requirement. Contact Mike Crescenzo, Hanover County director of planning at (804) 365-6171 or mcrescenzo@co.hanover.va.us; or George Homewood, New Kent County community development director at (804) 966-9690 or gmmhomewood@co.newkent.state.va.us. VACo staff also has electronic copies of some current county cluster zoning ordinances available for review. Contact VACo staff member Ted McCormack for more information. ☞

Register for Transportation and Land Use Summit

VACo, VML, The Coalition of High Growth Communities and the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association invite you to attend a one-day summit in Glen Allen to explore the land use aspects of HB 3202, the transportation bill passed by the 2007 General Assembly.

The summit will focus on road impact fees and urban development areas. Particularly, how road impact fees work to help fund the costs related to growth and factor in managing growth patterns. The bill also requires all growing localities to identify areas of high-density housing to meet future growth needs. The summit will address how counties, cities and towns can work together to use this tool and related tools to direct growth to where it is most appropriate. A registration form is available on page 9 and at www.vaco.org.

Agenda

10 - 10:45 a.m.-Opening Session: Secretary of Transportation Pierce Homer

10:45 - Noon- Panel: Impact Fees and Cash Proffers

Noon - 1 p.m.- Lunch- Dr. Chris Nelson, professor and director of urban affairs and planning, Virginia Tech; senior fellow with the Metropolitan Institute, Virginia Tech Northern Virginia Center

1 - 2:15 p.m.- Panel: Urban Development Areas Wrap-up session

2:30 - 3 p.m.- Wrap-Up Session: Trip Pollard, senior attorney for Southern Environmental Law Center

3 - 3:45 p.m.- Question and Answer Forum, General Discussion ☼

Urban Policy Unveiled

The Urban Policy Task Force has issued its first report to Gov. Timothy Kaine. The report outlines the issues, action items and benchmarks state government should follow under a new comprehensive, statewide policy for urban areas. The report is available on the Web site of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade at <http://www.commerce.virginia.gov/>.

Gov. Kaine established the task force by Executive Order in July 2006. In accordance with the recent release, "The task force is to report to the governor on the performance of state agencies in meeting benchmarks established as a part of the urban policy each year by Dec. 1."

The report outlines five goals. Each goal includes specific action items and subsequent benchmarks. Highlights include:

- Promote greater economic integration in urban jurisdictions and the surrounding regions. Benchmarks include reducing poverty within urban areas, and increasing the percentage of children and families receiving early intervention services.
- Improve the educational attainment and workforce readiness of urban populations. Benchmarks include increasing reading proficiency by third grade and increasing the high school graduation rate.
- Strengthen the economic competitiveness of urban jurisdictions and the surrounding regions. The benchmark states, "Increase the level of revenue sharing agreements involving urban localities by 10 percent in 2010."
- Ensure a high quality of life in urban areas. Benchmarks include reducing the percentage of Virginia's population paying more than 30 percent for housing.
- Ensure that urban infrastructure, transportation services and the environment will support a prosperous future for current and future citizens. Benchmarks include increasing the number of passenger trips/persons on public transportation systems in urbanized areas, and increasing the state's share of eligible transit operating and capital costs.

The task force is chaired by Secretary Gottschalk and includes an array of state and local officials including each member of the governor's cabinet and two county supervisors. ☼

Roundtable to Advance Broadband Access

Gov. Kaine has announced the formation of a Broadband Roundtable charged with developing a “last-mile” telecommunications blueprint for advancing his goal of ensuring broadband access for every Virginia business. The roundtable, to be led by former Gov. Mark Warner and Virginia Secretary of Technology Aneesh Chopra, will be supported by national expert Dr. Ted Rappaport and Karen Jackson, director of the Commonwealth’s Office of Telework Promotion and Broadband Assistance.

During his term in office, Gov. Warner helped create, fund and build open access fiber-

optic networks throughout Southside and Southwest Virginia. In Southside alone, the Mid-Atlantic Broadband Cooperative (MBC) backbone connects four cities, 20 counties and 56 industrial parks. MBC provides affordable, high-speed Internet access to last-mile service providers that ultimately reach nearly 700,000 citizens and more than 19,000 businesses in rural parts of the state.

Roundtable members will include leaders from state and local governments, business and education. The announcement of additional members will be made soon.

Dr. Rappaport will provide consulting support to the round-



table. From 1988 to 2002, he was on the electrical and computer engineering faculty of Virginia Tech, where he founded the Mobile and Portable Radio Research Group (MPRG), one of the world’s first university research and teaching centers dedicated to the wireless communications field. An accomplished entrepreneur, Dr. Rappaport founded TSR Technologies Inc. and Wireless Valley Communications Inc.

Gov. Kaine said the roundtable will begin its work this summer, with a final report due by July 2008. ☞

Feedback Needed on State Disability Plan

VACo will be assisting Julie Stanley, director of community integration for People with Disabilities, to ensure that state level strategic planning adequately reflects the needs of individuals with disabilities in areas such as housing, transportation, workforce development, employment, services and supports.

The state's cross-governmental, cross-disability community integration initiative, designed to implement the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C., began in 2002. Gov. Kaine recently issued Executive Directive 6, charging a team of five cabinet secretaries, 22 state agencies, and two state councils to continue its work with a statutorily-established stakeholder advisory commission to

develop and annually update the strategic plan. The team is also directed to work with stakeholders, including local governments.

Because local and regional resources, policies and plans vary widely, it is critically important to assure that this strategic plan focuses on the disability needs and priorities of each locality and region in the Commonwealth. Entities including disability services boards, community services boards, centers for independent living, area agencies on aging and planning district commissions have various methods of assessing local disability needs and priorities. Please let us know the following:

- Whether those assessed needs and priorities are adequately addressed in the strategic plan
- What you currently offer, and

what you plan to offer in the future, to increase opportunities for people with disabilities to live successfully in the community

- Whether you believe that the strategies outlined in the plan would help (or hinder) your efforts to increase community integration opportunities for people with disabilities.

Your feedback is requested by Aug. 6 and will be used to update the strategic plan and to determine the need for education and awareness activities at the local and regional levels. The entire strategic plan and additional information about the community integration initiative are available at www.olmstead-va.com. VACo staff contact: Dean Lynch ☞

VACo, VML Voice CSA Concerns to State Subcommittee

On June 13, VACo staff member Dean Lynch and Virginia Municipal League (VML) staff member Janet Areson addressed members of the Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee to express local government concerns relating to the expansion of the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) and mental health funding for children and adolescents.

Recent changes to CSA will expand the current mandate for local governments to cover the costs of treatment for at-risk youth. Under the new guidelines, parents of at-risk youth will have access to public funds, regardless of income and will no longer have to relinquish custody to the state in order to receive funding for residential and community services. This will increase the costs incurred by local governments as the population of at-risk youth increases and the need for addi-

tional community mental health services and high-end residential services increases. Additionally, the six-month cap on providing prevention services for children not in foster care will be eliminated and families no longer have to go through the court system to determine whether or not a child is eligible for services. Under the guidelines, local family assessment and planning teams can make a determination that a child is in need of services (CHINS), as can the court. VACo expressed concern that public funds accountability could be an issue if safeguards were not soon adopted.

Among other concerns for local governments is that the new guidelines will create a dual mental health system that will treat children and adults separately. The community service boards are statutorily mandated to be the single point of entry into the mental health system.

Staff members from the Office of Comprehensive Services for At-Risk Youth & Families and the Joint Legislative and Audit Review Committee noted that the CSA pool expenditures have increased steadily for the state and local governments. The average cost per child increased to \$17,225 in 2006 compared to \$10,129 in 1994. Absent the implementation of these guidelines, CSA costs are rising approximately 9.3 percent yearly. JLARC also revised their fiscal impact numbers that reflect the service fiscal impact to be \$28 million.

The State Executive Council is seeking comments from localities on these guidelines. The guidelines can be accessed through the CSA website at http://www.csa.state.va.us/html/training_technical/tta_memo_May_21_2007.cfm. VACo staff contact: Dean Lynch ☞

VACo, VML to Host Educational Sessions and Steering Committee Meetings Aug. 10

VACo and VML are sponsoring a half-day summer conference on Friday, Aug. 10 in Richmond. The conference is open to all VACo and VML members. VACo's eight steering committees will meet after the conference. The Richmond Marriott will serve as the conference hotel.

The conference will include three plenary education sessions and lunch. A small registration fee will apply. VACo will release the preliminary agenda and registration packet the week of June 18. Sessions will focus on Virginia's Freedom of Information Act, the Virginia Retirement System and energy costs and conservation.

Steering committee members can attend the afternoon meetings without registering for the entire conference. However, lunch will not be provided. Committee chairs and VACo staffers will release steering committee agendas and meeting packets in late July. A full list of steering committee members is available on the VACo web site at www.vaco.org. VACo staff contact: Mike Edwards ☞



Mark Your Calendar...

Community Investment Workshop Series

June 19, Thomas Nelson Community College
8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
Free registration for government officials and staff. Register online at www.virginiare-sources.org. For more information, call (804) 644-3100.

Demographic Analysis and GIS Mapping Workshops

1516 Willow Lawn Dr.
Richmond, VA 23230
June 19- *Demographic Analysis* – Focus on Virginia One-Day Workshop
Time: 9 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Cost: \$280
June 20-21- *Using Census Data in GIS Mapping*- Two-Day GIS Workshop using ArcView 9.2
Time: 9 a.m.- 4:15 p.m.
Cost: \$560
Cost includes all materials and access to a PC on the Internet during class. One person per computer. Online registration is available at www.CalmRiver.com.

Virginia Certified Planning Commissioners Program 57

June 22-23, The Hotel Roanoke
Closing session on Aug. 23-24 in Charlottesville at the Courtyard Marriott University/Medical Center.
Registration form is available at www.vaco.org, click on calendar and then “Mark Your Calendar.”

Soil and Water Conservation Society Spring Meeting

June 25, Deep Run Park, Richmond (Short Pump)
Implementing Low Impact Development in Virginia: Lessons Learned
Agenda and Registration form is available at www.vaco.org, click on “Calendar” and then “Mark Your Calendar.”

NACo 2007 Annual Conference

July 13-17, Greater Richmond Convention Center
Visit www.naco2007.org to sign up to volunteer at the conference or to register for optional tours showcasing Virginia. The conference-wide event will be held at Jamestown Settlement on July 15.

Using the Transportation Act of 2007 to Make Growth Work

July 24, Henrico County, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
VACo, along with VML, the Virginia Coalition of High Growth Communities and the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association, are co-sponsoring a one-day training session on the land use provisions contained in the 2007 Transportation Act (HB 3203). Registration information is available on page 9.

Virginia Enterprise Zone Designation Workshops

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will be hosting two How-to-Apply

Workshops in preparation for the next round of available Virginia Enterprise Zone designations. Four designations will be available. The application process is competitive and open to any city and/or county in Virginia.

The workshops will be held in Roanoke on July 24 and Richmond on July 25. For important information and to register, visit: www.dhcd.virginia.gov/ezones.

Virginia Sustainable Building Network's Annual Meeting

Moving Toward Carbon Neutral Buildings
June 28, College of William and Mary, 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Register at www.vsb.org

VACo Summer Symposium

Aug. 10, Richmond Marriott
Educational sessions will take place in the morning followed by steering committee meetings in the afternoon. Registration information will be available soon.

VACo Board Meeting

Aug. 11, Lansdowne Resort in Loudoun County
9 a.m. - noon

Virginia's 2007 Rural Summit

Sept. 9-11
Widening the Road: Revitalizing Rural Virginia
Omni Charlottesville Hotel
www.cfrv.org
www.councilforruralvirginia.org
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Congratulations!

VACo staff member Larry Land is participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Team in Training." This is to prepare to run in the Rock n' Roll Half Marathon in Virginia Beach on Sept. 2--but more importantly-- his purpose is to raise funds on behalf of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, an organization dedicated to finding a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkins disease and myeloma, and to the improvement of the quality of life of patients and their families.

VACo staff member Dean Lynch was elected second chair to the Chesterfield County Board of Social Services. His duties begin in July.

Eric Link has been hired as **Loudoun County's** legislative liaison effective June 11. Link will replace Memory Porter, who retired from that position last month after 27 years. Link, 39, has been employed since 2004 by the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), where he has served as a senior contract officer and advisor to the Chief Information Officer on legislative matters.

Loudoun County's telework program has been recognized as the top local government telework program in the nation by

the Telework Exchange, a public-private partnership that focuses on demonstrating the value of telework initiatives. Additionally, the county's triple-A bond rating has been reaffirmed by all three major bond rating agencies.

For the fourth time in the past five years, **Draper Aden Associates** has been named among the Top 500 Design Firms in the Nation by the Engineering News Record. ENR magazine, a McGraw-Hill construction publication, is one of the largest trade publications in the engineering and construction industry.

Christine S. Manhart, a Professional Geologist and Certified Environmental Manager, has been hired as a Senior Project Geologist at **Draper Aden Associates**. She brings 14 years of experience to the Environmental team in the Blacksburg office. Courtney J. Wilson has been hired as a Project Administrator in the Hampton Roads office. Courtney will help facilitate project scheduling, budgeting and planning.

The Center for Innovative Technology (CIT) announced May 11 that the CIT GAP Fund invested \$200,000 in Engineered Products of Virginia LLC and Piedmont Bioproducts LLC in order to support the expansion of technology-based industries in Southern Virginia.

Merck & Co., Inc. will invest an additional \$193 million to expand its Elkton facility, further enhancing production capabilities for the pharmaceutical company's medicines and vaccines. The project is expected to create 70 new jobs in **Rockingham County**.

American Wood Fibers (AWF), a leader in the field of specialty forestry products, will invest \$9 million to expand its operations in **Smyth County**. The project will create 30 new jobs and save 30 existing jobs. Virginia successfully competed with Kentucky, North Carolina and Ohio for the project.

The National Park Service officially announced that the Public Quarry on Government Island in **Stafford County** has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Government Island is most noted for the extensive quantities of sandstone extracted between 1791 and 1825, used to construct the White House and U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. ☞

Employment Opportunities

Employment ads have been edited due to space considerations. To view the full versions, visit www.vaco.org.

Administrative Analyst/ Accomack County

Salary range is \$34,502 - \$50,028. For an application packet, contact the Accomack County Administration Office at (757) 787-5700. Deadline: 4:30 p.m. on July 6.

Assistant Planner, GIS Coordinator/Mathews County

Salary: \$33,000(+) DOE. A complete job description and application may be obtained at www.co.mathews.va.us or at (804) 725-4034. Position open until filled. Previous applicants need not apply.

Building Inspector/ Montgomery County

Salary DOQ with excellent benefits. County application required. Deadline: July 9. 540-394-2007 (TDD 540-382-5700); County Job Line (540-394-2010); www.montva.com

Business Auditor/Albemarle County

Hiring Salary: \$44,663 - \$58,062 Open until filled. Complete job description and online application at www.albemarle.org/jobs.asp. (434) 296-5827

Communications Officer/ Henrico County

Starting salary \$31,899 annually.

Deadline: July 1.
Police website: www.henricopolice.org. Applications accepted online at www.henricojobs.com.

County Attorney/Scott County

Submit a cover letter, detailed resume, salary history, and list of references in a sealed envelope marked "Confidential" to: Chairman, Board of Supervisors, County of Scott, 112 Water Street, Suite 1, Gate City, VA 24251. Position is open until filled. Submissions are due by July 2 with the objective of having a new attorney on board by Oct. 15.

Deputy Clerk/Gloucester County

Hiring Range \$31,000 - \$36,000 Expected hire date August 1. Submit Gloucester County application w/cover letter by 4:30 p.m. on June 29 to Human Resources Department. Download application from www.gloucesterva.info/hr/hrhome or contact the Gloucester County HR Dept. at (804) 693-5690.

Director of Code Compliance/ Stafford County

(#1422) Salary range; \$94,653 to \$124,090. Closing Date: June 29 Apply online at www.co.stafford.va.us. A resume will not be accepted in lieu of a county application. However, resumes can be attached to the online application when applying.

Director of Community Development/Town of Duck, NC

Salary DOQ, range \$61,095 -

\$94,696. Please submit your resume and letter of interest to Christopher Layton, Town Manager, Town of Duck, PO Box 8369, 1240 Duck Road Ste 106, Duck, NC 27949. Position is open until filled.

Director of Community Development/ Town of Herndon

Salary: \$73,852 - 117,720. Closing date: June 29. Call (703) 481-1185, email jobs@herndon-va.gov or visit www.herndon-va.gov.

Director of Parks and Recreation/Alleghany County

Applications are available at www.co.alleghany.va.us or at the Administration Office. Position open until filled. (540) 863-6600.

Director of Public Utilities/ Caroline County

Applications and a position description may be obtained from the County Administrator's Office or online at www.visitcaroline.com. Position is open until filled.

Environmental Planner / Goochland County

Position open until filled. A Goochland County Employment Application is required for consideration of this position and is available at (804) 556-5831 and online at www.co.goochland.va.us. For more information, please call Donald L. Charles at (804) 556-5861 or countyadmin@co.goochland.va.us.

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Finance Officer/Town Treasurer/Gordonsville

Salary \$46,615 - \$60,822. Resume deadline is June 29. For inquiries email the Town Manager's Office at smartyn@gordonsville.org or call (540) 832-2233.

Manager of Library Services/York County

A York County application is required and may be obtained at www.yorkcounty.gov or call (757) 890-3690. Hearing impaired TDD (757) 890-3300. The position is open until filled. Application review begins July 15.

Planner I/York County

Salary range: \$36,152 to \$55,769. A York County application is required and may be obtained from www.yorkcounty.gov or call (757) 890-3690. Hearing impaired TDD (757) 890-3300. Open until filled.

Planning Director/Spotsylvania County

Salary DOQ. Submit letter of application, detailed resume with salary history and work related references to: John A. Anzivino, Senior Vice President, Springsted Incorporated, 1564 East Parham Road, Richmond, VA 23228-2360; Fax (804) 726-9752 or e-mail richmond@springsted.com by June 30. For more information visit www.springsted.com.

Procurement Manager/King George County

Open until filled. Hiring range \$45,609 to \$60,000 DOQ. Applications may be obtained from the King George County Administrator's Office or online at www.king-george.va.us. (540) 775-9181

Project Engineer/Augusta County Service Authority

www.acsawater.com. Hiring range: \$38,007 - \$40,333 negotiable DOQ. Deadline: 5 p.m. June 29.

Regional Planner-Environmental and Transportation/Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

Salary range \$34,000 to \$53,200 plus fringe benefits. Negotiable DOQ. For more information or to apply, send cover letter and resume to A. Ray Griffin, Jr., Executive Director, Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, 112 MacTanly Place, Staunton, Virginia 24401. E-mail submissions accepted: ray@cspdc.org . Position open until filled.

Regional Planner II/Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission

Salary range: \$45,000-\$54,000. Interested candidates should email resumes to Shelley Owens, Interim Executive Director, at sowens@shentel.net or mail to: NSVRC, Attn: Shelley Owens, 103 East 6th Street, Front Royal, Virginia 22630.

Senior Policy Analyst/DHCD

Salary: \$45,000 - \$65,000. Provides technical and logistical support to the Commission on Local Government. Complete a state application through the online employment system. Open until filled. (804) 371-7000

Transportation Engineer/Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

Salary: \$47,000 to \$70,000. Submit cover letter, resume and professional references to Ray Griffin, Executive Director, CSPDC, 112 MacTanly Place, Staunton, VA 24401. Email submissions preferred, submit to rita@cspdc.org . Position open until filled.

Utility Agent/Hanover County

#13095-1. Hiring range \$35,265 - \$52,523 + benefits. For more info visit www.hanovercountytjobs.com or call (804) 365-6489 (TDD# 365-6140).

Zoning & Plans Inspector I/Franklin County

Salary Range: \$27,080 - \$41,974 (+) benefits. Applications available at http://www.franklincountyva.org Application review begins June 22.

Zoning and Code Enforcement Supervisor/York County

Salary range: \$41,853 - \$64,564. A York County application is required and may be obtained from www.yorkcounty.gov or call (757) 890-3690. Hearing impaired TDD (757) 890-3300. Open until filled. ☹

Using the Transportation Act of 2007 to make growth work

Tuesday, July 24, 10 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
The Place at Innsbrook
4036-C Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060

Registration

Name: _____

Title: _____

Locality: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration: **\$40 if mailed before July 15;**
\$50 after July 15 (includes lunch)



Make checks payable to: **High Growth Coalition**

Mail registration form and payment to:

Kara Norris
David Bailey Associates
1001 E. Broad Street, Suite 215, Richmond, VA 23219

E-mail questions about your registration to: HighGrowth@CapitolSquare.com

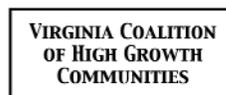
Directions

From West: I-64, exit 178B Broad Street East, left on Dominion Boulevard at 1st traffic light, then right into parking lot.

From East: I-295 to Exit 51B Nuckols Road South, right on Cox Road, right into parking at Innslake Drive (The Place is located on the far side of the complex)

Alternative from Richmond: I-64 West to Exit 178B, then SAME as from West

From South: Either I-95 to I-64 West to Exit 178B OR Route 288 to I-64 East, to Exit 178B, then SAME as from West



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