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Note: The next issue of County Connections will be available on June 5.

Land Use Training Session Set for July 24

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)

The program, *Using the Transportation Act of 2007 to Make Growth Work*, is scheduled for July 24 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in western Henrico County. It will focus on two principal provisions of the act: road impact fees and urban development areas (UDAs). However, related topics of interest, such as cash proffers and the new traffic impact analysis regulations, will also be discussed.

Each session will be led by

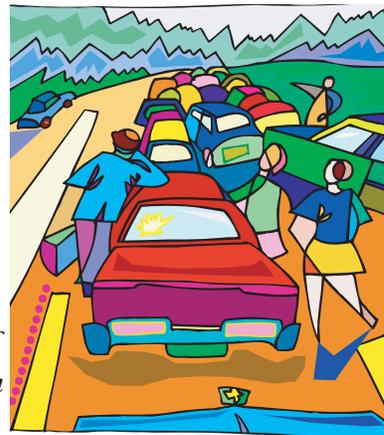
local officials and experts with practical experience in the implementation of cash proffers and urban development areas. There will also be plenty of time for

questions.

The symposium is intended for county elected officials, planning commissioners, managers, attorneys and planners. Representatives from state agencies and the environmental, agricultural and development communities will also be invited to attend and participate in the discussions.

Registration information and an agenda will be available soon. This training session will be registered for AICP continuing education credits.

For more information, contact VACo staff member Ted McCormack. ☼



VACo Achievement Awards: Deadline June 1

There's still time to send in your county's application for a VACo achievement award. Showcase your innovative county programs to a statewide audience. Applications are available at www.vaco.org or by calling (804) 788-6652. ☼

Key Legislative Issues Identified Through Regional Courthouse Meetings

Preliminary feedback from the first round of VACo regional meetings suggests that the gatherings were a success. The meetings generated a litany of timely statewide legislative and policy issues. The Resolutions and Steering Committees are charged with presenting the preliminary 2008 legislative program to the general membership. In developing the annual program, the committees will review the specific issues identified during the regional meetings. The program is adopted during the annual meeting in November.

Legislative and policy issues gathered during the meetings include the following:

- Counties require sufficient state funding for core services including public education and the Comprehensive Services Act.
- The Commonwealth and its local governments must initiate statewide tax reform (to reduce

pressure on the local real estate tax).

- Counties require sufficient land use authorities to manage growth; and Counties oppose “one-size-fits-all” land use mandates.

- Counties require a relaxation, not a repeal of, the Dillon Rule (an example includes expansion of equal tax authority).

VACo leaders, including former presidents and board directors, hosted eleven regional spring meetings between March 14 and May 9. Elected county leaders and chief administrative officers from all 95 counties were invited to participate in their regional meeting. Invitations were also extended to the 140 members of the General Assembly.

The specific policy issues generated during the regional meetings will be apportioned by the Resolutions Committee to the appropriate VACo steering committees. The Resolutions

Committee is scheduled to convene on May 24 in Albemarle County. Arlington County Chairman Paul Ferguson chairs the committee. Ferguson also services as first vice president of VACo. VACo’s eight steering committees include Administration of Government, Community Development and Planning, Education, Environment & Agriculture, Finance, Health & Human Services, Telecommunications & Public Utilities, and Transportation.

The VACo staff would like to thank the VACo Board of Directors for hosting the meetings, and members and legislators for attending. Additionally, special thanks goes to VACo staff member Carol Huff for helping to coordinate the meetings. Please forward your comments and suggestions about the meetings to Mike Edwards at medwards@vaco.org ☚

Join a 2007/2008 NACo Steering Committee

As a National Association of Counties steering committee member you will participate in formulating national county policy and advocate for NACo’s legislative positions before federal officials. Appointments are made after NACo’s Annual Conference. You can only serve on one steering committee and must be from a NACo member county. Up to eight people from any state can serve on (including up to two from any one county) each committee.

Just download the nomination form on VACo’s website at www.vaco.org and fax it to us at (804) 788-0083. NACo will notify you of your appointment in September. Please consider this important opportunity to participate. Send in your form now to ensure that Virginia has adequate representation for the coming year. The deadline to submit nomination forms to VACo is June 8. Call (804) 788-6652 to request a copy by mail. ☚

Supreme Court Upholds "Flow Control" Ordinance

On May 1, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that localities directing locally generated waste to publicly-owned solid waste facilities are not violating interstate commerce laws. In the case of United Haulers Association v. Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Management Authority, the court cited "compelling reasons" to justify treating these regulations different from laws favoring particular private businesses over their competitors. A contrary approach, said the court, would

lead to "unprecedented interference by the courts with local government."

A flow control ordinance requires solid waste collected within a jurisdiction to be disposed of in specific waste facilities (sanitary landfills or transfer stations) as designated by the locality. Flow control ordinances are meant to assure sufficient streams of revenue would be available to help operators of publicly-owned waste facilities retire debt. In 1994, another Supreme Court decision (C&A

Carbone, Inc. v. Town of Clarkestown, N.Y.) invalidated many flow control ordinances across the country. VACo will be working to better understand the full meaning of the Oneida-Herkimer decision in cooperation with other organizations including the Virginia Municipal League and the Solid Waste Association of North America.

Source: Solid Waste Association of North America ☞

State Begins Update to Building and Fire Prevention Codes

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has announced a series of meetings to discuss changes to the Uniform Statewide Building Code and the State Fire Prevention Code (SFPC).

Five work groups have been established with membership from interested individuals and organizations and each will hold at least two public comment periods this spring and summer. In addition, there will be a public hearing on July 24 for all proposed changes and then review and approval by the Board of Housing and Community Development this fall.

Work Groups 1-3 will be discussing items of interest to counties dealing with carbon

monoxide alarms for homes, residential overcrowding regulated by square footage, bed and breakfasts, and permit expiration dates.

Work Group 5 will consider making the International Wildland Urban Interface Code part of the SFPC. Such a step would give local fire officials the authority to establish districts of 50 acres or more with high risk from wild fires and within those districts regulate things such as vegetation control, access roads, storage of materials, address marking, and related activities. It has been noted, however, that state legislation may be required to give local governments the authority being considered.

The meetings for Work Group 5 on amendments to the SFPC are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on July 30, Aug. 20 and Sept. 20 in

the DHCD Board Room (The Jackson Center, 501 North 2nd Street, Richmond).

County officials interested in any of the proposed changes to the Building or Fire Prevention Codes are encouraged to visit DHCD's 2006 Code Change Cycle Web page at <http://www.dhcd.virginia.gov/StateBuildingCodesandRegulations/CodeChangeCycle.htm> or contact the Division of Building and Fire Regulation at (804) 371-7150. For more information contact VACo staff member Ted McCormack.☞



VDOT to Hold Traffic Impact Analysis Training

The Virginia Department of Transportation recently adopted final Traffic Impact Analysis Regulations (24 VAC 30-155). These regulations establish procedures that localities will be required to follow in submitting traffic impact analyses to VDOT for review and comment regarding potential impacts on state-controlled highways of certain (i) changes to the local comprehensive plan, (ii) rezoning proposals, and (iii) subdivision plats and site plans.

The regulations establish thresholds for when the traffic impact analyses must be submitted, as well as criteria that must be considered in order to facilitate VDOT's review and comment. To assist with compliance, the Department has published draft guidelines.

Please note that the regulations will not apply to all locali-

ties immediately. VDOT is phasing in the new requirements according to the following implementation schedule:

- Phase 1: July 1 - Jan. 1, 2008: Northern Virginia, Richmond, and Salem Districts
- Phase 2: Jan. 1, 2008 - July 1, 2008: Fredericksburg, Culpeper, and Staunton Districts
- Phase 3: July 1, 2008 - Jan. 1, 2009: Hampton Roads, Lynchburg, and Bristol Districts

VDOT recently announced training sessions it will be holding for local staff, administrators and other interested parties in Phase 1 localities.

Richmond District Training

(including Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, New Kent and Powhatan)

May 21 and 22, Chester campus of John Tyler Community College, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Salem District Training

(including Bedford and Montgomery)

June 1 and June 8, Holiday Inn Tanglewood in Roanoke, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Northern Virginia District Training

June 4, 5, 6 and 7, Northern Virginia District Office in Chantilly, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Registration is required. For more information, please see the VDOT Web site at virginidot.org, or contact VACo staff member Ted McCormack at tmccormack@vaco.org. ☼

Comment on Capabilities Assessment Design

The Office of Commonwealth Preparedness and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management are seeking input and comment from local governments and college/university emergency managers on the design of a Virginia Capabilities Assessment.

The Capabilities Assessment is the product of a new requirement from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the 2008 Homeland Security Grants Application.

While the guidance on developing a capabilities assessment

has been provided, there is no nationally developed assessment tool available. This allows Virginia to design an assessment tool that will fit its needs.

The final Capability Assessment instrument needs to be something that helps set preparedness priorities and serves to guide resource allocation and grant funding distribution. The purpose of asking for local input into the design of the capability assessment is to ensure that the final instrument will meet a locality's need to guide priorities and resources, as well as incorporate other data sets so it is not asked

to duplicate reporting.

Information on the capabilities assessment, including an overview, the survey design questionnaire and instructions for submitting feedback, can be found at <http://www.ocp.virginia.gov/Initiatives/GrantsCapAssess.cfm>.

For more information contact Susan Mongold at (804) 692-2598 (OCP), Susan.Mongold@governor.virginia.gov or Cheryl Adkins at (804) 897-6500 ext. 6597 (VDEM) cheryl.adkins@vdem.virginia.gov. ☼

Pilot Project Provides Transparency for Local Elections

The Virginia Public Access Project (VPAP), a non-profit organization, has launched a pilot project to provide online listings of campaign contributions received by 2007 board of supervisors candidates in at least eight Virginia counties.

After a decade of providing digital disclosure of money raised in state races, VPAP is bringing greater transparency to local election contests. VPAP has keyed campaign finance reports filed by supervisor candidates into a database and will update the listings through November. The information is online at www.vpap.org

"People have come to expect information to be available online, but unfortunately that is not the case when it comes to finding out who is funding

races for boards of supervisors and city council," said David Poole, executive director of VPAP. "We are bringing openness at a level of government where citizens are impacted the most - at the local level."

The pilot project includes city council elections in one locality and board of supervisors races in eight localities. The project will cover the counties of Accomack, Albemarle, Fairfax, Fauquier, Frederick, Loudoun, Northampton, Prince William, and the city of Charlottesville.

Poole said the scope of the project may expand to other counties this summer if funding is available. VPAP's long-range goal is to make transparency the rule rather than the exception for local elections.

"People should not have to

make an appointment at their local courthouse or city hall to get access to this information," said Christopher Rivers, chairman of the VPAP Board of Directors.

In an effort to balance the public's right to know with privacy, VPAP removes donors' street addresses even though this information is part of the public record.

Several candidates assisted the project by voluntarily filing their reports electronically with VPAP. Those candidates include Maureen Caddigan of Prince William County; Gerald Connolly of Fairfax County; Michael Frey of Fairfax County; and Kathy Graziano of Richmond ☞

Comment on the Six-Year Improvement Plan

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has scheduled several meetings to collect comments for the 2008-2013 Six-Year Improvement Plan. Local government leaders are encouraged to attend.

May 16, 5:30 p.m.- VDOT Central Office Auditorium, 1221 E. Broad St., Richmond

May 22, 7 p.m.- Salem Civic Center, 1001 Boulevard, Salem

May 23, 7 p.m.- Fairfax Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax

May 29, 7 p.m.- Hampton Roads Planning District Regional Building, 723 Woodlake Dr., Chesapeake

May 31, 7 p.m.- Quality Inn, Shenandoah Valley, 162 West Old Cross Road, New Market

If you cannot attend, please send your comments by June 5 to Public Information Office, VA Dept. of Rail and Public Transportation, 1313 E. Main St., Suite 300, Richmond, Va. 23218-0590, drptpr@DRPT.virginia.gov or to Programming Director, VA Dept. of Transportation, 1401 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219 or Six-YearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov. The working draft can be reviewed on VirginiaDOT.org and at VDOT district and residency offices on May 16. ☞



Mark Your Calendar...

The LeadershipPlenty® Certified Trainer Program

May 21-23, The Hotel Roanoke LeadershipPlenty® delivers nine highly interactive sessions that equip participants with key skills needed for community problem solving. The course fee is \$1,495 per person, or \$1,395 per person for three or more participants from the same organization. For more information, visit <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/lpinstitute> or contact Tracey Allen at tballen@vt.edu, or (540) 231-9617.

VACo Resolutions Committee Meeting

May 24, Albemarle County Complex, 11 a.m.

Virginia Regional Public Safety and Interoperability Workshop

May 31, James Madison University

For more information contact Chris Essid at Chris.Essid@governor.virginia.gov

Continuing and Professional Education for Water Utility Owners, Managers and Operators

May 16- *Overview of the Design and Function of Conventional Water Treatment Operations*
June 20 - *Basic Principles and Calculations Associated with Chemical Dosing and Sedimentation*

There is no fee to attend but registration is required.

These workshops will be broadcast simultaneously to 14 locations throughout the Commonwealth. Through the use of interactive technology, you will have the opportunity to engage in discussions and to ask specific questions of the presenters and participants around the Commonwealth. The workshops will begin promptly at noon and conclude at approximately 3 p.m. <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/cpewriter/>

2007 FOIA Workshops

June 11- Wise County
June 12- Danville
June 13- Staunton
June 14- Manassas
June 20- Norfolk
June 21- Richmond

Check the FOIA Council Web site at <http://dls.state.va.us/foia-council.htm> for registration information or call Darlene Jordan at (866) 448-4100 or (804) 786-3591.

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.

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June 22-23, The Hotel Roanoke Closing session on Aug. 23-24 in Charlottesville at the Courtyard Marriott University/Medical Center.

Registration deadline is June 4. 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.” ☘

Comment on Stormwater Guidance

The Department of Environmental Quality has developed the "Final Draft Guidance for Determining Stormwater Wasteload Allocations in TMDL Studies." The final version of this document may have substantial influence over the way stormwater permits are approved, especially if a locality is subject to Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) requirements. Comments on the draft guidance should be submitted to Charles Martin, DEQ by May 31 at chmartin@deq.virginia.gov. Mailing address: Charles Martin, Watershed Programs Section, Office of Water Quality Programs, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, VA 23218, (804) 698-4462. Please send copies of any comments to VACo staff member Larry Land at Lland@vaco.org. ☞

VACo Welcomes New Associate Member Shockey & Sons, Inc.

Trust and confidence must be established over time. Shockey builds on a solid foundation of more than 111 years of construction experience. Founded in 1896, Howard Shockey & Sons, Inc., - general contractor, design-builder, and construction manager - is part of a diversified construction organization offering quality general building construction, concrete materials supply and precast concrete building systems services to clients in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Corporate headquarters are located in Winchester, Va.

For more than 111 years, the dedicated employees of Howard Shockey & Sons have provided clients with high quality, diversified building construction services. Howard Shockey & Sons has a proven record of building quality structures at a competitive price, performing in a timely manner, and bringing significant value by working as a viable and trusted team member.

Howard Shockey & Sons is viewed as uniquely different due to our strong commitment to quality, our emphasis on building long-term relationships, our commitment to excellence at all levels of performance, and our philosophy to work in the best interests of our clients.

Howard Shockey & Sons is committed to aligning itself with owners, construction managers, architects/engineers, subcontractors and suppliers who share the same high standards and expectations of performance and integrity. The focus at Shockey is on making our "Partners of Choice" successful, for our success is a derivative of their success. ☞

Congratulations!

Loudoun County has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its annual report by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

Memory Porter, Loudoun County's legislative liaison, has retired after 27 years of service to both the county and Virginia's local governments. The General Assembly adopted a commending resolution honoring her tenure.

Linda Robinson, Henrico County's legislative liaison, will be retiring late this month. Robinson has served the county and Virginia's local governments since 1991. The General Assembly adopted a commending resolution honoring her tenure. ☞

Employment Opportunities

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

Assistant County Administrator/Alleghany County

Undergraduate degree in Public Administration or related field with a minimum of five years of progressive local government management level experience. Send letter with salary requirements, resume and references to Alleghany County Administrator, 9212 Winterberry Avenue, Covington, VA 24426. Position open until filled.

Assistant Planner, GIS Coordinator/Mathews County
Salary: \$33,000(+) DOE. A completed County of Mathews application, including salary history, along with a cover letter and resume may be submitted to the Department of Planning & Zoning, P.O. Box 839, Mathews, VA, 23109. 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.

Business Auditor/Albemarle County
Salary range: \$43,362 - \$56,371
Deadline: May 31. Apply online at www.albemarle.org/jobs.asp.

County of Albemarle,
Department of Human Resources 401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA 22902; (434) 296-5827.

County Administrator/Chesterfield County

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; Fax (804) 726-9752 or e-mail Richmond@springsted.com by May 25. For a complete community/position profile visit www.springsted.com.

Deputy Director of Human Services/Arlington County
Salary negotiable to mid \$120s. Position requires substantial mid-to upper-level managerial experience in a complex human services organization, preferably in a local government, plus a Master's degree in public administration, human services administration or related field. Submit required Internet application at www.arlingtonva.us/pers by May 17. Questions? Call (703) 228-3500 or email pers@arlingtonva.us.

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator/Accomack County

Salary Grade 22: \$38,138 - \$55,299
Application packets are available at www.acdps.net and must be submitted by May 29 at 4 p.m.

Director of Community Development/Orange County
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 14. For further information visit www.springsted.com.

Director of Parks and Recreation/Hanover County #29090-1. A Bachelor's degree in recreation, public administration or related field required. Master's degree desired. At least 8 years of progressively responsible experience in a related field, three years of which must be supervisory or management. CPRP preferred. To apply, please visit www.hanovercountyjobs.com.

Director of Parks and Recreation/Louisa County
CODE: 2700, Job will remain open until filled. Job descriptions and applications are available at www.louisacounty.com, or by calling (540) 967-0401. A Louisa County application must be submitted to be considered for this position. Faxed or e-mailed applications will be accepted only if followed up with an original signature on hard copy.

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Director of Planning and Development/Fluvanna County

Hiring salary range \$57,627-66,270. To apply please submit your resume, a State Application (www.co.fluvanna.va.us), with a cover letter stating your salary expectations to: Fluvanna County Human Resources, PO Box 540, Palmyra, VA 22963. Review of applications will begin on May 29. This position will remain open until filled.

Director of Public Works/City of Bristol

Salary: DOQ plus benefits. Send Resumes to: Office of the City Manager, City of Bristol, Virginia, 300 Lee Street, Bristol, Virginia 24201-4327. Resumes must include education, experience and a minimum of five work related references. Position will remain open until filled.

Director of Public Works/Orange County

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 16, 2007. For further information visit www.springsted.com.

Eligibility Supervisor/Department of Social Services

This position will provide the successful candidate with an opportunity to lead and develop a team of eligibility workers in the primary areas of Food Stamps, Fraud Prevention, and the Energy Assistance programs. Submit resume with Montgomery County, VA employment application to: Human Resources, 755 Roanoke Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073. Salary \$32,454. Deadline: May 25. (540) 394-2007 (TDD 540-382-5700), County Job Line (540-394-2010), www.montva.com

Environmental Planning Manager/New Kent County

Starting salary: \$47,118-\$49,270 DOQ. Online applications and a complete position description are available at www.co.newkent.va.us. Position open until filled.

GIS Coordinator/Powhatan County

Grade 14, Salary Range \$41,402 - \$64,690. Applications and a complete job description may be obtained at the Powhatan County Administration Office located at 3834 Old Buckingham Rd., Powhatan, Virginia or at www.powhatanva.gov. Open until filled.

Information Systems Infrastructure and Security Specialist/Prince George County

Salary Range \$40,763-\$62,027. For a complete job description and County Application, visit

www.princegeorgeva.org or pick up at the main desk in the County Administration Building. For information, call (804)722-8669. Resumes are encouraged with completed application. Faxed applications are not accepted. Open until filled.

Records Management Officer/Albemarle County

Plans, organizes and directs the records management program. SALARY: \$37,669 - \$48,969. Open until filled. Complete job description and online application at www.albemarle.org/jobs.asp. County of Albemarle, Department of Human Resources, Charlottesville, VA 22902; (434) 296-5827.

Systems Integration Specialist/Montgomery County

Salary begins at \$42,440/. County application required. Deadline: May 25. (540) 394-2007 (TDD 540-382-5700), www.montva.com or call the County Job Line at 540-394-2010.

Utility Engineer/Hanover County

#22485-1. \$40,874 - \$67,245 + benefits. This position is part of a career development program. Salary & level are dependent on qualifications. For more information and to apply visit www.hanovercountyjobs.com or call (804) 365-6489 (TDD# 365-6140). ☹

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