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Governor announces \$4.25 million in farmland preservation grants

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine announced on Feb. 26 the distribution of \$4.25 million to fourteen Virginia localities to preserve farmland within their boundaries through local Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) programs. PDR programs compensate landowners who permanently preserve their land by voluntarily placing a perpetual conservation easement on it.

“For the past several years, we have lost valuable farmlands to development at an alarming rate,” Gov. Kaine said. “Today we have taken an historic step to ensure that well-managed farmland around the Commonwealth will be preserved and available for continued agricultural use, now and into the future. These funds will benefit Virginia’s farmers, the local economies and the environment.”

Twenty-one local PDR programs exist in Virginia, seventeen of which have some level of local funding currently available. This is the first time that the Commonwealth of Virginia provided state matching funds for certified local PDR programs.

Eight localities received \$403,220 each: The counties of



Albemarle, Clarke, Fauquier, Goochland, Isle of Wight, and James City plus the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach. Stafford County received \$299,242; Frederick County \$265,000; Rappahannock \$165,000; New Kent County \$150,000; Cumberland County \$100,000; and Northampton County \$45,000. Grant applicants had to report how much funding was available for their local PDR programs as of July 2, 2007, and the state funds matched that amount up to \$403,220 per locality.

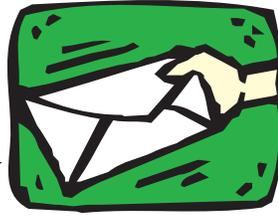
“Preserving farmland is not just a theoretical exercise for me,” said Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) Commissioner Todd P. Haymore.

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Henrico County hopes to change postal address to Henrico, Va.

Henrico County is initiating a process with the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) that would stem the loss of millions in county tax dollars each year. Residents, business owners, corporate home offices—any entity located within Henrico’s borders with a Richmond mailing address—hold the key to the effort.



The county loses an estimated \$5 million annually in tax revenues when thousands of residents and business owners inadvertently pay their taxes to the City of Richmond. The current USPS system, which lists addresses located in Henrico as Richmond, is the source of confusion.

Henrico is working with the USPS to change the mailing address of county residences and businesses from “Richmond, Va.,” to “Henrico, Va.” In early May, the USPS will send a one-question survey to residents and business owners; a majority of “yes” responses will change the mailing address to Henrico, Va.

“If a majority of our residents and business owners respond in favor of the address change, we believe the problem of misdirected tax revenues will be corrected,” said County Manager Virgil R. Hazelett, P.E. “If the initiative fails, the county will continue to lose millions of dollars each year that otherwise would be spent on services for Henrico.”

The lost revenue comes from a variety of residential and corporate taxes, including business and individual personal property taxes; sales and use taxes; bank franchise taxes; business licenses; vehicle licenses; and public service corporation taxes.

Hazelett noted that county staff has worked on misdirected tax revenues for several years, meeting with staff from the City of Richmond, Virginia Department of Taxation, Virginia Division of Motor Vehicles and State Corporation Commission. Those efforts have not corrected the problem, he said.

“Henrico is now asking for support from our residents and corporate citizens,” Hazelett said. “This process is not the result of any ill will toward the City of Richmond. It is our responsibility to Henrico’s residents to ensure they receive the benefit of the taxes they pay.”

Affected residents and businesses will be mailed an informational brochure detailing the initiative in March. In addition, a speaker’s bureau of county officials is available to discuss the effort with community groups.

For more information, call 501-4257 or log on to www.co.henrico.va.us.

House Rules carries over impact fee bill

The House Rules Committee carried over SB 768(Watkins), the measure repealing residential cash proffers, by a unanimous vote Thursday evening.

The motion came after weeks of intensive negotiations with legislators and the homebuilders, and more importantly, hundreds of communications by VACo members.

The committee adopted a substitute bill before carrying over the measure. The substitute reflects the current status of the discussions between localities and the homebuilders.

SB 768 replaces voluntary cash proffers with impact fees capped at inadequate levels. The bill also significantly reduces county authority to accept non-cash proffers.

Local governments reached a tentative “gentleman’s” agreement with the homebuilders just hours before the House Rules Committee meeting.

The homebuilders will not seek a legislative cap on cash proffers during the 2008 session. And, in return, the homebuilders will attempt this session to bar localities from adopting the road impact fee enacted in HB 3202 last year.

For more information, contact Ted McCormack at tmccormack@vaco.org.

CTB to cut secondary road funding

Various factors, including a slumping economy, are forcing the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to reduce the six-year plan spending by at least \$1.1 billion. Other reasons include increased construction and maintenance costs, the continued transfer of state construction funds to maintenance and the repealing of the abusive drivers fees.

VDOT staff provided the CTB with its revised revenue forecast recently in Richmond. The Richmond Times-Dispatch reported that secondary road funding will be reduced on average by 44 percent in FY 2009 and transit funding will be reduced on average by 10 percent. VDOT must transfer interstate, primary, urban and secondary construction funds to support maintenance activities.

As reported by VACo in a recent Capitol Contact, despite the transportation funding package of 2008 and the loss of the abusive driver fee funds programmed as of FY 2009,

VDOT will transfer more than \$280 million in the current year from state construction funds to support maintenance activities. VACo has learned that VDOT also is transferring federal dollars in the current year to support maintenance activities.

All told, this year VDOT will transfer approximately \$400 million from state and federal construction funds to support maintenance. The statewide maintenance deficit will continue to mount for the foreseeable future.

The abusive driver fees of 2008 were estimated to generate \$60 million a year. The dollars were intended to support road maintenance activities beginning in FY 2009. VDOT programmed the new funds into the current six-year plan. The repeal of the abusive driver fees leaves a \$300 million hole in the current transportation program.

The House Finance Committee defeated on Monday, Feb. 25, a 5-cent increase in the state motor fuels tax rate. SB 713 (Saslaw) phased in the increase: 1

cent per gallon in each of the next five fiscal years. The Commonwealth's current gas tax is 1.75 cents per gallon; the federal rate is just under 1.8 cents per gallon. Virginia has the lowest gas tax among its neighboring states including the District of Columbia. The new dollars from SB 713 would have support road maintenance funding.

The revenues from SB 713 are included in the Senate budget. The defeat of the bill suggests that the revenues will not survive the forthcoming budget conference.

SB 713: Fiscal Impact Estimate

2009	\$47,200,000
2010	\$100,000,000
2011	\$155,800,000
2012	\$213,700,000
2013	\$274,700,000
2014	\$281,600,000

Visit www.vaco.org to read Secretary of Transportation Pierce Homer's revised transportation revenue forecast memo released Feb. 25.

NACo offers \$2,500 college scholarships

This spring, two forward-thinking high school seniors will each earn \$2,500 for college from the NACo/Nationwide Scholarship. Winning applicants will have researched the amount of money they will need at retirement and described how secure their financial future is for retirement.

This is the third year in a row that Nationwide and the National Association of Counties have teamed up to encourage high-school seniors to think about retirement.

To be eligible, applicants must be high school seniors or graduates (age 20 and under) who are legal U.S. residents and whose parent or grandparent actively contributes to the NACo 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

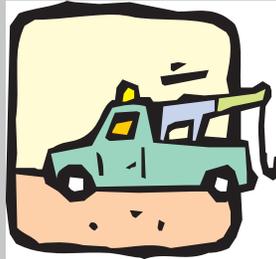
Application and entry must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2008. **For more information, visit www.naco.org/retirementscholarship or contact Lisa Cole at 202-942-4270.**

Local officials encouraged to support towing bill

Moving through the General Assembly toward likely passage is SB 707, (Norment) that delays until July 1, 2010, the effective date of regulations that apply to public safety towing and recovery services.

This bill was requested by smaller ("Class B") towing operators chiefly because of their fear that new regulations being considered by the Board of Towing and Recovery Operators (BTRO) will place them at a significant competitive disadvantage compared to larger "Class A" operators.

Since residents in rural areas often rely on smaller operators for towing services, many local governments have a stake in this issue. In fact, earlier in the session State Police testified that if



BTRO's proposed regulations go into effect in the current form, about 70 percent of towing operators would not qualify to perform tows upon the request of local law enforcement agencies.

In addition to delaying the effective date of the proposed regulations, SB 707 has provisions that attempt to bring a fair balance in representation between Class A and Class B towing operators.

Last Monday, a House Transportation subcommittee adopted an amendment that would require the commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles (or designee) chair of the BTRO. This would be in lieu of a representative of Class A or Class B operators.

VACO announces new staff member

VACo welcomes Gage Harter to the staff as communications director. Gage graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a degree in mass communications before working eight years as a sports writer at two metro dailies.

He and his wife moved from San Antonio, Texas, to Richmond in August 2005. The couple started new jobs, bought a house and delivered a baby girl in the span of three months. They survived and are glad to be back in Virginia.

Most recently, Gage worked as PR manager for VCU Health System and as a writer for a small Richmond advertising agency.

In his spare time, he mows the lawn and cleans the gutters on the roof. Just kidding. Gage and his family like to take road trips (12 hours is nothing), lounge on a beach and root for the Washington Redskins.

Farmland

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"I grew up on a farm in Pittsylvania County, which fortunately is still in the family. As farmers approach retirement, I see the appeal of turning land-based assets into a more liquid form that will support them as they age.

Localities interested in

future rounds of grant applications for PDR matching funds should contact the Office of Farmland Preservation, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, 102 Governor St., Richmond, VA 23219 or call 804-786-1346. Localities also may e-mail Kevin Schmidt, program coordinator, at kevin.schmidt@vdacs.virginia.gov.

County Connections wants your stories!

We're looking for good feature stories that highlight the amazing things county workers are doing. Or an incredible program that is helping others. We want to interview you and write the story for the newsletter. E-mail your ideas to Gage Harter at gharter@vaco.org.

2008 County Chairs and Vice Chairs

VACo would like to recognize the 2008 board chairs and vice chairs from each Virginia county.

We wish them all a productive and successful year.

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Congratulations!

Governor announces 46 new jobs for Montgomery County

Inorganic Ventures, a leading manufacturer of custom inorganic chemical blends, will invest more than \$3 million to move its operations from New Jersey to Falling Branch Corporate Park in Christiansburg.

The project will create 46 jobs for Montgomery County.

Inorganic Ventures is the leading custom inorganic chemical standards manufacturer in the United States, preparing custom and conventional chemical standards for companies around the world.

“We are very pleased a respected company such as Inorganic Ventures Inc. has selected our Falling Branch Park to relocate and establish its new corporate headquarters, laboratories and manufacturing facility,” said Annette Perkins, chairwoman of Montgomery County Board of Supervisors. “This facility will diversify and enhance our local bio-tech manufacturing cluster, a strategic objective of our economic development program.”

Hanover honored again

Hanover County has been named as one of the “100 Best Communities for Young People” for the second consecutive year.



Chesterfield County also was named an America’s Promise Alliance “100 Best Communities for Young People.”

Gov. Timothy Kaine poses with representatives from America’s Promise Alliance at a recent celebration for the honor.

Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors Chairman Art Warren (on the governor’s right) and School Board Chair Dianne Pettit (on the governor’s left) proudly share the moment.

The award is given by America’s Promise Alliance, the nation’s largest alliance dedicated to children and youth, in partnership with Capital One. More than 300 communities in 50 states sought the honor this year.

“This is another great achievement for the ‘Hanover Family,’” said John E. Gordon of the Hanover Board of Supervisors. “My personal goal is to provide all young folks an opportunity to achieve his or her full potential. Hanover’s recognition as one of the ‘100 Best’ confirms we are well on our way toward achieving this goal.”

For more information about the competition, visit www.americaspromise.org.

Charlotte County announces four staff changes

Russell B. Clark, Charlotte

County administrator, recently appointed three employees to higher positions.

Susan Adams now serves as deputy county administrator and economic development associate. Since 1998, Adams has worked as the county’s purchasing director and assumed economic development associate responsibilities last year.

Pete Tharpe was promoted to public works director. Tharpe has served the county as animal control officer and landfill director.

Monica Elder was appointed a purchasing agent and planner. Elder worked as an accounts payable/receivable clerk since 2006.

Charlotte County also announced the hiring of Ashley Palmer as the county’s administrative assistant.

Employment Opportunities

Employment ads are edited due to space considerations.

To view the full versions, visit www.vaco.org.

Budget & Management Analyst, Senior/Chesterfield County

Salary Range: \$58,081 - \$68,356

Deadline: 5 p.m. March 6. Pre-employment drug testing and FBI criminal background check required. A Chesterfield County application is required and must be submitted online. Visit careers.chesterfield.gov to view instructions and to complete and submit an application. 804-748-1551.

Senior Transportation Planner/Town of Blacksburg

\$43,026-\$53,782 with excellent benefits that include fully paid retirement, long-term disability, life insurance and medical insurance. A Town of Blacksburg application is required. This position is open until filled. The Town will begin reviewing applications on March 14.

Applications are available at the Human Resources Office in the Municipal Building at 300 South Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060 or can be downloaded at www.blacksburg.gov. Individuals with disabilities requiring accommodation in the application process should call 540-961-1188 (voice) or VA Relay Center at 711(TDD).

Erosion and Sediment Control Specialist/Appomattox and Nottoway counties

Salary is negotiable based on qualifications and experience. Candidate should possess or have the ability to possess within 12 months the combined administrator certification from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. Interested candidates should complete a county application at either the Appomattox County Administrator's office at 153A Morton Lane, PO Box 863, Appomattox, VA 24522 or the Nottoway County Administrator's office at 344 West Courthouse Road, PO Box 92, Nottoway, VA 23955. Position open until filled. Review of applications will begin on Friday, March 7, 2008.

Building Official and E&S Inspector/Charlotte County

Full-time position with benefits. Salary commensurate with experience and education. Applications may be obtained at the Charlotte County Administration Office located at 250 LeGrande Avenue, Suite A, Charlotte Court House, VA or at www.co.charlotte.va.us. Applications will be accepted until Friday, March 14, 2008 at noon.

Events and Fair Coordinator/Isle of Wight County

Salary \$32,912-41,141. Position open until filled. Interested candidates should submit an application and

resume to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit www.iwus.net or call 757-365-6263.

City Events Coordinator/Hopewell

Open Until Filled
A City of Hopewell Application is required for all job vacancies. You may access a city application @ www.ci.hopewell.va.us Submit application to Human Resources, City of Hopewell, Municipal Building, Room 221, 300 N. Main Street, Hopewell, VA 23860. 804-541-2211.

County Administrator/Patrick County

Salary is negotiable dependent upon qualifications and experience, supplemented by an excellent benefits package. To apply, submit a letter of interest and detailed resume with salary history and work-related references to: Tom Rose, PO Box 466, Stuart, VA 24171. Applicants are to submit their information no later than March 15.

Community Development Specialist/Henry County

Planning, Zoning and Inspection Office. Starting salary: \$32,277. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Send letter of application and detailed resume to: Susan Reynolds, Human Resources Director, County of Henry, PO Box 7, Collinsville, VA 24078.

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Historic Resources

Manager/Isle of Wight County

\$36,139-\$46,077 DOQ

Interested candidates should submit an application and resume to: Human Resources, PO Box 80, Isle of Wight, VA 23397. Visit our website at www.iwus.net or call 757-365-6263. Position open until filled.

Chief of Police/City of Lynchburg

Residency within the City of Lynchburg is required. Market competitive salary dependent on qualifications and excellent benefits. For full recruitment profile, candidates should visit www.lynchburgva.gov/Index.aspx?page=4256. Interested, qualified parties are encouraged to submit a City of

Lynchburg employment application, including a cover letter and confidential resume with salary history and professional references, online at www.lynchburgva.gov or via mail, e-mail or fax by March 17 to: Margaret M. Schmitt, SPHR, Director of Human Resources, 900 Church St., Lynchburg, VA 24504; Fax: 434-845-4304 or margaret.schmitt@lynchburgva.gov.

Planner/Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission

\$30,000 - \$40,000 DOQ. Regional planning agency seeks Regional Planner to manage a Natural Resources program. Send resume to Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, PO Box 417, Accomac, VA 23301. 757-787-2936. Open until filled.

Planner/Mathews County

Starting salary \$32K or higher DOQ. Submit Mathews County Application and resume w/ cover letter to Planning & Zoning, PO Box 839, Mathews, VA 23109. Application may be obtained at www.co.mathews.va.us. Or call 804-725-4034. Position open until filled.

Senior Engineer/Leesburg

Salary Range: \$52,752-\$88,542 plus excellent benefits package Closing Date: Open until filled. See www.leesburgva.gov or request an application from the HR Dept. at 703-737-7177. Applications are accepted by mail, fax 703-737-7190 or hand-delivered to the Human Resources Dept. (Town of Leesburg, 25 W. Market St., Leesburg, VA 20176).

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