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VACo exists to support county officials and to effectively represent, promote and protect the interests of counties to better serve the people of Virginia.

The [Legislative Summary](#) details the actions of the 2017 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 studies and statistics of importance to counties.

[The 2017 Legislative Summary](#)

# Announcing VACo's 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference



**Les Thompson, Senior Retirement Specialist, and Lynn Robinette, Retirement Specialist, of Nationwide Retirement Solutions are all smiles at the VACo 2016 Annual Conference. Nationwide Retirement Solutions was an exhibitor at the conference.**

VACo's 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference will be held November 12-14, 2017, at The Omni Homestead in Bath County. The Annual Conference provides county officials with a great opportunity to vote on VACo's policies related to state legislation and regulation, elect officers, network with colleagues, learn about innovative county programs, find out about issues impacting counties across the state and view products and services from participating exhibitors.

Over the next seven months, we will include conference updates in each edition of County Connections. Be sure to read each article for details intended to help your arrival, stay and departure run smoothly.

On Thursday, June 15, we will send the Room Reservation Forms by email to the VACo Board of Directors, County Managers and Administrators and confirmed exhibitors. If you are unfamiliar with the room reservation process, please see the [VACo Lodging Policy](#) or contact us for more information.

Attendees staying at The Omni Homestead will again be on the Modified American Plan (MAP) meal plan. This plan includes the buffet breakfast and dinner. Make meal reservations as soon as your room reservations are made, as venues fill quickly.

On Tuesday, August 15, we will release the VACo Annual Conference Registration Form. Conference registration is separate from your room reservation.

Registration is now open for [Saturday's Annual Golf Tournament](#) and [Monday's VLGMA Luncheon](#). These events are not included in the conference registration cost.

The [2017 VACo Annual Conference webpage](#) will be updated with agenda and conference information. If you have any questions, or are new to the process, please contact us at 804.788.6652.

VACo Contact: [Amy V. Sales, CMP](#)

## Prince William County hires Chief Information Officer

Following a nationwide search and competitive hiring process, the Board of County Supervisors announced that Robert Mancini will head the county's Department of Information Technology as the new Chief Information Officer.

Mancini brings with him 30 years of experience in the field of information technology, with 12 of those years in local government. He most recently served as Chief Information Officer for Lexington Technology, where he provided leadership and recovery services to the organization, including developing and executing a critical turnaround plan for the IT division, negotiating service contracts and introducing service level agreements and initiating programs that increased productivity while reducing attrition.

Before that, Mancini served as the Chief Technology Officer for the D.C. government, where he developed strategies and oversaw all technology services for the organization. While there, he created the Digital Inclusion Initiative to expand access to broadband services in underserved areas of D.C., developed the D.C. Centralized Technology Procurement team and developed strategic public-private partnerships with several cybersecurity entities, among other successful initiatives.

"Robert Mancini brings a great deal of experience and expertise to Prince William County," said Corey A. Stewart, Chairman of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors. "He has implemented several successful technology programs in the public and private sectors alike, and we are confident that he will serve our community and the organization well."

"I am thrilled to have this opportunity to return to public service," said Mancini. "I want to thank the Board of County Supervisors and reinforce my commitment to deliver innovative technology-based strategies and solutions that will best serve Prince William County."

Mancini received a Master of Science degree in Information Systems from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a minor in Mathematics from Radford University.



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## Prince William County names Parks and Recreation Director

Following a nationwide search and competitive hiring process, the Board of County Supervisors announced that Seth Hendler-Voss is the new Parks and Recreation Director for Prince William County.

Hendler-Voss comes to Prince William County from Canton, NC, where he served as the Town Manager. While there, he led several successful parks and recreation initiatives and community development programs, raised more than \$3 million in private donations and grants and obtained a \$350,000 grant from the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund.

Previously, Hendler-Voss worked as the Principal Landscape Architect and then the Planning and Development Manager for the City of Asheville's Parks and Recreation Department. Before that, he worked as the Principal Landscape Architect for the City of Atlanta's Office of Park Design.

"The Board is very excited about the hire of Seth Hendler-Voss," said Corey A. Stewart, Chairman of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors. "He brings a great deal of experience in local government, including as a previous director of parks and recreation, which gives him a unique understanding and perspective of government operations at all levels."

"I want to thank the Board of County Supervisors for this opportunity," said Hendler-Voss. "I am looking forward to continuing the great progress Prince William County has made in the area of parks and recreation, as well as bringing dynamic new ideas and initiatives to the table."

Hendler-Voss received a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from The Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Public Affairs degree from Western Carolina University. He is a Registered Landscape Architect in North Carolina and a member of the National Recreation and Parks Association.



## Local Fiscal Stress ‘Early Warning System’ Discussed

On April 11, a working group convened by Martha Mavredes, the Auditor of Public Accounts, met to discuss the development of an “early warning system” for localities in fiscal distress. This meeting was a continuation of discussions held last year and responds to language in the state budget directing the creation of a set of criteria to identify localities in financial trouble.

Staff from the Pew Charitable Trusts briefed attendees on approaches taken by other states to identify and respond to local fiscal stress. States are using a variety of methods to identify localities in financial trouble and take differing approaches to state intervention in local affairs, ranging from limited technical support to state approval of the issuance of local debt. Indicators used by states to flag potentially troubled localities include levels of debt per capita, liquidity, tax revenue per capita and on-time filing of required audits, among other factors. Some states include “environmental” factors as well, such as poverty rates, reliance on a single industry, or changes in population.

The workgroup will reconvene in the coming months to review sample models using historical data from Virginia localities. The best method to present the results of such modeling will also be discussed; Ms. Mavredes expressed a preference to provide contextual information along with raw data, as there are economic development concerns associated with designating a locality as distressed.

VACo will continue to participate in the workgroup and will keep members apprised of future developments.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)

## State General Fund Revenues Up in March

State General Fund revenue collections continued their strong performance for another month, rising 5.7 percent in March. On a fiscal year-to-date basis, total GF revenue collections grew 4.6 percent, ahead of the 2.9 percent annual growth forecast. Growth in March was driven primarily by individual income tax withholding, which comprises 63 percent of total GF revenues and grew 6.8 percent this month. Year-to-date individual withholding receipts have grown by 5.3 percent; the forecast for this category is 3.6 percent growth.

As was the case in February, sales tax revenues grew, but continue to lag the annual estimate. Adjusted for the accelerated sales tax program, revenues have grown by 1.6 percent on a year-to-date basis; the annual forecast projects 2.7 percent growth.

Governor McAuliffe noted in his statement that although the last three months of the fiscal year are significant months for revenue collections (with estimated and final income tax payments due from corporations and individuals in April and May and estimated payments due again in June), the healthy collections thus far provide the state with a “cushion” in meeting the official revenue forecast. Secretary of Finance Ric Brown’s March revenue letter may be found [here](#).

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## Governor’s Secure Commonwealth Initiative HHR Sub-Panel Meets

The Health and Human Resources Sub-Panel of the Governor’s Secure Commonwealth Initiative met in Henrico County on April 7. Among other briefings, a major topic of discussion was the state’s response to the opioid epidemic. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has convened a task force with a three-part response to the epidemic: preventing new cases of addiction through such methods as reducing the number of prescriptions written for opioids; screening and treating new cases, such as babies born with neonatal abstinence syndrome; and reducing harm involved with drug use, through methods such as improving access to naloxone and testing for diseases associated with injected drug use, such as Hepatitis C.

In addition, the 2017 General Assembly authorized the Commissioner of Health to create local or regional harm reduction programs that may include syringe exchange programs under certain circumstances.

A helpful reference for localities is the [Virginia Opioid Addiction Indicators dashboard](#), which displays data on overdose deaths, administration of naloxone and reported cases of HIV and Hepatitis C by locality, health district, or Virginia State Police Region, among other categories. The dashboard is available on the [VDH website](#).

VDH staff also briefed attendees on preparations underway to respond to the Zika virus. An outreach campaign is underway to encourage members of the public to “tip, toss, and cover” – tip and empty containers of standing water and toss out items such as old tires to eliminate areas for Zika-carrying mosquitoes to breed and cover exposed skin when outside; using mosquito repellent is also encouraged. VDH is working to contract with mosquito control vendors to supplement local mosquito control efforts in case Virginia experiences local transmission of the virus. Materials about Zika may be found at [www.zikava.org](#).

VDH staff also provided an overview of the main federal grants that provide public health emergency preparedness funding in Virginia, the Hospital Preparedness Program and the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program. These grants fund a variety of emergency preparedness activities, such as tabletop exercises and the purchase of protective equipment for first responders. The State Health Commissioner, Dr. Marissa Levine, noted that Virginia has used this funding to build a strong capacity to respond to emergencies, but cautioned that this response system is dependent upon federal funds and is vulnerable to potential reductions in federal spending.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)



## Visit Arlington County and The National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial

On September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked a plane and flew it into the Pentagon, our nation's military headquarters, and killed 184 federal employees, military personnel, civilians and flight crew. The victims – men, women, and children – ranged in age from three to seventy-one, and represented a cross-section of America. The physical damage to the Pentagon was rebuilt in less than one year, but the attacks forever changed our world.

To preserve the memories of those lost and the day's tremendous significance in our nation's history, the Pentagon Memorial Fund, Inc. was formed to raise the necessary funds to build a simple but meaningful memorial near the site of the attack for all to visit. The Pentagon Memorial Fund is also dedicated to developing educational resources and outreach opportunities to help visitors understand the historic significance of the site and the events that occurred on September 11, 2001.

In 2003, a large cross-section of corporations, countries and individuals – including family members of the victims, former presidents and first ladies, members of Congress, former military leaders, people from across America and the world – joined together in support of the Pentagon Memorial Fund. With this united effort, the Pentagon Memorial was dedicated on September 11, 2008, the first of the three national 9/11 memorials to be dedicated in this country.

Since opening to the public, research has shown that there is a unique teachable moment at the Memorial to explain the events at the Pentagon on 9/11, the stories of the victims and heroes; the role of the Department of Defense and Pentagon; and how the United States and governments around the world are working together to prevent future attacks.

**SOURCE:** [The National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial](#)



# Mark Your Calendars



## ENTER THE 2017 VACo ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

**Dear VACo Members:**

It's time for the 2017 Achievement Awards Program. Any county department is eligible to compete so **ENTER NOW!**

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. Email entries to Gage Harter at [gcharter@vaco.org](mailto:gcharter@vaco.org).

Submissions must be received by June 2.

Last year we processed 91 entries and selected 29 winners from 21 counties. VACo presented awards at 18 Board of Supervisors Meetings and recognized winners at the Annual Conference, in a news release sent to statewide media and in an Achievement Awards booklet.

The judges for the 2017 Achievement Awards will be announced soon.

VACo received more than 500 entries over the past eight competitions. Last year's Best Achievement winner was King and Queen County for its "King and Queen Broadband Internet" program.

VACo encourages all counties, big and small, to enter the 2017 Achievement Awards Program. Please contact [gcharter@vaco.org](mailto:gcharter@vaco.org) with questions or for more information.

[Click here for entry form](#) | [Click here for Achievement Awards website](#) | [Click here to browse all of the 2016 entries](#) | [Click here to view past Achievement Award winners](#)

### 2017 Virginia VOLUNTEERISM & SERVICE CONFERENCE

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Workshops in this track are designed to boost volunteer recruitment and retention and will offer hands-on tools and tips. Some of the sessions include: Take Your Volunteer Engagement Up a Notch, Don't Say "No" to Pro Bono: Using Corporate Volunteers to Your Advantage.

**Personal/Professional Development Track**

Your personal and professional development plays a vital role in the success of your organization. These sessions will provide inspiration and techniques you can utilize every day. Some of the workshops include: How NOT to Be Boring: Using Creative and Fun Facilitation Tactics and Recognizing Excellence (Not Talent) in Your Organization.

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## VIRGINIA CERTIFIED COUNTY SUPERVISORS' PROGRAM

**Funding Public Services in the 21st Century**

**Opening Session:** June 2, 2017

**Closing Session:** July 28, 2017

**Location:** Albemarle County

**Cost:** \$350 | **Registration Deadline:** May 23, 2017

[Registration Form](#) | [Register Online](#)

In a perfect world a county budget will be driven by county goals. But how are the goals set and are the selected goals viewed similarly by the public? Local governments are constantly facing fiscal crisis and county leaders are striving to understand budgeting requirements, the cost of services, and the return on the investment of citizens' tax dollars. Establishing a budget policy and linking the county budget with clearly defined goals may be a new concept to some elected officials. During this class, the legal basis for the county operating budget and the capital improvement budget are discussed. Various forms of county budgeting are explored including line item, program, performance, zero-based and outcomes based budgeting. Local county budgets are analyzed searching for unique features and successful methodologies that are transferable to other localities. Participants examine the need for budget evaluation tools, performance controls, as well as the role effectiveness and efficiency measures can play in the budgeting process.

# Meet Our Newest VACo Associate Member



[SHI International Corp.](#) is a privately-owned global provider of information technology products and services, headquartered in Somerset, N.J.

Founded in 1989, SHI has evolved from a \$1 million “software-only” regional reseller into a \$7.5 billion organization that delivers custom IT solutions to Academic, Corporate, Enterprise and Public Sector customers of all sizes.

For over 20 years, SHI and Senior Account Executive Erik Schroeder have supported the state of Virginia with their IT solution needs, including [cloud services](#), [end user solutions](#), [data center optimization](#), [security services](#), [mobility solutions](#) and [IT asset management](#) services.

With increasing security risks, rising cost of legacy equipment maintenance, dwindling budgets and reduced in-house IT staffing, government agencies need to do more with less – like moving to the cloud.

Moving to the cloud is a slow process and an ongoing challenge faced by many government entities. The security risks with moving sensitive data have grown exponentially and ensuring data protection in the cloud is only one piece to the puzzle.

Schroeder and SHI continue to work with cities, counties and government agencies within Virginia as they make this shift towards the next generation of cloud computing. With industry-leading security and cloud partnerships, SHI’s ability to customize solutions has helped Virginia modernize and mobilize their IT environments year after year.

While cybersecurity is a priority for many agencies, public safety organizations strive to make safer communities all around.

In most recent years, Schroeder has worked side by side with localities in Virginia to support their efforts to increase security at a state and local level through video surveillance solutions.

SHI’s Video Surveillance Solution which consists of video surveillance, cloud-based storage and data encryption was specifically designed for public safety organizations to help minimize risk for public safety officers while maintaining the well-being of citizens.

As Virginia’s IT needs continue to expand, Schroeder and SHI are proud to remain a preferred IT partner in helping Virginia adapt to the complex and changing world of Information Technology for years to come.

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# News from our Associate Members



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## **VARINA AREA LIBRARY RECEIVES NATIONAL DESIGN AWARD**

**The Varina Area Library in Henrico County, Virginia receives a national design award from the American Institute of Architects and American Library Association.**

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and American Library Association (ALA) announced the winners of the 2017 Library Building Awards.

The AIA and the American Library Association/Library Leadership and Management Association annually recognize excellence in library planning and design. The Varina Area Library, designed by BCWH in Richmond, VA in collaboration with Tappé Architects in Boston, MA, was one of eight American and European libraries to receive this year’s prestigious Library Building Award.

The Library, which opened on June 1, 2016, is a new 43,000 square foot building located on a 22 acre parcel of land in the rural, eastern section of Henrico County, Virginia. The new state-of the art-library replaces a small 6,000 square foot branch that served the Varina community for over 40 years.

The design of the Library reflects and reinforces the unique, local culture and history of the Varina district. The building and materials are reminiscent of the agrarian structures that once populated the area, borrowing on the form of a tobacco barn. The Library is configured to be a series of three pavilions emerging from and cascading down the site toward a protected wetland area. Both the interior and exterior materials are inspired by those found recurrently in the surrounding community. The end of each pavilion is enclosed by expansive glass walls that maximizes views, allowing natural light to bathe the interior. The project is designed to achieve LEED Silver Certification.

Configured for adaptability, the spatial connections between the Teen Collection, Collaboration Zone and Digital Media Lab allow the spaces to flex over the course of a day to accommodate emerging entrepreneurs, seniors, teens and tech-savvy patrons. At the opposite end of the Library, the Silent Study pavilion is immersed in daylight and the natural environment surrounds patrons who desire a place for focused concentration. The Children’s Collection has a “floating” story and craft pavilion that is accented with pops of color in which children can access through a great “barn door.” Spilling from the Welcome Zone to the Reading Landing, cascading seating steps become an informal amphitheater when the oversized screen lowers in front of the two-story glass wall that frames the woods and walking trails.

### **About BCWH and Tappé Architects**

BCWH and Tappé have a strategic partnership to bring the best in library design to the communities they serve. Both firms share the same values and philosophies about client service and design excellence. BCWH’s strong project delivery approach and superior interior design capabilities are complimented by Tappé’s national expertise in planning and designing quality library environments. The two firms have successfully collaborated with Henrico County since 2008. In addition to the Varina Library, the team designed the Gayton Library renovation and the new Libbie Mill Library and are currently designing the County’s new Fairfield Area Library.



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COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**Donald Robertson**  
**Isle of Wight County**  
**Assistant County**  
**Administrator**



**Q1. You wear several hats in addition to your role as Assistant County Administrator, serving also as the Director of Information Resources and Legislative Affairs for Isle of Wight County since 2006. How has working with the media changed since you've served in that role?**

**Don Robertson:** Actually, I have been working with the media since I started with the County in 1990. The thing that has changed most is the way I interact with the media. When I first started in local government, all of my interactions with the media were either face-to-face or via the telephone. Now, in addition to those modes of communication, I spend an equal amount of time, if not more, communicating with reporters via email and text messaging.

**Q2. How do you keep up with the news? What media sources do you read, watch, or listen to regularly?**

**DR:** I spend time each day reviewing a variety of news sources. Typically, I will watch CNN and the local TV news before I leave home. I check several websites daily, such as [MSN.com](http://MSN.com), [CNN.com](http://CNN.com), [USATODAY.com](http://USATODAY.com), [Pilotonline.com](http://Pilotonline.com), [Richmond.com](http://Richmond.com), [Roanoke.com](http://Roanoke.com), [Tidewaternews.com](http://Tidewaternews.com), [DailyPress.com](http://DailyPress.com) and [SmithfieldTimes.com](http://SmithfieldTimes.com) to stay abreast of any issues impacting the County.

**Q3. You've also been the County's Human Resources Director. What qualities do you look for when hiring?**

**DR:** Like most everyone, I want to be sure that the person has the appropriate education and employment experience for the position we are attempting to fill, but I also like to get a feel for the person's work ethic. We have an awesome team of employees in Isle of Wight, so I look for the person who is going to be excited about being a part of our team, learning new things each day, and getting things accomplished.

**Q4. In addition to your Master's in Public Administration, you hold a degree in communications studies from Virginia Tech and you worked as an electrician for Newport News Shipbuilding earlier in your career. How does your background influence your current work?**

**DR:** When I was at Virginia Tech, I took a class called "Physics as a Liberal Art." It gave me some great insights on the power of being able to explain very technical information to people with non-technical backgrounds and vice versa. I am always looking for opportunities to bridge the communications between staff and citizens because the things that seem so obvious to us are sometimes mysteries to the people we serve.

**Q5. What drew you to working in local government? How did you make the transition from the private sector to county administration?**

**DR:** When I left college, I really didn't know that much about local government. I was working in the private sector, as an Apprentice Electrician in the shipbuilding industry. The pay was great, but I knew it wasn't what I wanted to do for the next 30 years, so I took a couple of graduate school classes in Public Administration. I think I got into an argument with one of my professors on the first night of my first class, but I was hooked. I knew I wanted to work in local government and specifically, I wanted to serve in Isle of Wight County so I could contribute to the community that I grew up in. I began pursuing opportunities in local government and when a position opened in Isle of Wight County I applied, but I did not get the position. I met with the County Administrator and talked to others in the organization to determine how I could better prepare myself for future opportunities and when that same position became available a couple years later, I applied again and was offered the position.

**Q6. What challenges and opportunities do you see facing Isle of Wight County in the near future?**

**DR:** Isle of Wight County is challenged with addressing the needs and expectations of a growing community while maintaining its rural character. Many of our newest residents have moved from urban and suburban communities to enjoy the rural ambiance offered by our community, but their expectations of rural life are not always consistent with their more long-term neighbors. The growth we are experiencing represents an opportunity for diversification of our economic development portfolio and it also provides an opportunity for the expansion and provision of needed services and infrastructure in areas of our community where it would not have been possible.

**Q7. What do you do for fun?**

**DR:** Since my wife and I are now "empty-nesters" we really enjoy spending quiet time at home together or going out for a good meal and great conversation.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)

## Henrico County names Chip England to lead public utilities department



Henrico County Manager John A. Vithoulkas has appointed Chip B. England to serve as director of the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), effective Monday, May 15.

England currently works as the director of the Department of Engineering and Utilities for Prince George County. He will succeed Arthur D. Petrini, who is retiring from the position. Petrini has led Henrico's DPU since 2001.

As director, England will head an agency with more than 300 employees and a budget of nearly \$84.7 million for the 2017 fiscal year. DPU provides drinking water and wastewater services to more than 95,000 customers. In addition, the agency provides refuse collection and recycling services and manages the Keep Henrico Beautiful program. DPU also oversees the Cobbs Creek Reservoir regional water supply project, currently under construction in Cumberland County.

Prior to his service with Prince George County, England worked as a deputy director of public works for Hanover County and served as an assistant division director of the water treatment facility for Henrico DPU, a post he held from 2002 to 2011.

England earned a bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He received a master of business administration degree from Averett University and completed coursework in the master of civil engineering program at Virginia Tech. He is a registered professional engineer with the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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## Local Government Toolkit for Summer Food Service Program Released



As a follow-up to the conference call First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe held in March with local government leaders on the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) ([previously discussed in County Connections](#)), No Kid Hungry Virginia has released a toolkit with ideas for how local elected officials can promote the SFSP. The document includes ideas for raising awareness of the program, including a sample proclamation, press release, and social media materials.

The [Toolkit](#) is available on No Kid Hungry Virginia's website.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)

## Virginia makes funding for apprenticeship programs available to localities

The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry's [Registered Apprenticeship Program](#) provides funds for both state and private sector employers to employ and train workers.

The program has now been expanded to allow Virginia's localities to access these funds to recruit, retain, and strengthen the skills of workers beginning their public service careers in local government.

For more information on how this incentive plan can assist your county, contact [Kathleen.Eddington@doli.virginia.gov](mailto:Kathleen.Eddington@doli.virginia.gov).



## VDOT announces new Richmond District Engineer

Bart Thrasher to oversee construction, maintenance and operations for roads in 14 counties

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Commissioner Charles Kilpatrick, P.E., announced that Bart A. Thrasher, P.E., will be the agency's new Richmond District Engineer.

"I'm pleased to announce that Bart A. Thrasher, P.E., will be leading VDOT's Richmond District," said Kilpatrick. "He brings extensive skills in pioneering solutions to address transportation challenges across the Commonwealth."

Thrasher will be responsible for the construction, maintenance and operations of approximately 18,700 lane miles of roads in the Richmond District's 14 counties: Amelia, Brunswick, Charles City, Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico (except secondary system), Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, New Kent, Nottoway, Powhatan and Prince George.

Thrasher brings over 22 years of experience from both the private and public sectors. He began his career with VDOT in 1997 as a transportation engineer trainee and since that time has served in several leadership roles in various capacities. Thrasher moved to Richmond District's Sandston Residency in 1998 as a construction inspector. In 2000, he became a transportation engineer in the Location and Design Division working on the Springfield Interchange project while in both the Northern Virginia District and Central Office. In 2004, Thrasher was selected as Location and Design Division's State Geometric Engineer and became the Assistant State Location and Design Engineer in 2008.



Most recently, he served as the state location and design engineer. As state location and design engineer, Thrasher was responsible for the planning, implementation and oversight of VDOT's statewide project management and preconstruction activities. His design and construction knowledge ranges from land development and secondary road systems to complex arterial and interstate interchanges.

Thrasher holds a bachelor of science and masters of business administration degrees from Old Dominion University as well as a bachelor of arts degree from Emory and Henry College. He is a graduate of the Virginia Executive Institute and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) National Transportation Management Institute.

Thrasher is a member of the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO) Subcommittee on Design as well as AASHTO's Technical Committee on Geometric Design. He has been co-author of various chapters of the past two editions of AASHTO's Green Book and is also a member of the Transportation Research Board's Subcommittee on Geometric Design.



## JOIN NACo APRIL 19 FOR COUNTY HEALTH DAY!

On County Health Day, April 19, highlight the work your county is doing to improve health

As part of National County Government Month, County Health Day will showcase how counties build healthier communities and emphasize the county role in supporting health and human services. Throughout the day, NACo will post links and examples of county accomplishments and share health tools and resources.

Join NACo by posting on [NACo's Facebook page](#) or on Twitter [@NACoTweets](#) (using [#CountyHealth](#)) your links to your county's health projects, resources and innovative efforts to improve health for all.

Join [@NACoTweets](#) for a [#CountyHealth](#) Twitter chat on April 19 at 2 p.m. Eastern

On April 19, 2017 from 2 – 3 p.m. Eastern, NACo will host a County Health Day Twitter chat to discuss how counties support healthy communities. NACo will guide the discussion around a series of questions labeled Q1, Q2, Q3, etc. Respond to the questions that [@NACoTweets](#) posts and tweet your county's stories and resources by using the hashtag [#CountyHealth](#) and the corresponding A1, A2, A3, etc. for each answer.

**We look forward to highlighting your county on County Health Day, April 19!**



# Savings and Solutions with New Paint and Paint Supplies Contract

## NEW CONTRACT Paint & Paint Supplies



We are excited to announce the award of a new U.S. Communities cooperative contract for Paint and Paint Supplies. This contract was awarded to The Home Depot through a competitive solicitation process conducted by the lead public agency, Maricopa County, Arizona. The contract term is for three years with the option to renew for seven additional one year periods.

Learn more about this new contract that provides services and savings:

1. Up to 20% off paints, stains and primers
2. All paint purchases eligible for rebate of up to 5%
3. Free direct-to-jobsite delivery
4. Dedicated field support

### More Information on the Paint Contract

Join us for one of our [free informational webinars](#). If you are unable to join one of the webinars, click the information link below to have a [Home Depot representative contact you](#).

**Date:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017  
**Time:** 11 am

**Date:** Thursday, May 4, 2017  
**Time:** 1 pm

Register for Webinar

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Request More Information from  
a Home Depot Paint Expert

# employment opportunities



The Virginia Association of Counties accepts employment ads in a PDF file or a link to a job site. Please include information for applying, and a link to other important information. Please do not fax your employment ad. VACo members are not charged for placing an employment ad. The cost is \$50 per ad for non-VACo members. VACo publishes the ad on its website and mobile app as well as the upcoming County Connections issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [Valerie Russell](mailto:Valerie.Russell).



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