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VACo HITS THE ROAD



Region 7 Meets in Louisa County

Region 7 counties met on June 22 for a robust discussion of topics of shared concern. As part of the education portion of the meeting, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources Russ Baxter made a presentation about the status of Chesapeake Bay cleanup efforts. Virginia has made progress toward meeting its 2025 pollutant reduction targets, surpassing its 2017 targets for reductions in nitrogen and phosphorus; however, obtaining future reductions while accounting for future growth will be challenging. He encouraged localities to work with the state to document current best management practices in place as Virginia works to develop Phase III of its Watershed Improvement Plan, to be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in December 2018. Baxter noted that the EPA is allowing states to determine what constitutes a "local" target, and the state may opt for targets on a regional basis (such as by soil and water conservation district or planning district commission).

In response to concerns expressed about the cost of water quality regulations related to land disturbances, Melanie Davenport of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) addressed the recent history of post-construction water quality and quantity regulations embodied in the Construction General Permit. She noted the challenges of the statewide application of the program to localities of varying sizes and demographics and advised attendees of an upcoming study group directed by legislation sponsored

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Regions 12 and 13 Meet in Washington County

Region 12 and 13 counties met on June 29 and discussed a wide variety of topics with legislators in attendance. Economic development, greater access to broadband in underserved areas, and equal taxing authority were central concerns, but attendees also discussed stormwater management regulations, the "Smart Scale" transportation funding allocation process, and school funding, among other issues.

Delegates Kilgore, Pillion, O'Quinn, and Morefield spoke about recent efforts in the General Assembly by the southwest Virginia delegation on behalf of the region, including this year's successful legislation allowing for abandoned mines to be used for energy generation via hydroelectric pumped storage, and a package of bills addressing the opiate addiction crisis, largely by working to tighten regulations for prescribing opioid painkillers. A robust discussion ensued, including conversations about state assistance with road improvements in light of the inadequacy of coal severance tax revenues to meet those needs; the need to address declining school enrollment in the K-12 funding formula; the need for equal taxing authority for counties to enable revenue diversification; problems with overcrowding in local and regional jails and possible solutions, such as increased use of work-release programs and drug courts; and the need for assistance with infrastructure projects, perhaps with federal funding, in light

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Don't Miss a Special Go Green Forum on August 2!

Go Green Virginia, a partnership between VACo and the Virginia Municipal League, will present a special forum on August 2 on high-profile environmental issues that will have major impacts upon local governments in the immediate future.

This year's forum will focus on solar energy, water supply and requirements associated with the Chesapeake Bay TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load). Robert Lazaro, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and VACo's Joe Lerch, Director of Local Government Policy, will discuss issues relating to solar energy. A presentation on Chesapeake Bay cleanup efforts will be made by Russ Baxter, Virginia's Deputy Secretary for the Chesapeake Bay. Scott Kudlas, Director of DEQ's Office of Water Supply, will also present at the Forum.

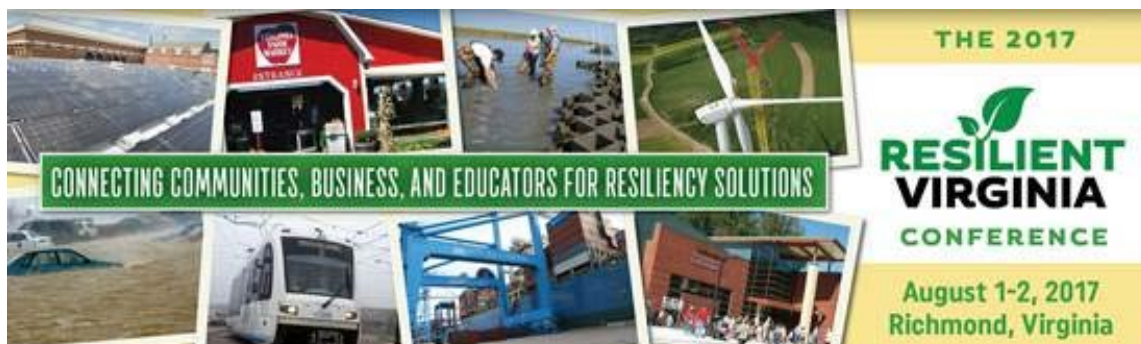
The Go Green Forum will be offered at no charge. It is scheduled between 1:45 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. at Richmond's Convention Center, after adjournment of the Resilient Virginia Conference (see below).

Although there is no fee for attending the Go Green Forum, we ask those planning to attend to submit a [registration form](#) or [register online](#).

Questions about the August 2 Forum may be directed to Larry Land, VACo's Director of Policy Development, at lland@vaco.org or by calling 804.343.2504.

Resilient Virginia Conference Focuses on Local Governments' Role in Building Vibrant, Strong Communities

August 1-2, 2017 | Richmond



Local governments, working with their local businesses and community institutions, play a critical role in resiliency planning. At the 2017 Resilient Virginia Conference, nationally recognized planning processes will be demonstrated that your local government leadership can take back to their own communities. They will learn about:

- the tools and resources to better deal with anticipated threats, such as hurricanes, infrastructure failures, health crises, and cyber attacks;
- how to become more expert at reducing their vulnerabilities;
- how to mobilize their resources and assets, including community business and institutions; and
- what it takes to set forth a plan for a more economically secure future for their citizens and businesses.

Plan to attend to learn, network and take away resiliency planning tools and resources.

Find out more about the agenda and speakers at the website - www.resilientvirginia.org - and [register today](#) to join colleagues in working toward a resilient future!

Grayson County welcomes new Administrator



William L. “Bill” Shepley (seated right) was named Grayson County Administrator on June 21. Joining Shepley at the signing ceremony are the Grayson County Board of Supervisors (standing left to right) - Glen Rosenbaum, Michael Hash, Kenneth Belton and John Fant. Seated is Board Chair Brenda Sutherland.

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@GraysonSheriff Twitter

Bill Shepley, a Virginia native, has spent the past 20 years professionally developing and leading multi-organizational, nationally-recognized partnerships throughout the southeastern United States. These partnerships have focused on improving quality, increasing efficiency, controlling costs and fostering growth for the organizations he has led.

Shepley earned his Masters of Healthcare Administration (M.H.A.) degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he briefly served as an Adjunct Faculty member.

In addition to his M.H.A., Shepley earned a Master’s of Science (M.S.) degree from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina and a Bachelors of Arts (B.A.) degree in Anthropology from the same university.

Over the years, Shepley has led several organizations to national prominence. He led the ViQuest Program at Vidant Healthcare Systems in Greenville, North Carolina. ViQuest was recognized as the “Outstanding Employee Wellness and Disease Management Program in the Nation” in 1995. Shepley went on to lead the Coastal Carolinas Healthcare Alliance (CCHA) in Wilmington, North Carolina. CCHA was recognized as the “Most Effective Healthcare Partnership in the U.S.” in 2003. In 2004, he led the formation of an 18-hospital alliance known as the Southern Atlantic Healthcare Alliance (SAHA), and was unanimously selected as the first CEO of this organization. In the more recent past, Shepley has worked as an Executive Consultant to hospitals and healthcare organizations throughout the nation seeking to enhance partnerships, to develop new business relationships and to formulate strategic plans designed to measurably improve the value provided by these organizations to the people they serve.

Bill has been married to Lori B. Shepley for 30 years. Lori earned her Masters of Art Education (M.A.E.) from East Carolina University. Bill and Lori have one child, James Paul (JP) Shepley. JP is a 19-year-old college freshman and a budding author. Bill and his family have owned a home in Grayson County for the past 12 years.

Bill brings a commitment to excellence combined with the highest level of integrity to the Chief Administrative Officer position for Grayson County. He is honored to take on this role and is looking forward to introducing himself to the citizens of Grayson County and listening closely to their needs and desires.

Bill’s first day as the Chief Administrative Officer for Grayson County will be July 10, 2017.

Mental Health Study Commission Work Groups Meet

The Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century was extended until December 2019 in budget language earlier this year in order to give it more time to work on changes to the state's behavioral health system. This year, the Joint Subcommittee is divided into two work groups, System Structure and Financing and Criminal Justice Diversion, both of which met in June.

The System Structure Work Group met on June 12 to receive updates from its expert advisory panel and several state agencies regarding various studies currently underway. Variation in local funding levels for Community Services Boards (CSBs) was a theme of discussion throughout the work group's meeting. Dr. Richard Bonnie, chair of the expert advisory panel, discussed the panel's [preliminary report](#) on this topic; the panel plans to do further work in this area, in addition to examining the authority and responsibility of state agencies (in particular the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)), to oversee and provide technical assistance to CSBs. Dr. Jack Barber, Interim DBHDS Commissioner, made a [presentation](#) on ongoing reforms to the behavioral health delivery system, including the status of implementation of same-day assessments at Community Services Boards, a change in practice that was partially funded in the state budget this year and is being phased in across the state. The work group also received a [progress report](#) on the work of a group tasked with examining alternative models for transporting individuals subject to an Emergency Custody Order or a Temporary Detention Order, as well as a [presentation](#) regarding the integration of behavioral health care and primary care. The work group is expected to meet again in August.

The Criminal Justice Diversion work group met on June 20 and received a report from its expert advisory panel, which is investigating mental health screening in jails, among other topics. Newport News Sheriff Gabriel Morgan presented information on the Hampton-Newport News Jail Diversion Program, which works to keep individuals with mental illness out of the criminal justice system by training law enforcement officers in crisis intervention and providing them with the option of transporting individuals to a behavioral health care facility rather than placing them under arrest. The work group discussed the resources necessary to establish such a program, which might entail several localities working together to share the costs. The need for additional capacity for inpatient treatment was also discussed.

Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Victoria Cochran provided an [update](#) on changes to the role of the Board of Corrections resulting from legislation that passed this session. Robyn de Socio, Executive Secretary of the State Compensation Board, provided an [update](#) on work to comply with budget language directing the Compensation Board to determine staffing levels necessary to provide mental health assessments of jail inmates who appear to be mentally ill based on an initial screening, as well as budget language requiring that an initial screening be done for all inmates using a standard instrument. The work group also received a presentation by DBHDS Assistant Commissioner for Forensic Services Dr. Michael Schaefer, who discussed efforts underway at DBHDS to improve discharge planning for inmates leaving local and regional jails. The work group will meet again on August 30.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)

Proposed CSA Policy Regarding Audit Findings Open for Public Comment

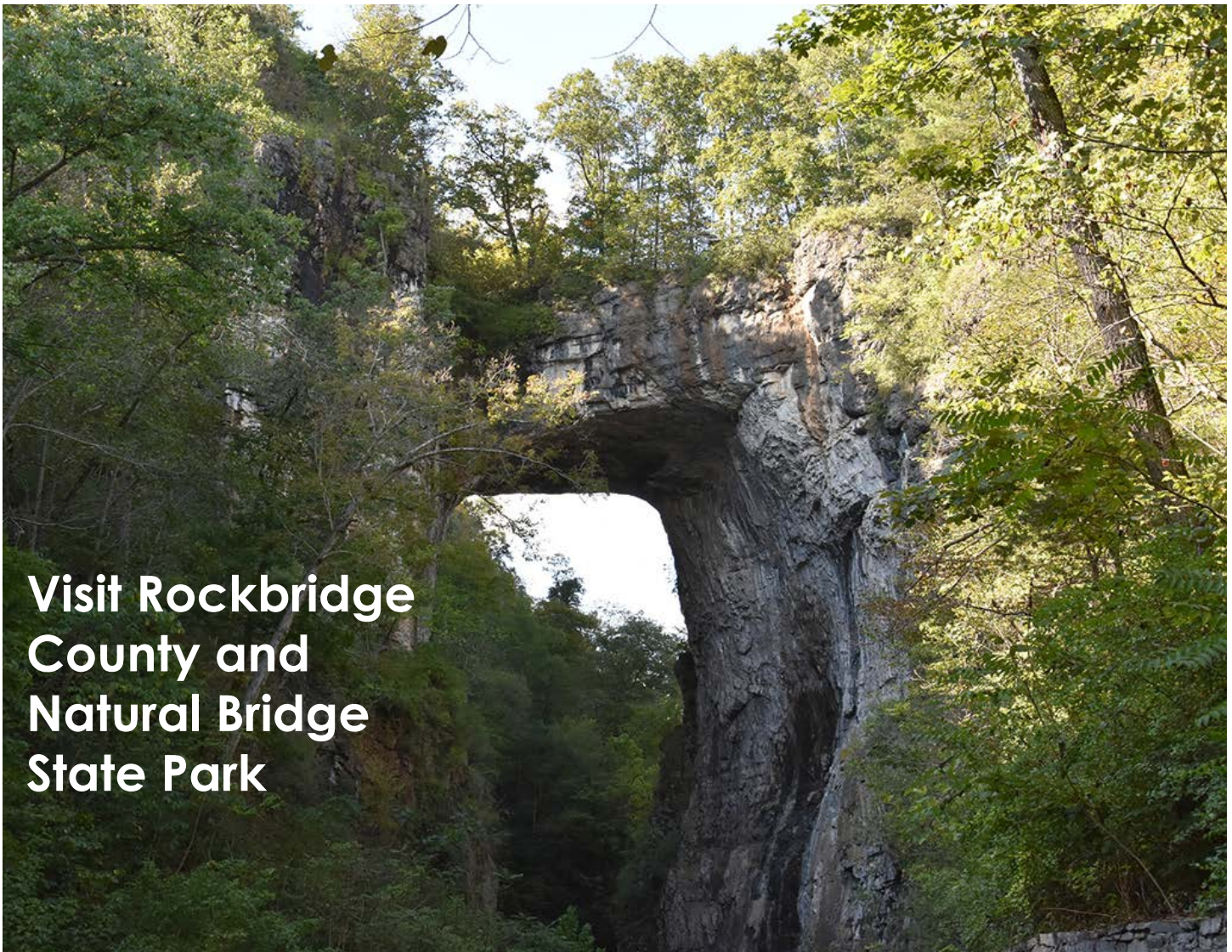
Public comment is now being accepted on a draft policy that would prescribe consequences for findings of noncompliance by local Children's Services Act (CSA) programs. The [draft policy](#), which is available on the website of the Office of Children's Services (OCS), sets out three levels of noncompliance in audit findings and proposes OCS responses for each level, ranging from corrective action plans to recovery of state pool fund reimbursements.

Public comment may be submitted through the CSA website (www.csa.virginia.gov) under the "Public Comments" tab on the left side of the homepage. Comments may also be submitted to OCS Assistant Director Janet Van Cuyk via email at janet.vancuyk@csa.virginia.gov or via U.S. mail (please address to Janet P. Van Cuyk, Office of Children's Services, 1604 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 137, Richmond, VA 23229).

The public comment period will be open from June 19 through August 20.

If counties submit comments on the proposed policy, VACo would appreciate receiving a copy, which may be sent to Katie Boyle (kboyle@vaco.org).

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)



Visit Rockbridge County and Natural Bridge State Park

Home of Mother Nature's enormous and breathtaking rock bridge of Rockbridge County, Natural Bridge sits in the southern end of the Shenandoah Valley flanked by the Blue Ridge mountains.

For years, Natural Bridge was a mountain retreat, drawing visitors from all over to view the awe-inspiring nature-sculpted arch that soars high above Cedar Creek. Once among our nation's most visited natural wonders and known as One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the Modern World, the Bridge inspired the Monacan Indians to worship it, young George Washington to survey it, Thomas Jefferson to purchase it, and famous artists to paint and illustrate it.

The Natural Bridge now stands tall as a National Historic Landmark and the gateway to the historic and beautiful Cedar Creek Trail, and the Monacan Indian Living History Village. The Natural Bridge Caverns, museums, a hotel & conference center, and restaurants surround the nature park.

Amidst an area blanketed with history and Washington & Jefferson National Forests, Natural Bridge makes for easy access to historic sites and outdoor recreation: canoeing, tubing, kayaking with Twin River Outfitters; fishing, hiking, biking; scenic drives, atv trails; the Blue Ridge Parkway, Cave Mountain Lake, historic Lexington, a zoo, Safari Park, the Haunted Monster Museum, and more.

Natural Bridge is first, a spectacular site not to be missed, and also a home base, right in the middle of it all - at US 11 & 130, I-81 exits 175 & 180; and off the Blue Ridge Parkway.

SOURCE: [Virginia is for Lovers](#)



Mark Your Calendars



NACo's 82nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

The NACo Annual Conference & Exposition is the only meeting that draws a cross section of elected officials and county staff from across the country. Attendees from rural and urban counties with large and small budgets and staff all come together for four days of education, networking and sessions aimed to help improve residents' lives and the efficiency of county government.

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Conference

NEWS FROM OUR
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

DJG is celebrating 40 years!

And we couldn't have done it without you.



WE'RE SO EXCITED!

We'll be sharing facts, tidbits, and having [DJG](#) gatherings over the next several months. We'd love for you to join us on our journey down memory lane.



OUR STORY...

All firms have a history. Ours has been focused on collaboration and teamwork throughout the years. DJG was originally founded by Daniel DeYoung as a partnership in February 1978 and was only a civil and structural engineering firm. In January 1984, DJG merged its operations with Evans Surveying Co., P.C., and William C. Black & Associates Architects to become a full service Engineering, Architectural & Surveying firm. With 13 people, DJG began the endeavor of becoming known as a full service firm in Virginia and neighboring states. Not stopping there, in 1998, DJG added mechanical, electrical and plumbing design services.

Today we have seven disciplines and 24 employees:

Architecture | Interior Design | Structural Engineering | Mechanical Engineering | Electrical Engineering |
Civil Engineering | Landscape Architecture



Have you ever wondered where "DJG" came from? No need to be curious anymore. It's the last names of the original founders...DeYoung Johnson Group.



The Virginia Board of Education will hold a series of public hearings in July and August to gather feedback from families, educators, and community members.

Thursday, July 13 – Wythe County

6:30 p.m.

Location: Wytheville Community College

Address: 1000 E Main St, Wytheville, VA 24382

Tuesday, July 18 – Harrisonburg City

6:30 p.m.

Location: Skyline Middle School

Address: 470 Linda Lane, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Wednesday, August 9 – Virginia Beach

6:30 p.m.

Location: Old Donation School

Address: 4633 Honeygrove Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Wednesday, August 23 – Mecklenburg County

6:30 p.m.

Location: Park View High School

Address: 205 Park View Cir, South Hill, VA 23970

Public comment will be accepted at each of the meetings listed above. While the Board welcomes all comments from the public, it is specifically interested in feedback on the Board's work related to the following:

- The Standards of Accreditation, including changes to high school graduation requirements and changes to how schools will be accredited in the future
- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan
- Identifying conditions and needs of public education, for updating the Board's comprehensive plan and annual report to the Governor and General Assembly

For planning purposes, **kindly RSVP to the Director for Board Relations, Emily Webb, at Emily.Webb@doe.virginia.gov** if you are able to attend one of these meetings (RSVPs are appreciated, but not required). If you know of others who would like to join, feel free to share this information with them.

A sign in sheet will be provided at each hearing for those individuals wishing to address the Board. So that Board members are able to hear from as many people as possible, each speaker is asked to limit his or her comments to 3 minutes. If individuals wish to submit written copies of their remarks or additional materials for the Board to consider, those will be accepted at the hearing. Comment cards will also be available. The Board President or chairperson may, in his or her discretion, extend the public comment portion of the meeting, allocate the time available for public comment, adjust the order of speakers, or take other reasonable measures to ensure that the Board hears multiple views on any matter presented.

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by Delegate Keith Hodges and passed by the 2017 General Assembly. This group is to work on post-construction stormwater management, in particular the “doughnut hole” of land disturbances between 2500 square feet and one acre. She expressed DEQ’s openness to localities being able to demonstrate water quality improvements through other means than the existing regulations.

Joe Lerch provided an update on the status of negotiations with the wireless industry on proposed legislation to limit localities’ zoning authority over wireless infrastructure. Dean Lynch noted that local representatives on the current workgroup have advocated to focus its work on incentives for providing service to rural and underserved localities. Delegate Buddy Fowler (55th District) spoke about key issues of focus at the General Assembly during 2017 and discussed his interest in potential reforms to Virginia’s tax structure. He expressed openness to broad tax reforms, such as allowing localities a share of income taxes or an additional portion of sales taxes in exchange for eliminating business taxes such as BPOL and machinery and tools.

Attendees participated in a roundtable discussion of top legislative priorities. Common areas of concern were expanding internet access in rural areas; revisiting the “Smart Scale” transportation funding allocation process; increasing state support for education, including special education services for children with disabilities; pursuing additional growth management tools such as impact fees; and enhancing transparency in education spending.

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of the limited funds available under “Smart Scale” and the difficulty in qualifying for these funds.

Sara G. Williams, Grants Program Administrator for the Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission, made a presentation about recent economic development work at the Commission. She showed attendees the Commission’s new website, www.revitalizeva.org, and demonstrated its searchable grants database. In addition to research and development grants to help commercialize projects, the Commission has designated \$10 million to promote broadband access. Guidelines for the grant program are still being finalized but will require localities to issue RFPs for public or private partners in order to apply for funding. More detailed information will be issued soon. James A. Baldwin, Executive Director for the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission, lauded the close collaboration among planning district commissions in the region and noted several successful projects that build on the region’s assets, such as cultural heritage tourism and outdoor recreation.

The evening concluded with a roundtable discussion of top issues of interest. Common concerns voiced by attendees included difficulties posed by stormwater management regulations for certain economic development projects; the need for more robust local revenue options, as well as the need to collect taxes owed under current law; and the need for additional funding for infrastructure, including sewer projects as well as transportation improvements, among others.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)

UPCOMING VACo REGIONAL MEETINGS

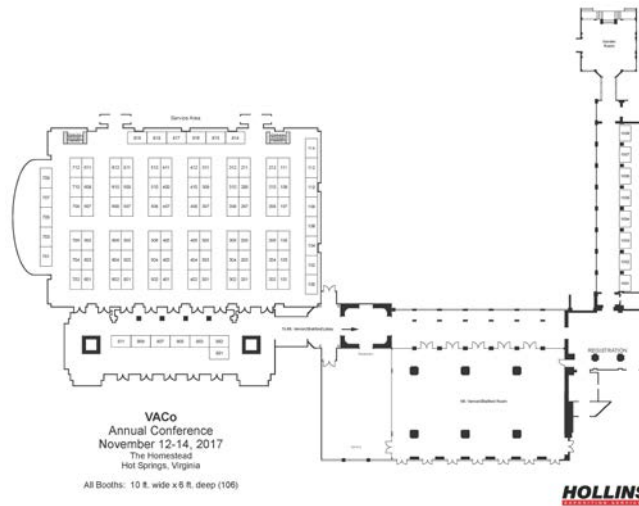
Region 6 | August 10 | Clarke County

Regions 9 & 11 | September 14 | Rockbridge County

Regions 1 & 2 | September 27 | Westmoreland County

Region 10 | TBA

Introducing the New Interactive Exhibit Hall Map



Preparations are well under way for another informative and fun exhibit hall experience at the 83rd VACo Annual Conference. With the new interactive exhibit hall map, you can see who is signed up so far and where they'll be located. This is a useful tool for conference attendees to plan your visit to the exhibit hall and for potential exhibitors as well. The map shows which booths are still available and exhibitors can make sure they're not located next to their biggest competitor.

Check out the [new interactive exhibit hall map](#) (Please note that the map may take a moment to load). Hover your mouse over any booth space and the corresponding exhibitor information or availability is displayed in a pop-up. There are currently 82 booths occupied and 24 available for sale. Bookmark the [exhibit hall map page](#) and check back throughout the summer to see who's new in the exhibit hall.

VACo Contact: [Carol Cameron](#)

Two VACo steering committees hold early meetings

VACo's Transportation Steering Committee, chaired by Fairfax County Supervisor Jeff McKay, held an informational meeting on June 15 at the Hanover County Government Complex. The purpose of the meeting was to provide committee members with background information on key issues that could take center stage during the 2018 session of the General Assembly. Items on the meeting agenda included public transportation, VDOT's arterial protection program, "Smart Scale," VDOT's Revenue Sharing Program, and the general status of transportation funding in Virginia. Some of the presenters were Jennifer Mitchell, Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transit; Garrett Moore, VDOT's Chief Engineer; Kimberly Pryor, VDOT's Director of Infrastructure Investment; and Julie Brown, Director of VDOT's Local Assistance Division. Sterling Rives, Hanover County Attorney, presented the Committee with a proposed position statement supporting increased transportation funding during the next legislative session. The Committee deferred action on the statement until its next meeting on August 21.

All presentations from the June 15 meeting of VACo's Transportation Committee are available at <http://www.vaco.org/legislative/steering-committees/transportation>.

On June 22, VACo's Environment and Agriculture Steering Committee, chaired by Wythe County Supervisor Tim Reeves, also held a similar informational meeting. Topics on the agenda included stormwater, the status of Chesapeake Bay Cleanup efforts, solar energy, and land application of biosolids. The presenters were Lewie Lawrence, Director of the Middle Peninsula Planning District; Russ Baxter, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources for the Chesapeake Bay; Chris Wood, DEQ's Biosolids Guidance and Regulations Coordinator; and Joe Lerch of VACo, who provided a status report about solar energy.

All presentations from the June 22 meeting of VACo's Environment and Agriculture Committee are available at <http://www.vaco.org/legislative/steering-committees/environment-and-agriculture>.

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

Health options made easier



A new offering for VACo members

For more than 160 years, Aetna has helped people lead healthier lives. And now, our **dedicated Public Sector team is providing health solutions to VACo members**, with a focus on long-term cost sustainability, innovative benefit options, and **improved experiences for your members**.

The heart of our VACo offering is consumer-directed coverage, which combines industry-leading health and condition management programs with cost-conscious behavior that **helps Virginia's working families save** for future medical expenses.

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For more information, contact:

Kim Patrick, Vice President of Client Management
Phone: (443) 285-1710
Email: PatrickK@aetna.com

As a VACo member, you'll have access to all this, plus some of Aetna's industry-leading interactive member tools, including:

Aetna Member Services Concierge

Think of this feature as your personal assistant to guide you through the health care process. Your concierge will help answer all your questions, and help find solutions that fit your budget and needs. It's simple – just call one number to get the answers you need, from understanding your benefits to finding the right resources available to you.

Member Payment Estimator tool

Compare and estimate costs of up to 10 different network doctors or facilities at once. This way, you can make better health care decisions that will help you save on out-of-pocket costs.

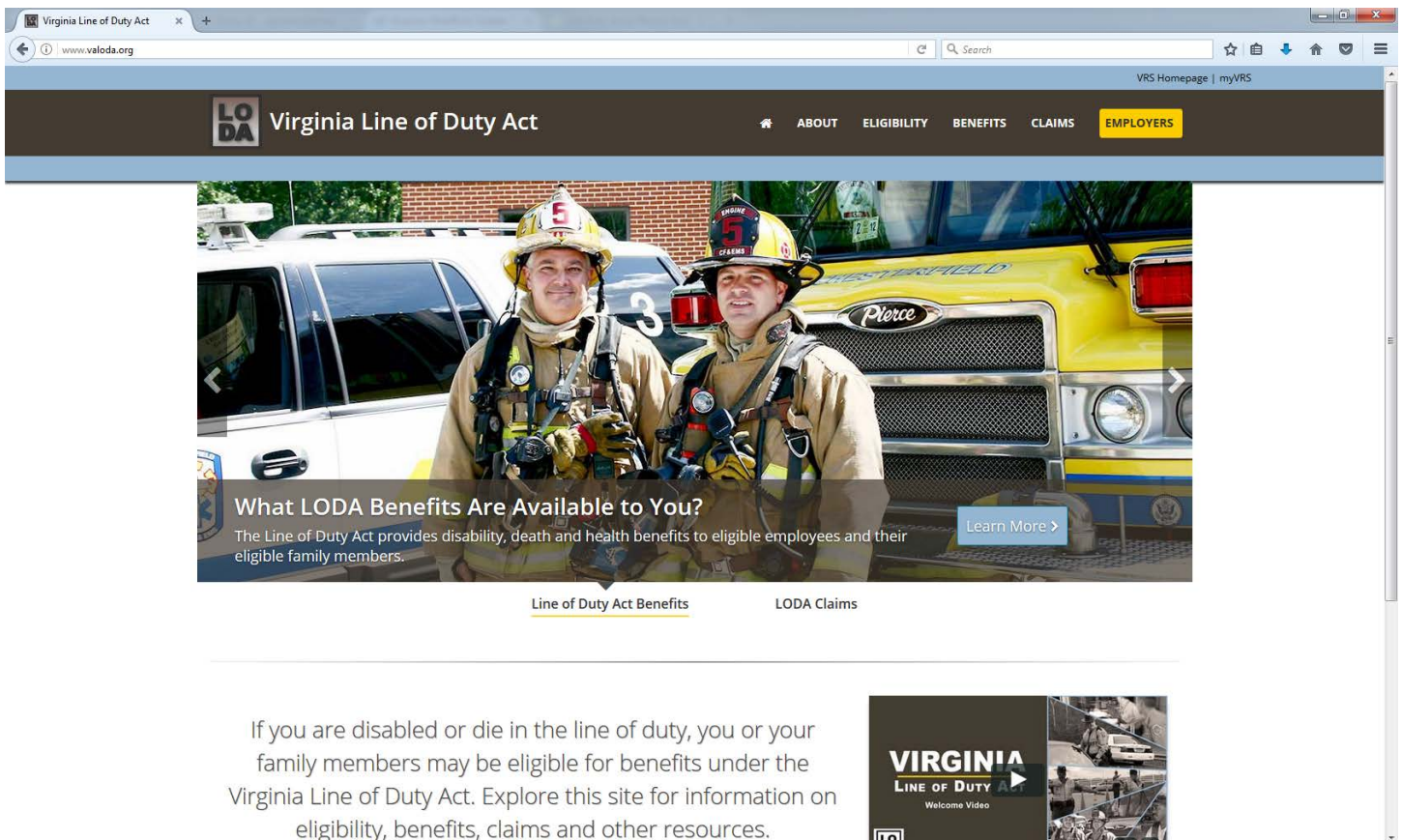
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On July 1, the Line of Duty Act (LODA) will transition from the Department of Accounts to Virginia Retirement System (VRS) and the Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM). VRS will make eligibility determinations for individuals who are disabled or killed in the line of duty. DHRM will administer LODA Health Benefits Plans to provide consistent coverage for all eligible LODA recipients.

A new LODA website, www.valoda.org, is available to serve as a resource for LODA claimants and their families, as well as employers. The site features:

- Information about the LODA claims process, [claim forms](#) and information on applying for the benefit.
- [LODA Overview for Participants](#): Video presentation covers benefits, eligibility and claims. Employers are required by law to train LODA-eligible employees within 30 days of being hired and then every two years thereafter. This presentation satisfies the training requirement.
- [How to Apply for LODA Benefits](#): Video tutorial features step-by-step instructions on filing a claim.
- [LODA Participant Guide](#): Includes information on eligibility, benefits and claims.
- [LODA Overview for Employers](#): Presentation covers employers' roles and responsibilities.
- A section devoted exclusively to information and resources for employers: valoda.org/employers.

In addition, [DHRM has a dedicated LODA webpage](#) that provides information about the LODA Health Benefits Plans and features frequently asked questions, which serves as a helpful resource in learning more about the plans.

VRS and DHRM are dedicated to ensuring LODA claimants receive the best possible service as they submit a claim for benefits and enroll in the DHRM LODA Health Benefits Plans. We hope that you find this website informative and helpful. SOURCE: Virginia Retirement System

Network for Success Local Programs Workshop



Join us for the Local Programs Workshop at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach- September 12-14

Our sixth annual Workshop will bring together local government, VDOT, and private sector staff to focus on providing an overview of local programs and provide training for program management and project development.

There will be 16 breakout sessions, scheduled in four concurrent tracks, over the two-day workshop.

The tracks are:

- LAP Boot Camp - Basic Local Administered Project Development
- Funding and Applications information
- Project Development
- Project Delivery

You can see our full agenda on our webpage. We will also have a room where attendees can see new technologies and/or meet one on one with subject matter experts on current topics and funding programs.

In addition to these sessions, we will also have Mobile Workshops on Tuesday afternoon, September 12, so you will have the opportunity to see various completed projects in the Hampton Roads area.

The mobile workshops are:

- Walking or Bicycle Tour on the Great Dismal Swamp Trail
- Walking or Bicycle Tour at First Landing State Park
- Walking Tour of the Cape Henry Lighthouse and Lesner Bridge
- Tour of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel
- Tours of the Hampton Roads Traffic Operations Center

Early registration for the Workshop ends on August 1. Register before then to enjoy the reduced rate. You can find all workshop and registration information at <http://www.cpe.vt.edu/lpw/index.html>.

Sponsorship Opportunities

This will be an excellent learning and networking experience for both the public and the private sector. A limited number of silver level workshop sponsorships are available to the private sector. Key information regarding those sponsorships can be found on our Sponsor page.

Project Showcase

As part of the Local Programs workshop, we will be having a project showcase and are looking for submissions of projects to highlight. To submit a project for inclusion in the showcase, visit the Project Showcase page for additional details.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Check out our webpage at <http://www.virginiadot.org/business/local-assistance.asp>.

SOURCE: VDOT



Associate Members - Seize this opportunity to connect with VACo members through the Associate Member Business Cards Program in County Connections. This is a stylish and quick way to connect with local government elected officials and county leadership and staff through VACo's newsletter.

The design allows for you to showcase the following – **Logo** | **Contact Name and Title** | **Contact Email** (Linked) | **Specific Website Page** (Linked) OR **Content like Video or Promotional Material** (Linked)

Please contact Carol Cameron for more information at ccameron@vaco.org or 804.343.2507.



Attention VACo Associate Members - sponsorship opportunities available

We are in the planning stages of the VACo County Officials' Summit, which will be held on Monday, August 21, at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Charlottesville. This day-long event includes a morning of education followed by an afternoon of VACo Steering Committee Meetings. We expect roughly 200 county officials to attend. We will soon announce the robust education agenda.

If your organization is interested in sponsoring any of the Monday events, we have several sponsorship opportunities available throughout the day with different ways to connect to attendees. Check out the [Summit Sponsorship Form](#) on our website for more information.

If you are interested in a sponsorship opportunity, please reach out to [Carol Cameron](#) at 804.343.2507 or [Amy Sales](#) at 804.343.2510.

VACo Members - Below is a reminder from the Commission on Local Government about the process for boundary line adjustment cases.

Subsequent to any municipal boundary changes, localities must remit any court orders to the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office for certification pursuant to § 4.1-117 and § 15.2-3108 of the Code of Virginia. Furthermore, localities must send municipal boundary change court orders to any state agencies that need to make adjustments (mostly based on population) to State aid/shared revenue programs which they administer. For more information, please contact the [Commission on Local Government](#).



Please join us for our...

Technology Sourcing Summit

Thursday, July 13 | 10am - 2pm

Fairfax Government Center | 12000 Government Center Parkway | Fairfax, VA 22035

Competitively solicited contracts by a lead public agency

Join us for a complimentary educational event hosted by the National Association of Counties and the National League of Cities to learn about cutting-edge technology solutions through the U.S. Communities program. Network, enjoy lunch, ask questions and share feedback.

There is no charge to participate, [register](#) today! Registration is required by July 11. For more information, contact Matt East at meast@uscommunities.org.

[Register Now](#)

GUEST SPEAKERS



Mayor Allison Silberberg
City of Alexandria, VA



Cathy Muse, CPPO
Director - Department of Procurement & Material
Fairfax County



Internal control (IC) frameworks need to consist of the control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information/communication and monitoring. Building an IC framework requires leaders to really assess their organizations from the inside out. Implementing strong internal controls can have a positive outcome including increasing employee engagement, overall cost savings, customer loyalty and customer confidence. With the right perspective, internal controls can be viewed as enablers of a county's business strategy.

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