

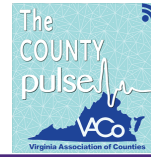
# COUNTY CONNECTIONS

The Newsletter of the  
Virginia Association of Counties

June 5, 2019



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## VACo County Pulse: Communication and Community – A View from Stafford County on Best Budgeting Practices for K-12 Education



The Constitution of Virginia guarantees the right to a high-quality education for all school age children in the Commonwealth. The cost of this guarantee is shared between the federal, state, and local governments; however, localities pay for the majority. Even though K-12 education funding is often the number one budget item for counties in terms of annual investment and Boards of Supervisors must balance it with other budgeting obligations, the development of the school budget process begins under the supervision of school superintendents and local school boards. This division can often lead to conflict and impasse.

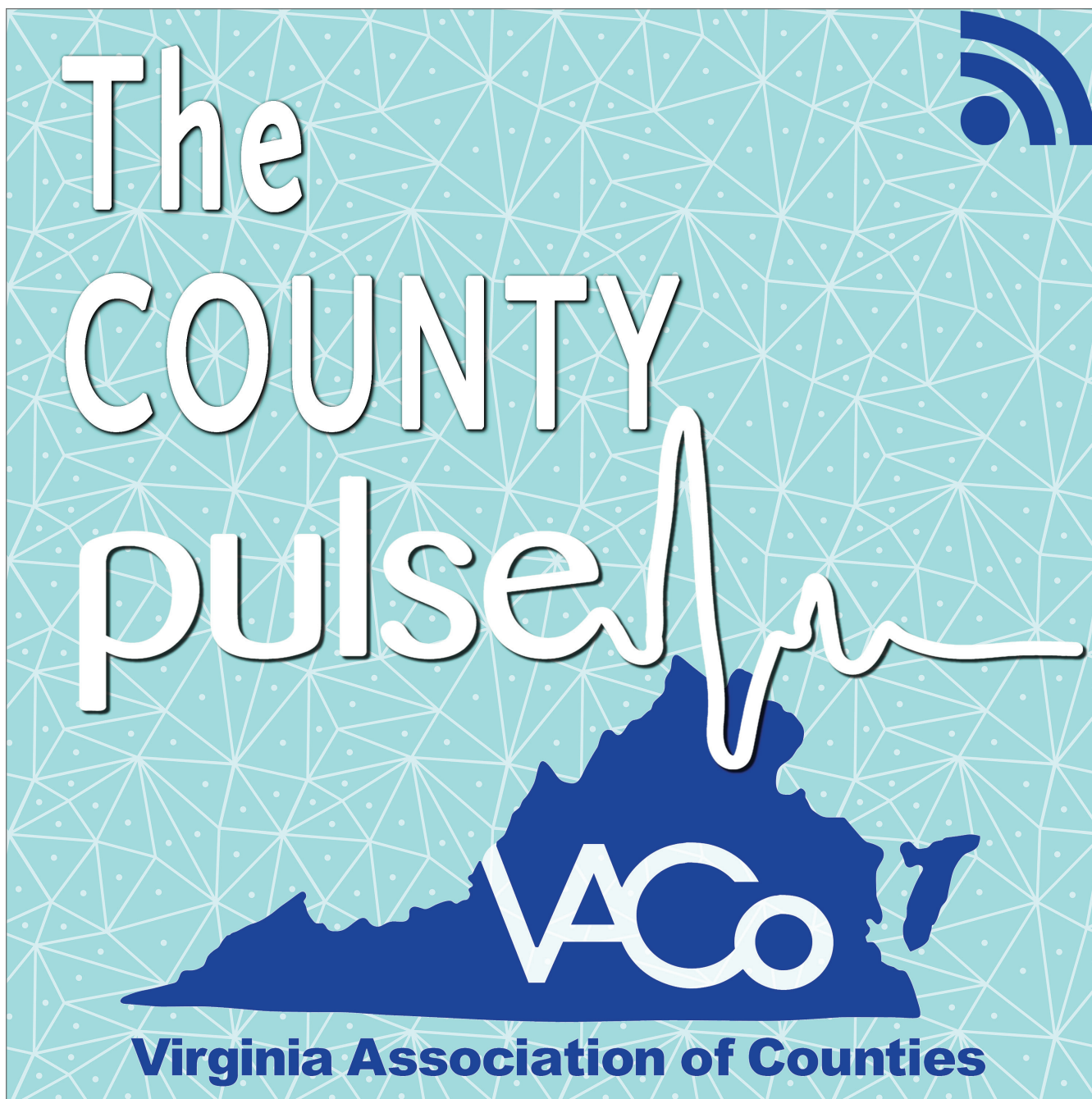
The success of this system is dependent upon collaboration and communication between local school divisions and the local governing body. Stafford County Supervisor and VACo Second Vice President Meg Bohmke and Superintendent of Stafford County Public Schools Dr. Scott Kizner join VACo's Jeremy Bennett to discuss the K-12 education budget process and best practices to ensure healthy collaboration between school divisions and boards of supervisors.

This episode is sponsored by VACORP – the premier group self-insurance pool providing comprehensive coverage and risk management services to Virginia public entities.

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**VACo Contact:** [Jeremy Bennett](#)



Guests share the legislative pulse of Virginia Counties. Click on the link below to listen to the next episode. Thank you for listening to the VACo County Pulse Podcast.

## [VACo County Pulse Podcast](#)

### **Commonwealth Conversations - Senator Emmett Hanger**

VACo Executive Director Dean Lynch talks with Senate Finance Co-Chairman Emmett Hanger about key policy issues of interest to local governments, including transportation, broadband, and strengthening the state-local partnership.

# Arlington County Unveils New ‘I Voted’ Sticker

This spring, the Arlington Electoral Board, with support from the Arlington Artist Alliance and Arlington Public Libraries, conducted the County’s first-ever “I Voted” Sticker Design Contest.

Following a thorough recount and audit, “Shout It From the Skyline” edged “Voting, the Language of Arlington’s Diversity” by just two votes. Further evidence that every vote really does count.

John Musco’s “Shout it From the Skyline” design will be available as Arlington’s new “I Voted” sticker at polling places in the County starting November 5, 2019.



And since the vote was so close, Anna Radjou’s “Voting, the Language of Arlington’s Diversity” design will be available for absentee voting.



Those who vote at the polls in November will get the “Skyline” sticker, while those who vote in-person absentee, which begins September 20, 2019, will have their choice. The winning design sticker will also be used throughout Arlington Votes projects and outreach campaigns.

Furthermore, as an honorable mention, Arlington first-grader Mira Shomali’s design, “The Arlington Stars and Stripes,” will also be adapted as the County’s new Future Voter sticker, which is available for children accompanying their parents to vote.












After receiving 29 submissions, a five-member panel of judges from the Electoral Board and Artist Alliance selected the five finalists:

- Scott Bushnell, “Hear My Voice”
- Rachael Feldman, “Vote to Honor Our Heroes”
- John Musco, “Shout It From the Skyline”
- Anna Radjou, “Voting, the Language of Arlington’s Diversity”
- Mira Shomali, “The Arlington Stars and Stripes”

The public was then invited to vote on the five sticker designs. Using a concept called ranked choice voting (RCV), each voter was asked to rank their preferences; the winner was the first to achieve more than 50% of the total votes cast. If no entry totaled 50% in the first round, the choice with the fewest votes was eliminated, and the votes for that design were redistributed based on voters’ second choices.

Following the first round, the 133 votes that originally selected “Hear My Voice” were redistributed among the other four designs, based on which sticker those voters ranked second. Since no submission broke the 50% mark in the second or third rounds, the voting continued into a fourth and final round. Winners were recognized at the County Board Recessed Meeting on May 21, 2019.

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
 1. 323 Votes	 1. 371 Votes	 1. 446 Votes	 1. 543 Votes
 2. 262 Votes	 2. 316 Votes	 2. 370 Votes	 2. 541 Votes
 3. 225 Votes	 3. 237 Votes	 3. 268 Votes	
 4. 141 Votes	 4. 160 Votes		
 5. 133 Votes			

## Governor’s Advisory Commission on Opioids and Addiction Discusses Prevention, Intervention, Future Efforts



Secretary of Health and Human Resources Daniel Carey opened the May 17 meeting of the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Opioids and Addiction on a hopeful note, although members agreed that much work remains to be done to prevent, identify, and treat substance use disorder in Virginia. Secretary Carey presented preliminary data from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner suggesting that overdose deaths declined slightly in Virginia in 2018 relative to 2017, the first time that overdose deaths have decreased relative to the previous year since 2012. While the decrease in fatalities is a welcome change, the report documents the continued threat posed by fentanyl, which was implicated in nearly 55 percent of all fatal overdoses in 2018, and also highlights increases in overdose deaths caused by non-opioids, particularly cocaine and methamphetamine.

Keith Cartwright, Behavioral Health Wellness Consultant with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), made a [presentation](#) on the long-lasting effects of traumatic experiences in childhood, which can include substance use disorder. A famous study in 1998 revealed a connection between certain Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), such as psychological or sexual abuse or violence directed toward a mother or stepmother, and poor health outcomes, including risk for substance abuse, later in life. Research on the effects of stress on the developing brain continues, and many human services providers are striving to practice “trauma-informed care” as well as to educate communities about how they can address the effects of trauma.

Dr. Patty Ferssizidis, Assistant Professor at George Mason University, [spoke](#) about the Virginia Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Project, which she leads. The program is supported by a grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and is intended to fill a gap between prevention efforts and specialized substance use treatment. In the Virginia program, SBIRT entails a universal, brief screening for alcohol, drug, and tobacco use and depression; individuals who demonstrate a mild risk are engaged in a short discussion designed to encourage motivation to change risky behaviors, and individuals who appear to be at higher risk are referred to treatment, either on-site or in the community. SAMHSA has documented positive outcomes for the program at the national level and it appears to be succeeding in Virginia as well, particularly with individuals at lower levels of risk.

Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security Brian Moran [reported](#) on trends and solutions discussed at the recent National Prescription Drug and Heroin Summit, including an increase in cocaine and methamphetamine seizures and overdoses and an increase in the illicit use of prescription stimulants. Priority recommendations included eliminating the stigma associated with substance abuse and linking individuals to treatment, especially priority populations such as pregnant women, incarcerated individuals, and chronic pain sufferers.

Commission members broke into informal subgroups and discussed challenges and promising programs in Virginia for consideration for future Administration efforts. Common themes included the importance of access to medication-assisted treatment and the inclusion of peers in the recovery process; the need to recruit a workforce to provide substance use disorder treatment; and the need for community education on the effects of ACEs.

The Commission’s next meeting is scheduled for July 26.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)



## Visit Wythe County and The Mansion at Fort Chiswell

For over a decade The Mansion at Fort Chiswell has been lovingly restored by proprietor Chris Disibbio. Now this private residence, listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and as a Virginia State Historic Landmark, is ready to be shared with you.

From the gracious bedrooms to the wood-burning kitchen fireplace to the elegant stairways and halls, you will find history in the making at The Mansion.

Take a tour of this grand beauty followed by a delicious meal at Key Ingredients at the Mansion. Then enjoy a glass of your favorite beverage or a bowl of hand-churned ice cream, made from locally-sourced Jersey Cow cream, while relaxing on the front porch.

The Mansion also hosts several events open to the public throughout the year and is available for private gatherings such as weddings and receptions, business events and family gatherings.

**SOURCE:** [The Mansion at Fort Chiswell](#)



# Mark Your Calendars



## Utility-Scale Solar: A VACo Seminar

### Don't Miss this Opportunity!

Knowledge is the most important power source behind your community's decision-making process, so join us as we examine the implications of solar development in the Commonwealth. Explore the fiscal impacts of state-mandated tax exemptions; Discuss solar's place in the framework of land use planning; and Engage with your peers about their unique experiences. You will learn from the experts and your colleagues, gaining the tools necessary to effectively advocate on your county's behalf.

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

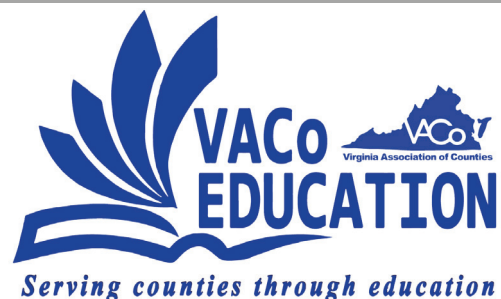
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### Utility Scale Solar: A VACo Seminar

**June 27, 2019  
10 AM - 3 PM**

**Robert & Betty Ragsdale  
Community Center**

**20916 Old School Road  
McKenney, VA 23872**



**Registration Deadline: June 20, 2019**

NEWS FROM OUR  
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

**Nonprofit helps Faber woman get new home, running water**

By **ERIN CONWAY**  
Nelson County Times

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Kenneth Rodgers (from left), Cherry Wilson, Joyce Vest, Stacey Reeder, Lafonia Thornton and Ellen Smith are seen outside of Vest's newly finished home.

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RODGERS OF SERCAP



LYNCHBURG — Two and a half years ago, a veterinarian helped a woman in Faber with her dog. Now, the woman has been helped with a new home and a working septic system.

Joyce Vest, a lifelong Nelson County resident, lived in a trailer in Faber without proper plumbing or a septic system. She would go next door to her daughter's home to use the facilities. Now, because of the Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Vest has a new home, complete with clean, running water.

"I'm so excited," Vest said. "We have come a long way."

SERCAP is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting low-income, rural families with their housing needs. The group helps people in Virginia and other states by providing indoor plumbing rehabilitation program; income for those in need of home repair or water-related projects; and housing counseling.

Through the plumbing program, offered in 11 counties in Virginia, homeowners can apply for financial assistance to bring their home clean, running water.

In December 2016, veterinarian Stacey Reeder met Vest through the Mosby Foundation and began helping with her dog, which needed medical treatment. When Reeder saw the trailer Vest was living in with no running water, she knew she had to help.

"After a lot of research, I finally found SERCAP," Reeder said.

After Vest applied for the plumbing program, her trailer was blown away by the storms that struck the area last summer.

"We had started her in the process and as we were going through, her house was blown away. She was slated to get a new home then," said Kenneth Rodgers, a rural housing specialist and lead risk assessor for SERCAP. Through the program, SERCAP can either rehabilitate an old home or build a new one.

In April, SERCAP had completed all of the necessary title searches and inspections, and gathered the money needed to start building Vest a new house with running water.

"She was a really big success story," said Cherry Wilson, housing manager for SERCAP.

By May 15, Vest had a new house, septic system and running water. The house has two bedrooms, a bathroom, a kitchen and a living room, along with a ramp and a handicap-accessible shower.

"It's been a fun two and a half years," Reeder said.

The house cost about \$100,000 to build, in addition to fees for pre-construction necessities. SERCAP is celebrating its 50th year in operation, and Ellen Smith, the group's housing coordinator, said they were happy to work with Vest to make this project come to fruition.

The Department of Housing and Community Development funds the plumbing program that made Vest's home possible. Rodgers said SERCAP is always looking for ways to help people and needs to do at least four plumbing projects each year to keep its stream of funding.

"I've never worked with someone as thankful or gracious as Ms. Vest," Smith said.

## Powhatan County hosts the Regions 3 & 5 Meeting



On a lovely spring day, VACo held its third Regional Meeting of the year in historic Powhatan County. On May 21, folks throughout VACo Regions 3 & 5 came together at the beautiful Independence Golf Club and were treated to gorgeous views and excellent conversation. Representatives from Powhatan, New Kent, Albemarle, Fluvanna, and Hanover spent an exciting evening engaging with state legislators, learning from guest speakers, and deliberating about the mutual challenges and opportunities facing their respective localities.

Attendees benefited from the insight of State Senator Amanda Chase and Delegate Lee Ware, asking questions of the legislators about equal taxing authority, transportation, school safety, and more. Emily Kilroy, Communications and Public Engagement Director in Albemarle County, shared an exciting presentation about the successful public outreach campaigns she and the Board of Supervisors have initiated. In addition, Lauren Snellings, Research Director at Voices for Virginia's Children, provided important information about ensuring a complete count in the upcoming 2020 Census. County government folks from around the two regions then offered up the challenges currently facing their communities, discussing broadband expansion, growth management, and economic development, just to name a few.

The 2019 Regions 3 & 5 boasted about 40 folks in attendance, ranging from planning district commission officials to state legislative offices, and from VACo sponsors and partners to, of course, county officials. VACo extends its sincere appreciation to all who took the time to join us for such an informative discussion. We especially thank the folks of Powhatan County for hosting this meeting.

**VACo Contact:** [Angela Inglett](#)





Do you have programs or events that highlight something unique about the great Commonwealth we live in? Are you interested in reaching a new audience? If so, join the [2019 Commemoration, American Evolution](#) to highlight what makes Virginia special during America: Made in Virginia, a multi-month effort to foster statewide participation and tourism around the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Aligned May-October programs and events will be promoted on the [American Evolution website](#), as well as through social and PR Channels. Affiliated organizations will also receive free social media, press releases, and newsletter templates. All organizations and businesses around the state, regardless of focus, are invited to leverage commemoration resources and networks to increase visibility and enhance existing programs.

Click [here](#) to submit events for consideration. Please contact Kristin Ritchey ([Kristin.ritchey@jyf.virginia.gov](mailto:Kristin.ritchey@jyf.virginia.gov); 757-253-4027) with any questions or concerns.

EARLY REGISTRATION  
EXTENDED TO JUNE 15!

2019 RESILIENT VIRGINIA CONFERENCE | JULY 18-19, 2019



DARDEN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS | UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA | CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

Resilient Virginia is pleased to announce the **2019 Resilient Virginia Conference**, which takes place on July 18–19 at the Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. [Register today for Early Registration rates!](#) The 2019 Resilient Virginia Conference provides a unique forum to inform, educate, and activate communities across Virginia about the benefits of resiliency planning. This two-day conference will highlight the roles of Virginia’s rural and urban areas in addressing community challenges they face from increased disruption by extreme weather events, as well as national security risks, and on-going concerns related to economic and community health. In addition, we will provide participants the opportunity to engage in workshops that focus on in-depth learning on key resiliency topics.

**Audience and Benefits**

Resilient Virginia brings together participants from state and local governments, local and national businesses, and representatives from higher education and community organizations to learn about a diverse array of resiliency topics — ranging from resilient building and infrastructure design, resiliency in emergency management planning, health and equity concerns, economic opportunities, and the role of ecosystems and agricultural practices in mitigation. Participants will:

- Gain insights into Virginia’s resiliency initiatives;
- Hear about resiliency progress in Virginia jurisdictions and in neighboring states;
- Engage in networking with resiliency businesses, government representatives, universities, and community organizations; and
- Take away tools that can be used for resiliency planning in their own communities.

**Theme and Topics**

This year’s theme, *Connecting Rural and Urban Communities for a Resilient Future*, highlights the roles of Virginia’s rural and urban communities in addressing efforts to address challenges they face from increased disruption by extreme weather events, climate change, national security risks, and on-going economic and community health concerns. The conference will address a diverse array of resiliency topics, ranging from:

- resilient building and infrastructure design,
- transportation and energy systems that lower carbon emissions,
- resiliency in emergency management planning,
- health and equity concerns,
- economic opportunities, and
- the role of ecosystems and agricultural practices in mitigation.

For detailed information about the conference agenda, speakers, registration, lodging, and more, please visit the [conference website](#).

VACo County Connections

# VACo Goes Paperless!



May 17, 2019

## Preparing for the 2020 Census: Making Sure Young Children are Counted



Kids count in Virginia, and it's important that they be counted in the 2020 Census, too. Communities care deeply about their youngest members, but in the last Census, very young children were the age group most likely to be missed. In preparation for the 2020 Census, efforts are underway to improve this situation, and there are many ways that local governments can help ensure that their smallest residents are counted.

Dr. William O'Hare, President, O'Hare Data and Demographics Services, and Margaret Nimmo Holland, Executive Director, Voices for Virginia's Children, presented information on the undercounting of young children to the Virginia Complete Count Commission at its April 30 meeting. (Both Dr. O'Hare and Ms. Holland serve on the Commission). Dr. O'Hare explained that children aged four and younger were the most undercounted age group in the 2010 Census, followed by children aged five to nine. Since the 1980 Census, the net undercounting of children four and younger relative to adults 18 and older has worsened. Deborah Stein with the Partnership for America's Children pointed out on a recent *NACo* webinar that the undercounting was more significant in the largest counties.

**Why are young children undercounted?**  
While adults tend to be missed in the Census because they do not return the Census questionnaire, young children are typically missed because they are left off the questionnaire, even if other members of the household are counted. Dr. O'Hare, Ms. Holland, and Ms. Stein all point to confusion as a major factor in this situation, suggesting that Census respondents may be unsure whether young children are expected to be listed as members of the household, especially in complex households (for example, multi-generational or multi-family households). Recent focus groups held by the Partnership for America's Children suggested that the connection between the decennial Census and major federal funding streams may not be well understood. In addition, young children tend to live in households that are considered "hard-to-count" in general - for example, low-income households, renter-occupied households, or households headed by someone between 18 and 29 years old. Families with young children also may be fearful that Census information might be missed.

**How can local governments help improve the count of young children in the 2020 Census?**  
Experts suggest working with trusted messengers in the community to spread the word about the importance of counting young children. Schools, child care centers, libraries, businesses, the faith community, and medical providers are all potential allies in raising public awareness. If your locality has established a Complete Count Committee, you might consider including a representative with expertise in children's issues. Local governments can educate the public on the importance of the decennial Census in establishing political representation and allocating federal funds. Ms. Stein reports that the Count All Kids initiative will be releasing a scoring method to identify areas where young children may be missed in the upcoming Census, which can be used to target messaging about the importance of counting young children. Since the 2020 Census will include an online component for the first time, providing internet access (for example, at local libraries) can assist young families who may not have access at home.

VACo is working with Voices for Virginia's Children on this important issue and will continue to share information as the 2020 Census approaches.  
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# 2019 NACo Achievement Award Winners Announced



The National Association of Counties (NACo) is pleased to announce the winners for the 2019 Achievement Awards. NACo recognized 616 entries from counties and state associations in 32 states. All winners are available in our [searchable awards database](#), where winning programs are searchable by year, category and state dating back to 2007.

Winners of 2019 Achievement Awards are cordially invited to the NACo Achievement Awards Luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. on July 14, 2019, at [NACo's 2019 Annual Conference and Exposition](#) in Clark County, Nevada. NACo will list each award winner in the lunch program booklet and honor the Best in Category winners on stage. To register for the Annual Conference, please click [here](#).

[Check out how Virginia Counties did.](#)

# Nominations sought for VACo Jefferson Cup

VACo seeks nominations for this year’s Jefferson Cup Award to be presented at the November 10-12 Annual Conference. Please submit nominations to Dean Lynch at [dlynch@vaco.org](mailto:dlynch@vaco.org).

[Click here for a list of Jefferson Cup recipients](#). Below is a brief history of the Jefferson Cup as well as criteria for award recipients.

*On October 25, 1964 at The League of Virginia Counties Executive Board Meeting - The Committee that had been appointed by President Stuart T. DeBell of Fairfax County to study methods and procedures for recognizing outstanding programs, contributions and achievements in local government, reported. The Committee recommended the establishment of an award for outstanding contributions and achievements in local government to be made at the discretion of an Awards Committee in a presentation at the Annual Meeting. The Committee further recommended that the Jefferson Cup suitably engraved to set on a wooden base be adopted as the award. The award was to be called THE JEFFERSON CUP AWARD.*



Former longtime Fairfax County Supervisor Gerry Hyland receives the Jefferson Cup in 2015.

### Criteria established for award recipients

1. Any individual who has made an outstanding contribution to local government may be a recipient of the Award.
2. Any local government which has participated in an outstanding local government activity may be a recipient.
3. The Award is to be made at the Annual Meeting of VACo but may not necessarily be made each year.
4. Nominations are to be made to the Awards Committee by August 15 of each year prior to the Annual Meeting.
5. Any additional rules, regulations, standards can be adopted by the Awards Committee.

**Save the Date**

85th VACo Annual Conference  
November 10-12, 2019

The room reservation form for The Omni Homestead will be e-mailed from VACo to every VACo Board member, county administrator and confirmed exhibitor in mid-June.

As June 15th falls on a weekend this year, the email blast will go out Monday, June 17th.

### VACo's Legislative Summary



The [Legislative Summary](#) details the actions of the 2019 General Assembly and 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.



# MONDAY, JUNE 10 | 7-9PM

## VACo REGION 6 MEETING

### WARREN COUNTY

#### THANK YOU WARREN COUNTY FOR HOSTING!

The Virginia Association of Counties invites you to join us at the 2019 VACo Region 6 Meeting on Monday, June 10, at the Virginia Inland Port located at [7485 Winchester Road, Front Royal, VA 22630](https://www.virginiainlandport.com).

Attendees will engage in discussion about the challenges and opportunities facing communities in VACo Region 6.

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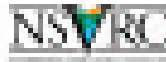
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Region 6 Director  
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Warren County



**THURSDAY, JUNE 13 | 6-8PM**  
**VACo REGION 7 MEETING**  
**ORANGE COUNTY**

**THANK YOU ORANGE COUNTY FOR HOSTING!**

Join us at the 2019 VACo Region 7 Meeting on Thursday, June 13, at Montpelier located at 11390 Constitution Highway, Montpelier Station, VA 22957.

Attendees will engage in discussion about the challenges and opportunities facing communities in VACo Region 7. **Come early for barbecue at 5:30pm.**

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**REGION 7 AGENDA**

**Barbecue Dinner**  
5:30pm

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Region 7 Directors  
Janice Crocker | Orange County  
Paul Tringo | Spotsylvania County

Caroline County | Culpeper County | Fauquier County | King George County | Loudoun County | Orange County | Rappahannock County | Spotsylvania County | Stafford County



## 2019 LUEP Legal Seminar

**Date/time:** June 11, 2019; 7:45am - 3:30pm

**Location:** VCU Commons - Richmond Salons (907 Floyd Ave, Richmond, VA 23284)

**Credits available:** 5.5 CM credits / 1.5 legal credits |

**Cost:** \$125

**Event website:** <https://cura.vcu.edu/land-use-education>

**Registration link:** [regonline.com/lis19](http://regonline.com/lis19)

**AGENDA:** [2019 LUEP Legal Seminar](#)

**Event description:** This one-day event focuses on major legislative actions passed by the Virginia General Assembly in the past year. Additionally, sessions offer in depth analysis and guidance on recent proffer legislation, the use of solar energy, and equitable land management through carbon trading and carbon credits. The program is designed to provide BZA members, planning commissioners, professional planners, and interested citizens with the most-timely and relevant information to guide their work on emerging issues.

### Land Use Education Program

The Land Use Education Program (LUEP)'s mission is to inform the discretion of Virginians in order that they make wise decisions regarding the prudent use of Virginia's land. To this end, the program educates elected and appointed leaders, and interested citizens, on the legal foundations and best practices of local land use planning administration and community development.

LUEP is the home of the nationally recognized Virginia Certified Planning Commissioner Program. It is held several times a year, in various parts of the state. We invite local appointed and elected officials, and interested citizens, to enroll in this and other LUEP programs. Other LUEP offerings include the Virginia Certified Board of Zoning Appeals Program, annual Legal Seminar, and various advanced learning opportunities throughout the year.

In addition to our ongoing programming we also work with many wonderful partners across the state. LUEP strives to enhance professional development opportunities for groups such as the APA Virginia Chapter. Our partners and supporters often speak at events, help us to hear about emerging issues, guide and provide oversight to our programming, and provide local assistance, as resources allow.

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**VACo Regional Meetings  
Sponsorship Opportunities  
April - September 2019**



#VACoEducation #VACoRegionalMeetings

Sponsor one or more of VACo's 2019 Regional Meetings and become a part of the event. Meeting participants will include Board Chairs and Vice Chairs, Supervisors, Legislators, Planning District Commissioners, County Administrators and Executive Staff from regional counties, all facing similar challenges and concerns. One of these challenges may just be an issue in which your company or organization specializes.

Choose from the list below of this year's regional meetings and return a completed form as instructed. Your \$200 sponsorship assists in supporting VACo's Regional Meetings program and you will receive a place on the agenda to address the membership.

As we continue to schedule meetings, details will be updated on our website at <http://www.vaco.org/legislative/2019-regional-meetings/>, or you may call us at 804.788.6652 for more information.

**Check the meeting(s) you wish to sponsor. VACo Regions are shown on map, Pg. 3.**

**2019 VACo REGIONAL MEETINGS PREMIER SPONSOR**

Sponsor all meetings and be invited to address meeting attendees throughout the summer. **\$1,200**

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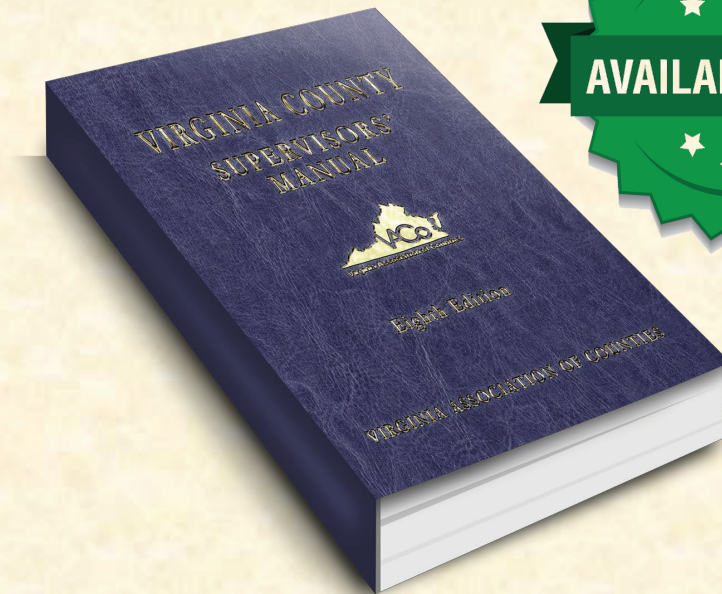
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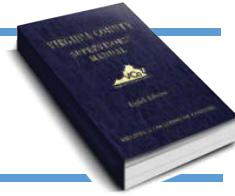


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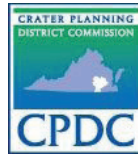
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