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Virginia Counties Recognized for Model Programs

July 10 – The Virginia Association of Counties is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2006 Achievement Awards recognizing model local government programs.

The counties and program titles are listed below:

- **Bland County**- Bland County Wireless Project
- **Caroline County**- Dawn Wastewater Project
- **Chesterfield County**- Crash Fatality Referral Program
- **Chesterfield County**- Real Time Book Discussion Group
- **Chesterfield County**- Partnership Between Police and Mental Health Professionals
- **Fairfax County**- Affordable Housing Preservation Initiative
- **Fauquier County**- Purchase of Development Rights Program
- **Loudoun County**- Companion Animal Resource Effort (CARE)
- **Loudoun County**- Athletic Space Allocations
- **Mathews County**- “Getting Connected” Computer Training
- **New Kent County**- Fit 4 Life
- **Prince William County**- Be Aware
- **Roanoke County**- Preserving the Blue Ridge Parkway Viewshed: A Team Approach
- **Roanoke County**- Communicating with the Media: A Winning Approach
- **Stafford County**- B.E.S.T. Values.

VACo received 41 entries from 20 counties. Tedd Povar, associate director of the Virginia Institute of Government; Ellen Davenport, assistant vice chancellor of the Virginia Community College System; and Kandy Hilliard, former Stafford County supervisor, served as judges for this year’s statewide awards program.

The VACo Achievement Awards is a competitive program open to local government members of the association. Held annually, it recognizes local government programs in nine categories. Awards criteria include innovation, collaboration and model practices.

The award-winning submissions will be displayed and representatives from each of the counties will receive a certificate at an official ceremony during VACo’s 2006 Annual Conference in November.

For more information about the awards program or recipients, please call Wendy Jenkins at (804) 343-2502.

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