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ANNUAL REPORT

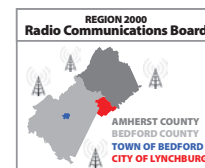
The Mission of the Local Government Council is to be a dynamic public forum for matters of regional significance; to create regional solutions by coordinating regional plans and building coalitions; and, to provide excellence in regional services to our localities and to the Commonwealth.

► **DYNAMIC**

► **REGIONAL**

► **EXCELLENCE**

2017



WELCOME TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017

Throughout the report we're looking back at what we've done and looking forward to the opportunities for next year that we can achieve by working together. We're part of a 48-year legacy of collaboration and service to the local governments of Central Virginia/Region 2000. Collaboration has resulted in developing programs which have saved Region 2000 local governments many dollars over the years. The Local Government Council meetings give us an opportunity to communicate and think through ways to better meet challenges of tight resources and increasing demands for services.

You'll see throughout our report that the Local Government Council also works with individual jurisdictions to provide direct services, like grant writing/management, financial administration and planning and support for boards and commissions. Providing quality public services to our local, state and federal customers is one of the LGC's highest priorities.

As an entrepreneurial, service oriented public organization, the Local Government Council's Board of Directors is committed to keeping this organization actively involved in those areas that improve the quality of life in the region. We will continue to assist our member localities as we build a better understanding of the importance of regional approaches to addressing local government challenges.



Joan F. Foster

Mayor Joan Foster, City of Lynchburg
Chair, Region 2000 Local Government Council

MEMBERS



PROVIDING SUPPORT THROUGH:

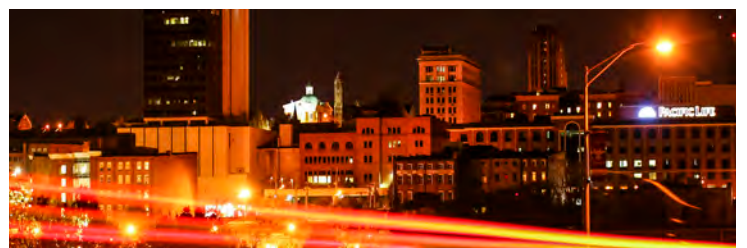
- Conducting studies on issues & problems of regional significance
- Providing technical assistance to member localities, regional and state agencies
- Developing local, regional, and site-specific transportation plans
- Conducting strategic planning services that support local, state or federal initiatives
- Providing GIS mapping and analysis services
- Leading through administrative and program services to enhance economic efficiencies
- Supporting multi-modal transportation programs to expand and enhance safety and efficiency



- ◆ LGC partnered with GLTC to prepare the successful launch of the Downtown Circulator Bus, the Hopper, in fall 2017.
- ◆ Governor McAuliffe announced that Appomattox County was awarded \$879,760 in Community Development Block Grant funding for the Appomattox County Tornado Recovery Project.
- ◆ CVMPO staff continue to work with GLTC to inventory attributes at bus stops for compliance with Americans Disability Act (ADA) requirements set forth by the Federal Transit Association.
- ◆ Supported three successful Transportation Alternatives project applications totaling over \$450,000.
- ◆ The Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) was finalized to the horizon year 2040.
- ◆ GLTC and LGC staff continued identifying stops to eliminate in order to increase bus route efficiency.
- ◆ Region 2000 Communications Board, in coordination with Harris, completed transition to P25 digital radio communications system to more reliably serve public safety and government organizations throughout Amherst, Bedford, and Lynchburg.
- ◆ Region 2000 Services Authority completed the Solid Waste Management 2030 Study.
- ◆ Town of Appomattox completed the first round of housing rehabilitation activities for the Greater Meadowlark Neighborhood Improvement Project.
- ◆ Town of Pamplin successfully completed a grant application to Virginia Department of Health's Office of Drinking Water for structural repairs to the Town's existing elevated water storage tank.
- ◆ CVMPO staff continue to assist with Route Scenario Planning efforts using the Remix Transit Planning Platform.
- ◆ Working alongside Extension Agents, LGC staff surveyed farm producers to review and identify needs in the region's Ag & Forestry sectors.
- ◆ Funded and facilitated the Town of Amherst Walkability Study.



- ◆ Provided support for the development of the Lynchburg Regional Connectivity Study.
- ◆ Supported four successful SMART SCALE project applications totaling over \$20 million.
- ◆ Developed and approved the region's FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- ◆ Partnered with Campbell County and VDOT to complete the US 29 Corridor Assessment.
- ◆ Town of Amherst completed a Walkability Study to advance pedestrian and bicycle movement through the Town.
- ◆ Sweet Briar College, Town of Amherst and Amherst County, through a facilitation award by the National Park Service – Rivers & Trail Technical Assistance Program, held a workshop to begin the development of the Sweet Briar- Ambriar connection trail.
- ◆ Assisted in the successful Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) submittal that will provide design and build funds to construct a trail from the Museum of the Confederacy to the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.
- ◆ RIDE Solutions partnered with the Workforce Development Board (WDB) to hold the first Great WBD Transportation Challenge to highlight the types of transportation challenges faced by employees and the opportunities offered by the Transportation Demand Management program.
- ◆ RIDE Solutions partnered with multiple agencies in offering bike valet parking to public events to increase bicycling opportunities and reduce parking and driving conflicts to local events.



Region 2000 staff partners with our member localities to implement projects that transform lives today and advance economic vitality well into the future.

APPOMATTOX COUNTY TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS

Appomattox County, in collaboration with Region 2000 Local Government Council (LGC) staff, was successfully awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development (VDHCD). On February 6, 2017, Gov. McAuliffe announced an \$879,760 award to provide housing rehabilitation and new home construction to families impacted by the tornado of 2016.

The success of the application was a result of a dedicated team of community organizations that quickly rallied to assist Appomattox County, such as the Appomattox County Long Term Recovery Group, Baptist General Association of Virginia-Appomattox Rebuild Team, and Virginia Conference United Methodist Church Disaster Recovery in the implementation of the Appomattox Recovery Project. The CDBG funded rehabilitation efforts are expected to begin late summer 2017.

APPOMATTOX ADVANCES A CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT REVITALIZATION VISION



Appomattox Town utilized a \$35,000 Planning Grant from DHCD to develop a revitalization plan that will strengthen and diversify the community's economic stability. Developed by Community Planning Partners, a Richmond-based firm, the Town of Appomattox Economic Restructuring Plan (ERP) outlines a strategy with specific tasks that will benefit the town, current businesses, property owners, and encourage new business opportunities, all of which will strengthen and diversify the economic stability of the Town and County.

The Appomattox ERP served as the foundation for the submittal of a \$608,865 Downtown Revitalization CDBG grant to DHCD, to be matched by an anticipated \$208,000 in local funds, to provide commercial façade and streetscape improvements, and partial development of Courtland Park in March 2017.

MEADOWLARK NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

LGC staff continues to assist the Town of Appomattox in administering the million-dollar Greater Meadowlark Neighborhood Improvement Project grant, received Spring 2016. In the first phase of this DHCD funded multi-year project, seventeen single family homes are being rehabilitated to meet Virginia's Housing Quality Standards. Second phase improvement will address storm-

water drainage and pedestrian safety features. Improvements will continue to impact the economic and physical environment of one of our Region's most storied communities by providing safe and secure housing for these families.

APPOMATTOX COMMUNITY ADVANCES A MULTI-MODAL VISION

The Appomattox community articulated a vision to connect the historic, cultural, economic, and natural resources by advancing multi-modal connections. Partnerships between the County, Town, Appomattox Court House National Historic Park (ACHNP), VDOT, and LGC, helped their vision take a leap forward in 2017.

Town to ACHNP Multi-modal Trail: Appomattox Town, County, ACHNP, VDOT and LGC partnered to submit a grant to design and construct a multi-use trail between the Museum of the Confederacy and the ACHNP. A Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) \$576,000 grant, matched by \$160,000 in local and Federal funds, will be used over the next four years to complete the project.

Old Courthouse Road: Appomattox County was awarded an \$11,546,256 VDOT SMARTSCALE project, one of four awarded in the Region 2000 area, to make the segment of Route 24 between Confederate Boulevard and the ACHNP more usable to visitors and residents alike. Features will include installation of planted medians, improved landscaped shoulders and a pedestrian path connecting the Town to the National Park.

OLD TOWN MADISON HEIGHTS REVITALIZATION

Amherst County continued its efforts in the revitalization of one of the County's most unique areas – Old Town Madison Heights (OTMH) via a \$30,000 CDBG Planning Grant to establish a long-term revitalization plan that includes housing rehabilitation and infrastructure upgrades. The Planning Grant resulted in the submittal of a \$1,110,634 CDBG Comprehensive Improvement Project to the VDHCD to upgrade an anticipated 16 homes along Main Street. The project also resulted in a second, pending CDBG Construction Ready application to rehabilitate sewer lines along Main Street.

RIVER EDGE TRAIL EXTENSION



Amherst County continues to advance river access and trail repair through the expansion of Riversedge Park Trail. LGC assisted Amherst in their successful \$49,368 VDOT Transportation Alternatives Program application, for the design and construction of an approximate 4,200-foot trail that will traverse along the James River. This trail represents a priority connection from the Region 2000 Greenways, Blueways, and Trails Plan – A 2012 Connection Vision.

REGION 2000 COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)

"Our vision is a prosperous, vibrant, and inclusive Lynchburg region recognized for the creativity of its workforce, the resilience of its economy, and its abundance of natural, cultural and educational opportunities."



INITIATIVES TO FACILITATE AND GUIDE REGIONAL ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT

- Implement a new regional branding and image campaign
- Implement a regional business retention and expansion program
- Implement an economic development marketing and corporate recruitment program
- Establish a Regional Center for Entrepreneurship
- Establish economic gardening and Entrepreneur in Residence programs
- Coordinate sector-focused workforce development initiatives, address regional skills gaps and enhance coordination between business, community and educational institutions
- Establish a Regional Workforce Center on the campus of the Central Virginia Community College
- Coordinate the region's transportation plans, broadband initiatives and other infrastructure to strengthen our economic development position
- Create a site evaluation program for industrial sites
- Create a vision that seeks to "unlock" the Region's riverfronts, better connecting and integrating local communities with our rivers
- Encourage and incentivize projects that improve the aesthetic, artistic and cultural appeal of the region by expanding the establishment of Arts and Culture Districts



THE CEDS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, OR ACTION STRATEGY AND SUCCESS MATRIX STAGE HAS BEGUN. INITIATIVE COUNCILS HAVE BEEN FORMED AND ARE TASKED WITH IDENTIFYING PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND PARTNERS TO ADVANCE THE CEDS INITIATIVES AND ESTABLISH METRICS WITH WHICH TO MEASURE SUCCESS. THIS FINAL AND IMPORTANT PROCESS WILL CONTINUE INTO SPRING 2018.



Dollars generated per \$1 in dues: \$19.29

NEW DIRECTION | NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Located at 3125 Odd Fellows Road in Lynchburg, the Virginia's Region 2000 Workforce Center supports workforce training and career services using federal funding from the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

ONE STOP CENTER — ALL SERVICES

JOB SEEKER SERVICES AVAILABLE:

- Job listings
- Assistance with resume development
- Helping to overcome barriers to employment
- Support for layoffs and transitions
- Financial support for training/travel for lower income individuals

YOUTH SERVICES AVAILABLE:

Jubilee Center: 1512 Florida Avenue, Lynchburg

- One-on-one counseling
- Apprenticeship Placement
- Jobs and Soft Skills Training

BUSINESS SERVICES:

- Job Fairs
- Candidate screening

OTHER SERVICE LOCATIONS:

(by appointment)

Bedford County Library, Bedford
Campbell County Library, Rustburg
Amherst County Library, Amherst
Appomattox County Library, Appomattox



NEW WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD STAFF AND STRUCTURE

New Communications Coordinator to Work Directly with Businesses. To fulfill the expanded mission of the Workforce Development Board as the regional convener for workforce issues and deliver the outcomes expected under the new WIOA, the Region 2000 WDB has hired Savannah Cook as the new Communications Coordinator. She has been tasked with better connecting the available services of the Workforce program with the business community and workforce partners.

She will work directly with the business community to develop employment sector strategies, coordinate work-based learning through on-the-job training and apprenticeship, as well as engage a regional talent development team to connect employers with skilled job seekers.

New Youth Works Staff. Alvin Jones will be serving as the new Coordinator of Youth Talent Development and leading the WIOA Title I Youth services for the Region 2000 WDB. Steve Manetti and Virginia Whitby will be joining Alvin as Youth Career Navigators to provide career development services for eligible youth throughout the region.

Program Support. Lori Cumbo will continue oversight of the adult, dislocated worker and youth programs as Operations Coordinator. Gina Dudley, as the new Administrative Technician, will assist in coordinating services between the One Stop Workforce Center partners and the WDB. Gina will also provide customer service assistance at the Region 2000 W

PARTNERS:



**Workforce
Development
Board**



Adult Education of Central Virginia
Central Virginia Community College
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Center
Local Departments of Social Services
Employment Program

Lynchburg Community Action Group
Old Dominion Job Corp
Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services
Goodwill Industries of the Valleys: Senior Community Services

Find out more at: www.Region2000Works.org

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERS

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Desmond Black, Region 2000 Technology Council

Traci Blido, Bedford County Economic Development

John Capps, Central Virginia Community College

Sierra Carvajal, Southern Air

Mike Davidson, Campbell County Economic Development

Nathan Dowdy, Moore's Electrical & Mechanical

Georgia Fauber, Kroll Advisory Solutions

Scott Francis, Integrated Technology Group, Inc

Scott Gillespie, Abbott Nutrition

Sonny Harvey, RR Donnelley

Phillip Jamerson, Jamerson Building Supply

Dennis Jarvis, Altavista Economic Development

Robert Johnson, Campbell County Public Schools

Christine Kennedy, Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance

Caitlin King, Lynchburg Regional Society for Human Resource

Dennis Knight, Wiley & Wilson

Ronald Lovelace, RL Lovelace & Assoc.

Nathaniel Marshall, BWX Technologies

Susan Martin, Bedford Area Chamber of Commerce

Edward McCann, Commonwealth Vape

Kimberly McIvor, VEC

Jim Mundy, Lynchburg Community Action Group

Tina Ragland, Pacific Life

John Redding, Appomattox Chamber of Commerce

Heather Reynolds, Altavista Chamber of Commerce

Tamara Rosser, City of Lynchburg

Luke Saechao, Adult Continuing Education of Central VA

Roxanne Slaughter, Virginia Dept. of Aging & Rehabilitation

Cheryl Toler, Innovairre

Marjette Upshur, Lynchburg Economic Development

Jan Walker, Centra Health

Wendell Walker, Virginia Dept. of Labor and Industry

Sterling Wilder, Jubilee Family Development Center

REGION 2000 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CHIEF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Kenneth Campbell, Amherst County Board of Supervisors

John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors

Mayor Joan Foster, City of Lynchburg

Bryan Moody, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors

Bob Good, Campbell County Board of Supervisors



DEPUTY DIRECTOR BOB WHITE RETIRES



After almost 15 years with the Local Government Council, our friend and colleague Bob White has retired from his work as the Deputy Director for Planning and Core Services.

Bob led our transportation planning initiatives while working tirelessly behind the scenes to make the Services Authority a reality.

A (proud) graduate of Penn State, Bob came to the Local Government Council from the City of Lynchburg where he began his planning career. As an AICP, Bob was active in Virginia's Chapter of the American Planning Association.

We wish Bob the best on his retirement and extend our thanks for his years of service to the organization. We look forward to working with him on special projects.

CENTRAL VIRGINIA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



ADVANCING SAFE, EFFICIENT MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT OUR REGION

SMART SCALE PROGRAM BRINGS \$23 MILLION TO FOUR PROJECTS IN REGION

Now in its second funding cycle, Virginia's SMART SCALE program scores transportation projects based on an objective, outcome-based process that is transparent to the public and allows decision-makers to be held accountable to taxpayers. Once projects are scored and prioritized, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has the best information possible to select the right projects for funding.

Last fall, Region 2000 localities submitted a total of ten projects for SMART SCALE funding. In June 2017, following the vetting and scoring of all submitted projects from across the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth Transportation Board selected four projects within Region 2000 totaling over \$23 million.

Location	Project Title	SMART SCALE Funding
Amherst County	U.S. 29 & Route 151 Safety Improvements	\$195,489
Appomattox County	Old Courthouse Road Improvements	\$11,546,256
Bedford County	Thomas Jefferson & Waterlick Road Intersection Improvements	\$321,404
Campbell County	Lynbrook Road Improvements	\$11,029,052
Total	Region 2000	\$23,092,201

REGION'S RURAL AREAS ADVANCE LONG-TERM TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES

The Region 2000 Local Government Council is finalizing the Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP) to the horizon year 2040.

This transportation plan is specifically created for rural areas in Region 2000 that do not fall under the jurisdiction of the Central Virginia Metropolitan Planning Organization (CVMPPO).

With the help of the Transportation Technical Committee, VDOT staff, and locality planners, the RLRTP2040 looks at improvements to assess the effects of population and employment growth upon the transportation system.

A significant addition to the updated RLRTP is the use of VDOT's Project Prioritization Tool, which will provide information to aid in the recommendation of a prioritized list of projects for each county represented in the plan.

Each RLRTP is developed as a blueprint, or vision plan, to address all the needs of the transportation system, regardless of anticipated funding availability. This regional plan can then be used by local, regional and state agencies to identify transportation funding priorities.



STAKEHOLDERS FOCUS ON CONGESTION AND WALKABILITY

In October 2016, residents and business owners along US 29 in Campbell County gathered for the third public meeting to develop solutions to safety and congestion challenges in the corridor between Route 24 and the Lynchburg City Limits.

This was a pilot for the SHRP2 (Strategic Highway Research Program 2) PlanWorks process which is used to plan and implement projects, support collaborative decision-making, and improve how planners develop, prioritize, and inform transportation plans and projects.

The process identified approximately \$19 million in potential improvements to the 6.6-mile corridor, including modifications of medians, installation of turn lanes, signal improvements, and access management. Over time, these projects will be prioritized and submitted for funding by applicable programs.

TOWN OF AMHERST

The ability to safely and easily walk between stores, restaurants, businesses, and government offices is a defining feature of most successful downtown areas. As part of ongoing efforts to enhance the vitality of its central business district, the Town of Amherst turned its attention to walkability in response to citizen concerns.

The Pedestrian Safety and Walkability Study's process included public engagement, traffic data collection and analysis. The primary concerns identified through these efforts included limited pedestrian and crosswalk visibility, high vehicle speeds in downtown, missing and deficient sidewalk ramps, and numerous sidewalk obstructions. Other ideas for improvements outside of the core downtown area were also discussed, including a connecting trail between the campus of Sweet Briar College and the Ambriar commercial area. Recommendations were divided into three phases, which will help the town prioritize and implement components of the study.

LYNCHBURG REGION THE FOCUS OF INNOVATIVE CONNECTIVITY STUDY

This study, the first of its kind in Virginia, addressed the goal of strengthening the Lynchburg regional economy through connectivity. It first diagnosed the current role of connectivity in supporting the economy, and subsequently identified and assessed opportunities for connectivity.



The findings and recommendations of the Connectivity Study were incorporated into the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which was being updated concurrently.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL ASSISTS THE GREATER LYNCHBURG TRANSIT COMPANY WITH PLANNING SERVICES

Through a partnership with the Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transit (DRPT), staff of the Local Government Council and CVMPO provide planning support to the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company (GLTC). These services include mapping and data collection, project development and implementation, and technical support for various committees.

GLTC has been working to make its network of 708 bus stops more accessible to riders who face mobility challenges. Local Government Council staff maintains an inventory of factors that determine the level of accessibility of each bus stop in the system. Factors that affect the accessibility of stops include:

- Condition of bus stop sign
- Presence of benches, trash cans, shelter, and lighting
- Ground slope near the bus stop
- ADA accessibility to sidewalks

This inventory helps GLTC staff identify priority locations for improvements to provide higher levels of service to all riders.



CVMPO MEMBERS

Turner Perrow, Chair, Lynchburg City Council
Will Mays, Vice Chair, Amherst County
Brian Booth, Greater Lynchburg Transit Company
Carl Boggess, Bedford County Administrator
Jack Hobbs, Amherst Town Manager

Dean Rodgers, Amherst County Administrator
Frank Rodgers, Campbell County Administrator
Micheal Rousseau, Campbell Co. Board of Supervisors
John Sharp, Bedford County Board of Supervisors
Bonnie Svrcek, Lynchburg City Manager

D. Dwayne Tuggle, Amherst Town Mayor
Chris Winstead, VDOT, Lynchburg District Administrator
Ex-Officio: Lee Beaumont, Liberty University

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTC)

The TTC serves as the boots-on-the-ground committee guiding the technology, programs, and projects that move our residents and visitors through our region. These area planners, engineers and practitioners meet monthly to tackle the broad-range of multi-modal transportation initiatives, challenges, and opportunities in both the Region 2000 urban and rural areas.

Jeremy Bryant, Amherst County
Jack Hobbs, Town of Amherst
Johnnie Roark, Appomattox County
Gary Shanaberger, Town of Appomattox
Mariel Fowler, Bedford County
Bart Warner, Town of Bedford
Doyle Allen, Bedford County

Dan Witt, Town of Altavista
Paul E. Harvey, Campbell County
Russell Thurston, Town of Brookneal
Richard Metz, Campbell County
Brian Booth, GLTC
Tom Martin, City of Lynchburg
Nick Britton, VDRPT

Don DeBerry, City of Lynchburg
Mark Courtney, Lynchburg Regional Airport
Rick Youngblood, VDOT
Lee Beaumont, Liberty University
Kevin Jones, Federal Highway Administration



WORKING SMARTER, CLEANER & GREENER

GAS COLLECTION AND ODOR NEUTRALIZATION

The Region 2000 Services Authority takes seriously its efforts to reduce any negative impacts to our neighbors by managing gas and odor emissions. As a result of the odor mitigation described below, the Authority has recorded a significant decrease in odor complaints.

In November, 2016, the Region 2000 Services Authority completed construction of the full-scale landfill gas extraction and treatment system in Phase III of the Region 2000 Regional Landfill – Livestock Road Facility.

The \$1,212,595 system includes 13 strategically placed vertical landfill gas extraction wells, as well as gas collection pipes, a compressor station and a flare unit. It is currently extracting and treating nearly 1,000 cubic feet per minute of landfill gas. This new system is also designed with the capacity to include additional landfill gas extraction wells to be installed as we reach capacity in the Phase III fill area and move into the recently constructed Phase IV and future Phase V of the currently permitted landfill area.

On March 17, 2016 the Authority activated the vapor-phase odor neutralization distribution system including 2600 ft. of 6" diameter pipe installed along the northwest, western and southern perimeter of currently active Phase III. This system evenly distributes a safe, odor neutralizing vapor solution around the clock. It's important to note that this vapor is not a "fragrance" to mask the odors, it's a safe, vaporized, solution that mixes with the landfill gas odors in the air and neutralizes the odors.

PREPARING TO MOVE TO THE NEXT SECTION OF THE LIVESTOCK ROAD LANDFILL

Today's landfills meet Virginia DEQ's regulatory standards and are required to be designed with liners and sophisticated leachate collection systems. They're designed in sections, or Phases, which are open, filled, and closed and cumulatively these sections make up the landfill.

The Livestock Road landfill will soon fill Phase III and move to the newly created Phase IV. By October 2017 it is expected that all of the solid waste will go into the new Phase IV section.

Once we stop using Phase III, engineering and procurement will begin to permanently cap and close that section of the landfill.

RECYCLING AND HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTIONS

The Lynchburg, Appomattox, Campbell and Nelson businesses and residents averaged a 35.7% recycle rate for calendar year 2017.

Three Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Cycling event were held in FY 2017 at the Concord Turnpike Convenience Center. During these events, 626 people dropped off Hazardous Household Waste and 554 people dropped off electronic equipment for recycling.

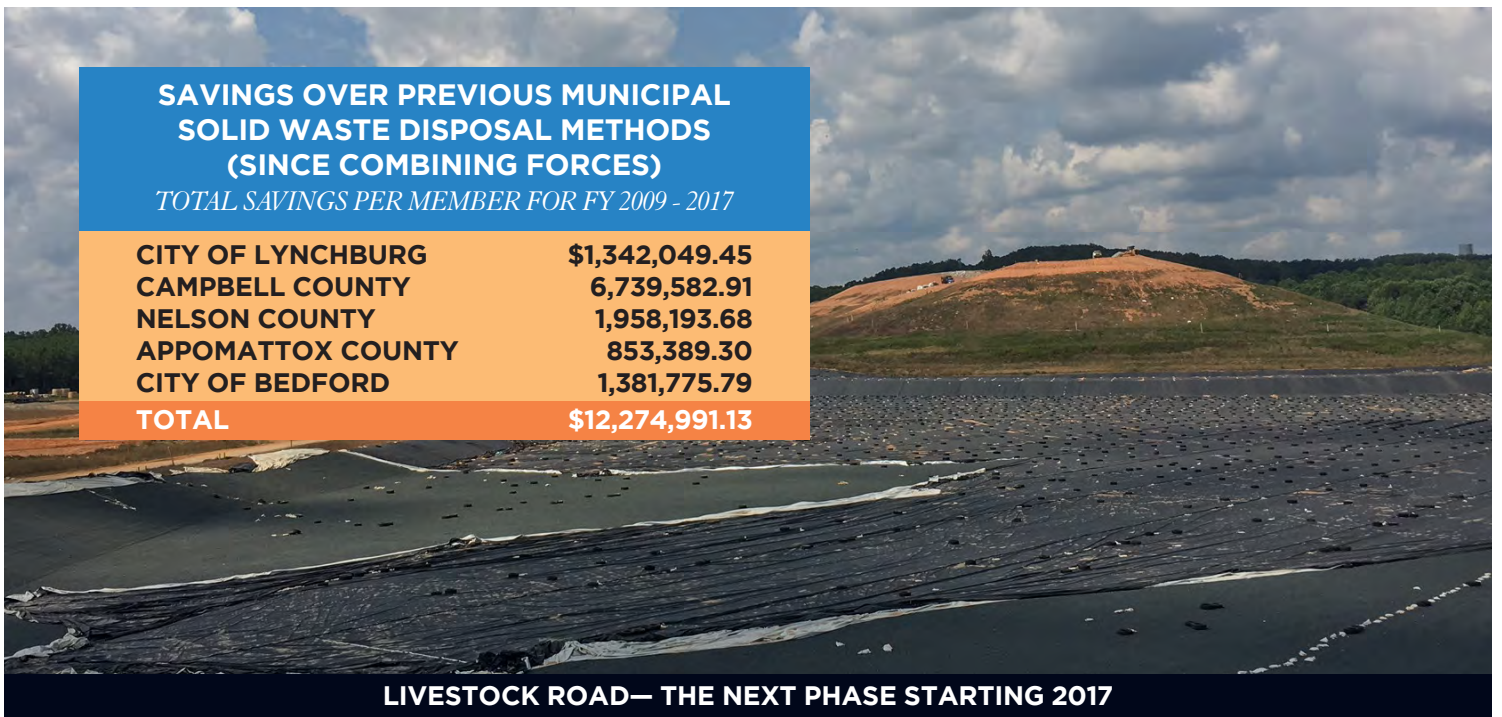
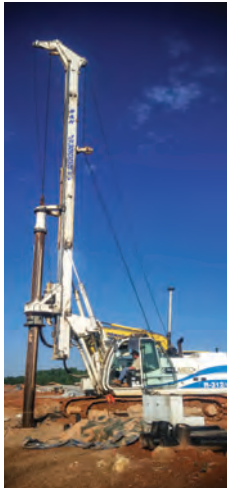
In FY 2017, there were 12 Youth education and 17 adult sessions conducted on recycling and reuse.

SAVINGS OVER PREVIOUS MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL METHODS (SINCE COMBINING FORCES)

TOTAL SAVINGS PER MEMBER FOR FY 2009 - 2017

CITY OF LYNCHBURG	\$1,342,049.45
CAMPBELL COUNTY	6,739,582.91
NELSON COUNTY	1,958,193.68
APPOMATTOX COUNTY	853,389.30
CITY OF BEDFORD	1,381,775.79
TOTAL	\$12,274,991.13

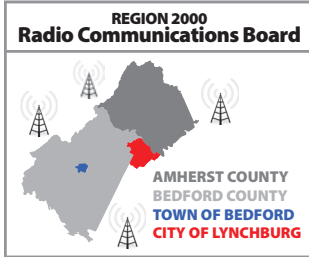
LIVESTOCK ROAD— THE NEXT PHASE STARTING 2017



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION NETWORK FOR LYNCHBURG, BEDFORD AND AMHERST

Public Safety Communications has jumped to the latest technology in Lynchburg, Bedford and Amherst Counties.

For the last several years the Region 2000 Radio Communications Board, in a coordinated effort with Harris Corporation's RF Communications Division, has been working on the development of a \$15 million-dollar emergency radio system upgrade. Replacing analog equipment installed in 1997, P25, the new IP-based radio system, began service with better coverage and clearer sound for over 2,800 users.



The system upgrade included the installation of five new tower locations, increasing coverage from 11 to 16 towers, resulting in a 98.55 % coverage reliability throughout the area. Each of the three dispatch centers have new consoles and software with an additional dispatch console in Bedford County.

When a radio microphone is keyed or activated, the signal is sent to a tower along one of the available channels. Because this is a trunked system, the radio user has access to any available radio channel, not just channels dedicated to a specific purpose or department. This trunked system allows us to use fewer channels more efficiently.

Radio users are clustered in "Talk Groups" so that they can easily find colleagues when the radios are keyed. However, the shared infrastructure makes it easy to switch between talk groups, either by turning knobs on the radios or through the dispatcher.

The counties of Amherst and Bedford, the Town of Bedford, and the City of Lynchburg partnered together to improve the performance and reliability of the emergency radio communications among public safety and government organizations in these localities. System users also includes the Blue Ridge Regional Jail, Central Virginia Community College, Greater Lynchburg Transit, Liberty University, and Region 2000 Services Authority.

REGIONAL RADIO BOARD MEMBERS:

Melissa Foster, City of Lynchburg

Jeff Johnson, Bedford County

Gary Roakes, Chair, Amherst County

Lt. Shannon Walker, Town of Bedford

Region 2000 Staff, Matthew Perkins



OUR REGION'S WORKING LANDSCAPES - A MAJOR ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE ENGINE

Agriculture in Region 2000 generates \$75 million of economic activity annually. We depend on the farming community not only for interesting and fresh products at our local farmers markets, but to provide important employment opportunities, purchase farm equipment and supplies, and maintain the open spaces which keep Region 2000 a comfortable mix of urban and rural areas.

The Local Government Council has worked over the last several years to identify mechanisms to strengthen the farming economy. This year, working with Extension Agents, LGC staff surveyed farm producers to review and identify needs in the region's Ag & Forestry sectors.

One of the key takeaways from the survey was the need for more localized career technical education in the Ag & Forestry fields. During FY18 the Region 2000/Extension Agent team will work with Central Virginia Community College and the Region 2000 Workforce Development Board to examine possibilities of a Career Technical Education curriculum focused on the farm/forestry/agriculture industry.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

TOWN OF ALTAVISTA

Mayor Mike Mattox, Council Vice Chair
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TOWN OF AMHERST

Mayor Dwayne Tuggle
Jack Hobbs, Town Manager

AMHERST COUNTY

Kenneth Campbell, Board of Supervisors
Dean Rodgers, County Administrator

TOWN OF APPOMATTOX

Mayor Paul Harvey
Gary Shanaberger, Town Manager

APPOMATTOX COUNTY

Bryan Moody, Board of Supervisors
Susan Adams, County Administrator

TOWN OF BEDFORD

Bruce Johannessen, Town Council Member
Bart Warner, Town Manager

BEDFORD COUNTY

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Carl Boggess, County Administrator

TOWN OF BROOKNEAL

Mayor Phyllis Campbell
Russell Thurston, Town Manager

CAMPBELL COUNTY

Michael Rousseau, Board of Supervisors
Frank Rogers, County Administrator

CITY OF LYNCHBURG

Mayor Joan Foster, Council Chair
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LYNCHBURG REGIONAL BUSINESS ALLIANCE

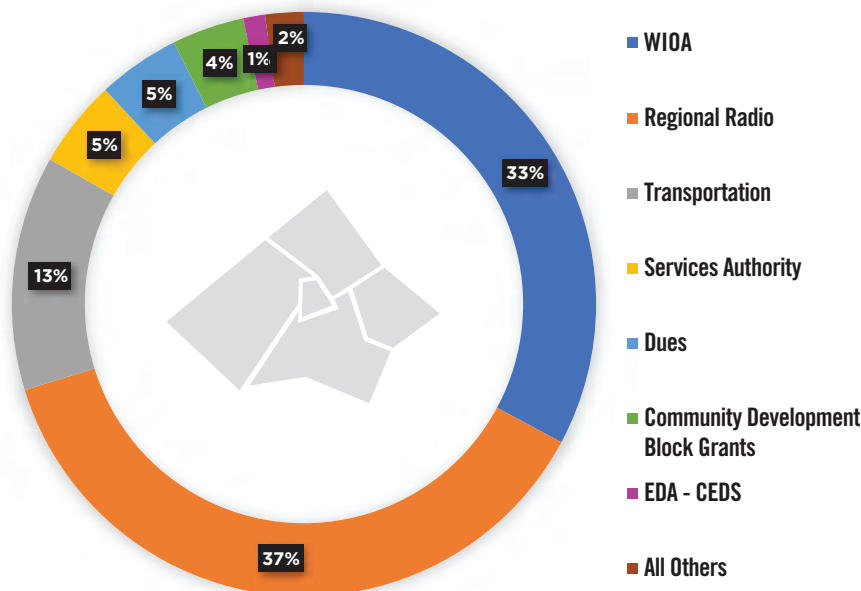
Megan Lucas, CEO

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Delegate Ben Cline
Senator Mark Peake

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

SOURCE OF FUNDS:



SOURCE OF FUNDS

WIOA	\$1,112,676
Regional Radio	1,267,253
Transportation	440,498
Services Authority	164,329
Dues	154,429
Community Development Block Grants	135,663
EDA - CEDS	40,862
All Others	72,303
	\$3,388,018

USE OF FUNDS

WIOA	\$1,058,563
Regional Radio	984,128
Salaries	492,770
Transportation	181,452
Benefits	143,249
Operating	152,413
Community Development Block Grants	26,691
EDA - CEDS	68,438
All Others	25,379
	\$3,133,085

Dollars generated per \$1 in dues: \$19.29



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