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The Holiday Season is Here!



Dear Catoctin Residents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I've been enjoying the crisp fall weather, which always comes with such beautiful scenery here in Loudoun. This is a great time of year to bundle up and explore the rural west. For our Catoctin snow watchers out there, [Jay's Wintry Mix](#) says we might get snow around December 5–9, with a big cold front that could materialize into precipitation. But he also admits that getting significant snow this week is still very much a long shot; you can blame/thank the southern jet stream for that.

Before I share a little bit of Loudoun's agricultural history, I wanted to let you know about a wonderful Loudoun marketplace. At [Take Loudoun Home for the Holidays](#), you can find local sources for freshly cut trees and wreaths, craft food and beverages, and other amazing gifts and experiences. And each time you make a purchase, you'll also be directly supporting Loudoun's farmers and small businesses. Remember: you don't have to worry about supply chain issues if you shop local!



In a truly regrettable lack of foresight, I've already told you Eugene Scheel's history of one of the last large turkey farms in Loudoun County. Fortunately I found another story from Loudoun's history that I think is worth sharing. It's about a Loudoun resident who found our county in the midst of a farming crisis, solved it with creative farming techniques, and wound up writing a treatise about it that [impressed Thomas Jefferson](#).

Let me tell you the story of John Alexander Binns.

- John Alexander Binns was a Loudoun farmer in the 1780s. At this point in Loudoun's history, the county was [facing a serious soil fertility problem](#). Much of its farmland had been in continuous use, which ate up its nutrients - and while European farmers had solved this problem by regularly mixing manure back into the soil, Loudoun farmers let their livestock range free, which meant the manure solution wasn't an easy option.
- Binns decided to try something else. He'd learned about a new method for restoring soil quality, which had been brought over from the city of Leipzig, Saxony, and was being used in Philadelphia. Instead of using manure, this method involved planting clover and treating the soil with [gypsum](#).
- So Binns planted clover and mixed gypsum into the soil. He also started rotating his crops and using deep plowing techniques. Slowly, year after year, these techniques began to restore the farmland. After eight years of steady work (and more than a little scoffing from neighboring farmers), he'd found that his corn yields had doubled, and his wheat yields had *quadrupled*.
- In 1793, Binns moved to an estate near Waterford, which he named (surprise!) Clover Hill. At this point he was regularly buying other farmers' tracts of worn-out farmland and applying his new methods to restore the land's crop yields.

- By 1803, Binns had become a remarkably successful farmer, and Loudoun's crop yields were rising instead of collapsing. So he sat down to compile what he'd learned about farming and soil management into a small book, called *A Treatise on Practical Farming*. That book was sold throughout Virginia, and John's overall methods became widely known as the "Loudoun system."
- Thomas Jefferson was one of the first people to buy this book. He thought it was brilliant, and on June 30, 1803, he [sent a copy of it](#) to Sir John Sinclair, the head of the English Board of Agriculture, praising it as (A) an excellent farming system and (B) written in clear language that farmers would understand and appreciate. (When the guy who drafted the Declaration of Independence says, "Hey, this book is really well written," you know you've arrived.)

We owe a lot gratitude to farmers like John Alexander Binns, who laid the foundation for our county's remarkable agriculture and crop production. When we we eat locally-sourced food, we are benefitting from the insights and improvements that they passed down to us. It's something worth remembering in this Thanksgiving season.

I wish you and your family all the best this holiday season!

Sincerely,

Caleb Kershner



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Real-Time Updates - Keep Up With the Latest News!



If I tried to put all the interesting news from the Catoctin District into one monthly email, you'd be scrolling the rest of the month before you hit the bottom.

This is why I also have [a Facebook page](#).

So stay tuned to these newsletters for the big-picture news from the Catoctin District. But for the other day-to-day stories and updates, drop by my Facebook page and give it a like.

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Morven Park's Holiday Road Event is Open November 26 - January 2

We told you this event was coming, and now it has finally arrived! Holiday Road will be opening in three places around the country: Los Angeles, Atlanta, and North Virginia. Morven Park is hosting our region's piece of this premiere holiday event.

From **November 26 through January 2**, at **5:00–11:00 PM**, attendees will arrive at Morven Park for a night full of bright lights, hot drinks, and memorable holiday activities. The park will be [transformed into a winter wonderland](#), complete with a North Pole, Elf Village, Gingerbread Lane, forests of Christmas Trees, food trucks, a gift shop, and more.

Morven Park is [excited to bring this event](#) to our county. For more details about the event, they've assembled a [helpful set of FAQs](#) on their event page. And to answer the all-important question, "How does one get tickets?" I've included a button below that goes straight to [their tickets page](#).

Get Tickets



Holiday Road Walking Trail Comes To California, Virginia ...

Television Production and Event Industry veterans Ben Biscotti, Tony Schubert and Bobby Rossi announced today that Calabasas' renowned Holiday Road holiday experience will expand to two additional markets for the first time ever this year in...

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Loudoun's New State Park is Top Priority for Loudoun's Legislative Delegation

In 2018, Loudoun County [purchased 281 acres from the Bob and Dee Leggett Foundation](#) for \$2.9 million. This newly purchased land was combined with [another 600 acres that the Leggett Foundation had already donated](#), which gave Loudoun County a turnkey, ready-to-open 900-acre State Park off of Harper's Ferry Road.

I want to let you know that we are pushing for the funding we need so we can get this beautiful state park open for business. At this point we just need the staffing to get the park open. Common amenities for a state park are already in place on the property - it used to be known as the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship, and it already contains a fantastic trail system (which includes access to the Appalachian Trail), an education center, a campsite with restrooms and hot and cold showers, a road system, equestrian trails, a working farm, farming history, wildlife conservation, and so much more.



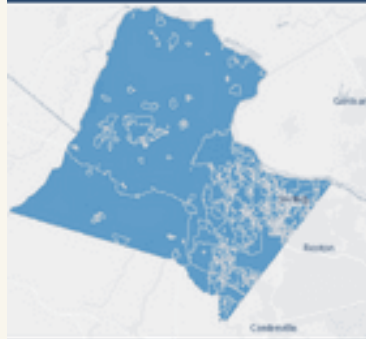
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In the General Assembly's last several sessions, members of the Loudoun Delegation have filed budget amendments that would fund maintenance and operations costs, in addition to two positions, for the development and operation of the new state park in Loudoun. Efforts for the 2022-2024 budget, including master planning efforts for the park, are the second priority for the Board of Supervisors, just behind funding for transportation and road maintenance, and adequate appropriations to the Compensation Board to properly staff and fund the offices of constitutional officers.

The Virginia Department of Conservation Resources estimates a \$203,000 in one-time costs for the new park in FY2023 and \$613,253 in recurring costs for FY2023 and FY2024. These costs include a park manager, Chief Ranger, a Maintenance Manager, an Office Manager, and Wage Staff. I will be working very closely with our staff and with the Loudoun Delegation to secure the necessary funds to open the park.

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Board Adopts Intent to Amend Loudoun Zoning Ordinance



Next Steps:

- Planning Commission Review
- Public Input
- Public Review of First Draft
- Board Adoption in Late 2022

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Zoning Ordinance Rewrite: Board Adopts Resolution of Intent to Amend Loudoun's Zoning Ordinance

We hit another milestone on the zoning ordinance rewrite project last month! At our business meeting on November 16, the Board voted to [adopt a Resolution of Intent to Amend \(ROIA\)](#) for Loudoun County's Revised 1993 Zoning Ordinance. The ROIA is a public announcement that the Board plans to amend the whole zoning ordinance, and is a necessary step in the revision process.

The rewrite project formally began in September 2019. It is expected to be finished by the end of next year. The next steps include the Planning Commission's review and recommendations, a general public open house for review and comment, a 90-day public review period for the first draft, and - at long last - a public vote on adoption by the Board of Supervisors in late 2022.

With this ROIA, the Board has officially referred the zoning ordinance rewrite to the Planning Commission for its recommendations and review. Here are some of the key goals for the rewriting project:

- **Implement the 2019 Comprehensive Plan's ideas.** That should include the Urban Policy Area, which involves new place types with densities, standards, building forms and infrastructure.
- **Modernize our rules and standards.** The rewrite aims to revise land uses and definitions to reflect the current marketplace, evaluate parking ratios and calculations, update our lot and building standards, and align the

county's administration of planned unit developments with modern best practices.

- **Audit the rules for consistency**, analyzing existing standards and aiming for consistency within the document and across zoning districts when feasible.
- **Make the document more user-friendly**, by improving its structure and flow, and by rewriting any unclear language.
- **Assess the opportunities and challenges** that come up as stakeholders give their input about the current Zoning Ordinance, and improve things where we can.
- **Incorporate changes based on new legislation**, including new or revised provisions of the Code of Virginia, new case law, and best management practices drawn from the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials, the Urban Land Institute, and the American Planning Association.

Much work has already been done in getting the rewrite process up to speed. As you can imagine, our zoning ordinance has a *lot* of moving parts, and when we fix one part of the ordinance, we really don't want it to throw a monkey wrench into something else. The Department of Planning and Zoning and the Zoning Ordinance Committee have heard from many stakeholders and residents - and they would love to hear from many more of you by the time the rewrite is finished.

So far, they have had discussions on the following topics:

- Possible new and revised land uses, definitions, and performance standards.
- Improvements to parking regulations.
- Renaming the zoning districts.
- Changes to process.

And they have discussed the following potential changes to the ordinance:

- **Add land uses** to implement the 2019 Comprehensive Plan, reflect the current marketplace, and address gaps identified by staff, citizens and Zoning Ordinance Committee members.
- **Combine or rename land uses** to make them clear, consistent, and efficient.
- **Modifying the land use legislative application process** to make space earlier in the process for the public and the Board of Supervisors to give their input.
- **Revise current land uses** to stay consistent with new place types in the 2019 Comprehensive Plan.
- **Modify parking ratios** based on the different planning policy areas throughout the county.
- **Create parking ratio minimums and maximums for specific land uses.** This is a new concept for Loudoun, and is designed to provide parking at an appropriate scale within the county.
- **Develop parking standards** for bicycles, car sharing, electric vehicles, and motorcycle/scooters.

- **Add parking standards** that recognize the needs of small, pedestrian-scale, rural communities.

As the process goes on, they also plan to discuss issues such as attainable housing, lot and building standards, signs, landscaping, and zoning processes and procedures.

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Court Orders Gable Farm to Level its Fill Dirt

Last month brought us an [important development](#) for the Gable Farm situation. On November 3, the Loudoun County General District Court entered an [Order of Abatement](#) in the case of *County of Loudoun v. Gable Family Limited Partnership*. The order requires the owner of Gable Farm to correct violations of the Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance.

The court's order requires the property owner to accomplish several remedial actions, which are detailed in a full [Abatement Plan](#):

- **Fix the property elevation/grading** by moving the excess fill dirt, making the property consistent with its previously approved Rural Economy Site Plan. The excess fill will go to specified locations on the property's south central and southwest borders. There they will close out erosion and sediment controls that were constructed in conjunction with the site plan.
- **Disburse any remaining fill** within specified areas of the property, consistent with the levels set out in the Abatement Plan. They will need to secure a Grading Permit before moving this remaining fill.
- Once those two tasks are finished, the property owner must **hire a third-party surveyor or engineer** to confirm the elevation and grades of the fill dirt.

According to the terms of the order, these abatement actions must be completed by **November 15, 2022**. In addition, the property owner was required to pay a \$200 fine, which has already been paid to the county.

Dirt stockpiling has been a consistent issue for the Catocin District. Over the years we've had multiple instances where grading permits were misused to stockpile dirt on parcels in our district. But based on the work of my predecessor, Supervisor Geary Higgins, the Board authorized a change in the county's policy to help mitigate this issue. I'm pleased to report that we are starting to see the fruits of that policy decision.

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Our School Leadership Is Failing Our Students and Parents

Multiple negative actions taken by Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) over the past few years have broken the trust between LCPS and Loudoun families whose children are entrusted to LCPS for their education.

In case you haven't noticed, one of the most important issues for parents in Loudoun County is the education of their children. School-aged children have only one chance at each year of their education from kindergarten through their senior year in high school. These years cannot and should not be squandered. It is LCPS's responsibility to ensure that each student is given the very best education each and every year they are enrolled in our public schools.

Roughly 66% of Loudoun County's entire budget is dedicated to LCPS. Each year, the taxpayers and Loudoun County make an enormous investment in our school system. Each of us on the Board of Supervisors and the School Board were elected by the residents of Loudoun County to serve them, and in the case of the School Board, to serve and educate their children, one of society's most treasured and vulnerable assets.

Our current education system is failing Loudoun's families, not to mention what it is doing to the morale among many of Loudoun's teachers—from [school closures that directly led to learning losses as witnessed by the most recent SOL scores](#), to the implementation of CRT ideology through [LCPS's Action Plan to Combat Systemic Racism](#) that contains [principles that align with CRT as noted by the former Superintendent](#), to the complete lack of transparency and truthfulness about sexual assaults in our schools.

A number of you have written to me about [the two recent sexual assaults](#) that took place at the Stone Bridge and Broad Run high schools. My office has been following this situation closely. What is entirely unclear at this time is this: Why did LCPS make the decision to return the student to another school while the first set of serious charges had not yet been adjudicated or resolved? Many parents entrust their children each day to the public schools and count on them to foster a safe environment. Instead of taking responsibility, LCPS officials seem to want to point the finger and blame others.

By way of background, I have listed articles that include the correspondence between Sheriff Chapman and Superintendent Ziegler.

- The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) [issued a public statement on October 13](#), in response to questions about the Daily Wire article that broke the story.
- [Superintendent Ziegler's November 5th email to Sheriff Chapman.](#)
- Sheriff Mike Chapman's [recently published November 10th letter to Superintendent Ziegler](#). Loudoun Now has [a well-written article](#) about this letter, and they have also hosted [a full copy of the letter](#) so the public can read it. I recommend that you read both of those items in full.

The frustrating truth is that the Board of Supervisors has no control over the School Board's operations and administrative procedures. The School Board is an entirely separate elected body. That may seem strange, because we do fund the entire LCPS Capital Improvement Program and the lion's share of the LCPS budget.

There must be accountability for these actions. I look forward the results of the LCPS investigation into this matter in addition to the Attorney General - Elect's investigation of LCPS next year. I also plan to take a hard look at the LCPS budget request for FY2023 and ask a number of questions relating to LCPS programs during our budget process which will begin early next year.



In New Letter, Sheriff Indicates School Division...



Loudoun sheriff to superintendent: You knew of school...

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The Loudoun County Juvenile Court Service Unit notified the school division that a Stone Bridge High School student had been arrested on July 9 in connection allegations of rape of a fellow student, more than a month prior to the assailant being...

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Loudoun County superintendent and the Loudoun County Sheriff exchanged strongly worded letters to each other regarding a sexual assault case at Stone Bridge High School. It all started with a letter Loudoun County...

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FY 2023 Budget Guidance Will be Set Next Week

At the January 7th Board Business Meeting next Tuesday, the Board will be providing guidance on setting the tax rate so the County Administrator can prepare the FY2023 Budget for Loudoun County and Loudoun Public Schools.

For reference purposes, the current real property tax rate is \$0.98 per \$100 of assessed value. The estimated equalized real property tax rate could be as low as \$0.89 per \$100 of assessed value. Proposed budget scenarios range from \$0.94 (four cents lower than the current rate) to a high of \$0.99 per \$100 of assessed value.



[Item #13a FY 2023 Budget Development: Budget Guidance](#)

How Does Loudoun County Get Its Revenue?

The primary funding mechanisms supporting Loudoun's year-over-year spending growth are derived from personal property tax revenue (especially revenue generated from business personal property taxes (BPPT) on computer equipment, along with new construction and growth in the residential portfolio.

Why Isn't Loudoun Flush With Cash This Year?

Loudoun is facing funding challenges this year to declining revenue on tax revenue from computer equipment, new construction remains constrained by builders' ability to secure materials and the pricing of materials, and residential permit activity remains down at 28 percent, through September 2021 when compared to the same period in 2019 (pre-pandemic). Non-residential permitting activity also remains down when compared to 2019 and 2020, which the greatest declines seen in flex space often representing data center permits. In April 2021, staff identified a potential revenue shortfall in BPPT from computer equipment in the FY 2022 budget based on a lower than anticipated tax levy for Tax Year (TY) 2021.

So, How Much Does Loudoun Have to Spend This Year On New Resources ?

It depends on where the Board sets the tax rate this year. In July 2021, staff provided an update to the FGOEDC and noted the potential shortfall was estimated to be \$60 million. Due to this variance, the first \$60 million in forecasted growth for FY 2023 will not truly be growth, meaning that while the FY 2023 forecast is currently \$90 million above the revised FY 2022 forecast, only \$30 million will be new revenue.

What is the difference between the Equalized vs. the Current Real Property Tax Rate? And Why Does It Matter?

Based on preliminary assessment data from the Commissioner of the Revenue, the estimated equalized real property tax rate for Tax Year (TY) 2022 could be as low as \$0.89 per \$100 of assessed value. The current real property tax rate is \$0.98 per \$100. Assessment data are not finalized until January 2022, and the equalized rate could continue to shift throughout the next few weeks.

The equalized real property tax rate is the tax rate that will generate the same level of real property revenue to the County that was generated in the prior tax year. Over the past decade, the Board's tax policy has been to equalize the real property tax rate while funding an aggressive capital budget and increasing the County Government and School Division operating budgets from revenue secured from growth in both the real property and personal property portfolios.

This tax policy has provided consistent (equalized) real property tax bills for real property taxpayers to provide a consistent revenue source for the County and to protect taxpayers from large swings in their tax bills.

However, the County's budget has not benefitted from the strong revaluation of its real property portfolio. As new residential development begins to slow – due to constraints in

available land zoned for residential development – growth will not be a sufficient factor to fund new programs and program expansions. Item 13 on the October 12, 2021, FGOEDC agenda proposed a formalized tax policy on the relationship between the real property rate and the personal property rate. The preliminary tax rate recommendations found within this Action Item are consistent with the tax policy recommendations.

How Much Funding is LCPS Asking For This Year?

LCPS provided an updated preliminary fiscal outlook for FY 2023 requesting \$49.9 million, which is a \$75.8 million decrease from its August 2021 forecast due to updated lower projections of student enrollment and projections for salary and benefit adjustments. This outlook is still considered preliminary until the School Board makes its final recommendation in early CY 2022.

The updated outlook provides two enrollment scenarios of 83,039 and 83,861. While projected enrollment in both scenarios is less when compared to the enrollment figure upon which the FY 2022 budget is based (85,867), projected enrollment for FY 2023 is higher than the actual enrollment as of September 30, 2021 (81,642), meaning LCPS is expecting to grow in the actual number of students in FY 2023 compared to FY 2022. These enrollment scenarios drive the expenditure and revenue outlook for LCPS in FY 2023. From an expenditure perspective, projected total enrollment for FY 2023 is lower than the FY 2022 budgeted enrollment, meaning that less funding is needed for enrollment-related growth in FY 2023 than in FY 2022. From a revenue perspective, projected total enrollment for FY 2023 continues to be less than actual students in the system from prior years, which will likely decrease the amount of revenue LCPS will receive from the State.

So where are we?

Take a look at the tables below which outlines different funding scenarios and different tax rates.

Table 1 provides the FY 2023 General Fund outlook in terms of its variance from the FY 2022 Adopted Budget, based on the most current projections. Real property tax rates are shown in conjunction with personal property tax rates; all scenarios adhere to the tax policy recommendations, meaning that real property and personal property tax rate combinations provide at least 51.5 percent of tax revenue in the General Fund from the real property tax rate.

Scenario 1

The budget in Scenario 1 is based on the estimated equalized rate of \$0.89 per \$100 of assessed value for real property and \$4.20 for Tax Year 22/\$3.74 for Tax Year 23 on personal property. **This rate is nine cents lower than what homeowners are paying now.** This budget would yield:

REVENUE

- \$24.3 million in revenue from real property tax

- \$3.6 million revenue **shortfall** in personal property tax on computer equipment because the equalized rate of \$3.74 for TY 23 is lower than the \$4.20 they are being taxed now under the current rate.
- \$45.3 million is raised overall in New Local Tax Funding

EXPENDITURES

- \$145.5 million total
- Leaving a **\$100.2 million shortfall**

Scenario 2

The budget in Scenario 2 is based on the current rate of \$0.98 per \$100 of assessed value for real property and \$4.20 for Tax Year 22/\$4.20 for Tax Year 23 on personal property. **This is the same rate homeowners are paying now.** This budget would yield:

REVENUE

- \$125.3 million in revenue generated from real property tax
- \$30 million in revenue **generated** from personal property tax on computer equipment
- \$197.1 million is raised overall in New Local Tax Funding

EXPENDITURES

- \$145.5 million total
- Leaving a **\$51.6 million surplus**

Scenario 3

The budget in Scenario 3 is interesting. It is based on a rate that is five cents higher than the equalized rate but **four cents lower than the rate homeowners are paying now,** with a slight reduction in the personal property tax rate (\$4.15) on computer equipment for Tax Year 23. The rate is \$0.94 per \$100 of assessed value for real property and \$4.20 for Tax Year 22/\$4.15 for Tax Year 23 on personal property. This budget would yield:

REVENUE

- \$80.4 million in revenue generated from real property tax
- \$26.4 million in revenue **generated** from personal property tax on computer equipment
- \$146.7 million is raised overall in New Local Tax Funding

EXPENDITURES

- \$145.5 million total
- Leaving a **\$1.1 million surplus**

Scenario 4

The budget in Scenario 4 is virtually the same as scenario. It is based on a rate that is five cents higher than the equalized rate but **four cents lower than the rate homeowners are paying now.** There is **no reduction** in the personal property tax rate on computer equipment for Tax Year 23. The rate is \$0.94 per \$100 of assessed value for real property and \$4.20 for Tax Year 22/\$4.20 for Tax Year 23 on personal property. This budget would yield:

REVENUE

- \$80.4 million in revenue generated from real property tax
- \$30.0 million in revenue **generated** from personal property tax on computer equipment
- \$152.2 million is raised overall in New Local Tax Funding

EXPENDITURES

- \$145.5 million total
- Leaving a **\$6.6 million surplus**

Table 1. FY 2023 General Fund Variances from FY 2022

Scenario	1	2	3	4
	Estimated Equalized Rate (\$0.89)	Current Rate (\$0.98)	Five Cents Above Est. Eq. Rate (\$0.94)	Five Cents Above Est. Eq. Rate (\$0.94)
Real Property Rate				
Personal Property Rate (TY 22/TY 23)	\$4.20/\$3.74	\$4.20/\$4.20	\$4.20/\$4.15	\$4.20/\$4.20
REVENUES				
Real Property Taxes	\$24.3	\$125.3	\$80.4	\$80.4
Personal Property Taxes				
Computer Equipment	(\$3.6)	\$30.0	\$26.4	\$30.0
Other	7.1	24.3	22.4	24.3
Sales, Utility, and Other Local Taxes ⁷	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4
Use of Prior Year Fund Balance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Subtotal – New Local Tax Funding (LTF)	\$42.3	\$194.1	\$143.7	\$149.2
Other County Revenues	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Total – Change in Revenues	\$45.3	\$197.1	\$146.7	\$152.2
EXPENDITURES				
County/School CIP-CAPP-Debt	\$40.0	\$40.0	\$40.0	\$40.0
Housing (\$0.005)	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
County Merit and Step Increases	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
County Base Budget Growth	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0
County Resource Requests, including Board Priorities	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
LCPS Request	49.9	49.9	49.9	49.9
Total – Change in Expenditures	\$145.5	\$145.5	\$145.5	\$145.5
Projected (Shortfall) / Excess	(\$100.2)	\$51.6	\$1.1	\$6.6
Real Property % of Total Local Taxes	51.6%	52.7%	51.7%	51.6%

Table 2 identifies the available funding and likely gaps for the County Government and School Division, should revenue projections remain consistent throughout the budget development process. Impacts of each tax rate scenario are summarized as follows:

1. In Scenario 1, there is insufficient new LTF to fund any resource needs for either the County or School Division besides funding to the CIP, Capital Asset Preservation Program (CAPP), and debt service (\$40 million).
2. In Scenario 2, the School Division is fully funded, needing less than 66 percent of new LTF; excess is assumed to fund County needs. For the County, funding will be available to fund compensation increases (\$15 million) and base budget adjustments (\$15 million).
3. In Scenario 3, the School Division is fully funded, needing less than 66 percent of new LTF; remainder is assumed to fund County needs. For the County, funding will be available to fund compensation (\$15 million), base budget adjustments (\$15 million), opening new capital facilities (\$2.5 million), Board priorities (\$5 million), and department first priority requests (\$7 million).
4. In Scenario 4, the School Division is fully funded, needing less than 66 percent of new LTF; remainder is assumed to fund County needs. For the County, funding will be available to fund compensation (\$15 million), base budget adjustments (\$15 million), opening new capital facilities (\$2.5 million), Board priorities (\$5 million), and department first (\$7 million), second (\$5 million), and some other priority requests (\$7 million).

Table 2. Net New Local Tax Funding

Scenario	1	2	3	4
Real Property Rate	\$0.94 (Est. Eq.)	\$0.98 (Current)	\$0.99	\$0.99
Personal Property Rate (TY 22/FY 23)	\$4.20/\$3.75	\$4.20/\$4.11	\$4.20/\$4.15	\$4.20/\$4.20
New Local Tax Funding	\$43.1	\$125.4	\$140.4	\$145.9
Change in County/School CIP-CAPP-Debt	(40.0)	(40.0)	(40.0)	(40.0)
Housing	(5.3)	(5.3)	(5.3)	(5.3)
Net New LTF	(\$2.2)	\$80.0	\$95.1	\$100.6
LCPS New LTF (66%)	(\$1.5)	\$52.8	\$62.7	\$66.4
LCPS Preliminary Outlook	\$49.9	\$49.9	\$49.9	\$49.9
LCPS Gap	(\$51.4)	No gap; remainder to County	No gap; remainder to County	No gap; remainder to County

Scenario	1	2	3	4
Real Property Rate	\$0.94 (Est. Eq.)	\$0.98 (Current)	\$0.99	\$0.99
Personal Property Rate (TY 22/FY 23)	\$4.20/\$3.75	\$4.20/\$4.11	\$4.20/\$4.15	\$4.20/\$4.20
County Government New LTF (34%)	(\$0.8)	\$27.2	\$32.3	\$34.2
County Government New LTF (34%) + LCPS Remainder	(\$0.8)	\$30.1	\$45.2	\$50.7

Tax Bill Impacts

Table 3 includes information about the real property tax bill impacts of a change to the real property tax rate based on an average home value compared to Tax Year 2021.⁷ Each penny of the real estate tax has approximately a \$60 impact on the real property tax bill for an average home.

Table 3. Real Property Tax Bill Impacts

Scenario	Tax Year	Real Estate Tax Rate	Average Home Value	Tax Bill	Change from TY 2021
Current	2021	\$0.980	\$555,300	\$5,442	
1	2022	\$0.940	\$583,000	\$5,480	\$38
2	2022	\$0.980	\$583,000	\$5,713	\$271
3 and 4	2022	\$0.990	\$583,000	\$5,772	\$330

Table 4 includes information about the impacts of changing the personal property tax rate for vehicles of varying value. Staff is not proposing changes to the personal property tax rate to impact TY 2022 Scenarios 1, 2 and 3 assume revenue adjustments for changes to the personally property tax rate in TY 2023.

Table 4. Personal Property Tax Bill Comparison

Vehicle Value	Personal Property Rate		Difference
\$10,000	\$420	\$415	(\$5)
\$20,000	\$840	\$830	(\$10)
\$30,000	\$1,260	\$1,245	(\$15)
\$40,000	\$1,680	\$1,660	(\$20)

At the Board's business meeting this week, staff will be recommending the following:

REVENUE - Prepare the budget:

1. At a real property tax rate of no more than \$0.05 above the equalized real property tax rate; and
2. Maintain that at least 51.5 percent of total General Fund local taxes be generated from the real property tax rate by lowering the personal property tax rate as needed.

EXPENDITURES - Prepare the budget according to the following Board priorities:

1. Dedicate one half penny of the real property tax rate to support housing needs;
2. Fund the School Division's entire local tax funding (LTF) transfer request
3. For the County's base guidance scenario, fund the following, and in order of priority.: a. compensation, b. base budget adjustments, c. resource requests associated with opening new capital facilities, d. Board priorities, and e. departments' first priority requests.

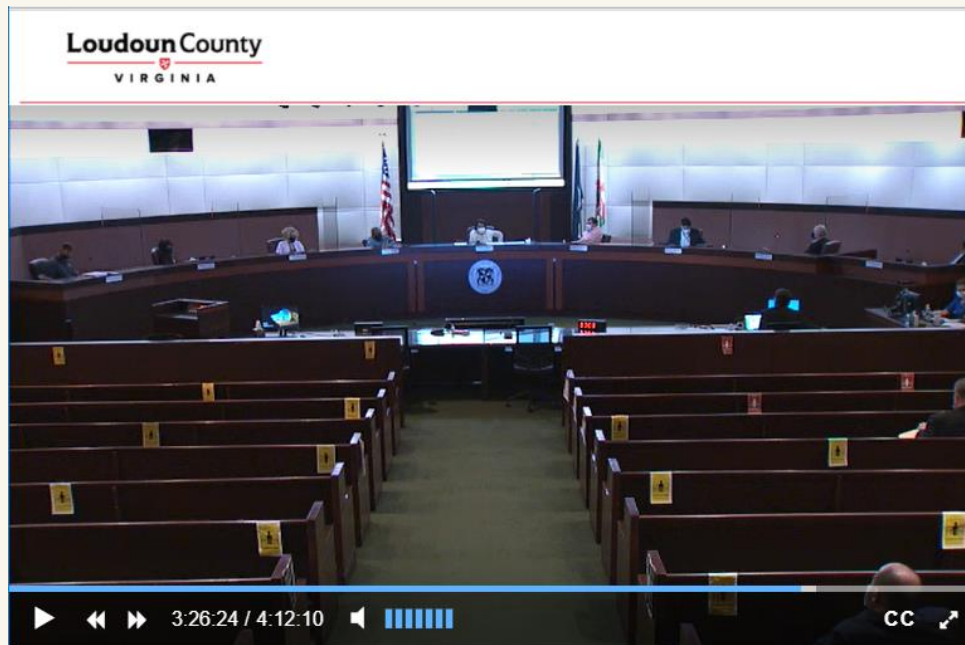
4. For the County's upper budget guidance scenario, fund all expenditures from the base guidance scenario above, plus additional department priorities.

The majority of the discussion at Finance Committee on November 9th focused in increasing taxes to fund LCPS and County priorities with very little discussion about reducing expenditures. In a budget year, like this year, when we are not expecting as much revenue as in previous years it is critically important not to set the precedent of taxing residents to make up revenue shortfalls.

What Happened During Last Year's Budget - FY2022? Take a look!

I reminded my colleagues that the Board funded almost every single priority put forth by every Department down to Priority 9 requests earlier this year at our March 24, 2021 Budget Work Session. Because this motion passed by a 5-4 vote (Supervisors LeTourneau, Buffington, Umstattd and myself voting against) There was an expectation that budget requests for FY2023 would be focused on meeting service level needs and the opening of new facilities.

Watch the discussion:



**TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT
THE BUDGET SCENARIOS!**

Email Me With Your Thoughts on the Budget!



Collective Bargaining Ordinance Coming to the December 7th Business Meeting

The leadership of Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has been struggling the past year to figure out how to implement collective bargaining in Loudoun County. [Item #7, Loudoun County's Collective Bargaining Ordinance](#), will be considered by the Board next week during our last business meeting for the year.

I have deep concerns about the impact that collective bargaining will have on our county, in terms of increased costs, lack of transparency, and the lack of accountability and oversight this ordinance will bring to Loudoun.

Loudoun County proactively spent a lot of time and money in 2016 to conduct a Class and Compensation Study to review employee wages and benefits. As a result of that study Loudoun County dedicated over \$25 million to increase employee salaries to between 95 percent and 105 percent of comparator jurisdictions, including the City of Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William.

Below you will find a timeline of the Board's consideration of a collective bargaining ordinance:

April 20, 2021 Business Meeting
[Item#4 Options for Recognizing and Engaging Labor Unions.](#)

[Adopted Motion: Item 4](#)

* Board Directs Staff to Bring a Traditional Collective Bargaining Ordinance to the May 18, 2021 meeting (Republicans Oppose: Kershner, LeTourneau, Buffington)

May 18, 2021 Business Meeting

Item 04 - Options for Collective Bargaining Ordinance.pdf

* Item presents Collective Bargaining Ordinance Based on the City of Alexandria's Ordinance. The item is deferred to the June 1 meeting and then deferred again to the July 20 Business Meeting.

July 20, 2021 Business Meeting

Item 06 - Options for a Collective Bargaining Ordinance

Item 06 - Options for a Collective Bargaining Ordinance-Supplemental

Adopted Motion - Item 06

* Motion directs:

1. Staff to enter into closed session at the September 21, 2021, Business Meeting to discuss legal issues surrounding the draft local ordinance authorizing collective bargaining.
2. The Board to schedule a public hearing on October 13, 2021, on the draft ordinance authorizing collective bargaining and recognizing labor unions or other employee associations as bargaining agents for eligible County employees. (Republicans: Kershner, LeTourneau, Buffington vote No)
3. Staff to include in the draft ordinance a provision that certification of a labor union as the exclusive bargaining representative of the bargaining unit requires the majority (50% + one eligible employee) of those eligible employees casting a vote in an election to choose the exclusive bargaining representative for the bargaining unit. (Republicans Oppose: Kershner, LeTourneau, Buffington)

September 8, 2021 Business Meeting

Item 11 - BMI- (Randall + Saines) Union Access to County Buildings

Adopted Motion- Item 11

October 13, 2021 Public Hearing

Item 3 -DEFERRED - Ordinance to Establishing a New Chapter of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County – New Chapter 259, Labor Relations (Countywide)

November 10, 2021 Public Hearing

Item 06 - Ordinance Establishing New Chapter 259-Labor Relations

Item 06 - Ordinance Establishing New Chapter 259-Labor Relations-Supplemental - *
County Response to SEIU and IAFF Memo

Adopted Motion Item 6

* Chair Randall moved that the Board of Supervisors forward the proposed Chapter 259, Labor Relations, Loudoun County Collective Bargaining Ordinance, as provided in Attachment 1 of the November 10, 2021, Public Hearing Staff Report to the **December 7, 2021, Board of Supervisors Business Meeting for action.** (Republicans Oppose - Buffington, Kershner, and Letourneau)

Route 15 CPAM Planning Commission Review

[CPAM-2021-0002, US Route 15 North – Widening and Safety Improvements](#)

The Planning Commission spent almost four hours earlier this week considering the Route 15 CPAM from Montresor Road to the Maryland State Line. This CPAM does not address segments of US Route 15 south of Montresor Road, which are currently under design to implement improvements consistent with the previously approved CPAM-2017-0002.

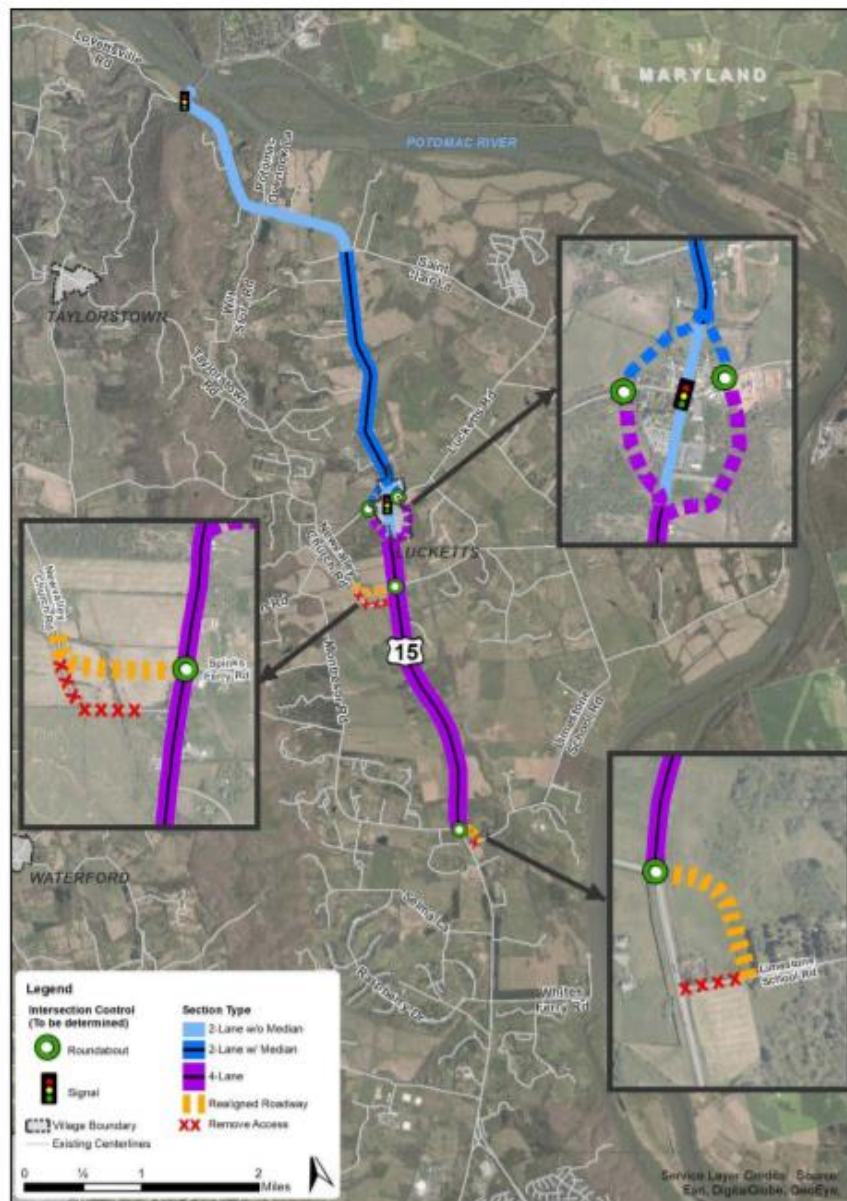
The CPAM will be considered next at a Planning Commission Work Session on January 13, 2021.

Specifically, this CPAM modifies the Loudoun County 2019 Countywide Transportation Plan (2019 CTP) to:

- Change the classification of US Route 15 between Montresor Road (VA Route 661) and the Maryland state line to the following classifications:
 - St. Clair Lane south to Stumptown Road / Lucketts Road (including a future Lucketts Bypass) change from a rural two-lane undivided Principal Arterial (Other) to a rural two-lane median divided Principal Arterial (Other) roadway;
 - Stumptown Road / Lucketts Road south to Montresor Road (including a future Lucketts Bypass) change from a rural two-lane undivided Principal Arterial (Other) to a rural four-lane median divided Principal Arterial (Other) roadway;
 - North of Lucketts at the future northern Lucketts bypass intersection south to the future southern Lucketts Bypass intersection - Change the classification of the existing US Route 15 from from a rural two-lane undivided Principal Arterial (Other) to a rural two-lane Major Collector roadway. This would become future US Route 15 Business through Lucketts on the existing US Route 15 alignment.
- Allow for widening US Route 15 from two lanes to four lanes south of Stumptown Road / Lucketts Road
- Allow a bypass around the Village of Lucketts on either the Western side of Lucketts or on the Eastern side of Lucketts.

- Implement other safety improvements as shown in Figure 1 (also provided in greater detail as Attachment 1). These segments of US Route 15 are currently classified in the 2019 CTP as rural two-lane, local access, undivided Principal Arterial (Other) roadways.

Figure 1. Proposed Amendments to US Route 15



Access this map directly by clicking on this [link](#) and going to page 2 of the item.

Public Comments on the CPAM can be reviewed below.

[Item 1A - Public Comments](#)

[Item 1B - Public Comments](#)

[Item 1C - Public Comments](#)

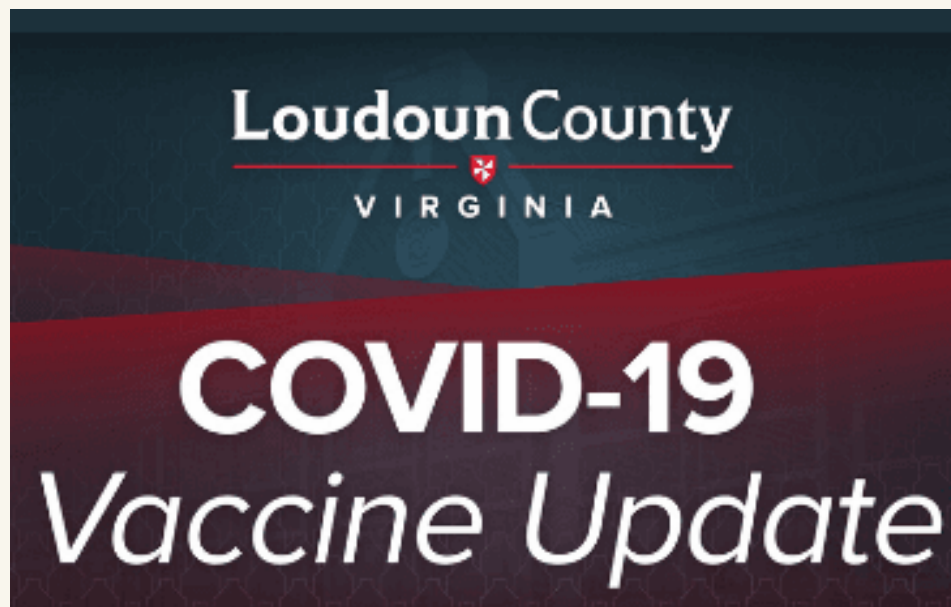


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Vaccine Available for Ages 5-11, Booster Shots Available for All Adults

As of this month, Loudoun County has begun offering the Pfizer vaccine [for children ages 5–11](#), after the vaccine passed muster with [the FDA](#), [the CDC](#), and [the Virginia Department of Health](#). It uses the same active ingredient as the adult Pfizer vaccine, but is provided at a lower dose.

If you're looking to get your child vaccinated, the county is offering appointments for them at the Dulles Town Center clinic. As of now, they are [making appointments for Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays](#), but they will be closed November 25-28 for the Thanksgiving

holiday. Other vaccine providers are also expected to start offering the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5–11, including retail pharmacies and medical offices.

And as of Monday, November 22, the Virginia Department of Health has authorized vaccine providers to [start offering booster shots of Moderna and Pfizer](#) to adults who got the vaccine at least six months ago. Loudoun is offering those booster shots to people at the Dulles Town Center clinic, and they are also being provided by medical offices, CVS, Walgreens, Harris Teeter, and the other vaccine providers.

[Learn More](#)

— Lovettsville — HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS 2021

Sunday Nov 28th

Menorah Lighting

5:00pm

Join your neighbors at the squirkle for music, cider, cookies, the story of hanukkah and the Menorah Lighting.

Saturday Dec 4th

Cocoa Crawl

2-5pm

Take a stroll around town with your family, visit local businesses and sample or purchase amazing hot cocoa and cocoa inspired products. A Cocoa Crawl map and list of participating businesses will be available on November 18th on the town website and facebook pages.

Christmas Tree Lighting

6:15pm

Join your neighbors for Lovettsville's traditional fun and exciting Wintertainment Christmas Tree Lighting celebration!

Start your evening at the Lovettsville Community Center at 5:30pm (time changed from 6:30) for a Lantern Decorating Workshop. Register: LOVCC@Loudoun.com. The lantern parade will begin at the Community Center at 6:15 and end at Zoldos Square (the squirkle). All are welcome to participate - meet at the Community Center gravel path.

Winterfest begins at 6:15 in Zoldos Square (the squirkle) and includes holiday musical performances; holiday book reading; the lighting of the town tree; a visit with santa and his elves, refreshments, and the traditional hiding of the pickle in the tree.

Bring non-perishable food items for the Holiday food drive to benefit those in our community and the Western Loudoun Food Pantry!!

Saturday Dec 11th

Light Up Lovettsville

6:00pm

Businesses and residents of Lovettsville show their amazing holiday spirit as they vie for the bragging rights for the best holiday decorations. A list of competition categories will be available on the town website and facebook pages on November 18th. Judges will drive around the town to find their favorites for each category. Watch live stream on the Lovettsville Winter Facebook Page

Thursday Dec 16th

Awards & Reception

6:30pm

Join us at the Town Council Meeting for the announcement and celebration of the Light Up Lovettsville winners!

Friday Jan 1st

Berserkle in the Squirkle

10:00am

Join your neighbors for the silliest, wackiest, family 5k fun run of the year. Walk or Run to our fun themed laps around the squirkle!

See the Mayors Newsletter, Town Website, and Follow-Ups on Facebook at Lovettsville Winter for up to date details



Image Credit: [Graphic](#) of Lovettsville's LOVE Winter Schedule for 2021 / Town of Lovettsville



Image Credit: [Graphic](#) for Loudoun's 2019 update on Christmas tree recycling / Loudoun County Government

Christmas Tree Recycling

December 26 – January 20

Loudoun County is offering its [annual Christmas tree recycling service](#) during the upcoming holiday season. From **December 26 through January 20**, they will accept trees at the following five collection locations:

- **South Riding** – Town Hall
- **Sterling** – Claude Moore Park
- **Leesburg** – Loudoun County Landfill Recycling Center,
- **Purcellville** – Franklin Park
- **Lovettsville** – Game Protective Association

Residents who get curbside recycling service are usually offered Christmas tree recycling collection by their waste hauler in the first couple of weeks in January. To find out more about your specification, you should reach out to your HOA, town office, or waste hauler.

[Learn More](#)

EVENTS



Morven Park's Upcoming Events

Many of you are already familiar with Morven Park. For those who haven't had a chance to visit yet, this is [an historic 1,000 acre estate in Leesburg](#) (in the Catoclin District, in fact) and is operated by the nonprofit Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation. It includes an equestrian center, sports fields, hiking trails, boxwood gardens, and the Davis Mansion.

This month, Morven Park will be offering their usual tours of the historic Davis Mansion. And starting on November 26, they have started hosting a special one-time holiday event, the [Holiday Road](#) - I included a separate write-up on that near the top of this email.

Tours of Davis Mansion

The historic Davis Mansion has been decked out for the holidays, and is open for tours. The tour includes stories about the lives of former Governor Westmoreland Davis and his wife, Marguerite, as well as access to the Winmill Carriage Museum and the Museum of Hounds & Hunting. Tickets must be [purchased ahead of time](#), and discounts are available for Morven Park members.

WHEN: Private 45-minute group tours are held on Mondays and Fridays between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, and weekend group tours are held on Saturdays and Sunday between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

SPECIAL: From December 26–30, tours will be offered daily from 10:00 AM–2:00 PM.

TICKETS: You can purchase your tickets for the tour [here](#).

MORE DETAILS: You can learn more about the tours [here](#).

MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS

ROUTE 15



The Route 15 North Widening Project

Summary of the Project

The Route 15 North Widening project involves expanding Route 15 from two to four lanes between Battlefield Parkway and Montresor Road. This will involve a slew of road design, land acquisition, and construction tasks, all while following the Journey Through Hallowed Ground guidelines wherever possible.

The widening project will include:

- A signalized Continuous Green "T" (CGT) intersection at North King Street to allow through traffic to continue north on Route 15 without stopping,
- An updated signalized intersection at Whites Ferry Road,
- A two-lane hybrid roundabout at Montresor Road,
- A realigned section of Limestone School Road to connect with the Montresor Road roundabout,
- A shared use path on the west side of Route 15 from Tuscarora High School to Montresor Road, *and*
- A shared use path along the entire length of Whites Ferry Road.

Latest Updates

No update since last time. At this point, the 60% design plans are being reviewed by Loudoun's Department of Building and Development and by VDOT. (Those plans were submitted to both organizations on June 23.) The geotechnical investigations are making progress, and the signal justification report for Route 15 and North King Street was approved on August 26, 2021. Right-of-way (ROW) acquisition is still expected to start in summer 2022.

Visit Project Website



Safety and Operational Study West Virginia to Route 7

The Route 9 Safety & Operational Study

The Route 9 Safety and Operational Study (SOS) is reviewing Route 9 from the West Virginia border to Route 7 to identify safety and traffic operational issues along the corridor. As with the Route 15 South Safety and Operations Study, public and focus group meeting will be held.

Ongoing Evaluation

No change since the last update. Work is still underway to evaluate existing conditions along Route 9, including roadway and intersection safety, roadway design and traffic.

Final Focus Group Meeting on December 13

As I mentioned in the newsletter last month, the final focus group meeting for this project will be held virtually on **Monday, December 13, from 6:00 - 7:30 PM**. You can find the login information [here](#).

The [initial Route 9 focus group meeting](#) was held on February 13, 2020. Follow-up meetings were held throughout 2020 and 2021, including a recent public input meeting on September 22, 2021. These focus group meetings are intended to allow discussion with property owners whose use or activity generates significant traffic, business owners, and representatives of civic organizations located in the area.

You can check the [project website](#) for further information. Please feel free to [email me](#) with your thoughts about the project.

Visit Project Website



Safety and Operational Study Leesburg to Prince William County

The Route 15 South Safety & Operational Study

The purpose of the Route 15 South Safety and Operational Study (SOS) is to identify safety and traffic operational issues along the corridor. The goal of the proposed improvements is to ensure that this segment of Route 15 continues to carry local and commuter traffic safely and efficiently while still preserving the unique context of the historical roadway.

From October 2020 - January 2021, the study team worked on preliminary concept designs, which incorporated [feedback that the focus group offered](#) at the October 1 meeting. The team refined those draft designs by taking them back to the focus group, getting more detailed feedback, and applying it. They followed up with another focus group on September 1, 2021, where they got highly granular feedback on their [proposed concepts](#).

Latest Updates

No update since last time. The next steps on this project include getting VDOT's feedback, lining up the project cost estimates, and revising and submitting the final report. The full proposal is expected to come to the Board in December.

The [project website](#) includes all the documents from the focus group and public input meetings. Please take a look at it for further information, and feel free to [email me](#) with your thoughts about the project.

See Project Website

OTHER KEY ROAD PROJECTS

The latest on County and VDOT projects that impact Catoclin District residents

Crosstrail Boulevard - Segment B

Summary of the Project

The design and construction from Kincaid Boulevard to Russell Branch Parkway. A contract award for construction of this proffer item was approved at the Board Business Meeting on December 3, 2019.

Latest Update

The concrete deck pours for the bridges over Tuscarora Creek and the W&OD Trail are finished. Work crews are tackling roadwork and curb/gutter installations, which have been extended north toward W&OD Trail from Kincaid Boulevard. They will also be working on bridge approaches, and on topsoil and seeding along the cut slopes.

Crosstrail Boulevard - Segment C

Summary of the Project

This project provides for the planning, design, ROW acquisition, and the construction of a four lane median divided road as a Major Collector between Sycolin Road and the Dulles Greenway on a 120 ft. wide ROW. The project also includes shared use paths on both sides of Crosstrail Boulevard and a bridge over Sycolin Creek.

Latest Update

This Quarter: The design consultant, Dewberry, conducted project survey and field investigations.

Next Quarter: Survey and field investigations will continue and concept design will be initiated.

Evergreen Mill Road Widening – Town of Leesburg

Summary of the Project

This project adds two lanes to the two existing lanes on Evergreen Mill Road from South King Street to the eastern entrance of Heritage High School. This project is managed by the Town of Leesburg.

Latest Update

No update since last time. As of October 18, the design phase had gotten underway. The intermediate design plans (approximately 60% complete) were completed and were being reviewed. A second neighborhood meeting is expected in winter 2021 or spring 2022.

Route 7 Improvements, Phase 3

Summary of the Project

This project provides for the planning, design, Right-of-Way acquisition, and construction to widen Route 7 eastbound from two lanes to three lanes between Route 9 and the Dulles Greenway (267), and Westbound from two lanes to three lanes from South King Street to West Market Street. It includes reconstructing/widening the following bridges: West Market Street over Route 7, Dry Mill Road over West Market Street, Children's Center Road over Route 7, W&OD Trail over Route 7, and Route 7 over Route 15.

DTCI will work with VDOT to develop a project agreement, where VDOT will administer a project to lengthen the acceleration lane on westbound Route 7 east of the Route 9 interchange. Concurrently, Loudoun County will perform investigations and develop a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document for the Route 7 widening planned between Route 9 and the Dulles Greenway.

Latest Update

This Quarter: After consulting with DFB's Procurement Division, DTCI decided to change their procurement strategy for design services on this section of the roadway. Instead of using a task order consultant to perform the NEPA work, a design RFP would be prepared to procure a design consultant to do that work, and then the same consultant will perform the future design work as funding becomes available.

Next Quarter: DTCI will work with the Procurement Division to prepare the design RFP.

Route 7 & Route 287

Summary of the Project

This project provides for the planning, design, and construction of improvements for the Route 7 and Berlin Turnpike (Route 287) interchange. The project is funded using local tax funding and VDOT Smart Scale funding.

Latest Update

No update since last time. Loudoun modified the project design by adding a shared use path (SUP) on the west side of Route 287, which will run from the W&OD Trail on the south side of the interchange over to East Gate Drive. The revision was submitted to VDOT for their review and final approval.

The environmental documents required for Smart Scale funding were also revised to incorporate the SUP, and the revised documents were submitted to VDOT for review and approval. In addition, the design team held the preliminary utility field inspection meeting to coordinate with the utility stakeholders on the project.

This project is in its design phase, which is expected to wrap up in fall 2022.

Route 7 & Route 690

Summary of the Project

This project funds the design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of an interchange at Route 7 and Route 690 in Purcellville.

Latest Update

No update since last time. When I last reported on this project, the Town of Purcellville had not yet provided their response to the design plan or plat submissions. Our design consultant, Dewberry, had already heard back from VDOT, who approved the bridge plans and gave additional feedback about the 100% design plans; Dewberry is currently updating those plans to address this feedback.

In the next quarter, the design team will coordinate with VDOT to resolve those last outstanding plan comments. They will keep following up with the Town of Purcellville to get their response to the plan and plat submissions, and will keep working on utility relocation. Due to the Town of Purcellville's unresponsiveness to plan and plat submissions, design phase completion has been extended from summer 2021 to spring 2022.

John G. Lewis Memorial (Featherbed Lane) Bridge over Catoctin Creek

Summary of the Project

The purpose of this project is to develop conceptual bridge alternatives to address the existing historic truss bridge. VDOT presented three options to the State Department of Historic Resources. The DHS chose option 2A: building a new structure from the deck down, allowing the trusses to remain as ornamental.

John G. Lewis Memorial Bridge (Route 673 - Featherbed Lane) over Catoctin Creek is a single span steel pin connected Pratt through truss with a timber deck and asphalt overlay, supported on stringers and floor beams. The bridge was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 25, 1974. It is 157 feet long, has an overall width of about 14 feet and clear roadway width of 11.16 feet. It carries one alternating traffic lane. The bridge was originally erected in 1889 on the Leesburg & Alexandria Turnpike (Route 7) over Goose Creek, to replace a bridge destroyed by flooding. In 1932 the bridge was dismantled and moved to its current location. The bridge was posted 15 tons in 2004 and reduced to 3 tons in 2013 due to insufficient capacity. The existing bridge has an average traffic count of 57 vehicles per day with daily truck traffic less than 3 trucks.

Latest Update

VDOT now estimates that this project will [wrap up in spring 2022](#). They also say that [the Featherbed Lane closure at Catoctin Creek and the detour](#) will remain in place until then.

Route 7 & Battlefield Parkway

Summary of the Project

This project will replace the traffic signal at Route 7 (East Market Street) and Battlefield Parkway with a grade-separated interchange, and remove or modify the signalized intersection at Route 7 and Cardinal Park Drive to reduce congestion and improve traffic operations. Other improvements include accommodations for cyclists and pedestrians, and new interchange lighting. The Town of Leesburg has executed an agreement with VDOT to administer this project on the Town's behalf. The Town has also executed a reimbursement agreement with NVTA.

Latest Update

[The project is complete!](#) VDOT reports that they finished [ahead of schedule and under budget](#). The new shared-use path for Battlefield Parkway and the sidewalk at Route 7 are already [open and ready for use](#).

Route 9 & Route 287 Roundabout

Summary of the Project

This project includes design and construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Charles Town Pike (Route 9) and Berlin Turnpike (Route 287).

Latest Update

No update since last time. As of our last update, there was ongoing coordination with VDOT and with Building & Development on the second submission of the 100% design plans. The design phase was expected to wrap up by the end of fall 2021, which would give enough time to resolve the remaining comments on the 100% plans and the floodplain study. In the meantime, work is moving forward on right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation, to make sure the project is able to stay on schedule.

Route 15 - Route 15 Interchange at Edwards Ferry/Fort Evans Road

Summary of the Project

This project includes the design and construction of grade separated interchanges at Route 15/Edwards Ferry Road and Route 15/Fort Evans Road.

Latest Update

No update since last time. A project agreement is under development.

Town of Lovettsville Broadway Streetscape, Phase 2A

Summary of the Project

This project provides for the design, ROW, and construction of sidewalk improvements along Broadway Street from Park Place to Light Street. This project is managed by the Town of Lovettsville.

Latest Update

No update since last time. The design plans for the East Broadway Streetscape Improvements are being developed. The project is still on schedule, as agreed upon by Lovettsville and their partnering engineering firm, Volkert. Lovettsville planned to meet with VDOT in late September to discuss the project design, and right-of-way (ROW) acquisition should start in January 2022.

Town of Lovettsville, Church Street & Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalk Improvements

Summary of the Project

This project provides for improvements to the sidewalk at South Church Street and East Pennsylvania Avenue. In addition to sidewalks, improvements include roadway widening, storm water management, and street lights.

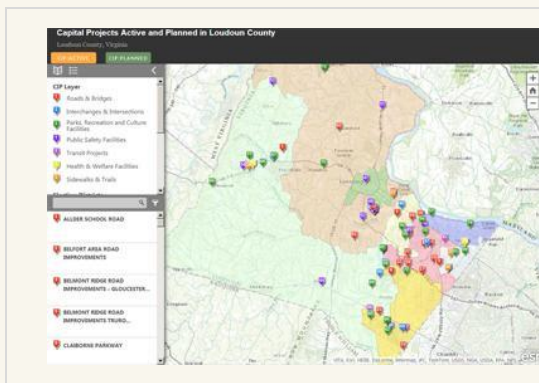
This project is managed by the [Town of Lovettsville](#).

Latest Update

This Quarter: The Town of Lovettsville worked with design engineers to review comments on the 60% design plans. They also coordinated with other stakeholders, businesses, and residents that live along South Church Street, to let them know about the planned improvements for that street.

Next Quarter: The design engineer will keep working on the 90% design plans, which will be submitted to VDOT for their review.

ROAD RESOURCES



Loudoun's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

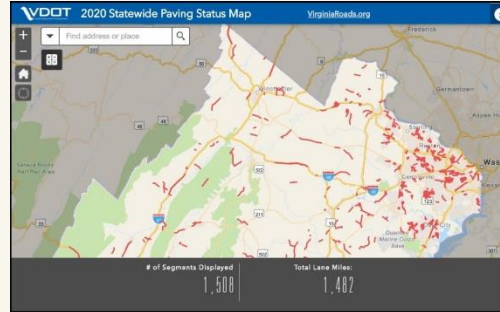
Use the county's interactive map to track capital improvement projects in Loudoun. It will show you active projects (currently funded) and planned projects (part of a later budget plan).

[View the map](#)

VDOT's Road Paving Projects

Use VDOT's interactive map to track the status of all road paving projects in Loudoun. The map includes roads that are getting all types of treatments, including plant mix, latex, and slurry.

[View the map](#)



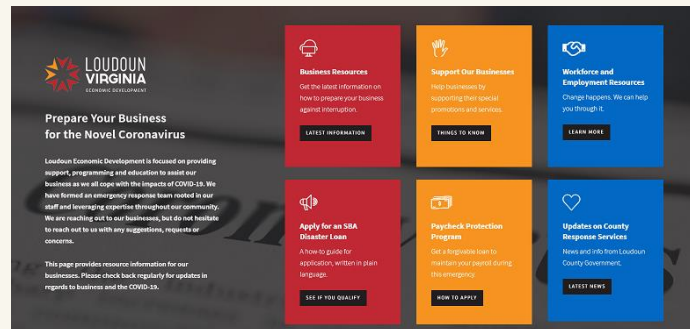
BUSINESS RESOURCES



The Official Guide To Starting Your Rural Business In Loudoun

Are you thinking of starting a rural business in Loudoun County? Our Department of Economic Development has put together this guide just for you. It gives an overview of important information for rural businesses, from farm and breweries to restaurants and bed & breakfasts, and helps you figure out if your specific use is permitted on your property.

[Read Now](#)



Guides & Resources

Whether you're anticipating interruptions in your supply chain and/or customer sales, there are resources that can help bolster your business. Learn more about financing, education and training opportunities, and what data centers are doing to fuel digital tools.

Here are the top online resources offered by the Department of Economic Development:

COVID-19 Resources

- [Join The Take Loudoun Home Campaign](#)
- [Workforce Resources for Businesses](#)
- [Workforce Resources for Employees & Job Seekers](#)

General Business Resources

- [Rural Business Educational Resources](#)
- [Financing and Loans](#)
- [Business Training & Education](#)
- [Digital Business Resources](#)

NEAT COUNTY RESOURCES



Loudoun Express Request

Loudoun Express Request is a helpful tool for contacting county staff regarding a wide spectrum of issues. Internet service, property use, environmental health, and much more can be entered on LEX. Enter your question or concern and LEX will contact appropriate county staff! Learn more [here](#).

Ask A Question



Volunteer with Loudoun Cares

It's always a good time to think about volunteering. Check out volunteer opportunities with Loudoun Cares Volunteer Center. The Volunteer Center is the one-stop resource connecting nonprofit organizations in Loudoun County to individuals in the community looking for a place to volunteer their time and resources.

Volunteer Now



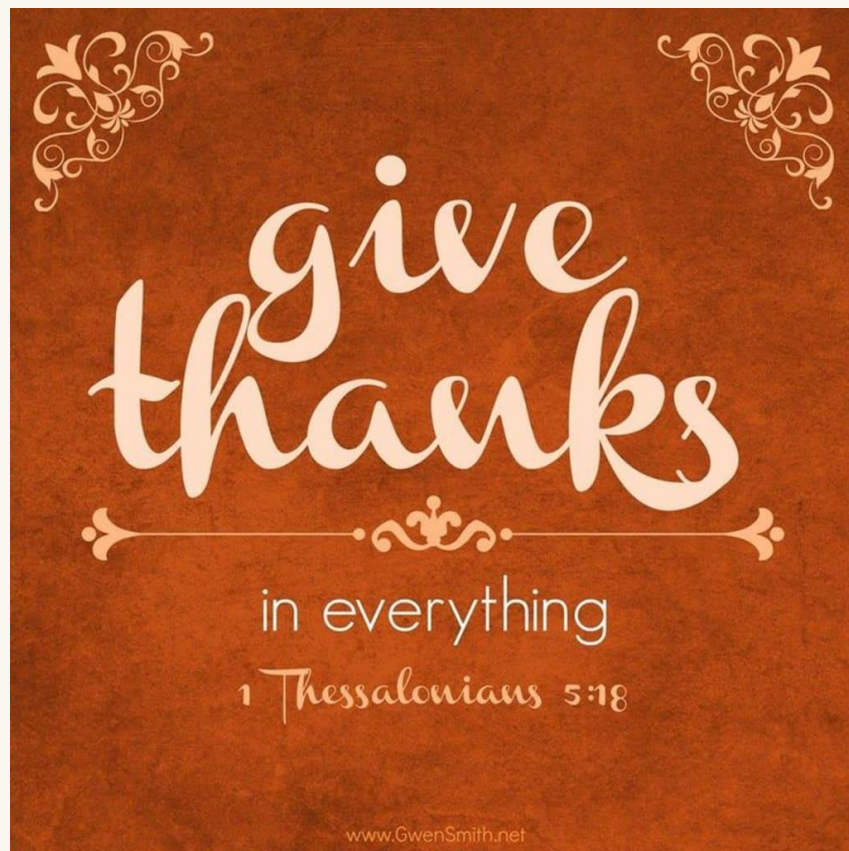
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My office is working to ensure as many Catoctin residents as possible are being informed about important issues - whether those are public hearing notices, road closure announcements, inclement weather advisories, or other updates on issues of importance to the district and to the county.

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