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The Silver Line Opens on November 15

Dear Catoctin residents,

People sometimes joke that Virginia has at least 12 seasons. Judging by our recent cold snap, it looks like we've finally made it into genuine autumn weather.

This is the time of year to throw on a scarf and coat, get outdoors, and hike past the trees as they slowly turn red and gold. It's been a wonderful time to enjoy fall sports, and a little bittersweet to watch them end; the last game of my sons' baseball season was this past weekend. And whatever your stance is on pumpkin spice, this is the perfect season to start breaking out the hot drinks and good books.



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When it comes to reading about Loudoun history, I remain deeply grateful to Waterford historian Eugene Scheel. This month I read one of his accounts, and found that it was based in part on his own in-person interview with a surviving descendant of one of the main participants! Eugene's account weaves together the origins of the Village of Aldie, US economic history, and one of our historic parks.

Let me tell you the story of the [Aldie Mill](#).



Image Credit: [Photo](#) of the restored Aldie Mill / Eugene Scheel

- The Aldie area was settled by James Mercer, who built a small mill in 1764. The village, mill, and manor house got their name from a Mercer family tradition: Whenever a Mercer settled abroad, he named his domicile Aldie, after [their family's ancestral home in Perthshire, Scotland](#).
- Eventually a larger mill was built in 1809—this is the one that our story is about. It ground wheat and corn from Loudoun, Fauquier, and Prince William. James Mercer's son, Charles Fenton Mercer, owned the mill jointly with William Cooke, who was the contractor for its construction.
- The larger mill became a key part of many farmers' livelihoods. Within a decade it helped Aldie grow into the fourth-largest community in Loudoun, behind Leesburg, Waterford, and Middleburg. Part of this growth was due to the mill's location at the junction of three turnpike roads. Another factor was its size and scale. It could cut timber, grind land plaster (used as fertilizer in [John Alexander Binns' "Loudoun Method" of farming](#)), and distill fruit into whiskey, and could do all that while serving multiple customers at once.
- Mercer finally managed to buy out Cooke's interest in the mill. But by 1835, the US was in the midst of a financial depression. Mercer was a sitting US congressman by then and no longer lived in Aldie. So in 1835, a resident named John Moore persuaded Mercer to sell him the mill. Eugene Scheel collected many of the details I've reported here from one of Mr. Moore's descendants, James Moore Douglass, who also happened to be the last person to operate the mill.

- **(Bonus fact:** Mr. Moore showed Eugene one of the mill's old ledgers, which recorded that the mill once loaned \$5 to former president James Monroe. Who never paid them back. Whoops!)
- During the Civil War, the mill avoided being burned by Federal troops, possibly because the owner, Moore, was one of the only pro-Union voices in Aldie. But Confederates also kept using the mill during the war, because its usual operator was Moore's son, Alexander, who was staunchly pro-Confederate.
- After the war, Alexander upgraded the mill to compete in the changing market. Throughout 1877-81 he installed new rollers, replaced the wooden water wheels with iron ones, and swapped out the wooden mill dam for a new stone dam. Slowly, however, the big farms and mills of the Midwest conquered too much of the market for the Aldie Mill to compete. In 1932 it stopped grinding flour for good.
- From then on the mill mainly worked at grinding cornmeal. This worked remarkably well—so much so that Douglass said 1946 was its best year ever. Farms were still expanding in the wake of World War II, and machinery makers still hadn't retooled their factories from making war materiel to constructing portable grinders for farms.
- Then in 1955, the economic picture changed again. One of the mill's three water wheels broke down, Mediterranean fruit flies spoiled nearly half of the ground cornmeal, and federal health officials kept complaining about rat droppings in the cornmeal. (Douglas did explain that the impurities were in the unground corn before it reached his mill.)
- In 1964, the second water wheel broke down as well. Douglass found it was cheaper to get a tractor to run the machinery. But by 1971, Aldie Mill had ground its last bag of cornmeal. When it was first built in 1809, there were over 140 mills throughout Loudoun and Fauquier. When it finally closed its doors in 1971, only 18 of the mills still stood, and it was the last one to stop operating.

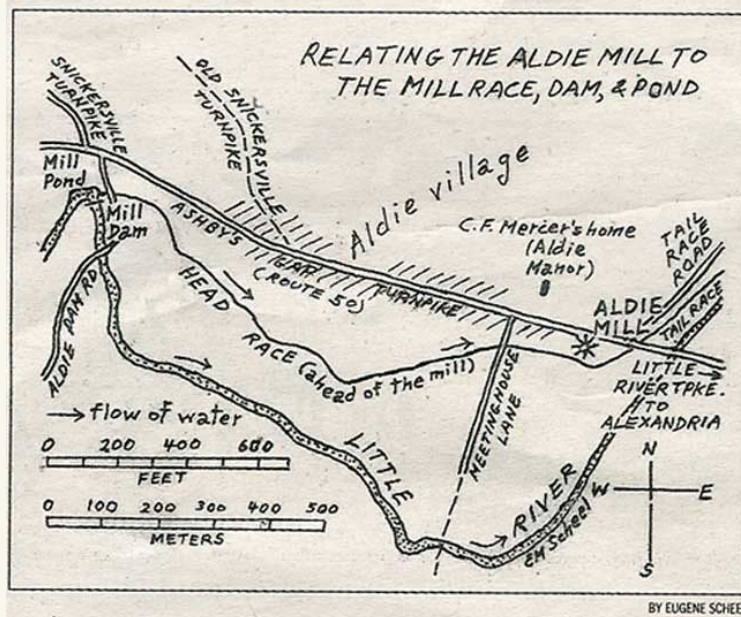


Image Credit: [Map](#) of Aldie Mill and its [mill race](#), dam, and pond / Eugene Scheel

- In 1981, Douglass and his wife, Sarah Love Douglass, donated the mill property to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. This group spent the next 19 years restoring the mill, with work supervised by Derek Ogden, an English millwright, and financed in part by a \$2 million gift from an anonymous donor.
- In June 2006, the Aldie Mill (nearly 200 years old at that point) was turned over to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. The water-powered manufactory on Little River is one of only two working water-powered mills in the Virginia Piedmont open to the public; the other is [Fairfax County's Colvin Run Mill](#).

And that is the backstory behind the [Aldie Mill Historic Park](#). It paints a detailed picture of this corner of the county, filling in two centuries of events, surprises, and a lot of changes. Stories like these help me appreciate this county that we call home.

As always, please keep sending us your thoughts. We will keep posting regular updates for the Catocin District on [my Facebook page](#), and will be adding more information and resources to [my webpage](#).

Sincerely,

Caleb Kershner

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CURRENT EVENTS

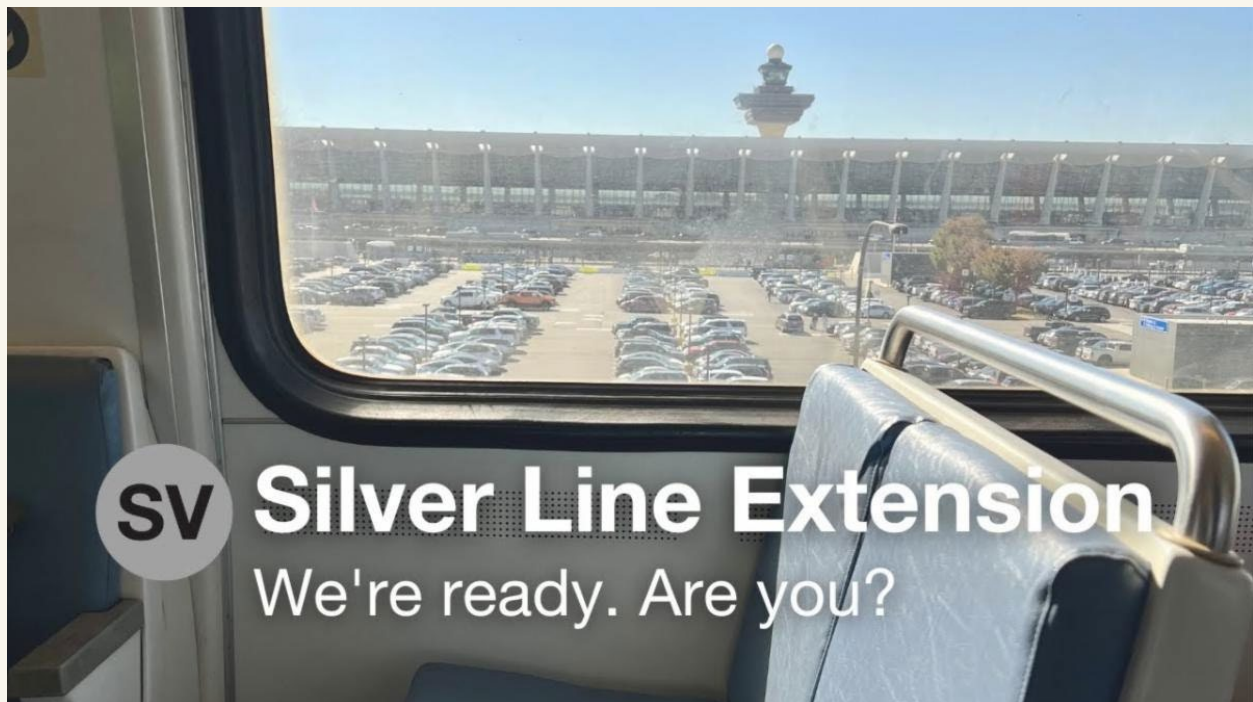


Image Credit: [Thumbnail image](#) from "We're ready. Are you?" / WMATA

Silver Line Metro Opens on November 15

The Silver Line Metro extension is [finally opening its doors](#) on **Tuesday, November 15!** This new branch of the Metro system will contain six new stations: Reston Town Center, Herndon, Innovation Center, Washington Dulles International Airport, Loudoun Gateway, and Ashburn. It also includes a new rail maintenance and service yard that sits on part of the Dulles Airport property.

As you might imagine, Metro is delighted to have these new stations up and running. Since they took formal control of the Silver Line in June, they have been testing the new track and equipment, training their staff, and getting ready for opening day.

Riders who use the Silver Line stations on opening day will be greeted by Metro teams and given a commemorative pennant – an old Metro tradition [that goes back to 1976](#), when they opened their very first station.

[Learn More](#)

Date of Meeting: November 1, 2022

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
INFORMATION ITEM**

SUBJECT:	Emergency Broadband Implementation Plan – Q3 2022 Update
ELECTION DISTRICT(S):	Countywide
CRITICAL ACTION DATE:	November 1, 2022
STAFF CONTACT(S):	John Bayliss, Information Technology Dave Friedrich, Information Technology

Image Credit: [Screenshot](#) of Item I-2 Emergency Broadband Implementation Plan Q3 2022 / Loudoun County Government

More Details About the VATI Broadband Project

The Board is getting an encouraging update tonight about our county's prospects for broadband access in Loudoun County. It's especially good to see progress on Loudoun's VATI grant, which we [secured at the end of last year](#), and which is funding a fiber-to-the-home extension to 8,629 unserved locations within the county.

I covered the highlights of the VATI project update in [my email on Friday](#). As I mentioned then, work has begun on the project. In August, technicians in hard hats started going out into the field to inspect and assess the thousands of poles that are needed for installing the fiber. The plan is to start installing fiber in Q1 2023, start connecting customers in the first completed Fiber Service Areas (FSAs) in Q2 2023, and finish the entire project by July 2024. And if your address isn't included in the project, All Points and county staff have been working on a solution to help you, which we should get more details about at tonight's Board business meeting.

As we wait for the full update tonight, I do have a few more details to add:

- All Points has switched design engineers since the VATI application. The new company they've chosen has done design work in dense urban areas, such as outside of Los Angeles, and is more familiar with how to handle Loudoun's level of residential density.
- All Points will install fiber to one Fiber Service Area (FSA) at a time. Each FSA has about 300 homes in it. Once the fiber is installed to that FSA, they will notify those residents that they can sign up for service.
- The sheer number of poles needed for this project is staggering. Dominion and NOVEC are used to dealing with these types of poles, but the best estimate is that on this project, they'll deal with more poles *per month* than they normally deal with *per year*. To help this go smoothly, All Points has been spending a lot of time with Dominion, helping them scale up their process so they can handle this expanded workload.
- At this point, over 40% of households within the project area have signed up on the All Points website. That is a spectacular level of response! When I talked to All Points last week, they were thrilled beyond belief.

If you haven't signed up yet, and your address is included in the project (or you aren't sure whether it's included), now is a great time to sign up. Just head over to the [All Points website](#) and fill in your address information. There is no obligation from signing up. It simply lets you confirm whether your address is in the project, and then

makes it easier for All Points to let you know when service becomes available to you.

[Sign Up](#)



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LOUDOUN BROADBAND ALLIANCE

Image Credit: [Logo](#) of the Loudoun Broadband Alliance (LBA) / Loudoun Broadband Alliance

Federal ACP Can Help With Broadband Costs

The Loudoun Broadband Alliance is trying to reach Loudoun families who qualify for federal help on their broadband costs. The program they're looking at is the [Affordable Connectivity Program \(ACP\)](#), which helps cover broadband costs for households up to a certain income threshold.

After they sifted through the data, the Alliance realized there were a number of families in Loudoun who should qualify for the program but hadn't signed up yet. To help close this gap, they've [put together this flyer](#) explaining how a family can qualify, what information they will need to provide, and how much the program pays. If you know someone who could use this help, please pass this flyer along to them.

[View Flyer](#)



Image Credit: [Concept Site Map](#) for the Reservoir Park at Beaverdam Reservoir / NOVA Parks

Construction Starts on Beaverdam Reservoir Park

Construction began this month on a long-awaited Reservoir Park on the southeast side of Beaverdam Reservoir. This park is being built and funded through a partnership between Loudoun Water, who owns and maintains the reservoir, and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NOVA Parks).

When completed, the new park will include a welcome center, bathrooms, educational exhibits, a boat rental facility, and other amenities, which have all been designed with an eye to protecting the source water.



Image Credit: [Image](#) from the Beaverdam Reservoir website / NOVA Parks

Trails near this part of the reservoir have been closed while the new park is being built. Water access has also been closed, and fishing and other water activities have ended for now. Those activities will start up again once construction gets far enough to let the reservoir refill naturally and bring the water to a safe level, which is expected to happen sometime in spring 2023.

The park itself should be mostly completed by Q1 2024, and its grand opening is expected to happen in mid-2024.

[Read More](#)



Image Credit: [Image](#) from public announcement of Drug Court graduation / Loudoun County Government

Loudoun Drug Court Celebrates Its First Three Graduates

The first three graduates of Loudoun's Adult Drug Treatment Court had their graduation ceremony on October 26 at the Loudoun County Courthouse.

This was an encouraging milestone for the Drug Treatment Court, which serves as a specialized court docket within Virginia's court system. Like Virginia's other drug court, its main goal is to break the cycle of recidivism, and it accomplishes that by combining efforts from multiple agencies and community partners.

Loudoun's drug court is open to nonviolent offenders who have substance abuse disorders. Potential participants are screened through an established application process. If accepted, they go through an intense regimen of substance abuse and mental health treatment, as well as drug testing, a case management process, and probation supervision, and return for regular status hearings before a judge.

MORVEN PARK'S UPCOMING EVENTS



Image Credit: [Image](#) from Morven Park's website / Morven Park (trimmed from original)

Morven Park's October Events

Here's what's coming up at Morven Park this month:

[Harry Potter: A Forbidden Forest Experience](#)

The first item on our list is a special seasonal event. Harry Potter: A Forbidden Forest Experience is a nighttime woodland trail experience that celebrates iconic forest scenes from the Harry Potter movies and the Fantastic Beasts trilogy. When night falls, visitors can interact with the magical characters from Centaurs to Hippogriffs, and enjoy the sounds, lights, and special effects that bring this event to life. They'll also be able to enjoy a wide range of delicious food and drinks at the village. No word yet on whether they'll offer butterbeer or chocolate frogs, but I certainly hope they do.

You can read more about this forest experience at the [event page](#), check the [assorted FAQs](#), and look at [dates and ticket options](#). FYI: the ticket site says they're already running low on tickets for November and December, so if you're interested, now is the time to take a look.

[VADA/Nova Schooling and Championship Show](#)

The Northern Virginia Chapter of the Virginia Dressage Association is holding their dressage horse show at Morven Park on **Saturday, November 5, from 8 AM–5 PM.**

Tours of the Davis Mansion

Weekly tours of the Davis Mansion are held **every Monday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday**. Guests are guided through this historic mansion, which belonged to former Virginia Governor Westmoreland Davis and his wife, Marguerite. They can also see the Davises' personal items and extensive collection of arts and antiques, which they acquired during their travels throughout the world.

Special Nooks and Crannies Tour

There is a special Nooks and Crannies tour of the mansion on **Sunday, November 13**, from **11 AM–12:30 PM**. If you've ever wanted to peek behind the closed doors, or see the rooms that aren't on the regular tour, then this is for you. The specialty tour will be led by Jana Shafagoj, Morven Park's Director of Preservation and History. It's limited to 12 people and is aimed at participants ages 12 and up. You can read about the event [here](#) and get your tickets [here](#).

Historical Collectibles and Artifacts Tour

As noted above, the Davis Mansion is full of unique and interesting treasures from around the world. Join Director of Preservation Jana Shafagoj on **Saturday, November 5**, from **10–11:30 AM** another specialized tour to find out which is the oldest artifact in the collection, check for secret drawers in the writing chests, and peek inside wardrobes. This tour is appropriate for ages 12 and older. Space is limited, so if you're interested, you should check out the ticket options [here](#).

Members-Only Holiday Sneak Peek at the Mansion

Finally, there's a members-only Holiday Sneak Peek at the mansion on **Friday, November 18**, from **5–7 PM**. All Morven Park members and their families are welcome to attend, dressed in their holiday best, as the first group to see the Davis Mansion this holiday season.

[View Calendar](#)

LOVETTSVILLE NEWS AND EVENTS



Image Credit: [Town logo](#) from Lovettsville's website / Lovettsville Town Government

Lovettsville's Latest News & Events

Here are some of the recent highlights and events in the Town of Lovettsville [[LINK TO TOWN'S FB PAGE](#)]:

Walk 4 Mountains

Walk 4 Mountains held their annual charity walk on **Saturday, October 15**. There were [over 645 people at this year's event](#), including walkers and volunteers. Proceeds from the event were distributed to the [Loudoun Breast Health Network](#), [Step Sisters](#), and [Our Perfect Warrior Foundation](#).

Lovettsville Fire and Rescue Open House & Push In Ceremony

Lovettsville Volunteer Fire and Rescue held an [open house event](#) at the fire station on **Sunday, October 16**. There were games, fire trucks, police cars, helicopters, CPR dummies, a bomb squad, and a trailer where visitors could practice staying low and escaping a house fire.

The Fire and Rescue company will also hold [a Push In ceremony](#) for their new fire engine on **Saturday, November 5**. Push In ceremonies are a tradition that goes back to the 1800s, when the first firefighters used horse-drawn equipment; the horses couldn't back the equipment into the firehouse, so the firefighters would unhook the horses and push the equipment in themselves. Lovettsville's firefighters

will carry on this tradition by personally pushing Engine 612 into the station when it first arrives.

New Town Clerk Hired

Last but by no means least, Lovettsville hired a new Town Clerk on **October 27**, when Lovettsville Town Council unanimously confirmed Elizabeth “Lizzy” Fontaine's appointment to the position.

In his announcement, Mayor Fontaine said that he was careful to completely remove himself from any discussion about filling the Town Clerk position and to recuse himself from the scheduled interviews. That said, he thinks the town has made an excellent hire.

“Mrs. Fontaine brings a wealth of knowledge to the position, along with a passion for the Town she calls home,” Mayor Fontaine said. “It is our pleasure to welcome Lizzy Fontaine as our newly appointed Lovettsville Town Clerk.”

Elizabeth spent four years in the Virginia Army National Guard. She then went to Christopher Newport University, then University of Phoenix, earning her MBA with a concentration in Human Resources Management. She has run her own business for the past 12 years. She moved to Lovettsville in 2014, where she has actively volunteered ever since, serving as a co-founder and past Commander of American Legion Post 1836, and volunteering for Love America, Love Winter, Lovettsville’s Summer on the Green, and Oktoberfest 2022.

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 Update

The design team is reviewing comments received for the 100% design plans for Phase I. Retaining wall plans for Phase I were submitted to VDOT on September 16, 2022. Work is being done on the floodplain study for Limestone Branch and on development of the 90% plans for Phase II.

[See Project Website](#)

The Route 9 and Route 15 South Safety & Operational Studies Are Completed!

I'm pleased to report that these two safety studies have now been completed.

The **Route 9 Safety and Operational Study** [issued its final report](#) at the Board's June 21 business meeting. At that same meeting, the Board [voted to approve](#) the

study's recommendations, except for certain projects located adjacent to the Town of Hillsboro.

The **Route 15 South Safety and Operational Study** [issued its final report](#) at the Board's February 1 business meeting. The Board's Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) [endorsed the study's long-term recommendations](#) on June 23, and the full Board [gave its own endorsement](#) on July 19.

OTHER KEY ROAD PROJECTS

The latest on County and VDOT projects that affect Catoclin 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 county held a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the completion of construction on July 26, and this segment of the road was opened to the public on August 19. Merritt is finishing up a county punchlist and season plantings, and they're preparing the VDOT Street Acceptance Documentation for a final field inspection.

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 100% roadway plans were submitted to Building and Development and VDOT on August 31. The Operational Safety Analysis Report (OSAR) was resubmitted to VDOT for the third time to address the agency's comments. Staff continued to work with VDOT on Limited Access Control Change (LACC) documents for ultimate approval by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB).

Next Quarter: The 100% plans comments will be received and addressed.

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

This Quarter: The scope of the design scope had to be modified to include a new road entrance and associated frontage improvements for a portion of Evergreen Mill Road within the project footprint. Submitting the 90% plans was delayed so that the new road and frontage improvements could be included in the 90% submittal.

The Change Order was approved by the Leesburg Town Council, and 90% design plans are underway again. Nevertheless, due to this design delay, the design phase's completion has been delayed from fall 2022 to winter 2023.

Next Quarter: The review for the 90% design plans will be completed.

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: DFB and DTCI worked to update the design RFP to incorporate new project information prepared by VDOT.

Next Quarter: The design RFP will be reissued.

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

This Quarter: The virtual public hearing comments were finalized and published. The virtual public hearing approval package was submitted to VDOT.

Next Quarter: A revised public hearing approval packet will be submitted to VDOT for approval. The design team will meet with VDOT to review the 60% plan comments, hold a utility field inspection meeting, and start preparing the right-of-way (ROW) plats.

[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

Utility relocation coordination is ongoing; the design team had a pre-construction meeting for the Lumen/CenturyLink relocation on September 21. The design team also met with Purcellville town staff on September 22 to discuss floodplain analysis methodology and resolve comments about potential floodplain extent within the town limits. The town is still working to process the plats.

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

There is still an ongoing delay in producing the steel girders need to finish the bridge. At this point, the first shipment of girders has been successfully delivered and installed. The truss has also been put back in place, and the contractor is

working to finish the bridge decking on one span. The two remaining girders are expected to ship by the end of November.

The Featherbed Lane closure at Catoctin Creek and the detour will remain in place until this project is complete.

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

Six land acquisition offers have been signed so far, and one more is expected within the next month. There have been a total of 12 acquisitions for this project so far. DTCL is continuing to work with Building and Development on property owner questions related to the project's floodplain alteration application.

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

This Quarter: A kickoff meeting was held on July 5 to reinitiate the design development from 30% to 70% (Field Inspection Stage) between the Town of Leesburg, VDOT, and the consultant, and county staff was invited to the next meeting that was scheduled for September 27. The town submitted a VDOT Smart Scale application for \$146 million in August, and they also requested \$20 million from Loudoun's CIP budget in September.

Next Quarter: Monthly progress meetings will commence.

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

This Quarter: The 60% design plans were submitted to VDOT for review, and all of VDOT's comments were compiled as of July 29. The design consultant worked to reconcile the VDOT comments, which will culminate in an update to the 60% plans.

Next Quarter: The Town of Lovettsville, its consultant, and VDOT will work to re-baseline the schedule around construction starting by February 2024 and finishing up by August 2025.

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.

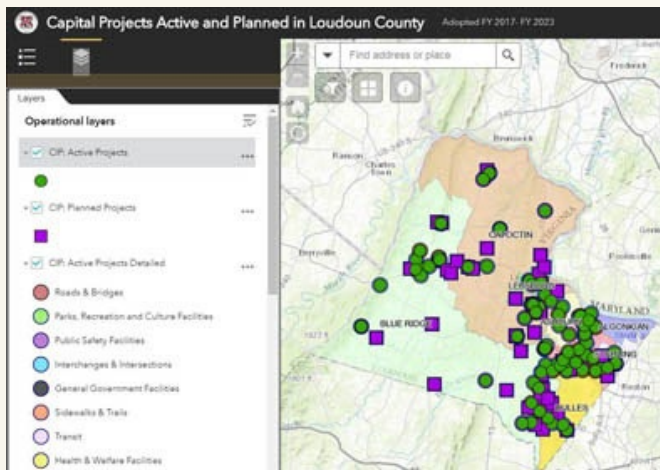
Latest Update

This Quarter: The Town of Lovettsville worked with the design consultant to finalize their revised schedule, and to finish up the 100% construction site plans.

Next Quarter: The town will secure the property rights and file applications with Loudoun and VDOT for the appropriate construction permits. Bid solicitation should

begin in this quarter to secure a qualified general contractor, who will begin construction in early spring.

ROAD RESOURCES



Loudoun's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

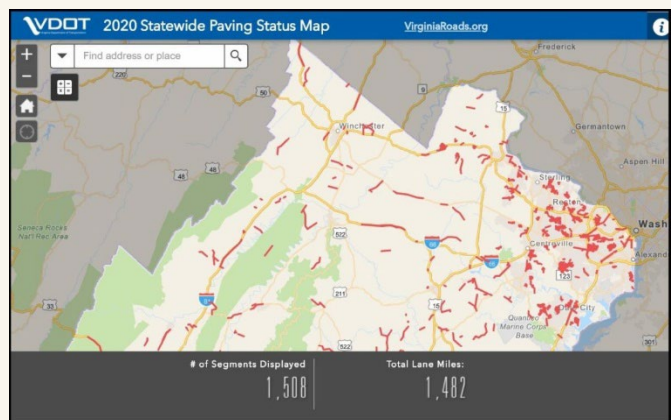
Use the county's interactive map to track capital improvement projects in Loudoun. It will show you active projects (currently funded) and planned projects (part of a later budget plan).

[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](#)



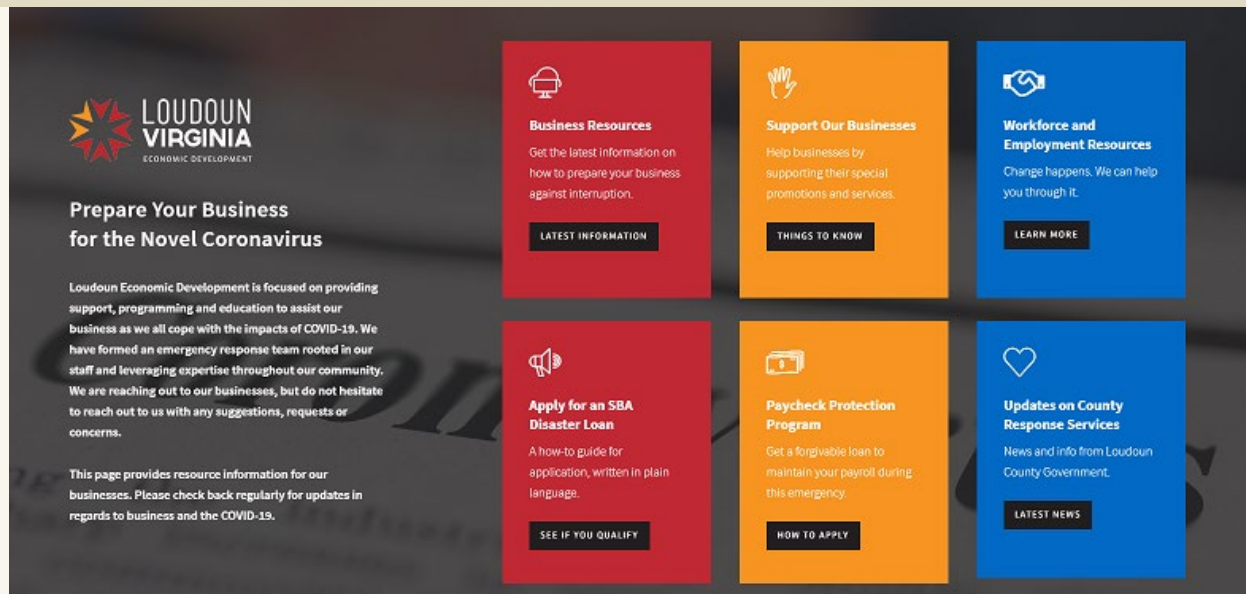
BUSINESS RESOURCES



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 More**](#)



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](#)

OTHER COUNTY RESOURCES



Loudoun Express Request

Loudoun Express Request, or "LEX" for Short

Loudoun Express Request lets you contact county staff about a wide spectrum of issues, even if you're not sure which department to ask. You can use LEX to ask about internet service, property use, environmental health, and much more. Just enter your question or concern, and LEX will contact the appropriate county staff.

[Ask a Question](#)

LOUDOUN CARES

VOLUNTEER CENTER



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 a one-stop resource that connects Loudoun nonprofits with people who are looking for ways to volunteer in the community.

[Volunteer Today](#)

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