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The award is valid for a period of one year. The County believes that its current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and this budget will be submitted to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.



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Loudoun County Board of Supervisors' Vision

While appreciating and acknowledging our rich history, Loudoun County strives to be a prosperous, inclusive, equitable and sustainable community where residents feel free to live, work, learn and play.



History of Loudoun County

Loudoun County constitutes a part of the five-million-acre Northern Neck of Virginia Proprietary granted by King Charles II of England to seven noblemen in 1649. This grant, later known as the Fairfax Proprietary, lay between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers. Between 1653 and 1730, Westmoreland, Stafford, and Prince William Counties were formed within the Proprietary, and in 1742 the remaining land was designated Fairfax County. Fairfax County was divided in 1757 by an act of the Virginia House of Burgesses. The western portion was named Loudoun for John Campbell, the fourth earl of Loudoun, a Scottish nobleman who served as commander-in-chief for all British armed forces in North America and titular governor of Virginia from 1756 to 1759. Leesburg has served continuously as the county seat since 1757. The Town of Leesburg has served continuously as the County Seat since 1757 and is believed to derive its name from Francis Lightfoot Lee, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Settling of the Loudoun area began between 1725 and 1730 while it was still owned by Lord Fairfax. Permanent settlers came from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland. During the same period, settlers from eastern Virginia came to lower Loudoun and established large tobacco plantations.

During the War of 1812, Loudoun County served briefly as temporary refuge for the President and important state papers. The Constitution and other state papers were brought to Rokeby, near Leesburg, for safekeeping when the British burned Washington. President Madison established headquarters at Belmont, where he was the guest of Ludwell Lee.

For more than two centuries, agriculture was the dominant way of life in Loudoun County, which had a relatively constant population of about 20,000. That began to change in the early 1960s, when Dulles International Airport was built in the southeastern part of the County.

Today, Loudoun County is a growing, dynamic county of approximately 450,000 people. Loudoun is known for its beautiful scenery, rich history, comfortable neighborhoods, and high-quality public services.



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