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2016 Report to Chizens

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elcome! This 2016 Report to Citizens of Fluvanna -he County provides key facts about our County, and highlights some of the many accomplishments during the past year. The 2016 edition was designed and compiled by our Emergency Services Coordinator, Cheryl Elliott, with input from all County offices and agencies. We hope you find this report useful and interesting.



Steven M. Nichols **County Administrator**

Fluvanna County Mission

Fluvanna County is committed to providing an excellent quality of life for our citizens and businesses through the delivery of competitive public services and programs in an efficient and effective manner.

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Information herein covers calendar year 2016 and highlights the FY16 and FY17 Board of Supervisors' strategic initiatives and budgets. Printed June 2017

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Date Established:	1777
County Seat:	Palmyra
Total County Area:	286 square miles (180,484 acres)
Elevation:	200-550 feet above sea level
Population (2015):	26,014 9,891 households w/ 2.5 persons 41.6 median age w/ 23% over age 60
Major Roadways:	I-64 U.S. Highways 15 & 250 State Routes 6 & 53
Major Waterways:	James River Rivanna River Hardware River Byrd Creek Cunningham Creek Mechunk Creek Lake Monticello
Major Communities:	Columbia, Fork Union, Kents Store, Lake Monticello, Palmyra, Scottsville, Troy, Zion Crossroads
Public Schools:	West Central Primary Central Elementary Carysbrook Elementary Fluvanna Middle School Fluvanna County High School
Pre-K—12 Public School Enrollment:	3,513 (as of Nov. 2016)
Real Estate Tax Rate (2017):	\$0.907 per \$100 (assessed value)
Personal Property Tax Rate (2017):	\$4.35 per \$100 (assessed value)
Number of Fire & Rescue Stations:	5 Fire Stations (Palmyra, Kents Store, Fork Union, Scottsville, and Lake Monticello) 4 Rescue Stations (Palmyra, Kents Store, Scottsville, and Lake Monticello)
Calls for Service:	6,256 emergency calls (1,854 Fire; 2,644 EMS; 1,758 Law Enforcement) 18,410 E911 call volume
Economics:	\$28,669 per capita income \$63,938 median household income 6.6% persons below poverty line 33.6 min. mean travel time to work
Housing:	93% occupied vs. vacant 82% owner occupied \$215,600 median value
Education:	88.7% HS grad or higher 31.5% Bachelor's degree or higher

Fluvanna County ... At a Glance

Citation: U.S. Census Bureau (2015). American Community Survey 5year estimates. Retrieved from Census Reporter Profile page for Fluvanna County, VA < https://censusreporter.org/profiles/05000US51065-fluvannacounty-va/>

Constitutional Officers



Revenue

Mel Sheridan

Commissioner of the





Fluvanna School Board

Sherif







Palmyra District

Camilla Washington

Cunningham

Rivanna District Carol Tracy Carr

Brenda Pace

Palmyra 2010 Population Distribution • 1 dot = 5 Peopl Rivanna

Elected Officials



Commonwealth's Attorney Jeff Haislip



Treasurer Linda Lenherr

Board of Supervisors

Columbia District Mike Sheridan Chair



Fork Union District Mozell Booker Vice Chair



Palmyra District Patricia Eager



Cunningham District

Don Weaver



Cunningham District Charles Rittenhouse



Rivanna District Tony O'Brien



Ever wonder why the voting districts are not the same size?

The voting districts (at left) divide the County into similar population-sized areas, giving residents equal voice through their elected board members. One red dot represents five people. About forty percent of county residents reside near Lake Monticello. (Note that you can barely see the Rivanna district because of all the red dots, denoting high population density.)

Education in Fluvanna

The mission of FCPS is for all students to acquire the skills, knowledge, and values needed to reach their highest potential and the confidence to make informed decisions that positively impact their future.

Fluvanna citizens value education, which is why Fluvanna Public Schools spend the largest portion of the Tax Dollar (36¢ for FY16) on these five **Areas of Focus**:

Human Resources: FCPS will employ and retain a highly qualified, caring staff that are committed to the overall mission and focused on student learning and

success.

their passions.

of all division's resources.

reach their full potential.

Fluvanna county community.



FCPS' Career and Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee received the Creating *Excellence Award* for Region 9 for expanded program offerings and increased resources for Middle School students.

"Fluco Points of Pride"

✦ All Fluvanna County Public Schools are fully accredited- one of 39 out of 132 in the state and one of 22 for the past three years.

+ Fluvanna County High School recognized as Best High Schools in the Country by US News and World Report-Silver Medal- 2016, 2013, and 2012; Bronze Medal-2015

✤ 31 FCHS students are named AP Scholars for 2015-16 almost a 200% increase from 16 in 2013-14.

+ Fluvanna continues to surpass the Nation for SAT and AP results.

+ Pre-Engineering Program is a certified Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Program includes four Dual Enrollment options.

✤ Operations/Transportation/Food Services-Efficient and Focusedembracing new regulations and vision utilizing locally grown produce/diverse meal plans.

✦ Kids College- Engaging students at the Elementary & Middle School level for summer enrichment hands-on learning opportunities through a partnership with PVCC.

+ Fluvanna continues to surpass the State for **On-Time Graduation** Rate.

+ Terrific Tuesdays at Fluvanna Middle School- Began in 2015 through a partnership with Parks and Rec, 4-H, Chamber of Commerce, FCHS Athletics, and JAUNT.

✦ Hands-On Fluvanna is the community service day for High School students. This program was highlighted at the VA School Boards Association's (VSBA) Student Achievement Fair.



Leadership: FCPS will empower effective leaders to support and shape all

stakeholders by inspiring productive dialogue and engagement in the stewardship

Instruction: FCPS will provide targeted learning experiences that engage,

meet individual learning needs, and provide students with the skillset to pursue

Diversity and Access: FCPS will provide each child access to opportunities to

Community Partnerships/Stakeholder Involvement: To acknowledge,

increase and sustain, the relationships of the FCPS system within and beyond the



EVERY DAY!



• Created a Community Service Awards Program to allow formal recognition of individuals or groups who, by their personal actions, volunteer efforts, and/or civic or community activities, have made a positive impact in our county.



Board of Supervisors' ceremony recognizing current and former Columbia Town Council members following dissolution of the town charter (February 2016).

Project Highlight: EMS Cost Recovery Program

Fluvanna County's EMS Cost Recovery Program is a compassionate model that collects money for system operations from the people who receive services, with the vast majority of the revenues collected directly from Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance companies. Billing for ambulance transports began in November 2015, after an extensive planning period with stakeholders. For FY16, \$250,000 in revenue was budgeted, but the program netted over \$387,000. For FY17, \$400,000 in revenue was budgeted but over \$520,000 is expected to be collected.

According to county ordinance, all fees collected from the cost recovery program must benefit EMS services within the county, meaning "defraying costs and improving services associated with providing emergency medical transport services, including but not limited to capital, facility vehicle, equipment and supply costs, and professional services."

Please visit the county website at www.fluvanncounty.org/es for FAQs, Fee Waiver Form and additional information on the Cost Recovery program.

FLUVANNA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Strategic Initiatives Highlights

To fulfill the County Mission Statement, the Board of Supervisors periodically adopts a series of Strategic Initiatives designed to focus Board and staff efforts. For 2016-2017, this reports highlights what the County has accomplished in these five areas: Communication, Service Delivery, Economic Development & Tourism, Financial Stewardship & Efficiency, and Project Management.

Communication

To be effective, the Fluvanna County Board must have a positive and interactive relationship with county residents and be committed to assisting residents gain a greater understanding of county government.

- Elected Official's Breakfast for our State Representatives (Sept 2016)
- Local business climate study resulted in Local Business Forum (May 2016)

See back page for County strategies for communicating with residents.



Service Delivery

Reviews how Fluvanna does business and seeks to improve processes, accessibility and systems.

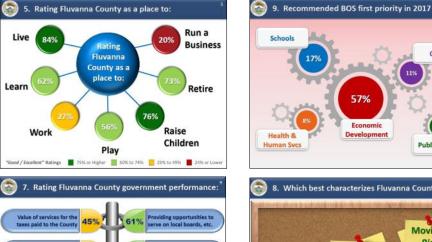
- Improved planning and building inspection procedures, shortening and streamlining the permit processes.
- Implement credit card payments for citizens at all County funds collections points, including Treasurer's Office, Parks & Rec, and Public Works (for FUSD).
- Improve web-accessibility of all County Personnel Policies.
- Lake Monticello Fire obtains a new ladder fire truck (*pictured at right*).

Are we efficient and effective? Being efficient is about doing things right. Being effective is about doing the right things.

"How are we doing?"

Conducted Jan-Mar 2017, the results from our brief community survey tell the County what's going well and where to focus more attention and effort. The survey asked respondents to rate county services and government performance, and to weigh in on priorities supervisors should set for 2017 and beyond.

atings of " or "Excellent"	89%	Library Services
	88%	Fire Services
or Higher	85%	Sheriff's Office
or nigner	82%	Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services
	77%	Parks & Recreation Programs
L.	75%	Crime Prevention
F	73%	Customer Service of County Employees
	67%	K-12 Education
	67%	County-sponsored Special Events
	67%	Overall Quality of County Services
to 74%	66%	Animal Control
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	63%	Recreation Areas and Facilities
	59%	Health Services
	56%	Code Enforcement
-	54%	Human and Social Services
F	47%	Ease of Paying for County Services Online
to 49%	46%	Senior Services
	40%	Land Use, Planning, and Zoning
or Lower	15%	Economic Development









Pride in our Community

"Hands-on Fluvanna" Parks & Rec orchestrated a community clean up day in conjunction with Earth Day (April 22):

- ~75 volunteers participated.
- Collected 80 bags of trash along route 15 while working in the rain!
- Mulched Carysbrook playground.
- Mulched PG Park playground along with helping dig tree holes along hedgerows.
- Over seeded, strawed and picked up trash along ADA trail at PG Park.
- FCHS Carpentry Club (shed demolition crew) cleaned up the hill behind Commonwealth Attorney's facility.



Program Highlight: Pleasant Grove Park



enclosures.

Fitness Trail: Public Works and Parks & Rec constructed a 20-station fitness trail with station equipment donated by Heritage Trail Foundation.

Bike Repair Station: donated "In Loving Memory of Colonel Jim "Beebo" Bryan" by his family; tools available at the bike station include wrenches, screwdrivers, flat bar, and pump; located at Trail Head near Pole Barn.

Disc Golf Course: Clearing of trees for fairways has started with 9 holes available for play in August 2017 and additional 9 holes available Spring 2018.



Bear sighting at Pleasant Grove



Walter Hussey, Master Gardener, received the 2016 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Award (Apr 18th at the Governor's Mansion) for planning, mapping out, and implementing the 70-acre Meadow Management Program at Pleasant Grove Park. He was instrumental in developing partnerships with six state agencies and many other organizations to get the project off the ground.



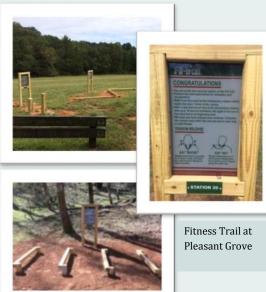
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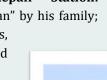
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New Trail Guide for Pleasant Grove Park completed with the help of the Volunteer Trails Team in March 2016. (Available in Kiosks at the park.)

Dog Park extension: Project completed by volunteer Matt Kolczynski in July, adding over 47,040 square feet to the three







Fenced extension to the dog park.

Disc Golf course design at Pleasant Grove Park.

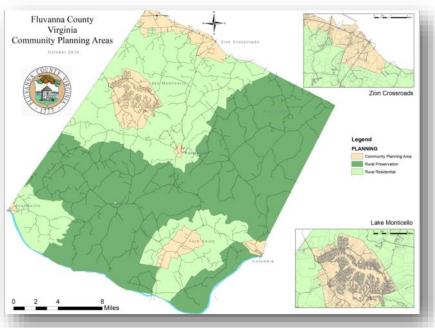
Economic Development & Tourism

Capitalize on Fluvanna County's location, heritage, healthy mix of assets, and natural resources to grow, diversify and strengthen the economic well-being of county residents and businesses.

In 2016 the Community Development department (comprised of economic development, planning/zoning and building inspections) was reorganized to strengthen regional collaboration (CVPED, surrounding localities, EDA, Chamber, EDTAC, etc.); to strengthen customer experience in the planning and building processes by streamlining internal procedures; to rejuvenate and actively recruit new business development (restaurant, retail, technology, office and light industrial); to continue to expand Parks & Recreation and community events; and to refocus efforts on tourism (entertainment, heritage, agricultural).



- Created EDTAC Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Council to assist with website information pages, tourism • brochures, and new residents guides (May 2016)
- Celebrated May 2016 as "Virginia Business Appreciation Month" at Community Business Forum
- Fluvanna's Office of Economic Development partnered with Orange County, Greene County, and Louisa County, Orange Downtown Alliance, Central Virginia small Business Development Center, and Orange County Chamber of Commerce to host a Quad-County Business Summit in October 2016.



Community Planning Areas (CPAs)

Each of the Community Planning areas or CPAs (shown left in cream) have community plans developed to further refine how those areas should grow. Seventy percent of new development is preferred to be in these CPAs. The Comprehensive Plan suggests that:

- Most new growth occurs at Zion Crossroads, which develops into a regional mixed-use center featuring employment centers and a diverse mix of retail opportunities and housing options. The Zion Crossroads Community Planning Area will serve as the county's Urban Development Area, established pursuant to the Code of Virginia, section §15.2-2223.1.
- The current retail centers surrounding Lake Monticello, in the Rivanna community planning area, develop into neighborhood mixed-use centers with smaller-scale retail opportunities and housing options.
- Growth in the courthouse area of Palmyra will be scaled to match that of the surrounding village.
- Fork Union will continue to develop as a village in the core area near Fork Union Military Academy, surrounded by residential neighborhoods.
- Developments in rural areas will be limited to rural housing clusters and limited residential development with a large openspace component.

Program Highlight: Business Spotlight



A new initiative, the **Business Spotlight**, highlights businesses in Fluvanna with promotions through the county website, in FAN Mail, and in the County Administrator's Report to the Board of

Highlighted businesses have included:

Better Living		
Budget Electrical & Mechanical		
Red Rocker Candy		
Cunningham Creek Winery		
Willow Hill Family Farm LLC		

The Golden Fish First Run Café **BBQ** Connection

What's the Scoop on the Columbia **FEMA Mitigation Grant?**

- A Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Mitigation Grant of nearly \$200K will fund the purchase and demolition of four blighted and substantially damaged structures in the flood plain in Columbia, along with their seven associated parcels.
- The total grant includes about \$150K from FEMA federal funds, \$40K from VDEM state funds, and \$10K from Fluvanna County.
- A new green space amenity will be created for the community and project completion is expected before end of 2017.

Pictured on right are the four structure scheduled for demolition. The map below shows the properties to be acquired through the FEMA grant.





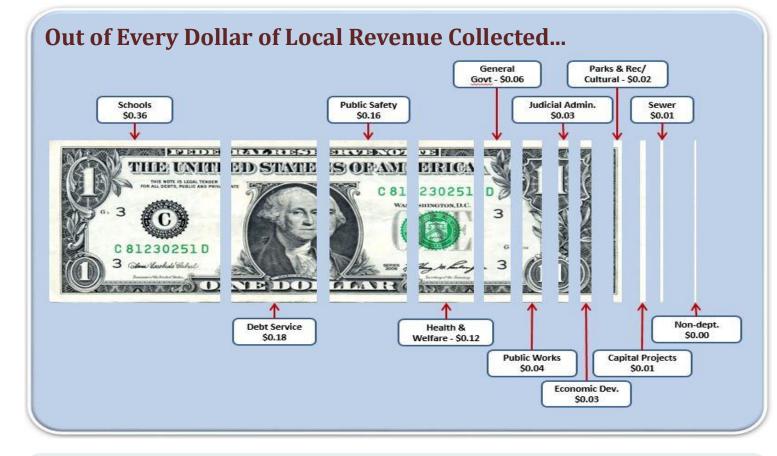
Jefferson Centre Self Storage **TOTES McGOATS Body Soaps** **Central Virginia Sporting Clays Stayton-Eurell Graphics** Troy Market Deli Bakery & Penne Lane Caterers Thistle Gate Vineyard



Financial Stewardship & Efficiency

A top priority for Fluvanna is the handling of the County's financial resources and the careful and prudent management of taxpayer funds.

- Identified all sources of revenue the county can use to finance local government programs and services and determined which sources Fluvanna County should utilize.
- Updated and improved web-accessibility of all County Financial Policies.
- 2016 real estate reassessment resulted in ~3.5% increase in real estate values.



Project Highlight: EnerGov Software

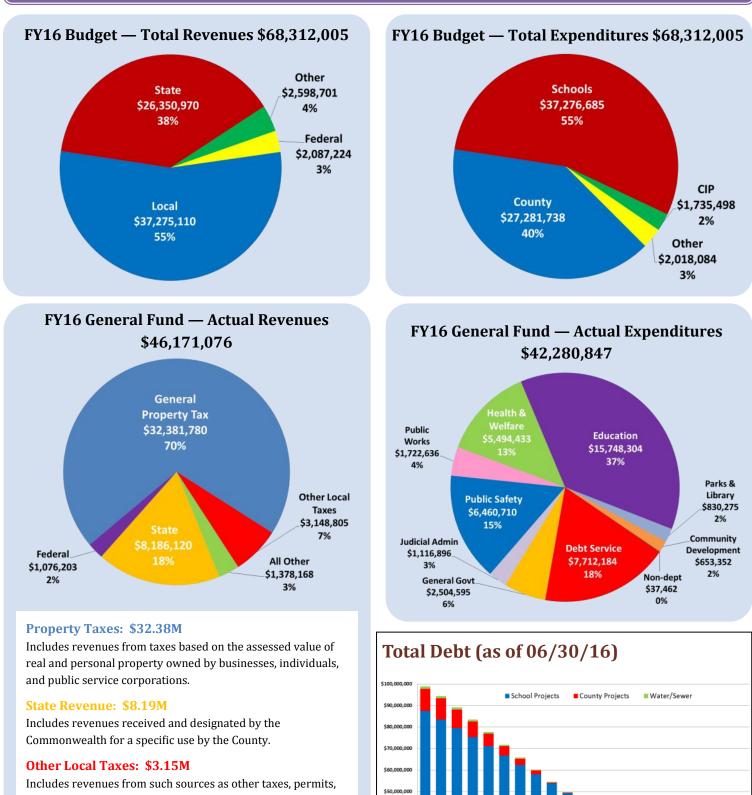
In FY10, the County purchased and implemented "Munis", a comprehensive financial management system.

In FY14, the Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of the same system for the Schools. Implementation is targeted for completion by the end of 2017.

In an effort to further integrate and consolidate processes, the County purchased and is in the process of implementing a new comprehensive community development and infrastructure software system that integrates seamlessly with Munis. "EnerGov" will streamline the following County Processes: Plan Review and Submittal, Permitting & Land Management, Licensing & Regulatory Management, and Asset Management.

EnerGov will also allow for collaborative interaction with constituents through EnerGov's Public Portal. eReviews will allow departments to link the digital review process to GIS which will facilitate a more effective review process.





fees, fines and charges for service.

Federal Revenue: \$1.08M

Includes revenues received and designated by the Federal Government for specific use by the County.

All Other Sources: \$1.38M

FY16 Financial Information

Project Management

Notable 2016 Improvement Projects

Successfully plans, manages, and guides project processes from conception to completion.

1 Energy Performance Contracting

Replaces and enhances energy-powered equipment and appliances throughout the buildings and schools in the County.

2 Middle School Renovation

Includes a new HVAC system, roofing, new dropped ceilings, LED lighting, gymnasium flooring and other improvements. To be completed Summer 2017.

3 Route 15 and Route 53 Roundabout Project

Through a VDOT Revenue Sharing Program, constructs a roundabout at the intersection of Route 15 and Route 53. Construction began in the fall of 2016 and the

project is scheduled for completion in August 2017. This will be the second roundabout in the County, with one already built at Route 53 and Route 600. A third roundabout is planned to be built by VDOT at Route 53 and Route 618.

4 County-wide Fleet Replacement

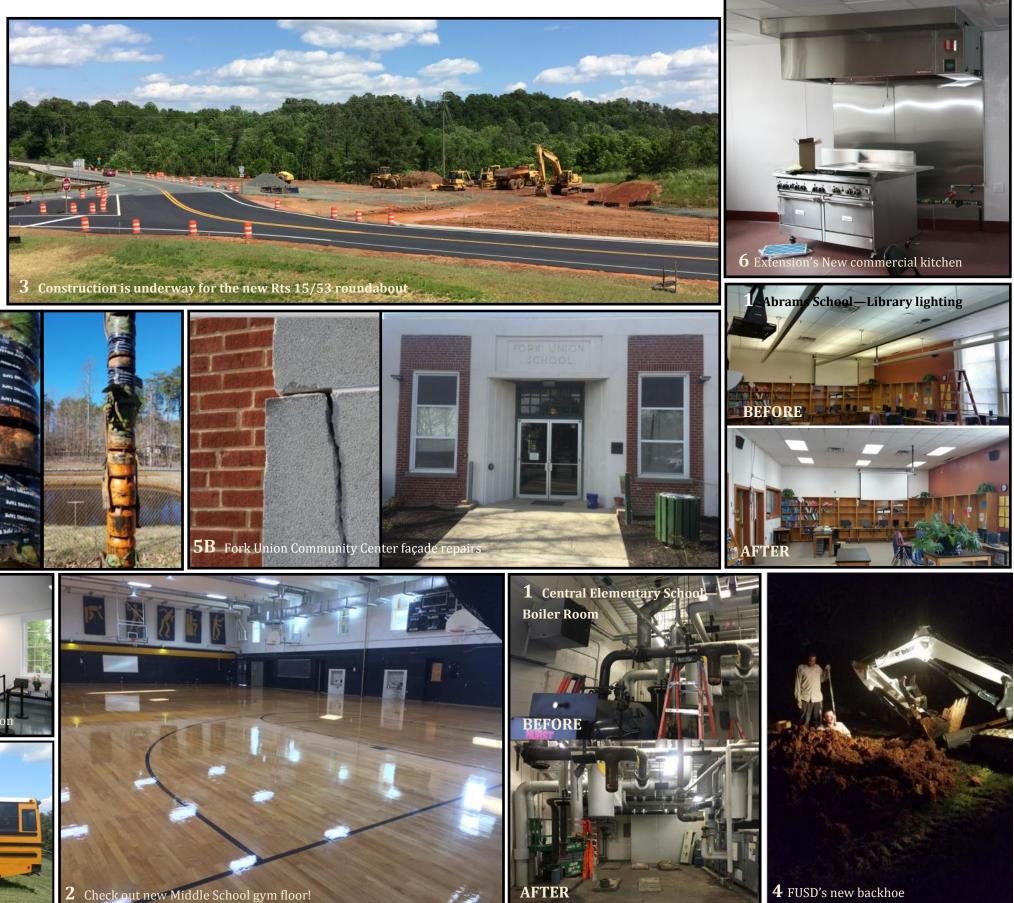
In FY13, regularly replaces school buses, Sheriff's patrol vehicles, fire trucks and/or ambulances and various vehicles for Facilities, Building Inspections, Planning, County Administration and the Department of Social Services.

5 *County-wide Maintenance, Repair and Replacement (MRR)*

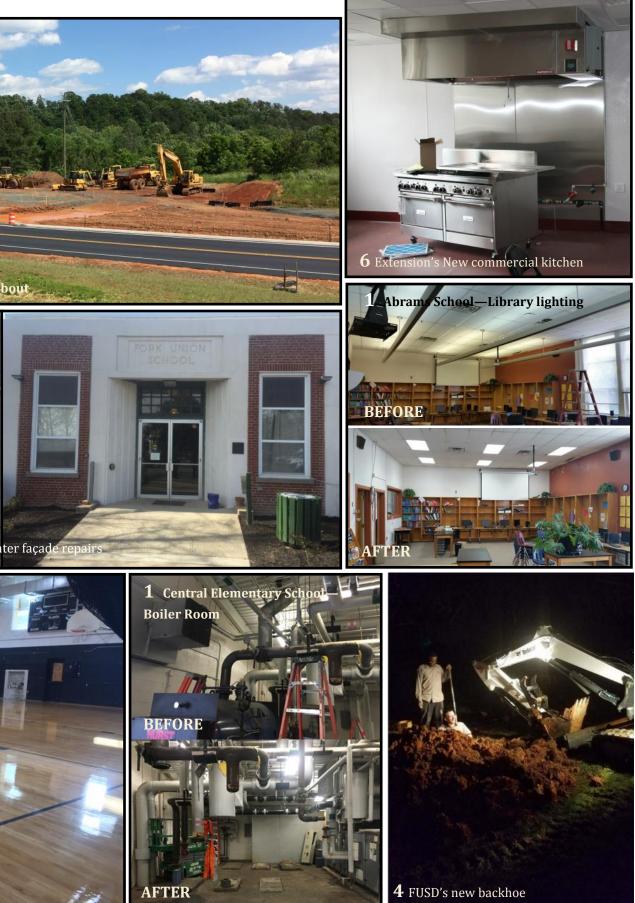
There has been continued progress on renovating County government and Fluvanna County Public School buildings, addressing those facilities with known needs within the Capital Improvements Plan and subsequently with funding approved in the budget.

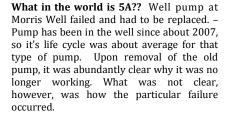
6 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Allows the county to build new or expand facilities and services. Includes projects like the Zion Crossroads Water Project, Farm Museum, Public Safety Radio Project, etc. These projects usually cost over \$50,000.



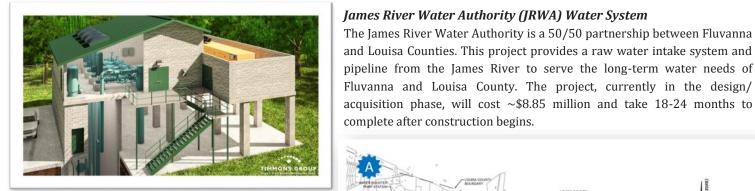












Design rendering of the pump station to be built near Columbia for the JRWA Water System

Zion Crossroads Water and Sewer System

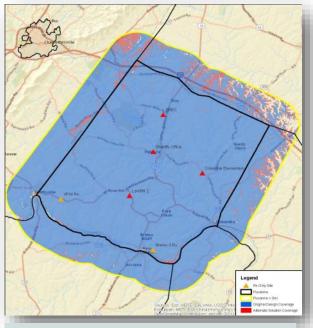
This system will provide water and sewer infrastructure for Fluvanna County's growth corridor from the intersection of U.S. Route 250/Route 15, going west approximately 3 miles on Route 250 towards Charlottesville and going south approximately 1 mile on Route 15. The design phase was completed in May 2017. The \$10 million project will take 18 months to complete after construction begins.

Public Safety Emergency Communications Radio System

Motorola was awarded a \$6.6 million contract to build a new P25 trunked public safety radio system for Fluvanna

County in 2015. With current reliable radio coverage in only about 35% of the county, a new system has been planned for over 20 years. The contract was amended to build three additional towers (250'-300') instead of co-leasing tower space on commercial towers, which allowed the system to move from a seven-site design to a six-site design. This redesign increased the budget to about \$8 million and extended the completion date by eight months (expected completion is

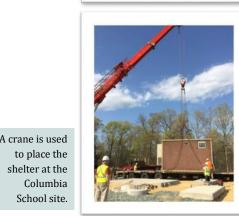
August 2017).



Coverage Map with 3-mile buffer for new radio system. Blue shows coverage from original design and Red shows improved coverage due to new taller towers. Public Safety tower (250') at Landfill.

Sewage pump station; E: Sewage force main

KEY A: Water booster station; B: 12" water line; C: Elevated water storage tank; D:





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Bewberry

The E911 Center received new dispatch consoles and furniture as part of the Radio Project.



Workers "stick build" the first 200' of the 300' tower at CVEC.



Senior staff enjoyed team building while floating down the Rivanna River in September.

Looking ahead to 2017...

- Broadband Taskforce to assess current environment and recommend steps forward for broadband expansion.
- Electronic managing and tracking system for special use permits and subdivisions through new MUNIS module.
- New website design to communicate more efficiently, effectively and economically with Fluvanna residents.
- Energy Project continues to save tax dollars long term.
- New Farm Heritage Museum at Pleasant Grove Park.
- Fluvanna County Master Water and Sewer Service Plan.



Watch out for bears!

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14th year Fluvanna Leade Developme Program (FL

400+

community members hunted eggs at Pleasant Grove (Easter Eggstravaganza)

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tractor trailer loads of old tires collected at Earth Day

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increase in 201

180,484 acres in Fluvanna

By the Numbers...

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kenne instal Fluv	32 kennel doors installed at Fluvanna SPCA 0ver 7,50 attended the 23 miles of			3,174 Parks, Facility and Equipment Rentals	
108 permits issued for new home construction		trails at Pleasant Grove Park 12th of 133 healthiest localities in	54 Million gallons of drinking water produced by FUSD annually.	94.4% On-time graduation rate for Fluvanna High School	
students areF Scholars for 6 almost 0% e from 16 13-14		Virginia	Fluvanna Public Schools spend \$11,320 per pupil		
		14 Historical sites in Fluvanna on State and National Registries		738 Industry	
47,040 square feet was added to the Dog Park 17 feet is flood stage for Rivanna River at Palmyra					

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Connect & Comment

Fluvanna County wants to hear from you! There are a number of ways to find out what is happening in the community and to let your voice be heard.

Navigating the new County Website

The County website received a major facelift in the Spring 2017, making it more user friendly with easier navigation, streamlined agendas/meetings access, the ability to

showcase resident photography highlighting the live, learn, work and play motto.

10 Ways to be Involved...

- 1. Participate in various surveys, like the 2017 Community Survey (see results on pg. 10) or Broadband Survey.
- 2. Showcase your photos on the county website.
- Highlight your business 3. through the County's "Business Spotlight."
- Serve on a **board or commission**. 4.
- Give "My Two Cents" about on what's on your mind. 5.
- Nominate a staff member for exemplary achievement for the 6. annual P.R.I.D.E. in Service awards.
- 7. Nominate a community member or group, who has made a positive impact on the County, for a Community Service Award.



Deputy Patrick Wood receives the "2016 P.R.I.D.E. in Service" award for saving a man's life after a gunshot injury.

8. Get involved with **non-profits** serving citizens in Fluvanna.

9. Sign up for FAN Mail.

10. Volunteer with a fire department or rescue squad.

Stay Connected with Fluvanna County

There are so many ways to stay connected and share comments about what's happening in the County.





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