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Loudoun's New Tax Rates

Dear Catoctin Residents,

Well, it's finally happening. A snowstorm is descending on Loudoun County. I follow [Jay's Wintry Mix](#) for my winter weather updates, and while he's often skeptical about promised snowfall, this time he's confident we will get several inches, and might get double digits.

Some of us will rejoice at this news. I know my kids will. Others of us will sigh, and trudge out to the shed to make sure the snow shovel starts out *inside* the house. Whichever group you are in, I hope you stay warm and are able to enjoy the rest of your weekend.

You may have noticed that our newsletter looks a little different this time around. That's because our older layout got "phased out" (i.e. defenestrated from the server) by our email automation provider. The new layout tool is nice, but it won't let us include sidebars, quick links, or a number of other design elements. This was our first try at building the newsletter in that new layout tool.

As promised in the email headline, we do have news about Loudoun's tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year. (Spoiler: I tried to keep it from climbing, and got soundly outvoted.) We also have the latest on Catoctin's road projects, the capital projects that affect us, the Greenway tolls, and some unvarnished good news about Loudoun's state park.

Best of luck with the upcoming snow - whether you intend to enjoy it or just outlast it. Stay warm out there. And please keep sending us your thoughts. We will be posting regular updates for the Catoctin District on [my Facebook page](#), and will be adding more information and resources to [my webpage](#).

Sincerely,

Caleb Kershner



What Do You Think Of The New Layout?

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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.

Which 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, including [the FDA's quick reversal on its attempt to charge a surprise \\$14,000 fee to Catoctin Creek](#), drop by my Facebook page and give it a like.

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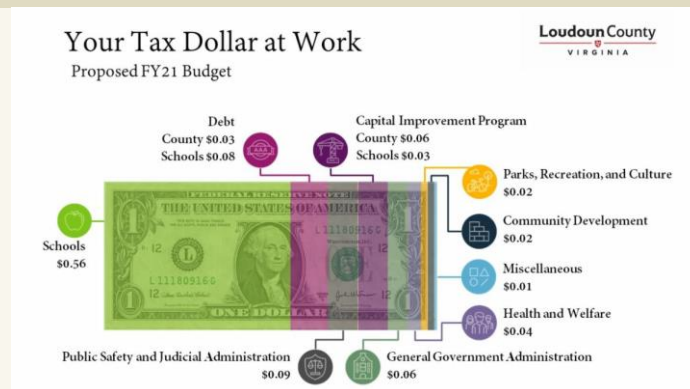


Image Credit: Your Tax Dollar at Work (Proposed FY 2021 Budget), Loudoun County Government

Final Budget Guidance for FY 2022

On January 7, the Board gave its final budget guidance for FY 2022. We proposed a tax rate, which County Administrator Tim Hemstreet will use to prepare several possible budgets for the Board to consider and work through in more detail.

Supervisor Letourneau came up with an excellent proposal, which he brought to the Board and which Supervisor Buffington and I supported:

- **Set the tax rate at the equalized tax rate.** That's the rate that would keep your tax bill this year the same as last year's. We would also get alternative budget proposals, set at two cents higher or two cents lower.
- **Prioritize the departments' first priorities.** These are the items that each department knows it *needs* for the year, either to patch a hole in its operations or to significantly improve its ability to keep up with its workload.
- **Use the leftover funds for Board-identified items.** If there wasn't enough revenue, the Board could consider raising taxes slightly to pay for some of these initiatives - but the burden would be on the initiative, to prove that it was worth the extra money.

It was a good plan. Unfortunately our three votes weren't enough to pass the motion, and it failed by a 3-6 vote.

Chair Randall then proposed that the Board set the tax rate at one cent above the equalized tax rate, with alternative budget proposals at one cent higher and one cent lower. I couldn't support that. I am leery of raising taxes on our residents, especially in the wake of this COVID-19 pandemic and the fiscal aftershocks that have rocked their financial world. This is not the year to be doing this.

Supervisor Letourneau, Supervisor Buffington, and I all voted against this motion. And again, our three votes weren't enough. It passed by a 6-3 vote.

The one bright spot to our budget voting came when Chair Randall proposed that we have staff research grants and other funding sources to support body-worn cameras for law enforcement. Those funds would need to cover the purchase, repair, and replacement of

the cameras, plus pay for full time employees to review and process their footage. That was worth looking into, and I was glad to support it. The motion passed by a 9-0 vote.



Image Credit: [Photo](#) of Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship land preserve, [BlueRidgeCenter.org](#)

Getting Funding For Loudoun's State Park

I'm pleased to report that we have sponsors for a budget amendment to cover operational expenditures for Loudoun's State Park located at the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship in Nearsville. This funding is critical to get the state park up and running.

Senator Bell and Delegate LaRock are sponsoring a budget amendment to provide \$563,568 and two positions the first year and \$350,648 and two positions the second year to fund the oversight and operations of Sweet Run State Park property in Loudoun County. The existing 600-acre property will be expanded by an additional 280 acres of land currently owned by Old Dominion Land Conservancy, with transfer scheduled to be complete in early 2021. With this addition, DCR can immediately open the site and expand the opportunities for public recreation, environmental education and resource management. There is strong interest from the community, existing users of the site, local government and legislators in making the state park in Loudoun County more available to the public. The request for year one and two includes wages for two full time employees -- an Assistant Park Manager -- Law Enforcement, and a Park Ranger -- Maintenance. Both years also include funding for routine operations of the park including utilities, wage staff, supplies and materials, resource management projects, environmental education programs and equipment, grounds and facility maintenance. Year 1 also includes onetime, start-up expenses for items such as mowers, tractors, vehicles, picnic tables and trash

cans. The Assistant Park Manager will provide oversight, develop community relations, maintain and expand the volunteer program, conduct resource management projects, provide protection and enforcement of regulations and promote passive recreation. The Park Ranger will provide maintenance of the grounds, equipment and facilities.

Former Supervisor Geary Higgins worked for many years to secure the 280-acre parcel owned by the Robert and Dee Leggett Foundation, known as the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship. The 280-acre parcel was purchased by Loudoun County on October 31, 2018 for \$2.9 million and added to the previously 600 acres donated by Bob and Dee Leggett. For \$2.9 million Loudoun has an 880-acre state park with options for expansion through future land donations. This is a game changer for Loudoun, our rural economy and the region.

The Loudoun State Park will be an important contributor to Loudoun's \$1.7 billion tourism industry. Park visitors will be able to experience and explore our surrounding history, equine industry, farms, wineries, breweries and bed and breakfasts and other great experiences like our Artisan Trail, Wine Country Passport and the LoCo Ale trail. The park will also provide an important connection to Harper's Ferry National Park, the Appalachian Trail and the Potomac Heritage Trail.

The economic activity generated by the State Park will be of great benefit to Loudoun. The closest state park to this location in Loudoun, Sky Meadows State Park in Fauquier County, generates 5.3 million in total visitor spending. Total economic activity generated by Virginia State Parks during 2017 was approximately \$304.6 million statewide according to the Virginia State Parks 2017 Economic Impact Report.

Loudoun's State Park is a great public private partnership between the County and the Commonwealth. The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, who manage the state park system, will work to develop master plans for the Loudoun County property.

This region is currently the most underserved area by the state park system, and would be able to draw residents and visitors from the populous Northern Virginia region and beyond. Now it's time to get it opened!



Image Credit: Photograph of White's Ferry detour sign, Stacy Carey

White's Ferry

As you know, White's Ferry shut down its operations in December after the court decision in [Rockland Farm, LLC, et al. v. White's Ferry, Inc.](#) And unfortunately it is still closed at this time.

Loudoun County wasn't a party to this case - it's entirely between the private entities of Rockland Farm and White's Ferry. But we are doing our best to help get this resolved. I wanted to let you know that Chair Randall and I are both working with all parties to come to an agreement on the future operations of the Ferry. I'll be sure to send you an update when an agreement has been reached.

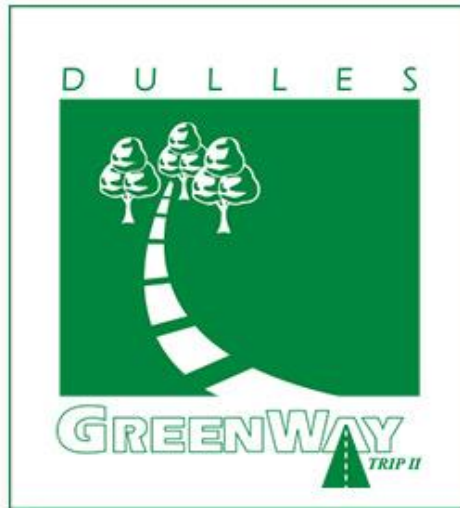


Image Credit: Dulles Greenway logo, DullesGreenway.com

Progress On Capping Greenway Tolls

There's been significant progress in preventing the higher tolls proposed by TRIP II, the entity that maintains and operates the Dulles Greenway. You may recall that TRIP II proposed a 6 - 6.8% toll rate increase each year over the next five years. If that had been approved, it would have turned into annual increases that would result in maximum tolls by Jan. 1, 2025, of \$7.90 for peak traffic and \$6.15 for off-peak and weekend traffic.

These rates are outrageous and place a significant burden on residents in Western Loudoun who are forced to use the Greenway to commute. I wrote a letter opposing this to the State Corporation Commission last year, and offered my testimony at their public hearing. As I explained to them,

"Many of my constituents are daily commuters on the Dulles Greenway and pay the maximum rush hour toll rates from Leesburg to the Mainline Plaza. The Dulles Greenway's proposal for a 6-6.8 percent toll rate increase each year over the next five years, as illustrated in the table below provided in TRIP II's December 20, 2019 filing, would be devastating to my constituents who already pay extremely high tolls. Dulles Greenway toll prices have been discouraging use of the toll road for some time, causing congestion on alternate routes within Loudoun's local road network. This most recent proposal will only serve to exacerbate an already distressed road system in Loudoun County. I respectfully request that the State Corporation Commission deny TRIP II's request for maximum rate increases."

The SCC report recommended no increases to peak tolls but supported off-peak toll increases for the next three years.

[Read The Whole Letter](#)

On January 29, HB1832 passed the House of Delegates by a vote of 99-0. The bill requires an applicant for a toll increase to provide a forward-looking analysis return that will be reviewed by the Department of Transportation, showing that the proposed rates will be reasonable to the user in relation to the benefit obtained, not likely to materially discourage use of the roadway, and provide the operator no more than a reasonable return. The bill also prohibits the State Corporation Commission from authorizing a toll increase if these criteria are not met or if the proposed increase is for more than one year. And it requires an operator to receive approval from the Commission prior to refinancing any existing debt. The bill will not go to the Senate for a vote.

Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

Animal Services Facility

This project involves designing and building a 25,000 square foot animal services facility in Leesburg to replace the existing County Animal Services facility in Waterford. The construction contract was awarded to Dustin Construction on December 20, 2018, and the Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on February 14, 2019.

The project was slowed down by the delayed delivery of several items, including Fiber Glass Reinforced Plastic (FRP) door frames and animal equipment, and by delays with the contractor completing the interior finishes. The project is now projected to wrap up in the first quarter of 2021.

Fire & Rescue Training Academy Expansion

This project involves designing and constructing an 11,500 square foot addition to the F&R Training Academy, located at the Government Support Center site on Sycolin Road.

The programming phase has been completed. Initial budgets were developed during the programming phase for the three new projects: the F&R training tower, administration building expansion, and training academy building. Each budget will be forwarded to the CIP Budget deliberations for consideration. DFR's first priority is the training academy building.

In the next quarter, DTCL and DFR will refine the needs and budget requirements for proposed programming needs.

Juvenile Detention Center

This project involves designing and constructing a new 40-bed Juvenile Detention Center on the Government Support Center site off Sycolin Road in Leesburg.

The design has been completed, and the project was advertised for bid on October 20. Bids were received on December 21 and are currently being evaluated by staff. In the next quarter, a recommendation for award will be made and presented to the Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee, and then to the full Board of Supervisors.

Leesburg South Station

This project involves designing and building a Fire and Rescue Station, which should improve local response times and fire protection coverage. This facility will be located adjacent to Sycolin Creek Elementary School.

The design team has prepared programming, site studies, and block diagrams of the building. In the next quarter, the team will further evaluate the site, and will start designing the floor plan and the site layout.

Lovettsville Fire & Rescue Station Replacement

This project involves designing and constructing a replacement Lovettsville Fire and Rescue Station. The replacement station will be located adjacent to the existing station on Lovettsville Volunteer Fire Rescue Company property, which will be annexed into the Town of Lovettsville

A public project information meeting was held with the Lovettsville Town Council on October 22. DTCL and the DFR internal team also completed the review process for the 35% design development documents; in the next quarter, those documents will be revised to accommodate alternate mechanical system design in lieu of a Geothermal Mechanical system, as per the DFR's direction. The design team will resubmit the revised 35% mechanical system design documents for the County to further review. Changes in the mechanical system design have delayed the design phase from fall 2020 to winter 2022.

Lucketts Fire & Rescue Station Replacement

This project involves designing and building a 15,000 square foot fire and rescue station to replace the existing Lucketts Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station.

The construction contract was awarded to Waynesboro Construction on May 28, 2019. NTP was issued on July 24, 2019. Commissioning and air balance have begun for the mechanical units, finishes, equipment and the site work are nearing completion. In the next quarter, the final punch list items will be prepared and the facility will be opened.

Lovettsville Community Center

This project involves designing and constructing a new community center building in the Town of Lovettsville to replace the existing building.

Bids were received on October 13, and the contract was approved by the Board at their November 17 Business Meeting (8-0-1: Letourneau absent). The construction contract was awarded to Crisak, Inc. on November 18. A kick-off meeting was held on December 3, and the contractor began their pre-construction documents. In the next quarter, the pre-construction meeting will take place, a Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be issued, and the contractor will mobilize.

Lovettsville District Park

This project provides for the design and construction of a District Park to serve the Lovettsville area on a 91-acre County-owned site. The park will contain seven athletic fields, restrooms, concessions, maintenance facilities and an equestrian area.

The construction contract was awarded to Dustin Construction on March 27, 2020 and NTP was issued on June 25, 2020. In this quarter, Dustin completed all work on the school property including the turn lane, parking area, and utility work. All erosion and sediment control works including three (3) sediment basins are also completed. Site clearing and utility work on the park property has commenced. In the next quarter, the rough grading of the roadways in the park will commence along with other earthwork activities and site utilities.

The budget of \$16,339,897 reported last quarter was an error; the budget reported was for the Lovettsville Phase 2 project. The error was corrected in this quarter to show the accurate budget of \$2,807,785.

Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, Phase II

This project involves designing four permanent restroom and concession facilities at the Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park. Funding was allocated in FY 2021 for construction, and for removing the large existing dirt stockpile on the property and developing two practice fields with associated parking.

The design team has developed 75% design documents that are being reviewed by DTCI and PRCS. Once that review is finished, the team will start developing the 95% design documents. They are also working on the site plan permit application documents.

Scott Jenkins Park, Phase III

This phase of the project proposes funding in FY 2021 to light all five of the park's athletic fields.

The purchase order for a design consultant has been issued and a kick-off meeting has been held. In the next quarter, the pre-application meeting with the DPZ will be held, and work will start on the SPEX application.

Consolidated Shops & Warehouse

This project acquired two buildings on Miller Drive in Leesburg, totaling 176,250 square feet, to provide long term warehouse space and consolidated shops for the County's Department of General Services (DGS). The facility will be phased in development through FY 2020.

At 748 Miller Drive, the County is currently replacing the fire alarm system; that work should be done by March 2021.

At 750 Miller Drive, Zoning and Building applications have been submitted and bid documents were completed. In the next quarter, bids will be received and work will start in March 2021. The work should be finished in 18 months. The roof replacement is scheduled to start in January 2021.

At 751 Miller Drive, the Town of Leesburg and DGS are working jointly on re-zoning efforts for future fleet occupancy.

Landfill Leachate System

This project involves engineering, designing, permitting, and constructing an upgraded replacement of the existing leachate system at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility. The existing system has reached its capacity and is nearing the end of its service life, and must be replaced in order to comply with regulations and to manage increased leachate volumes from a growing facility.

The design of the leachate system was started in early 2019 and was completed in October 2019. At this point, the contractor, Independence Excavating (IX), has installed pumps, valve box, cleanouts, control panels, and a concrete enclosure, along with electrical connections and the system's plumbing. Startup and training have also been completed. In the next quarter, it is anticipated that IX will work on demolishing and removing the existing pump station.

Landfill Reclamation Project

This project will remediate the oldest landfill cell, which will eliminate environmental liabilities and increase the landfill's capacity. The contract for this project was awarded in 2015, and we're currently on the third major milestone: the final excavation of Cell R2.

Roughly 120,000 cubic yards of waste and soil has been excavated from the unlined Old Fill landfill and properly disposed of in the lined Cell R1. The contractor also finished building the Sequence I cap replacement and filling the eastern end of the northern berm.

Design work has also started on the fourth (and final!) milestone: constructing the Cell R2 Liner System. The design has been completed and the IFB has been issued. Construction should start in March and be finished by December. The FY 2021 adopted CIP appropriated an additional \$7,920,000 in Lease Revenue funds to this project.

Landfill Sequence 1A Cap

This project involves designing and constructing erosion and sediment controls, fine grading, and installing a temporary synthetic cap over Cell 1A of the landfill once it is filled to capacity, per approved permit conditions.

This capping project has not begun yet. Design efforts and project bidding should begin in summer 2021 and be completed by early 2022. Construction is expected to start shortly after that and to be completed by fall 2022.

Landfill Sequence V Closure

This project involves the engineering, design, and construction of the final cap and closure for a 15-acre site at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility. The goal is to start construction once the northern and western slopes of Lined Phase III of the Landfill reach their final elevations. (Waste filling activities in those areas was completed in early October of 2019.)

The project has not started yet. Design efforts and project bidding should get underway this summer and be finished by winter 2022. Construction will start at that point and should be completed by fall 2022.

Landfill – Construction Demolition Debris Unit

This project involves engineering, designing, and permitting the Construction Demolition Debris (CDD) Unit at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility. This CDD Unit is intended to divert CDD waste from the solid waste disposal unit, which will extend the life of the landfill.

The contractor, Sargent Corporation, has completed the leachate collection system and tied the leachate pipe network into the access holes leading to the new leachate pump station. The raincap and rope have been installed, and the access ramp has been constructed. No further work is projected, and the project will end in this quarter.

Waterford Mill Restoration

This project will structurally stabilize the Waterford Mill and add some accessible facilities to allow the Mill to be used for educational and cultural enrichment programs.

The design team has developed the 50% design documents, which DTCl and the Waterford Mill Foundation are reviewing. That review will wrap up in this next quarter, and the design team will then start working towards the 75% design documents. Also, the MAP funding of \$917,365 was rescinded in 4Q FY 2020, which brought the current total budget to \$1,035,578.

Major Road Projects



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.

Among other things, 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

Location & Design Approval Headed to the Board

The Board will consider the location and design approval for this project at our upcoming business meeting on February 2. The Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) gave an initial briefing to me and to Supervisor Umstattd. Here are the key points of the upcoming item:

- **Reaffirm the project's scope.** The Board will be asked to confirm the project scope that they affirmed in September 2018. This will include installing a signal at Route 15 and Whites Ferry Road/Raspberry Drive (instead of a roundabout), maintaining the proposed realignment of Limestone School Road and intersection configuration for North King Street, and *not* adding additional path connections to the project.
- **Set the project's pace.** The Board will be asked to address some issues about pacing, as well as public comments about expediting the project. (DTCI was very clear that **they will not be slowing down the project.**)

- **Focus on regional traffic operation issues.** In response to some comments, DTCI has added paved shoulders to help with speed enforcement (because traffic enforcement works better when you can actually pull someone over) and has planned additional Route 15 projects north of Montresor Road to deal with traffic in the corridor.
- **Show how public feedback is being implemented in design.** Rockland Farm had ideas for reducing impact to eastern properties, Morven Park suggested making Tutt Land Right In/Left In/Right Out only, and various property owners recommended shifting the Route 15/Montresor Road roundabout to north and east; all of these items have been added to the design. DTCI will also get additional public involvement for the Whites Ferry Road shared use path location.
- **Respond to JTHG comments.** Staff intends to cover questions like why there isn't a NEPA, whether DTCI is following JTHG design guidelines (such as grass shoulders), and whether staff is paying attention to [karst geology](#).

[See 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

Work is currently underway to evaluate existing conditions along Route 9, including roadway and intersection safety, roadway design and traffic.

Focus Group Meetings

The [first Route 9 focus group meeting](#) was held on February 13. More meetings were held virtually on July 16 and September 30.

These focus groups 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. There will be up to five focus group meetings throughout this study, which will wrap up in the summer of 2021.

The [project website](#) was last updated in September. Please check there for further information, and feel free to [email me](#) with your thoughts about the project.

[See Project Website](#)



Safety and Operational Study Leesburg to Prince William County

The Route 15 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 has been working on the preliminary concept designs, which were presented at the last focus group meeting on October 1. They've been incorporating [feedback that the focus group offered](#) at that meeting. At this point the team has made enough progress on those preliminary draft alternatives to start collecting more feedback.

A virtual focus group work session was held on January 28. The team and focus group reviewed the updated concept designs, going through each alternative and collecting feedback on them. The team recorded this feedback in a number of ways, and they'll be summarizing and incorporating it into the designs.

There will be up to five focus group meetings throughout the study. The study is expected to wrap up in summer 2021.

The [project website](#) was last updated in September, and it now 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

Work crews have been blasting, handling grading activities, installing storm pipes, and doing bridge pier work. The Town of Leesburg and Fire Marshall have been doing more coordinating and monitoring on this project, since the construction is being done close to existing utilities.

[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

The PAG completed its evaluation of the eight design proposals, developed a shortlist of consultants to be interviewed, conducted the interviews, and selected the top ranked firm (Dewberry).

A joint scoping meeting was held on December 2, with the top ranked firm to develop a fee for the design services. In the next quarter, a design fee will be negotiated and items will be presented to a future FGOEDC and Board meeting to award a design contract.

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

In this quarter, the 30% Preliminary Design Plans were submitted and reviewed by the Town. Plans are still under review with VDOT and Loudoun County. The Town has met with the engineer to clarify questions on Town comments and is waiting on comments from VDOT and Loudoun County before finalizing a new schedule and cost estimate to submit to VDOT. Once those items are completed, the scoping phase will close. In the next quarter, work will continue on the 60% design documents and will also include additional surveying and utility location work. It is projected that initial public outreach will occur during next quarter.

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.

Latest Update

In this quarter, DFB continued to seek VDOT's input on a suitable Disadvantaged Enterprise Business (DBE) goal for the design RFP. In the next quarter, DFB will work with DTCL to finalize the design RFP based on VDOT's input.

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

As of May 2020, the revised Environmental Assessment had been approved, and work had begun on the final design plans, which are expected to be complete in fall 2020. Land acquisition is ongoing and is expected to be complete by spring 2021. Construction is anticipated to begin 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

The Limited Access control panel is currently being reviewed. The right of way and easement plats are also still being reviewed, and coordination is being done for the utility field inspection (UFI).

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

The project was advertised on September 8, and bid letting is scheduled for October 21.

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

No change since last time. Work is still being done on road construction, right of way acquisition, and utility relocations.

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

The 100% design plans will be submitted in December 2020; there was a slight delay in the receipt of the 60% comments. The revised design waiver was submitted to VDOT on November 17 for final approval. A Request For Quote (RFQ) for the purchase of nutrient credits was expected to be advertised in early December.

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

Revenue share funds were received to advance this project to field investigation.

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

In this quarter, the 30% modified plans are still under review by VDOT. The 30% modified plans are revised based on comments received from VDOT on 30% plans. In the next quarter, it is anticipated that a public hearing will be held and preparation for ROW acquisition will begin. The reported delay is due to the extended VDOT review timeframe. The environmental documents for the project have been modified to include East Broad Street Phase 2B and awaiting VDOT's finding of Categorical Exclusion for the project.

Town of Lovettsville, Church Street & Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalk Improvements

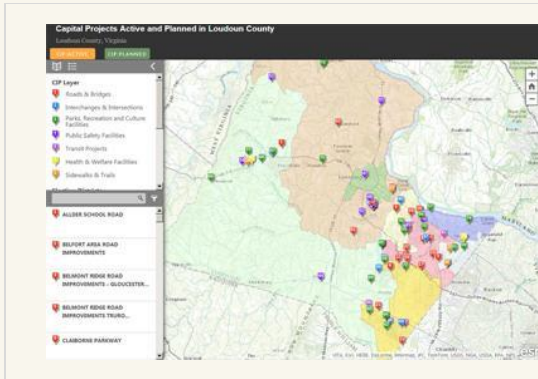
Summary of the Project

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.

Latest Update

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More 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 new 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](#)



Forgivable Loans for Small Businesses

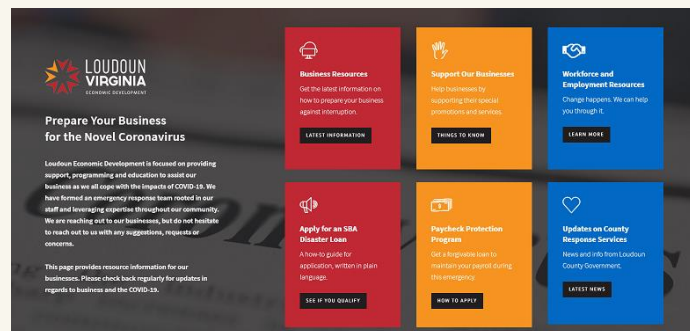
The Virginia 30 Day Fund has [given forgivable loans to over 700 businesses](#) to help them through this pandemic. If you own a small business in Virginia, I recommend that you check them out - they are a nonprofit, founded when COVID-19 first struck, and their goal is to help 1,000 businesses by the end of 2020.

To qualify for one of these forgivable loans, a business must be:

- A small businesses that employs 3 to 30 people,
- Based in Virginia and have been operating for at least one year, *and*
- Owned and operated by a Virginia resident.

The funds from these loans don't need to be repaid. But if businesses who receive the Fund's assistance do, later on, want to "pay it forward" to another Virginia small business that needs the help, they can do so by directing those dollars back to the Fund, which will disburse the funding to another Virginia business in need.

[Learn More](#)



Business 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

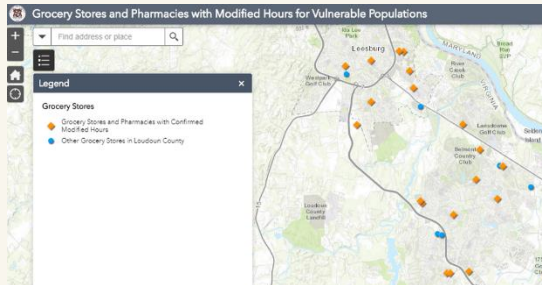
- [Join The Take Loudoun Home Campaign](#)
- [Workforce Resources for Businesses](#)
- [Workforce Resources for Employees & Job Seekers](#)

General Business Resources

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

- [Digital Business Resources](#)

COVID-19 Resources



Grocery Stores With Designated Hours for Seniors

Loudoun County has launched an interactive map to help residents find grocery stores and pharmacies with designated hours for vulnerable individuals. These shopping hours are designated for older adults, as well as individuals with underlying health issues or compromised immune systems, who are at greater risk of complications from COVID-19.

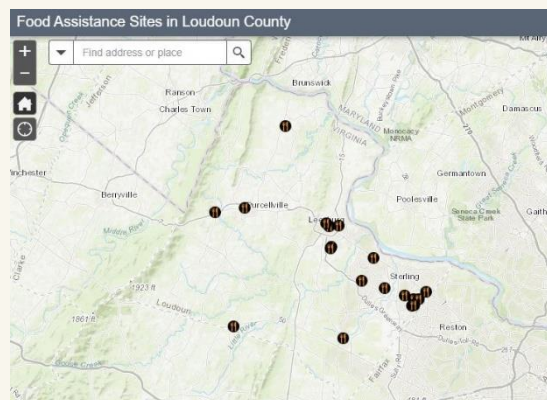
[View the map](#)

Food Banks, Community Meals, And Other Food Help

Loudoun County has launched an interactive map to help residents find food assistance sites, including food banks, pantries and non-school meal distribution sites.

The searchable map also links to webpages for the various sites. It will be updated as food assistance sites make service changes.

[View the map](#)



Behavioral Health Resources

- [Coping with Stress During COVID-19 Outbreak \(PDF\)](#)

- [Helping Children Cope with Stress During COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health \(PDF\)](#)
- [Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19](#)

If you are experiencing a behavioral health crisis, Emergency Services are available 24 hours daily, seven days per week at 703-777-0320. For general information questions, email or call 703-771-5155.

Avoiding COVID Scams

Beware of COVID-19 scammers trying to use your compassion or fear of the virus against you. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has [created a list](#) of the most common scam techniques so you can recognize and avoid them.

[Read The List](#)

Stay Informed

- **Sign up for email and text updates** about Loudoun's response to COVID-19 at loudoun.gov/coronavirus
- **Text LCCOVID19 to 888777** to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19
- Follow the [Loudoun County Government Facebook Page](#) and [@LoudounCoGovt](#) on Twitter

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



Share This Newsletter!

Do you have a friend or a neighbor who would benefit from the information in this newsletter? Go ahead and forward this newsletter to them!

My office is working to ensure as many Catoclin 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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