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### **VML Executive Committee has opening**

THE VML EXECUTIVE Committee decided Feb. 3 to fill a vacancy on the 13-member governing board. The Executive Committee's officers were authorized to select the replacement.

Local officials interested in being considered for the position should submit a resume to VML President Tom Starnes, mayor of the City of Radford, by March 1.

Send resumes to:  
Mayor Tom Starnes,  
c/o VML, P.O. Box 12164,  
Richmond, VA 23241  
or via e-mail to  
jterry@vml.org.

## **Study: Northern Va. fuels state's population growth**

**D**uring the first years of the 21st century, Northern Virginia continues to drive the Commonwealth's growth, according to the 2004 population estimates produced by the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center.

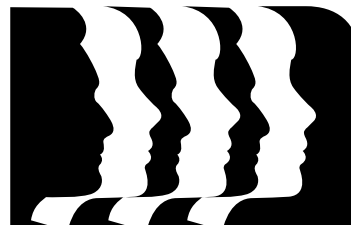
Among Virginia's 11 metropolitan areas – three of which (Winchester, Harrisonburg and Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford) were newly designated in 2003 – Northern Virginia leads with a growth rate of 12 percent, or approximately 244,966 new residents, for a total 2004 estimated population of about 1.69 million, a majority of which resulted from net migration.

The Winchester metro area, which also draws migrants from the Washington area, is

second, with a growth rate of 11 percent. As Northern Virginia's growth spreads, the adjacent localities of Culpeper and Madison counties also are growing rapidly.

Elsewhere in the state, the Charlottesville and Richmond metro areas both grew by 5 percent or more. The remaining metropolitan area growth rates were less than 5 percent, though the Harrisonburg area came close at 4.6 percent.

Between April 1, 2000, and July 1, 2004, the state as a whole grew by 5.4 percent. The 1.2 percent average annual growth rate during these four years is slightly slower than the 1.3 percent seen during the 1990s. Average annual rates of growth declined in major portions of



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## **Bush budget threatens CDBG funding**

**P**resident George Bush's fiscal year 2006 budget proposal contains deep cuts to domestic programs affecting Virginia communities of all sizes. At the same time, the state could benefit from a proposed restructuring of the State Homeland Security Grant Program that will increase antiterrorism funding.

The budget that emerges following congressional debate and action, however, may look very different than Bush's proposal offered on Monday (Feb. 7).

The President's proposed \$2.57 trillion budget would eliminate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program as we know it today. It would combine CDBG with 17 other programs, dramatically

reduce the funding for all 18 programs combined (from \$5.3 billion in FY05 to \$3.71 billion in FY06), and move it from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Department of Commerce.

The National League of Cities is working with the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), the National Association of Counties (NACo) and other organizations to mount an aggressive campaign to preserve CDBG at its current funding level. VML will post materials supplied by NLC on its Web site designed to help local governments explain the significance of the CDBG program in their communities.

Education also faces cuts and new

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**FROM THE CAPITOL****Population growth continued ...**

Central Virginia, the Shenandoah Valley, the Northern Neck and the Roanoke area.

Localities that grew faster during 2000-2004 tended to be the outer suburbs of the major metro areas. Among the fastest-growing localities, Loudoun County, with an astonishing growth rate of 43 percent, continues to lead the state. Stafford, Spotsylvania and Prince William counties are second, third and fourth respectively in growth. At the same time, the cities of Petersburg and Covington, along with Highland and Buchanan counties, lost more than 6 percent of their populations.

As a result of both metropolitan growth and the addition of new metro areas, almost 86 percent of Virginia's population is now classified as metropoli-

tan, but this population lives on slightly less than half of the state's land area.

In fact, Northern Virginia now accounts for about 32 percent of the total population, while its land area is only about 8 percent of the total.

The Weldon Cooper Center population estimates are the official figures for the Commonwealth. They are mandated by Virginia law to be used for a variety of funding purposes, including state funding of sheriff's deputies and the salaries of commonwealth attorneys. The figures, as well as accompanying maps and graphics, are available at <http://www.coopercenter.org/demographics>.

For more information, contact Julia Martin at [jhm3c@virginia.edu](mailto:jhm3c@virginia.edu) or by telephone: 434/982-5581. ❖

**IN CONGRESS****Budget continued ...**

mandates. The overall education budget would be cut by 1 percent and eliminate 48 programs; at the same time, the budget proposes a \$1.5 billion initiative to extend the No Child Left Behind accountability and testing requirements to high schools. The budget proposal also would include a small increase for special education. The federal government has never come close to meeting its share special education costs since the IDEA mandate was imposed on states and localities.

On the law enforcement front, the budget proposes elimination of the COPS program (community oriented policing) and other local law enforcement grant programs, including those for police technology and illegal immigration. The Juvenile Accountability Block Grants would be eliminated as well.

Mass transit discretionary grants would be in for a 53.5 percent cut, and federal spending on road construction would fall \$10 billion short of what state highway groups wanted. Highway safety grants would be funded at current levels.

Clean water and drinking water grant programs face deep cuts as well.

On the homeland security front, the

Bush budget proposes an increase from \$2.5 billion to \$2.6 billion in overall funding. It would eliminate the population-based funding formula used by the State Homeland Security Grant Program and require states to compete for grant money. Grants would be awarded based on how state-generated security plans fall in line with national preparedness goals. A new program, the Targeted Infrastructure Protection Program, would assist with state, local and private critical infrastructure protection, including protection of ports and transportation facilities.

The minimum amount each state receives under the State Homeland Security Grant Program would be reduced by about 1 percent, and focus instead on funneling money to communities and states with greatest risk and vulnerability. This change could benefit Virginia, with its large amounts of critical infrastructure and its proximity to Washington. Congress would have to sign off on this change; the current funding formula is spelled out in the USA Patriot Act.

NLC and NACo will offer more detailed analyses of the budget proposal in the coming weeks. ❖

**ETCETERA**

**New funds jumpstart pilot transportation planning program**



The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is administering a new State Transportation Planning Grant Pilot program. Planning district commissions (PDC) and metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) throughout the state can now apply for up to \$500,000 transportation planning grants.

Unlike most transportation planning funds that are primarily federal and come with regulatory, compliance and matching requirements, the 2004 General Assembly made \$1.6 million available in state funds that would give regional planning organizations the flexibility to address special transportation needs, alternative modes of travel, the land use and transportation connection, and prioritization of regional transportation needs – all with an objective of implementation.

“This grant program encourages planning organizations to consider projects that focus on connecting people and places in unique ways,” said VDOT’s Jeffrey Southard, chief of policy, planning and the environment. “It’s a unique opportunity for PDCs and MPOs throughout Virginia to develop specific regional plans to enhance the quality of life.”

Southard said examples include plans for a network of sidewalks to connect a commercial center with a residential

community, or plans to improve accessibility of transit service, or a plan to provide analysis for developing criteria to objectively rank transportation recommendations for programming.

“This is a great opportunity for planning organizations to think out of the box in serving their constituencies in ways that can truly make a difference to the community,” Southard said.

Planning district commissions and metropolitan planning organizations have until March 11 to apply for funds under the new program. VDOT will announce grant recipients in May.

Southard said the pilot grant program is part of a special \$4 million appropriation aimed at strengthening transportation planning. Of the remaining funds, \$2.1 million will be used for rural rail and transit initiatives and the Acca Railroad Yard study in Richmond and \$300,000 for the Charlottesville/Albemarle MPO Route 29 north corridor study, including land use and access management planning.

For information about the grant program, visit VDOT’s web site, [www.VirginiaDOT.org](http://www.VirginiaDOT.org) or contact Project Coordinator Brian King in VDOT’s Transportation and Mobility Planning Division at 804/786-3092.

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The 2005 edition of the *Governmental Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting: Using the GASB 34*

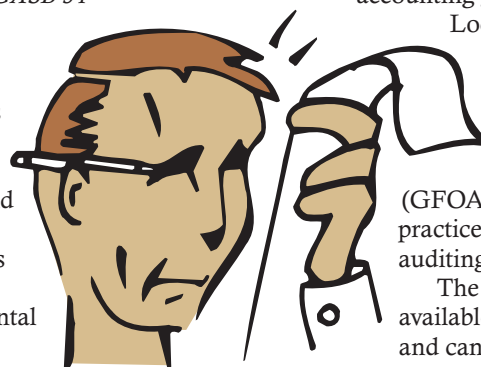
*Model (GAAFR)* can be ordered at [www.estoregfoa.org](http://www.estoregfoa.org).

The “Blue Book” has been thoroughly revised and updated to address every significant issue and development affecting public-sector accountants and auditors up to and including the Governmental Accounting Standards Board’s (GASB) Statement

No. 45 on other post-employment benefits and the newest edition of the audit and accounting guide *State and Local Governments*.

The book also incorporates the latest Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommended practices on accounting and auditing.

The 2005 GAAFR is available only through GFOA and can be ordered online at [www.estoregfoa.org](http://www.estoregfoa.org). ❖



## POSITIONS

### Longer version of job ads posted at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org)

Because of the number of requests it receives to publish job advertisements, VML reduces the length of the position descriptions in Update. A full version of all of the job listings published here for the past two months appears on VML's Web site at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org). Visit the VML site and click on "Marketplace" to read the complete descriptions.

### Legal Services RFP, City of Galax

SALARY: Negotiable. Seeking proposals from qualified legal counsel to provide necessary legal services to the city. Firms interested in receiving a copy of the RFP may contact: City Manager Daniel J. Campbell, 111 E. Grayson St., Galax, VA 24333; phone: 276/236-5773. Deadline: 4 p.m. Feb. 28. EOE.

### Program & Project Coordinator, Herndon

SALARY: \$39,756-\$50,421 entry range / \$39,756-\$63,610 full range. (Pop. 22,000) Provide contract and project support and coordination on town-sponsored neighborhood improvement projects including new trails, utilities (water, sanitary, and storm sewer) replacement, street widening and other horizontal projects. Possession of Erosion and Sediment Control Certificate, and Confined Space Certificate desirable. Call 703/481-1185 or e-mail [jobs@herndonva.gov](mailto:jobs@herndonva.gov) for information/application. Visit <http://herndonva.gov>. EOE.

### Firefighter (Medic or Paramedic Certification), James City County

SALARY: \$28,547-\$42,821 DOQ (+) benefits. Seeking firefighters certified as an EMT-C, I, or P with considerable emergency medical exper. Must submit copy of EMT-C, I, or P certification with application. Completed county application must be submitted. For info., visit [www.JccEgov.com](http://www.JccEgov.com), or call 757/253-6736. #430. Deadline: Feb. 25. EOE

### Director, Division of Chesapeake Bay Land Assistance (Richmond)

SALARY: \$48,042-\$98,576 DOE (+) benefits. Direct the division that was known as the Virginia Chesapeake Bay Land Assistance Department (CBLAD) before the July 1 merger. Manage program and staff related to the Chesapeake Bay Preservation

Act; support the director of the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Chesapeake Bay Land Assistance Board. State application must accompany any resumes. Mail or deliver to: Human Resources Office, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 203 Governor St., Suite 402, Richmond, VA 23219 or fax to 804/371-0315. E-mail: [hr@dcr.virginia.gov](mailto:hr@dcr.virginia.gov). #00934. Deadline: Feb. 28.

### Assistant County Administrator, Scott

SALARY: \$34,744-\$36,170 hiring range DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Provides key managerial support to the county administrator and advises departments heads in their operations. Considerable knowledge of local government administration and operations is required; county level experience is preferred. Submit county application, detailed resume, and cover letter in confidence to: County Administrator, 112 Water St., Suite 1, Gate City, VA 24251. County application available by calling 276,386-6521, or visit [www.scottcountyva.com](http://www.scottcountyva.com). Deadline: March 3. EOE.

### Director of Planning and Community Development, Ashland

SALARY: \$50,000-\$68,988 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. (Pop. 6,800). Join senior management team charged with balancing growth and maintaining small town atmosphere. Reports to town manager. Send cover letter, resume, salary history, town application, and 3 professional references to: Town Manager Charles W. Hartgrove, P.O. Box 1600, Ashland, VA 23005. More info. at [www.town.ashland.va.us](http://www.town.ashland.va.us) or call 804/798-9219. Deadline: Open until filled. EOE.

### Relocation Specialist, Arlington County

SALARY: \$44,110-\$72,928. Ensure compliance with local and federal relocation regulations. Also ensure tenants meet the eligibility standards for units financed with federal, state and local funds. Extensive contact with owners / developers / tenants facing homelessness. Reqs. BA and 2 yrs. exper. in related housing field. Submit application at [www.arlingtonva.us/pers](http://www.arlingtonva.us/pers). Resumes submitted without an application will be returned without consideration. Questions? Call 703/228-3500 or e-mail [pers@arlingtonva.us](mailto:pers@arlingtonva.us). # 3614-5A-PHD-GW. Deadline: Feb. 10. EOE.

### Principal Planner, Goochland County

SALARY: \$49,690-\$74,722. Undertake responsibilities and assignments related to the project management in the Department of Community Development. Functions include management of the comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinance and transportation planning. Completed county application req. and is available at 804/556-5331 and online at [www.co.goochland.va.us](http://www.co.goochland.va.us). Submit to: Goochland County Human Resources Office, 2931 River Road, W., P.O. Box 10, Goochland, VA 23063. For info., call Gregory K. Wolfrey at 804/556-5300. E-mail: [countyadmin@co.goochland.va.us](mailto:countyadmin@co.goochland.va.us). Deadline: 2 p.m. Feb. 25. EOE.

### Assistant City Manager, Petersburg

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ + benefits. (Pop. 33,000) Manage in a changing, diverse environment; reqs. master's in public admin. or related field with extensive exper. in municipal govt. Coordinate service delivery by overseeing mngmnt. and direction of city depts. Reqs. interest in public outreach to foster livable neighborhoods. Residency req. Submit resume and/or application and requests for needed accommodations to: City of Petersburg, Human Resources Department, 103 W. Tabb Street, Petersburg, VA 23803. Visit [www.petersburg-va.org](http://www.petersburg-va.org). Deadline: Feb. 18. EOE.

### Chief of Police, Petersburg

SALARY: \$58,667-\$75,693 DOQ + benefits. (Pop. 33,000) Lead staff of 159 (118 sworn officers) and administer \$7.1 million dept. bdgt. Reqs. strong mngmnt., leadership and admin. skills with street exper. Reqs. exper. and knowledge of urban police organizations and commitment to community policing; must have exper. with issues facing culturally diverse communities. Visit [www.petersburg-va.org](http://www.petersburg-va.org). Submit resume and/or application and requests for needed accommodations to: City of Petersburg, Human Resources Department, 103 W. Tabb Street, Petersburg, VA 23803. Deadline: March 4. EOE.

### Director of Finance, Charlottesville

SALARY: Mid-\$90,000s-low \$100,000s to start. (Pop. 40,000 +) AAA bond ratings. Accountable to 5-member city council and reports to city manager. Supervise the

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## POSITIONS

Administration Division, Purchasing, Risk Management, Real Estate Assessor, and Utility Billing departments. Dept. bdgt. \$2.8 million; overall city operating bdgt. \$105.4 million. Bachelor's in accounting, business or finance req.; MBA/MPA or CPA preferred. Submit statement of interest, resume and current salary info. to: The Oldani Group, 10900 N.E. 4th St., Suite 2030, Bellevue, WA 98004. Phone: 425/451-3938; Fax: 425/453-6786. E-mail: resume@theoldanigroup.com; http://www.theoldanigroup.com. Visit www.charlottesville.org. Deadline: March 7. EOE.

### Chief of Police, Halifax

SALARY: DOE (+) benefits. (Pop. 1,398) Serves under town manager. Full-service dept. w/5 FT sworn officers. BS/BA in criminal justice, police admin. preferred, or related field and applicable exper. w/GED-H.S. diploma; Va. certification req. Submit confidential resume, salary history and references to: Virginia Employment Commission, 1438 Seymour Drive, South Boston, VA 24592. Deadline: Feb. 15. EOE.

### Director Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Loudoun County

SALARY: \$81,010-\$109,363 hiring range. Dept. provides full range of activities and special events for all ages. Reports to a deputy county administrator. Reqs. master's degree w/10 yrs. + directly related exper. that must include managing a major recreation or leisure service program. Exper. in opening new facilities and innovative approaches to cost-effective customer service delivery desired. E-mail resumes to: hr@loudoun.gov; to receive a req. application visit www.loudoun.gov or call 703/777-0213. Ref 05-282. Deadline: Feb. 25. EOE.

### Building Official, Warren County

SALARY: \$43,880-\$53,464 start range. Reqs. 5 yrs. exper. as licensed professional engineer or architect, building inspector, contractor or supt. of building construction with at least 3 yrs. in responsible charge of work. B.S. in engineering, architecture or construction sciences preferred. Must obtain certification from the BHCD in accordance with Va. certification standards and the DCR as a comb. Erosion and

Sedimentation Control Program Administrator within 1 yr. For application, including job description, contact the county administrator's office, 220 N. Commerce Ave., Suite 100, Front Royal, VA or call 540/636-4600 or visit www.warrencountyva.net. Open until filled. EOE.

## Other positions

NOTICE: The following positions also are listed on VML's Web site at www.vml.org.

### Management Interns (3 positions), Loudoun County

SALARY: \$33,661. Deadline: Feb. 25.

### Director of Planning, Westmoreland County

SALARY: Negotiable (+) benefits. Deadline: Feb. 28.

### Director of Public Utilities, Virginia Beach

SALARY: \$88,714-\$133,071 negotiable DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: Feb. 19.

### Assistant Town Manager, Luray

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: Feb. 25.

### Town Planner, Cape Charles

SALARY: \$31,000-\$41,000 (+) benefits DOQ. Deadline: March 1.

### Public Information Specialist II, Norfolk

SALARY: \$36,051. Open until filled.

### Operations Engineer, Virginia Beach

SALARY: \$72,985-\$109,478. Deadline: March 16.

### Emergency Management Planner and Training Coordinator, Bedford

SALARY: \$30,903-\$43,666. Open until filled.

### Fire Chief, Manassas Park

SALARY: \$63,207-\$110,835 (+) benefits DOQ. Open until filled.

### Deputy County Administrator, Hanover

SALARY: \$90,933-\$135,759 hiring range (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Public Works Director, Elkton

SALARY: \$31,695 min. negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Accountant, City of Bedford

SALARY: \$30,903-\$43,666. Open until filled.

### Fleet Manager, City of Roanoke

SALARY: \$52,380-\$78,570. Open until filled.

### Executive Director, Luray Downtown Initiative

SALARY: DOQ. Open until filled.

### County Administrator, Bedford

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: March 4.

### Director of Economic Development, Roanoke

SALARY: \$73,510-\$110,264 negotiable DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Director of Housing and Neighborhood Services, Roanoke

SALARY: \$65,119-\$97,679 negotiable DOQ (+) benefits. Open until filled.

### Director of Finance, Front Royal

SALARY: DOQ (+) benefits. Deadline: Feb. 18.

**DEADLINE:** *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, Feb. 18. Submit ads via e-mail to David Parsons at dparsons@vml.org. You may also submit via FAX at: 804/343-3758. VML publishes job advertisements at no cost to its local government members. Non-members are charged a flat rate of \$25 per ad per issue, which includes posting on VML's Web site and publication in Virginia Town & City (deadlines permitting). VML edits position descriptions in printed publications because of space limitations.*

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