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## TRANSPORTATION

### VDOT downsizing proposal, lean 6-year program advance CTB to make final decisions in June

The Commonwealth Transportation Board will decide in June whether to adopt a plan to slash another \$2.6 billion worth of construction projects and operations from the Virginia Department of Transportation over the next six years.

A sharp decline in state revenue, combined with the uncertainty of future federal funding, has prompted the transportation agency to reduce its Six-Year Program by \$2 billion and to “downsize” services, programs and staffing by another \$600 million.

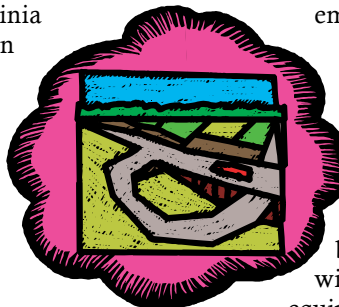
The VDOT cuts are just the latest in a series of reductions that have spanned seven years. From 2002 through 2008, the agency cut almost 2,000 positions, shrink-

ing from 10,500 to 8,600 employees. In addition, it closed 89 area headquarters, reducing the total to 189.

Over the next year, classified employment in VDOT will be reduced by another 11.5 percent, reducing the number of these employees to 7,500. Of that amount, classified positions at VDOT headquarters will be cut almost 23 percent. Field positions will be sliced by 9.4 percent. Residencies will be reduced from 44 to 29, equipment shops from 73 to 37 and transportation operations centers from six to five.

The reductions in staff and facilities will force major changes in VDOT’s con-

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### VML: Increase K-12 education funding

The state needs to adequately fund its share of the true costs of public education, according to testimony presented by the Virginia Municipal League and the Virginia Association of Counties at a May 27 meeting of a State Board of Education committee undertaking a biennial review of the state Standards of Quality.

The league and VACo urged the board to reject a proposal to place a cap on the number of support positions funded by the state, calling it ironic that the state would be considering such a proposal following the board’s adoption of standards just last

February that will require the development of an individualized academic plan for every 7<sup>th</sup> grader.

VML and VACo staff also urged board members to be outspoken advocates for state funding and for the funding for the rebenchmarking (updating) of education costs. Should adequate state funding, including rebenchmarking, not be provided, the board should realign the Standards of Learning and the Standards of Accreditation with the funding provided in the state Appropriation Act.

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## FROM THE CAPITOL

### VDOT downsizing proposal continued ...

struction and maintenance programs. Construction will be re-focused on safety, pavements and bridges.

Certain maintenance services will be either curtailed (e.g., mowing, litter removal, drainage ditching and ferry services) or eliminated (e.g., safety service patrols outside of Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads).

Nineteen rest areas will be closed (*see chart*), leaving 23 open to serve the traveling public. (The VDOT Commissioner had originally proposed closing 25 rest areas.) Barriers will be placed and signs erected to close the facilities by July. The sites will be decommissioned and shuttered, meaning no plumbing or electrical services, in the fall. VDOT will construct permanent traffic barriers, and board up all the buildings by late 2009.

The bulk of the reductions affect the Six-Year Improvement Program. Seventy-two percent of the \$2.6 billion to be cut falls in this category. Highway construction is dropping from an approved program in FY 2008-2013 of \$8.6 billion to \$5.4 billion in FY 2010-2015. Comparing the two time periods, urban road construction plummets from \$1.3 billion to \$500 million.

VDOT has reduced all available state funds, and has eliminated state formula allocations for unpaved roads, and primary, secondary and urban systems. Starting in FY11, the Surface Transportation Program federal formula that allocates funds by population will no longer be distributed by locality. Instead, the CTB will program the dollars. Beginning in FY12, the bond component of VDOT's revenue sharing program will be eliminated. Also, dollars that had been allocated for projects in previous years will be re-distributed. In order to match all federal dollars in federal FY09, \$97.8 million is being transferred from projects previously approved in the Bristol, Culpeper, Fredericksburg, Hampton Roads, Northern Virginia, Richmond, Salem and Staunton districts for bridge projects on I-95 and for paving on I-64.

The outlook for public transit and

#### Revised closure list of rest areas

Interstate	Site Name	VDOT District
I-81 North	Rural Retreat	Bristol
I-81 South	Smyth	Bristol
I-95 North	Ladysmith	Fredericksburg
I-95 South	Ladysmith	Fredericksburg
I-66 East	Manassas	No. Va.
I-95 North	Dale City	No. Va.
I-95 South	Dale City	No. Va.
I-64 East	Goochland	Richmond
I-64 West	Goochland	Richmond
I-85 North	Dinwiddie	Richmond
I-85 North	Alberta	Richmond
I-85 South	Dinwiddie	Richmond
I-85 South	Alberta	Richmond
I-81 North	Radford	Salem
I-81 South	Troutville	Salem
I-81 North	Mt. Sidney	Staunton
I-81 South	New Market	Staunton
I-81 South	Mt. Sidney	Staunton
I-66 West	Manassas Welcome Center	No. Va.

rail is not as bleak as the road construction program. Public transit funding is projected to decrease by only \$41 million from the FY08-FY13 Six-Year Program total to \$1.7 billion in FY10-FY15. Rail funding will fall to \$242 million over the next six years compared to the FY08-FY13 total of \$287 million. The Department of Rail and Public Transportation projects that spending in FY10 for public transportation operations will increase to \$730 million, but this assumes localities will raise their contributions by 31 percent to help achieve this total.

The CTB will vote on VDOT's downsizing plan and FY10 budget as well as the proposed Six-Year Improve-

ment Program for the transportation agencies at the June 18 meeting in Richmond. Earlier this month, several CTB members expressed unease over the VDOT and Six-Year Improvement Plan reductions. Questions of fairness were raised. Some members were also dismayed over the steadily eroding construction program. ❖

## AT THE LEAGUE

### K-12 education funding continued ...

Testifying on behalf of the league, VML Director of Research Mary Jo Fields pointed out that the current process for determining state funding underestimate the cost of meeting the Standards of Learning and the Standards of Accreditation, thus forcing local governments to fund education beyond their required minimum in order that students and school divisions meet state and federal accountability standards.

Local governments consistently spend about \$3 billion more per year than the minimum required by the state. This “over spending” accounts for 22 percent of all K-12 spending. Without this extra local spending, school divisions and students would have little chance

of meeting state and federal academic requirements.

In short, local governments and local taxpayers are tapped out. They cannot continue to do more for education while continuing to meet the demands for competing essential service such as fire, police, jails, mental health, mental retardation and social services.

VML will be preparing a template for local governments to use to communicate a similar message to the State Board of Education. The board will receive public comment through July 31. Findings from the review will be submitted to the governor and the chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by Nov. 1. ❖

## FROM THE CAPITOL

### VDOT develops new manual on locally-administered projects

The new Virginia Department of Transportation *Locally Administered Projects Manual* will go into effect on July 1. According to VDOT, major changes in the updated manual include:

- Development of a certification process for state-funded projects that significantly minimizes VDOT’s review for these projects.
- Identification of areas of flexibility for projects of the National Highway System and on non-VDOT maintained facilities.
- Differentiation between requirements (by law or regulation) and recommendations or VDOT internal processes.
- Delineation of clear expectations for both VDOT and local government staff and areas of flexibility based on project complexity and risk.

VDOT will conduct several outreach workshops across the state to rollout the new manual at these sites and dates:

**June 2:** Northern Virginia District, Fredericksburg District (by videoconference) and Bristol (by videoconference)

**June 4:** Lynchburg District, Salem District (by videoconference)

**June 8:** Richmond District, Staunton District (by videoconference)

**June 9:** Hampton Roads District, Culpeper (by videoconference)

The manual will be available prior to July 1 at [www.virginiadot.org/business/local-assistance.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/business/local-assistance.asp). After the new manual is released, VDOT intends

to clarify construction and materials oversight expectations for VDOT staff and incorporate the Urban Construction Initiative, Enhancement, and other program specific guides as supplements to the manual.

For additional information, contact Michael Estes, director of VDOT’s Local Assistance Division, at (O) 804/786-2745 or (C) 804/921-6228.

### Access management regulations

At the May 21 meeting of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), VDOT presented its proposed access management regulations and standards for minor arterials, collectors and local streets. VDOT is aiming to implement the new regulations and standards by Oct. 1. The agency already has modified the proposal based on comments it has received and public hearings held last year. The proposal is undergoing final review by the attorney general, the governor, the secretary of transportation and the governor’s budget office. Training sessions will be held in each VDOT construction district during September. The CTB will be asked to repeal the current Minimum Standards of Entrances to coincide with the new regulations’ effective date. ❖

## FROM THE CAPITOL

# State to reassess commitment to help localities pay for jails

A special joint subcommittee has begun the process of reviewing whether the state should place further limits on what it spends to assist with the construction and renovation of jails.

Virginia is one of only seven states to provide state funds for construction, enlargement or renovation of jails. More than 40 years ago, the state began a program to reimburse localities for jail construction. Since that time, the reimbursement program has undergone significant changes:

- 1970 - Funding for regional jail projects
- 1981 - Linking the amount of reimbursement to jail size
- 1993 - Setting caps on state reimbursements up to 25 percent for local jails and up to 50 percent for regional jails
- 1996 - Declaring a moratorium on reimbursing jail projects without prior General Assembly approval.

Since 1993, the costs of jail construction, expansion, and renovation projects have totaled \$1 billion, which includes the state's share of the capital costs totaling \$469.1 million.

The General Assembly has approved 19 exemptions from the moratorium. Eight of these projects have been approved by the Board of Corrections, and could cost the state as much as \$151.5 million. The remaining 11 projects have yet to be

approved by the Board of Corrections, but will probably cost several hundreds of millions of dollars to construct. Given the state's finances, the General Assembly authorized joint subcommittees of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees to consider steps that may be appropriate to reduce the numbers of nonviolent lower risk offenders from entering state correctional facilities and to review state policy regarding the financing of local and regional jails with a view towards defining and meeting the Commonwealth's long-term obligations for jails and related programs.

### Special Joint Subcommittee convenes meeting

The joint subcommittee held the first of four meetings on May 21, and heard presentations from legislative staff, the Office of the Secretary of Public Safety and the Virginia Department of the Treasury.

Legislative staff characterized the current state policy as an "open-ended commitment of capital funds for jail modernization" since 1993. Given the recession's effect on state finances, they posed the question "can Virginia afford to maintain an open-ended commitment?" They suggested that the General Assembly may wish to consider adjusting the process for approving jail projects in the future.

Staff also suggested that the Joint Subcommittee's review needs to include the state's contributions to the operating

budgets of local jails. Just over half of the states provide assistance for jail operations. Virginia provided over 45 percent of the operating revenues of local and regional jails in FY07, while localities contributed over 40 percent. But, the state's share of operating expenses has declined steadily from FY98 when the state share equaled 59 percent of total costs.

### Why the issue is important

Changes in state policy affecting either jail construction or operations will affect local budgets. Earlier this month more than 6,000 state inmates were incarcerated in local jails across the state. Of this number, more than 2,500 were considered "out-of-compliance," meaning their transfers to state facilities were past due.

For overcrowded local jails, the per diems the state pays for state-responsible inmates do not cover the cost, particularly if the inmates require mental health services. (Local jails are a major provider of mental health services.) Overcrowded jails also represent a greater threat to the personal safety of both prisoners and local correctional officers than facilities with adequate capacity. If the state retreats from its historic commitments without investing more in state facilities and programs, then the burden for this public safety function will fall more heavily on local property owners.

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## State task force reviewing voter residency requirements

Responding in part to varying practices for registering college students to vote, the 2009 General Assembly enacted HB 1878 and SB 848, which require the State Board of Elections to develop rules and regulations to ensure a uniform process for determining voter residency. The board has appointed a task force to help in the drafting of those regulations. The task force will hold its second meeting at 1 p.m. on June 1 in Richmond.

The Virginia constitution states that "Residence, for all purposes of qualification to vote, requires both domicile and a place of abode." HB 1878 and SB 848

amend current voter registration statutes by stating: "To establish domicile, a person must live in a particular locality with the intention to remain. A place of abode is the physical place where a person dwells." These bills delete language that currently allows registrars to consider a list of factors for determining residency.

The Voter Registrars Association of Virginia and the Virginia Electoral Board Association have recommended that the regulations allow the general registrars to require additional information in determining residency under cer-

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**FROM THE CAPITOL****Voter residency requirements continued ...**

tain circumstances, such as the applicant giving an address that is uninhabitable or vacant. On the issue of student voters, the associations recommend a rule that allows students to vote, but prohibits having more than one address for voter residency purposes. Further, the associations support language that would allow for the transmission of a list of new voters to the city and county governments in order that they could determine whether local taxes should be assessed. This latter

requirement, however, may be difficult to get included in the regulations.

Copies of the recommendations by the registrars association and other groups can be found on the State Board of Elections' Web site at [www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Misc/Residency\\_Task\\_Force.html](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Misc/Residency_Task_Force.html).

Forward any comments or concerns your locality may have with the proposals to Mary Jo Fields ([mfields@vml.org](mailto:mfields@vml.org)). ❖

**AT THE LEAGUE****Policy, legislative committee leaders named**

VML President Michael Polychrones has appointed the leaders for the league's 2009 policy and legislative process, and is preparing appointments for the six policy steering committees.

Martinsville Vice Mayor Kimble Reynolds will serve as chair of the 2009 Legislative Committee. Pearisburg Mayor Barbara Stafford has been chosen to serve as vice chair. The committee will hold its first of three meetings on Friday, June 12, at the Henrico County Training Center.

The 2009 policy committee leaders are as follows:

**Community & Economic Development**

Chair: Joan Foster, Mayor of Lynchburg  
Vice Chair: C. James Ervin, Town Manager, Rocky Mount

**Environmental Quality**

Chair: Arthur V. Holloway, Vice Mayor, Poquoson  
Vice Chair: Bob Lazaro, Mayor of Purcellville

**Finance**

Chair: Edythe Kelleher, Council Member, Vienna  
Vice Chair: Carolyn Dull, Council Member, Staunton

**General Laws**

Chair: Peter Stephenson, Town Manager, Smithfield  
Vice Chair: Richard Bell, Council Member, Staunton

**Human Development & Education**

Chair: Daun Hester, Council Member, Norfolk  
Vice Chair: Frank Thornton, County Supervisor, Henrico

**Transportation**

Chair: Bill Dennison, City Manager, Bristol  
Vice Chair: Bruce Goodson, County Supervisor, James City

All six policy committees will meet on Thursday, July 23, at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. The

meeting schedule for the day is as follows:

**10 a.m. - 12: 15 p.m.**

Community & Economic Development  
Environmental Quality  
Human Development & Education

**12:15 - 1:15 p.m.**

Lunch

**1:30 - 3:45 p.m.**

Finance  
General Laws  
Transportation

Appointment letters, along with a meeting schedule, are being sent to committee members this week.

Each policy committee has a steering committee that develops the policy agenda for the full committee. VML President Mike Polychrones appoints those members, who will be notified of their appointment by a separate letter. The steering committees meet in late June or early July, as determined by their committee chair. ❖

**Achievement Award deadline is June 26**

Just a reminder: The deadline for submitting entries in this year's VML Achievement Awards competition is June 26. The league mailed copies of the instructions for participating to all of its member local governments about a month ago.

The awards program, which encourages and recognizes excellence and innovation, includes five population

categories, as well as a communications category and an entrepreneurial government category that are open to local governments of all sizes.

The winning entries will be featured in the September issue of *Virginia Town & City* magazine. Winners will be recognized and presented with their awards at a dinner during the 2009 VML Annual Conference in Roanoke

on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

If you or your staff has questions about how to enter, or if you have not received the contest material, contact David Parsons at 804/523-8527 or at [dparsons@vml.org](mailto:dparsons@vml.org). Information is also posted at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org). All entries must be postmarked by Friday, June 26. ❖

## AT THE LEAGUE

### New membership directories shipped

VML has shipped copies of the *2009-2010 Virginia Municipal League / Virginia Association of Counties Membership Directory* to all of its member local governments and sustaining corporate members.

The 316-page spiral-bound directory includes the names, mailing addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of thousands of local government elected officials and senior staff. In addition, the directory includes the Web site address and primary FAX number for more than

285 local governments that are members of the two associations. The directory also includes a comprehensive listing and contact information for senior state government offices, General Assembly members and Virginia's congressional delegation.

Additional copies of the directory may be purchased for \$40, which includes shipping. To order copies, contact Sherall Dementi at the league at either 804/523-8533 or at [sdementi@vml.org](mailto:sdementi@vml.org). ❖

## ETCETERA

### NLC program offers prescription discounts to city residents

A program introduced by the National League of Cities in November is helping cities around the country provide a benefit to their residents faced with the high cost of prescription drugs.

The NLC Prescription Discount Card program is designed to enable a participating city to help residents who are without health insurance, a traditional pharmacy benefit plan or have prescriptions not covered by insurance by providing an average of 20 to 25 percent off the full retail cost of prescription medication.

There are currently more than 100 cities participating in the program nationwide, from Saint Agatha, Maine (pop: 802) to San Jose, Calif. (pop: 900,000-plus), with an additional 100-plus cities in the process of implementing the program as of the first of May.

There is no direct cost to participate in the program. The role of the city is to promote the program through the local media and to make the prescription discount cards available at locations throughout the city to those residents who might benefit from the program. The city is provided with a quantity of customized prescription discount cards with the city name and logo at no cost, along with sample marketing materials to promote the program.

The program is administered for NLC by CVS Caremark and includes

nearly 60,000 participating pharmacies nationwide, including all major chains and most local pharmacies. To identify pharmacies in your city that participate in the program, go to: [www.caremark.com/nlc](http://www.caremark.com/nlc) and see: Quick Links – Locate a Pharmacy.

Each month, after the program is implemented, participating cities receive a report from NLC on the use of the discount card so the city can see the direct impact of the program on helping its residents.

Clarksburg, W.Va., was one of the first cities to join the program.

"In the first four months of the program, the city of Clarksburg (population: 16,743) has saved its residents over \$25,000 on the cost of their prescription drugs," said James Hunt, Clarksburg councilmember and NLC immediate past president. By using the discount card, residents saved an average of \$11.60 off the retail prices of their prescriptions."

"Not only does the NLC Clarksburg prescription discount card help residents save money on their medications, it is easy to use," Hunt said. "Clarksburg residents only have to show their card when purchasing medication at one of the participating pharmacies. There is no enrollment form required to get a card, no membership fee of any kind and city residents and their family

members can use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance."

There is no cost for a city to participate in the program. However, membership in the National League of Cities is required. "The savings to residents of Clarksburg in the first four months of the program alone is more than 10-15 times my city's annual dues in NLC," Hunt said.

NLC offers several "introductory" membership plans featuring one or two year discounts of 15 percent or 35 percent, respectively.

The chart on page 7 outlines the NLC membership introductory dues schedule. Given the nature of the discount program, participating cities can very likely save their residents more on the cost of prescriptions over the course of a year than the city's annual dues to NLC.

For more information on the NLC Prescription Discount Card Program, contact Marc Shapiro at 202/626.3019 or [shapiro@nlc.org](mailto:shapiro@nlc.org) or visit the NLC Web site: [www.nlc.org/prescription-card](http://www.nlc.org/prescription-card)

For NLC membership information, contact Mae Davis, 202/626-3150 or [mdavis@nlc.org](mailto:mdavis@nlc.org). ❖

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**ETCETERA****NLC membership introductory dues schedule**

<b>POPULATION</b>	<b>2009 DUES</b>	<b>ONE YEAR 15% OFF</b>	<b>2009+2010 DUES</b>	<b>TWO YEARS 35% OFF</b>
Under 1,000	\$263	\$224	\$526	\$342
1,000-2,500	\$536	\$456	\$1,072	\$697
2,501-5,000	\$809	\$688	\$1,618	\$1,052
5,001-10,000	\$1,117	\$949	\$2,234	\$1,452
10,001-20,000	\$1,489	\$1,266	\$2,978	\$1,936
20,001-30,000	\$1,861	\$1,582	\$3,722	\$2,419
30,001-40,000	\$3,258	\$2,769	\$6,516	\$4,235
40,001-50,000	\$3,813	\$3,241	\$7,626	\$4,957
50,001-60,000	\$4,467	\$3,797	\$8,934	\$5,807
60,001-70,000	\$5,401	\$4,591	\$10,802	\$7,021
70,001-80,000	\$5,952	\$5,059	\$11,904	\$7,738
80,001-90,000	\$6,697	\$5,692	\$13,394	\$8,706
90,001-100,000	\$7,816	\$6,644	\$15,632	\$10,161
100,001-125,000	\$8,743	\$7,432	\$17,486	\$11,366
125,001-150,000	\$9,674	\$8,223	\$19,348	\$12,576
150,001-175,000	\$10,610	\$9,019	\$21,220	\$13,793
175,001-200,000	\$11,535	\$9,805	\$23,070	\$14,996
200,001-225,000	\$12,468	\$10,598	\$24,936	\$16,208
225,001-250,000	\$13,400	\$11,390	\$26,800	\$17,420
250,001-275,000	\$14,328	\$12,179	\$28,656	\$18,626
275,001-300,000	\$15,259	\$12,970	\$30,518	\$19,837
300,001-325,000	\$16,192	\$13,763	\$32,384	\$21,050
325,001-350,000	\$17,118	\$14,550	\$34,236	\$22,253
350,001-375,000	\$18,050	\$15,343	\$36,100	\$23,465
375,001-400,000	\$18,979	\$16,132	\$37,958	\$24,673
400,001-425,000	\$19,910	\$16,924	\$39,820	\$25,883
425,001-450,000	\$20,842	\$17,716	\$41,684	\$27,095
450,001-475,000	\$21,767	\$18,502	\$43,534	\$28,297
475,001-500,000	\$22,698	\$19,293	\$45,396	\$29,507
500,001-600,000	\$23,631	\$20,086	\$47,262	\$30,720
600,001-700,000	\$24,554	\$20,871	\$49,108	\$31,920
700,001-800,000	\$25,490	\$21,667	\$50,980	\$33,137
800,001-900,000	\$26,421	\$22,458	\$52,842	\$34,347
900,001-1,000,000	\$27,352	\$23,249	\$54,704	\$35,558
1,000,001-1,333,333	\$34,607	\$29,416	\$69,214	\$44,989
1,333,334-1,666,666	\$39,073	\$33,212	\$78,146	\$50,795
1,666,667-2,000,000	\$41,866	\$35,586	\$83,732	\$54,426
2,000,001-3,000,000	\$68,841	\$58,515	\$137,682	\$89,493
3,000,001-4,000,000	\$74,420	\$63,257	\$148,840	\$96,746
over 4,000,001	\$93,027	\$79,073	\$186,054	\$120,935

## 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 the entire 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.

### City Engineer, Chesapeake

SALARY: \$77,081-\$92,497, DOQ (+) benefits. Dept. of Public Works seeking person with proven track record of developing, coordinating, managing and maintaining an operating budget, public and private industry relationships, and traffic engineering projects. Strongly prefer prior govt. exper. Reqs. relevant master's degree and 10-plus yrs. exper., including significant supervisory exper. Also reqs. P.E. license, valid driver's license and driving record that complies with city driving standards. For more info and/or to apply, visit [www.jobs.cityofchesapeake.net](http://www.jobs.cityofchesapeake.net). Deadline: June 20. EOE.

### Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator (Class III), Warsaw

SALARY: DOE. Seeking operator for new Sequenced Batch Reactor (SBR). Send resume with salary history to: John M. Slusser, Town Manager, P.O. Box 730, Warsaw, VA 22572. Successful applicant subject to drug testing and background check. Deadline: June 19. EOE.

### Senior Planner, Portsmouth

SALARY: \$40,090 (+) benefits. Conducts major activities, special projects or programs within the Department of Planning and Zoning. Reqs. bachelor's degree in urban planning or closely-related field; 3-5 yrs. exper. in planning; or any equiv. comb. of training and exper. that provides the req'd knowledge, skills and abilities. See [www.portsmouthva.gov](http://www.portsmouthva.gov). Submit City of Portsmouth application and resume to: City of Portsmouth, Department of Human Resource Management, 801 Crawford St., Portsmouth, VA 23704. Deadline: June 12. EOE.

### Codes Compliance Specialist (part-time), Sussex County

SALARY: Responsible for administration and enforcement of local erosion and sediment control ordinances and Sussex County ordinances. Maintains records and files; conducts erosion and sediment plan reviews; performs field inspections. Should possess or have the ability to possess within 12 mos. the combined administrator certification from Va. Depart. of Conservation and Recreation. Reqs. comb. of educ. and exper. equiv. to relevant bachelor's degree and considerable exper. in conservation work. Submit state application and salary reqs. to: George E. Morrison III, Deputy County Administrator, P.O. Box 1397 Sussex, VA 23884. Contact: [gmmorrison@sussexcountyva.com](mailto:gmmorrison@sussexcountyva.com). Deadline: June 5. Open until filled. EOE.

### County Engineer, Goochland

SALARY: \$63,420-\$95,366 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Serve under direction of the community development director. Manage operation of county's engineering, utilities construction, maintenance, fiscal management and other related management functions. Reqs. undergraduate degree in civil engineering or related field, min. 10 yrs. exper. (5 or more in an administrative capacity) as a P.E. in public works/utility field or an equiv. comb. of educ. and exper. Registration as a P.E. in Va. req'd. Prefer relevant post-graduate degree. Goochland County employment application req'd for consideration and is available by calling 804/556-5831 or at [www.co.goochland.va.us](http://www.co.goochland.va.us). Submit applications to: Goochland County Human Resource Office, 1800 Sandy Hook Road, P.O. Box 10, Goochland, VA, 23063. For more info, call Donald Charles, director of community development. at 804/556-5861. Open until filled. EOE.

### Eligibility Worker, Manassas Park

SALARY: \$37,374 (+) benefits. Explains and evaluates qualifications for financial assistance programs. Must be able to comprehend and apply public assistance programs, policies and regulations to make eligibility decisions independently. Reqs. knowledge / exper. in DSS benefits program; ability to comprehend and apply public assistance programs, policies and regulations (for example, TANF, Food Stamps and Medicaid) sufficient to make eligibility decisions independently. Submit state employment application (DPT Form 10-012). Forms obtained from state and

local DSS offices, from local VEC offices and at [www.dhrm.virginia.gov](http://www.dhrm.virginia.gov). Resumes may be submitted with a completed application; a resume will not substitute for an application. View job at [www.dss.virginia.gov/jobs](http://www.dss.virginia.gov/jobs). Applications not accepted by e-mail. Submit to: City of Manassas Park, Eligibility Worker Position, c/o Julia Drake, One Park Center Court/City Hall, Manassas Park, VA 20111. Deadline: May 29. EOE.

### County Administrator, Loudoun

SALARY: Low \$200,000s to start DOE/DOQ (+) benefits. Runs day-to-day operations of the county under board policies and direction. Loudoun County's operates with a staff of 3,100 full-time and 1,500 temporary employees in appx. 35 depts. and has an annual operating budget, including schools, of \$1.6 billion. Board of Supervisors is seeking a highly experienced, well-rounded generalist. Prefer diverse exposure to all aspects of managing a full-service county or city and in a community undergoing substantial growth and development. Must have demonstrated record of accomplishment in the development and maintenance of a strong customer service focus in the delivery of services. Reqs. relevant bachelor's degree (master's preferred). Submit resumes to: The Waters Consulting Group Inc. at [www.watersconsulting.com/recruitment](http://www.watersconsulting.com/recruitment). For more info, contact Chuck Rohre (toll free) at 877/356-2924 or visit [www.watersconsulting.com](http://www.watersconsulting.com). First review of applicants will take place June 19. Open until filled. EOE.

### Transportation Planner III, Fairfax County

SALARY: \$58,800-\$98,000 (+) benefits. Analyze transportation policy issues and make recommendations to board, county executive and staff as a member of the Coordination and Funding Division of the Department of Transportation. Serves as technical staff, provides recommendations, and undertakes advocacy on state and federal legislative issues related to transportation. Reqs. any comb. of educ., exper. and training equiv. to relevant bachelor's degree and 4 yrs. exper. related to transportation in areas such as legislative activities; planning for roadway, transit and multimodal projects; finance; or grant oversight. Submit resume on-line through the AIMS system at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hr/aims/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hr/aims/). Job # 09-0418 Deadline: May 29. EOE.

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## POSITIONS

### Other positions

NOTICE: The following positions also are listed on VML's Web site at [www.vml.org](http://www.vml.org).

#### Director of Finance, Fauquier County

SALARY: \$84,805-\$110,253 (+) benefits. Open until filled.

#### Town Manager, Orange

SALARY: \$90,541-\$127,401 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

#### Director of Economic Development, Augusta County

SALARY: \$69,347-\$97,986 negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: May 29.

#### Police Officer (part-time), Newsoms

SALARY: DOQ/DOE. Deadline: June 1.

#### Finance Director, Petersburg

SALARY: \$49,932-\$81,917 DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Open until filled.

#### Budget & Finance Director, Isle of Wight County

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: June 5.

#### Fire Chief, Fauquier County

SALARY: \$86,153-\$137,841 (+) benefits. Open until filled.

#### Police Sergeant, Louisa

SALARY: Negotiable DOQ/DOE (+) benefits, including VRS. Deadline: June 2.

#### Assistant Director of General Services, Isle of Wight County

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: May 29.

#### Information Technology Director, Isle of Wight County

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: May 29.

#### County Administrator, Amherst County

SALARY: DOQ/DOE (+) benefits. Deadline: June 1.

**DEADLINE:** *The deadline for placing a job advertisement in the next issue of Update is Friday, June 5. Submit ads via e-mail to David Parsons at [dparsons@vml.org](mailto: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.*

## CALENDAR

#### Virginia Government Finance Officers' Association Spring Conference, Virginia Beach, June 3-5

More information online at [www.vgfoa.org/calendar.html](http://www.vgfoa.org/calendar.html)

#### Virginia Transit Association Annual Conference, Fredericksburg, June 8-9

More information at [www.vatransit.com](http://www.vatransit.com).

#### Virginia Association of Assessing Officers Spring Educational Seminar, Charlottesville, July 14-16

More information at [www.vaa.org](http://www.vaa.org).

#### VLGMA Summer Conference, Virginia Beach, June 17-19

More information at [www.vlgma.org](http://www.vlgma.org), or e-mail Molly Harlow at [mjh3a@virginia.edu](mailto:mjh3a@virginia.edu) or Janet Areson at [jareson@vml.org](mailto:jareson@vml.org).

#### Demographic Analysis and GIS Mapping One-Day Workshop, Richmond, June 23

For more information, visit [www.Calm-River.com](http://www.Calm-River.com).

#### GIS Community Mapping - 2 Day GIS Workshop, Richmond, June 24-25

For more information, visit [www.Calm-River.com](http://www.Calm-River.com).

#### National Association of Counties Annual Conference & Exposition, Nashville, July 24-28

More information at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org).

#### Senior Executive Institute (SEI), Charlottesville, July 19-31.

The alumni program is on July 29. For more information, visit [www.vlgma.org](http://www.vlgma.org), or e-mail Molly Harlow at [mjh3a@virginia.edu](mailto:mjh3a@virginia.edu).

#### Virginia Public Health Association Annual Conference, Richmond, Sept. 10-11

Advancing Health Equity from Theory to Practice. More information at <http://vapha.org/events>.

#### 2009 ICMA Conference, Montreal, Sept. 13-16

More information at [www.icma.org](http://www.icma.org).

#### Virginia Economic Developers Association Fall Conference, Roanoke, Sept. 16-18

More information at [www.goveda.org](http://www.goveda.org).

#### VBCOA Annual Meeting, Norfolk, Sept. 27-29

VBCOA business meeting, election of officers and educational sessions on code enforcement. To be held at the Norfolk Marriott Waterside. To register or for more information, visit [www.vbcoa.org](http://www.vbcoa.org), or contact Sherall Dementi ([sdementi@vml.org](mailto:sdementi@vml.org)).

#### Virginia Association of Assessing Officers Fall Educational Seminar, Fairfax County, Oct. 13-16

More information at [www.vaa.org](http://www.vaa.org).

#### VML Annual Conference, Roanoke, Oct. 18-20

For registration information contact Joni Terry at 804/523-8529 or [jterry@vml.org](mailto:jterry@vml.org). For exhibitor information contact Kimberly Pollard at 804/523-8528 or [kpollard@vml.org](mailto:kpollard@vml.org).

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