



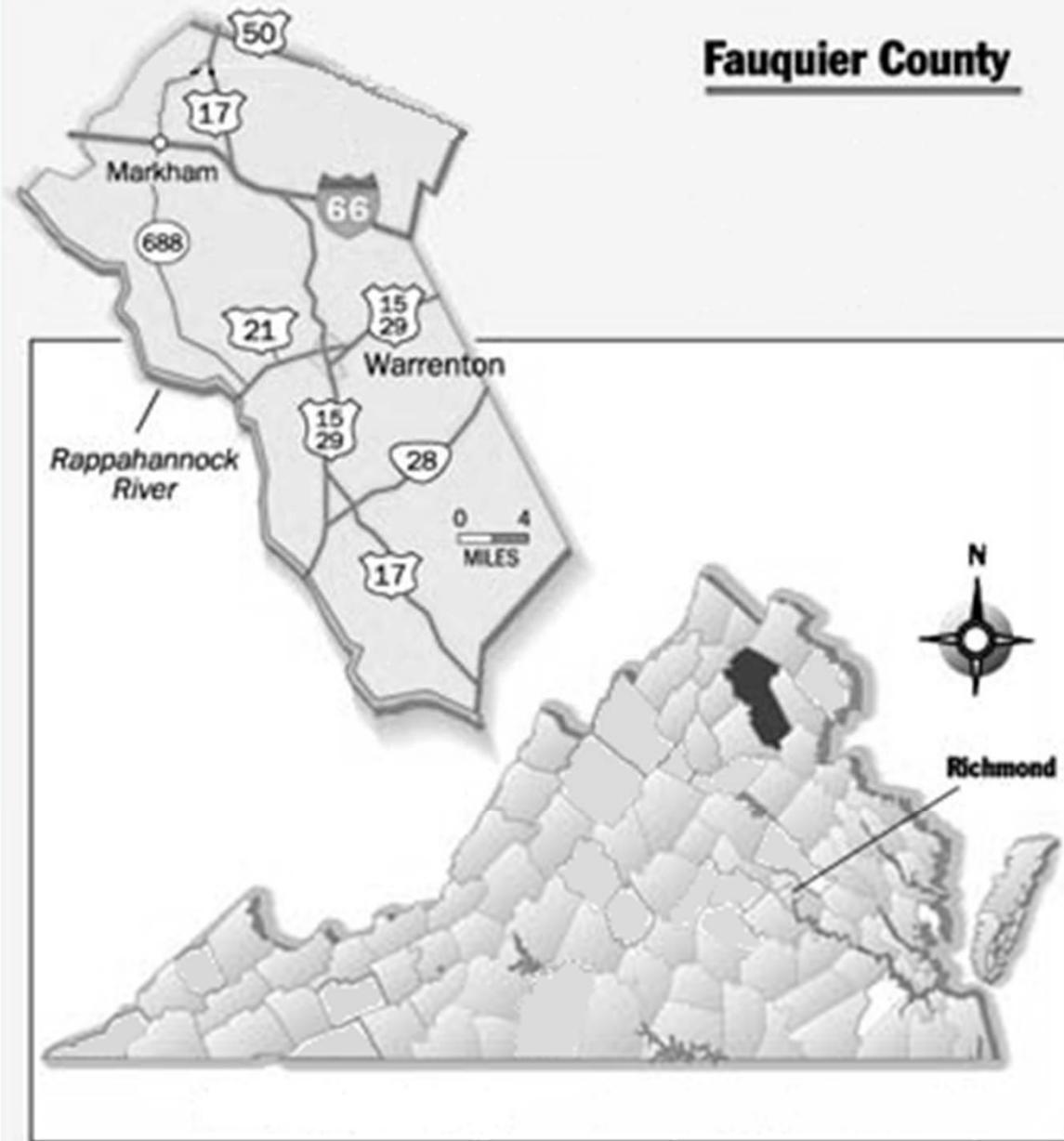
Farmland Preservation in the Commonwealth of Virginia

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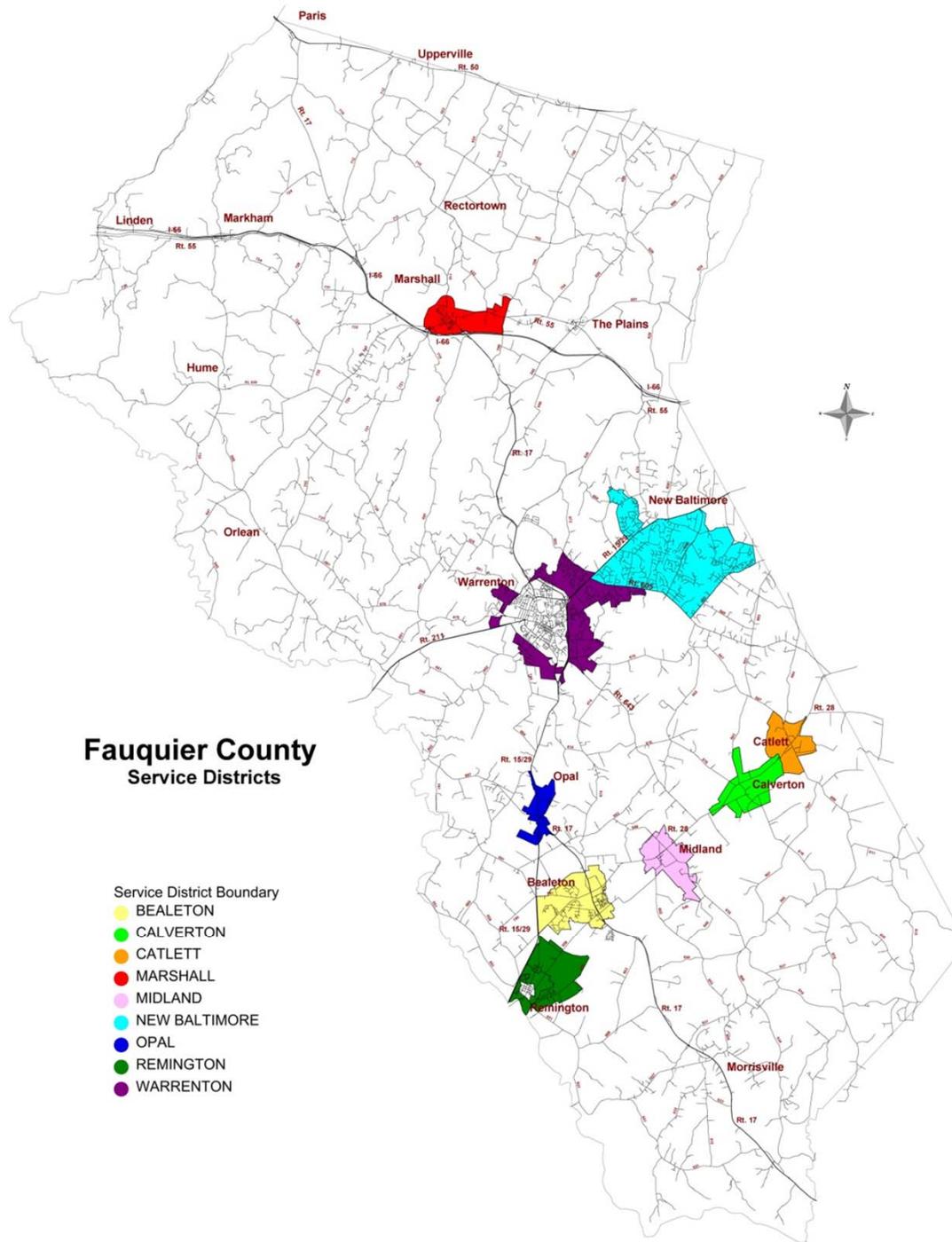
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Fauquier County



- Fauquier County is located in the Northern Virginia area, approximately 45 minutes outside of DC.
- With its proximity to dense, urban areas, Fauquier County could be vulnerable to “urban sprawl”.
- To help reduce the risk, Fauquier County leaders began funding a PDR Program in 2002.



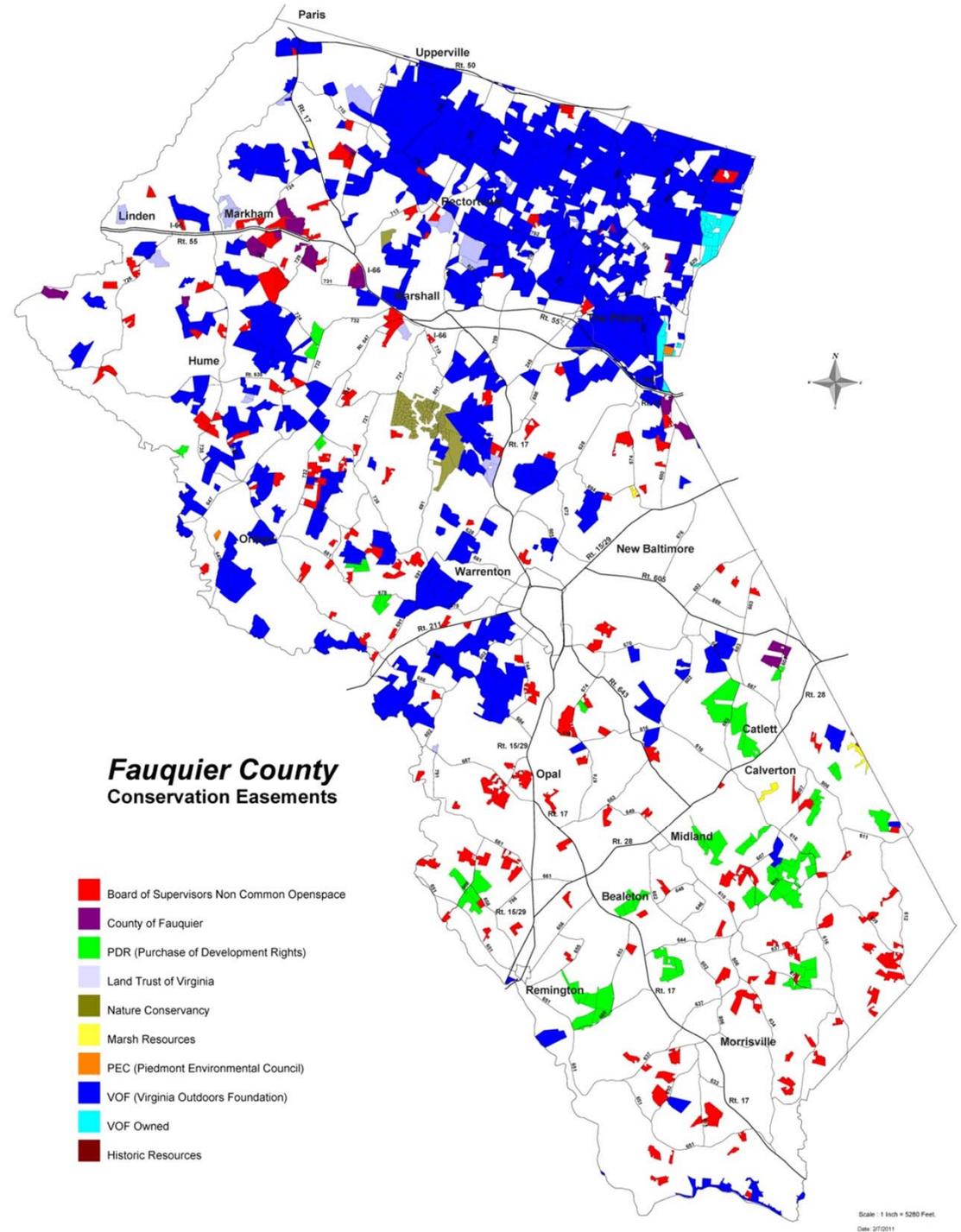
Fauquier County Conservation

Special attention is paid to properties bordering one of the County's service districts in hopes to contain development to smaller areas.

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As of May 2011, a total of 96,000 acres have been preserved in Fauquier County through various conservation easements.

- County of Fauquier holds approximately 11,000 acres.
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation holds over 68,000 acres.



Partnerships



Fauquier County has partnered with several organizations to help fund PDR Easements. These organizations include the USDA, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC).

USDA Partnership

John Nissley farm, 740 acres



- The USDA, via the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), provides up to 50% of the fair market value of the conservation easement through the Farm and Rand Lands Protection Program (FRPP).
- John Nissley's 740 acre dairy farm in Catlett, VA is home to approximately 110 cows and lies within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.
- The USDA contributed \$300,000 towards the easement.
- PEC contributed \$142,500 toward the easement.
- The County of Fauquier contributed \$427,500 towards the easement.

PEC Partnership

Herbert Wilson farm, 275 acres



- The Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC) created the Julian W. Scheer Cedar Run Land Conservation Fund (CRLCF) in December 2001 to conserve at-risk properties in the Cedar Run watershed.
- Herbert Wilson's 275 acre cattle and grain farm borders the Catlett Service District and borders approximately 1,000 feet of Cedar Run.
- PEC contributed \$65,000 towards the easement.

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