

Community Development



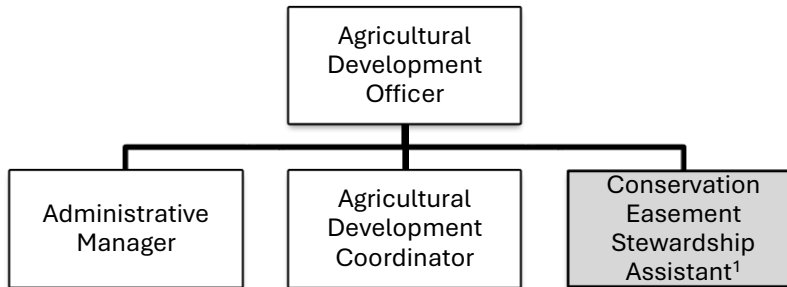
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Department/Agency	Amount
Agricultural Development	\$ 392,185
Community Development	5,070,949
Contributions	833,959
Economic Development	814,232
John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District	212,814
Planning Commission / Architectural Review Board / Board of Zoning Appeals	157,636
<u>Virginia Cooperative Extension</u>	<u>285,246</u>
Total	\$7,767,021

Agricultural Development

ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSE:

The Department of Agricultural Development increases the economic viability of farming in Fauquier County by promoting the County’s agricultural industries, providing marketing assistance to producers, farmers markets and agribusinesses, and developing marketing opportunities for Fauquier’s farm products and services. In partnership with other government offices and private organizations, the department supports sustainable agricultural production through farmland preservation, natural resources conservation, grant obtainment, information dissemination, and workshop presentations (education). Agricultural Development’s staff advises the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors and producers on matters affecting the agricultural economy by compiling and publishing farm statistics and production data.



¹Stewardship Assistant funded out of Conservation Easement Service District Levy Fund but reports to Agricultural Development Officer.

GOALS:

- Increase the economic viability of Fauquier County's farm operations and agricultural businesses.
- Advise the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to the agricultural economy.
- Educate residents about the importance of agriculture in Fauquier County.
- Provide promotion and marketing assistance to Fauquier producers and Fauquier County farmers market managers.
- Connect Fauquier’s producers and agricultural businesses with new customers.
- Create and foster opportunities for the sale of Fauquier farm products.
- Assist Fauquier County’s farmers markets to maintain or increase the number of Fauquier-based vendors.
- Assist producers and farm business owners with understanding and complying with County zoning requirements.
- Maintain or increase the number of Fauquier farm operations and agricultural businesses.
- Support other government offices and private organizations with staff support for farmland preservation, natural resources conservation, and lifelong agricultural learning.
- Oversee the County role in the Fauquier Educational Farm.

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KEY PROJECTS FOR FY 2026:

- Continue the annual “Be Farm Wise” farm business management education series.
- Host an event or activity to spotlight the County’s beef, dairy, grain or horticultural production.
- Host an event or activity to spotlight Agricultural Education.
- Schedule and provide at least 50 on-farm or on-site consultations or visits.
- Continue to assist with the Abattoir Feasibility Study Project and its future phases in conjunction with the Fauquier Livestock Exchange and Fauquier County Economic Development.
- Convene quarterly meetings of the Fauquier County Agricultural Advisory Committee.
- Administer and promote Fauquier County’s Agriculture Mini-Grants.
- Plan and administer Fauquier County’s Fall Farm Tour.
- Maintain and promote the Agricultural Development Farm Link page and Cold Storage Link page.
- Provide leadership for agricultural matters as a member of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) Food Council.
- Update and publish the Annual Fauquier County Agricultural Economy Report.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed
Expenditure Summary:				
Personnel	\$55,929	\$310,545	\$354,174	\$353,406
Operating	\$53,689	\$148,004	\$38,779	\$38,779
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$109,618	\$458,549	\$392,953	\$392,185
Revenue	\$14,396	\$24,947	\$500	\$500
Net Local Revenue	\$95,222	\$433,602	\$392,453	\$391,685
Full Time Staff	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Part Time Staff	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Full-time Equivalents	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

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BUDGET ANALYSIS:

The FY 2026 Proposed Budget for Agricultural Development includes personnel expenditure adjustments related to the FY 2025 compensation increase. In addition, a 2.7% cost of living adjustment and an average of 2.0% merit increase is budgeted for Agricultural Development in Non-Departmental.

PROGRAM 1: *Agricultural Marketing and Promotion*

Agricultural Development increases the economic viability of farming in Fauquier County by promoting the County’s agricultural industries, providing marketing assistance to producers, farmers markets and agribusinesses and developing marketing opportunities for Fauquier County farm products and services.

SERVICE VOLUME	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Fall Farm Tour brochures and posters printed and distributed	10,100	4,150	4,000	4,000
Farm Product Directory and Fauquier Fresh Brochures printed and distributed	1,000	500	1,500	1,500
“Thank You for Your Farming” banners displayed	N/A	11	20	24
Social media reach	32,544	79,500	100,000	120,000
Agriculture awareness campaigns for non-agricultural residents	N/A	17	20	24
On farm or on-site consultations	N/A	43	50	60
Farmers markets supported	4	5	5	5

OBJECTIVES:

- Increase the economic viability of Fauquier County farm operations and agricultural businesses.
- Provide promotion and marketing assistance to Fauquier County producers and farmers market managers.
- Connect Fauquier County producers and agricultural businesses with new customers.
- Create opportunities for the sale of Fauquier County farm products beyond Fauquier County.
- Assist Fauquier County farmers markets to increase the number of Fauquier-based vendors.

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OUTCOME MEASURES	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Goal	FY 2026 Goal
Fall Farm Tour sites	8	9	10	10
Fall Farm Tour visitors	2,500	750	3,000	3,000
New print or digital media outlets utilized	N/A	2	4	4
Fauquier Grown Menu contacted buyers of Fauquier farm products	N/A	NA	1	2

PROGRAM 2: Sustainable Agricultural Production

Agricultural Development, in partnership with other government offices and private organizations, supports sustainable agricultural production and practices through farmland preservation, natural resource conservation, grant obtainment, information dissemination, and workshop presentations.

SERVICE VOLUME	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Agricultural business management workshops hosted, or sponsored	1	15	15	15
Conservation workshops hosted, or sponsored	N/A	1	2	2
Agricultural business management workshop attendance	25	109	125	150
Producer association events workshops hosted, or sponsored	N/A	2	8	10
Agricultural grant applications	2	1	2	4
Agricultural grants received	2	1	2	4
Contracted studies initiated	1	0	1	1

OBJECTIVES:

- Increase the economic viability of Fauquier County farm operations and agricultural businesses.
- Assist producers and farm business owners in complying with the Fauquier County Zoning Ordinance.
- Assist other government offices and private organizations with farmland preservation, natural resources conservation, and lifelong agricultural learning initiatives.
- Serve as County Staff liaison to the Fauquier Education Farm.

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OUTCOME MEASURES	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Goal	FY 2026 Goal
Producer supporting interdepartmental actions with Community Development	N/A	2	4	4
Agriculture/horticulture related certifications earned through interdepartmental education programs	N/A	0	2	2
Agricultural operations increasing production capacity as a result of Department assistance	N/A	0	3	7

PROGRAM 3: *Agricultural Economy Advice and Data*

Agricultural Development’s staff advises the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors and producers on matters affecting the agricultural economy by compiling and publishing farm statistics and production data.

SERVICE VOLUME	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Agricultural Development Advisory Committee meetings convened	0	3	4	4
Fauquier County Agricultural Economy Reports published	N/A	0	1	1

OBJECTIVES:

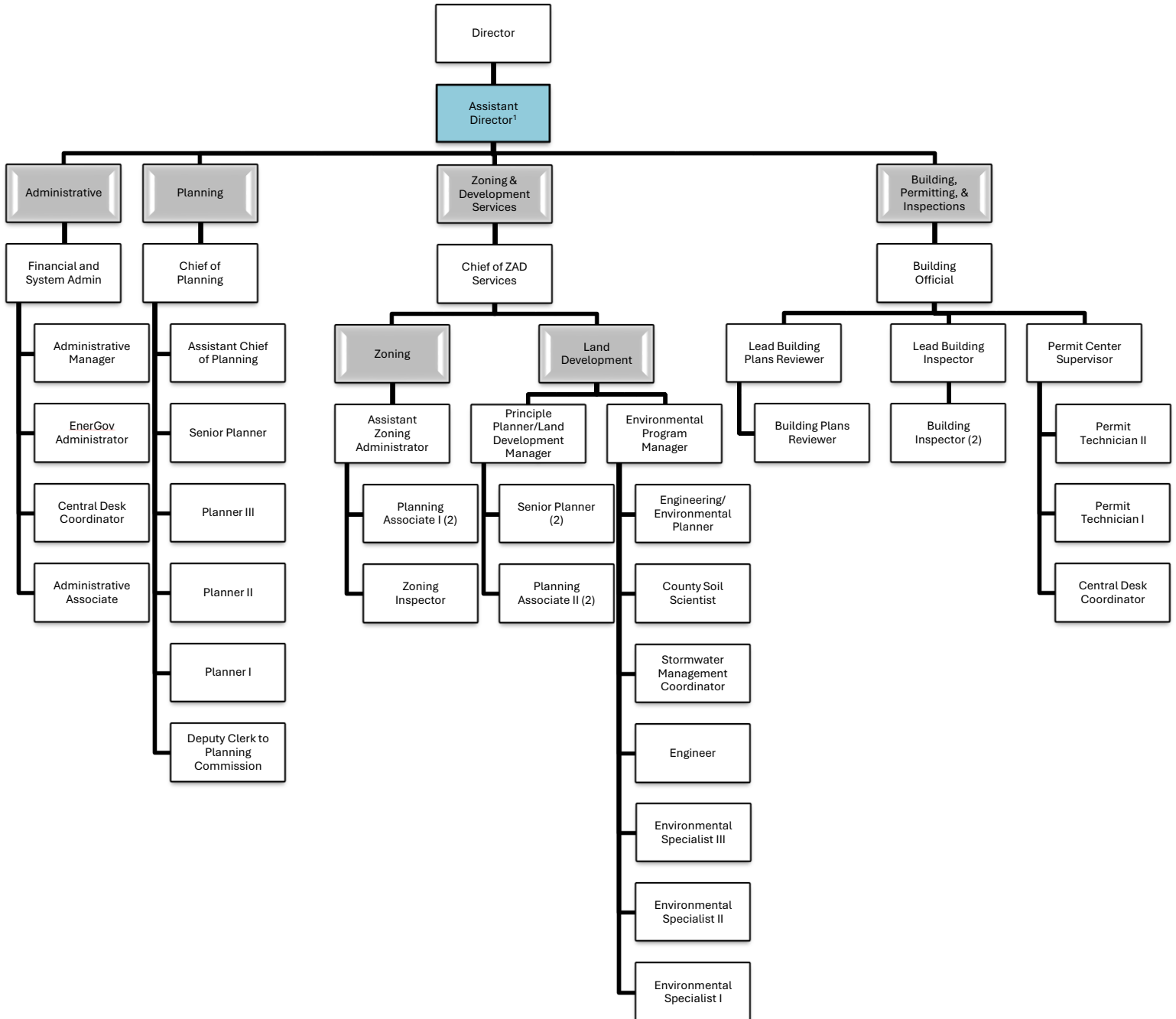
- Forward Agricultural Development Advisory Committee recommendations to the Board of Supervisors addressing production agriculture issues or problems.
- Provide producers with current data relating to agricultural markets.

OUTCOME MEASURES	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Goal	FY 2026 Goal
Producers provided with agricultural economic information or data	N/A	N/A	10	10

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ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSE:

Community Development serves as the County’s staff manager for the historical and physical environment, including natural resources and the built landscape. Along with the Planning Commission, the department assists the Board of Supervisors in communicating its vision and policies through the development and implementation of necessary and supporting planning guidelines, land use incentives, and regulatory tools. Community Development consists of four divisions: Administrative, Planning, Zoning and Development Services, and Building, Permitting and Inspections.



¹The FY 2026 Proposed Budget reflects the mid-FY 2025 establishment of a 1.0 FTE Assistant Director position.

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GOALS:

- Ensure that land development application and building permitting processes for business development are flexible, proactive, user-friendly, and reflect the Board of Supervisors’ priorities, as well as appropriate public agency/private sector partnerships.
- Ensure that the *Zoning Ordinance*, *Subdivision Ordinance*, and *Design Standards Manual* all comply with State and Federal regulations as well as the County’s Comprehensive Plan.
- Update the Comprehensive Plan on a scheduled basis to ensure it reflects the goals of the Board of Supervisors and the community.
- Develop and implement Planning Principles to focus on quality development within the County’s service districts and rural lands where appropriate.
- Maintain and regularly evaluate Capital and Fiscal Impact Models to mitigate the impacts of new residential developments on core public facilities.
- Develop and implement historic and environmental programs designed to preserve Fauquier County’s character, landscape, and heritage.

KEY PROJECTS FOR FY 2026:

- Continue to identify and develop recommendations to improve the *Zoning Ordinance*, *Subdivision Ordinance* and *Design Standards Manual*.
- Initiate review and updates to the Comprehensive Plan.
- Continue oversight of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS-4) and other environmental programs, including identification of funding needed to reach state mandated requirements.
- Define and implement improvements to drainage systems within the MS-4 areas.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed
Expenditure Summary:				
Personnel	\$3,717,409	\$3,854,112	\$4,402,600	\$4,603,051
Operating	\$228,694	\$155,232	\$372,867	\$467,898
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$3,946,103	\$4,009,344	\$4,775,467	\$5,070,949
Revenue	\$1,947,328	\$1,723,044	\$1,673,800	\$1,991,359
Net Local Revenue	\$1,998,775	\$2,286,300	\$3,101,667	\$3,079,590
Full Time Staff	41.00	41.00	41.00	42.00
Part Time Staff	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Full-time Equivalents	41.00	41.00	41.00	42.00

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BUDGET ANALYSIS:

The FY 2026 Proposed Budget for Community Development includes personnel expenditure adjustments related to the FY 2025 compensation increase. In addition, a 2.7% cost of living adjustment and an average of 2.0% merit increase is budgeted for Community Development in Non-Departmental. The FY 2026 Proposed Budget for Community Development includes personnel expenditure increases related to the mid-FY 2025 establishment of an Assistant Director position (1.00 FTE). Operating expenditures include increases in the amount of \$95,031 based on historical costs and current operations. Revenue has also been adjusted to more accurately reflect current revenue projections, historical collections, and fee increases, which is projected to yield an increase of \$317,559.

PROGRAM 1: *Planning*

The Planning Division is responsible for all aspects of the County’s Comprehensive Plan and the coordination of review for current development plans requiring legislative approval. The Planning Division supports several Boards and Commissions: The Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Architectural Review Board, the Transportation Committee, and resident committees appointed for updating elements of the Comprehensive Plan. Staff coordinates overall transportation planning for the County with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the County’s transportation consultant.

SERVICE VOLUME	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Legislative applications processed	75	49	50	50
Planning Commission and Board of Supervisor cases ¹	72	49	50	50
Board of Zoning appeals cases ¹	2	0	1	0
ARB / Ag and Forestal / transportation committee items	102	65	97	80

¹This change is due to the Special Permits moving from BZA for approval to BOS. BZA now only hears variance and appeal cases.

OBJECTIVES:

- Plan and execute all of the Board of Supervisors’ approved improvement projects funded through cash proffers, the VDOT Revenue Share Program, and Smart Scale.
- Work on projects and activities focused on implementing Service District Plans.
- Review legislative development applications to ensure conformity with the Comprehensive Plan during the development review process.
- Coordinate, prepare, and/or participate in various Comprehensive Plan updates.
- Serve as the project manager for all development applications that require rezoning, special exception or plan amendment approval by the Planning Commission, Board of Supervisors, or special permit approval by the Board of Supervisors.

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- Manage the Agricultural and Forestal Districts Program.
- Prepare, manage, and implement County transportation plans, programs, and grants.
- Develop and manage the County’s cultural and heritage resources plans, programs, and grants.

OUTCOME MEASURES	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Comprehensive Plan chapter updates completed / adopted	0-chapter 1-minor	1-chapter 0-minor	4	2
Active transportation improvement projects ¹	1	0	0	0
VDOT Smart Scale submitted ²	3	0	2	0
Rural Rustic Road outreach	2	0	4	4

¹No projects scheduled now that Salem Ave. has been completed.

²These programs are biennial.

PROGRAM 2: Zoning and Development Services

Zoning and Development Services (ZDS) is responsible for all activity related to the development of land. This division is organized into two functional groups: Zoning and Land Development.

Zoning

Zoning administers, interprets, and enforces the *Zoning Ordinance*, *Subdivision Ordinance*, *Design Standards Manual*, and the land use and environmental provisions of the *Code of Virginia*. This division provides advice and recommendations regarding land development issues to the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission and handles all variance requests and appeals with the Board of Zoning Appeals. Staff provide detailed information to property owners about the ability to divide and develop their properties, as well as administer an enforcement program to respond to complaints and violations of the *Zoning Ordinance*.

Land Development

Land Development reviews and manages all development applications and activities throughout the land development and construction process. Environmental site evaluations, review of plans, and land-disturbing activity are handled under this function. Staff conduct field inspections of construction activity, street acceptance and bond reductions. Serves as program administrator for the Erosion and Sediment Control and Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program (VESMP).

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SERVICE VOLUME	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Divisions of land / plats processed	249	245	270	270
Infrastructure / construction / site plans processed	102	84	160	160
Zoning and administrative permits processed	1,549	1,313	1,650	1,800
Land disturbing permits processed	303	304	400	400
Code cases initiated	208	218	300	300
Inspections (Erosion and Sediment, code, site)	4,457	4,625	5,500	5,500

OBJECTIVES:

- Evaluate land for subdivision potential and manage all subdivision application reviews.
- Manage project review of all site plans for commercial development, construction plans for residential projects and infrastructure plans.
- Ensure all conditions of preliminary plats and special exceptions are met during the plan review process and prior to bond release.
- Enforce the requirements of the VESMP, including plan review, inspections, enforcement, and program management.
- Provide technical assistance on stormwater and engineering, inspections and water quality testing for the MS-4 Program.
- Perform Erosion and Sediment reviews, VESMP facility and bond release site inspections, as well as reviews of VESMP “As-Built” plans.
- Coordinate inspections with VDOT and conduct final processing associated with the State Secondary Street Acceptance Program.
- Offer Type I Soil Interpretation Program, including a Soil Map and soil analysis for requesting property owners who are developing an urban or agricultural land use plan.
- Work with the Health Department on soil and drain field issues.
- Develop and implement County environmental plans and programs.
- Manage the Water Resources Program, including groundwater monitoring, wellhead protection, water supply planning and water quality management, the MS-4 program, and improvement plans for impaired streams in conjunction with the Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Total Maximum Daily Loads Program.

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OUTCOME MEASURES	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Goal	FY 2026 Goal
Major site plan resubmissions, average per month	2	2	2	2
Construction / infrastructure plan resubmissions, average per month	2	2	2	2
MS-4 outreach programs	77	122	80	80
MS-4 screenings / inspections	22	22	22	22
MS-4 Nutrient reduction percent estimated: Rappahannock	100% P 100 % N 53% TSS	100% P 100 % N TSS ¹	100% P 100 % N	100% P 100 % N
MS-4 Nutrient reduction percent estimated: Potomac	100% P 100 % N 100% TSS	100% P 100 % N TSS ¹	100% P 100 % N	100% P 100 % N

¹Small MS-4s no longer required to track TSS as of November 1, 2023.

PROGRAM 3: *Building, Permitting, and Inspections*

This Division is responsible for all aspects of construction. The Permit Center staff intake, process, and issue all building permits and zoning permits. They assist with the processing of various other permits, including single-family land disturbing permits, administrative permits, sign permits and scheduling inspections. Building Construction staff administer, enforce, and interpret the *Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code*, and ensure that all residential and commercial building construction is performed in accordance with the *Building Code*.

SERVICE VOLUME	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Number of building permits issued	2,385	2,202	2,600	2,600
Number of building inspections	7,743	7,330	8,000	8,000
Building plan reviews performed	1,582	1,602	1,650	1,650

OBJECTIVES:

- Ensure all building plans and inspections are in compliance with the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.
- Train all departmental staff to enhance service capabilities.
- Enhance administrative processes for building permits.

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OUTCOME MEASURES	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Goal	FY 2026 Goal
Days to complete a commercial plan review as part of the building permit process, average	14	14	14	14
Value of new construction, in millions	\$159	\$123	\$190	\$190
New residential buildings	240	278	265	265
New commercial buildings or renovations / additions	64	57	75	75

Contributions

ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSE:

Fauquier County is a member of several regional agencies and provides annual contributions to a number of nonprofit organizations. These organizations provide services in areas that augment the level of resources available to Fauquier County residents.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed
Expenditure Summary:				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating	\$1,197,412	\$1,275,579	\$1,409,984	\$833,959
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,197,412	\$1,275,579	\$1,409,984	\$833,959
Revenue	\$15,414	\$16,562	\$4,500	\$14,884
Net Local Revenue	\$1,181,998	\$1,259,017	\$1,405,484	\$819,075

BUDGET ANALYSIS:

The FY 2026 Proposed Budget for Contributions includes a decrease of \$535,000 due to payment to the Fauquier SPCA being re-housed within the Sheriff’s Office budget. The Proposed Budget also includes a decrease of \$20,000 due to the closing of the Boys and Girls Club of Fauquier County in FY 2025. The Proposed Budget includes increases of \$13,975 in contributions to organizations based on the organization’s jurisdictional funding formulas.

Contributions

Organization	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed
General Government				
Occoquan Watershed Management Program*	\$10,590	\$22,860	\$24,040	\$24,319
Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory*	62,585	66,682	68,849	79,217
Rappahannock River Basin Commission*	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Rebates/Fee Waivers	49,144	0	45,000	10,000
Judicial Administration				
Legal Aid Works (LAW)	\$13,613	\$13,613	\$13,613	\$13,613
Piedmont Peace	49,050	49,050	51,500	51,500
Public Safety				
Fauquier SPCA, Inc. ¹	\$388,166	\$433,060	\$535,000	\$0 ²
Health and Welfare				
Boys & Girls Clubs of Fauquier	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$20,000	\$0 ³
Boys & Girls Clubs of Fauquier - Real Estate	11,653	0 ⁴	0	0
Community Touch, Inc.	30,000	30,000	40,000	40,000
Didlake, Inc.	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Fauquier Community Child Care, Inc.	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Fauquier Community Food Bank and Thrift Store	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Fauquier Family Shelter Services, Inc.	100,132	100,132	110,145	110,145
Fauquier FISH	0	0	10,000	10,000
Fauquier Free Clinic, Inc.	47,500	47,500	47,500	47,500
Hospice of the Piedmont	0	0	2,000	2,000
Hospice Support of Fauquier County, Inc.	3,500	3,500	4,000	4,000
Literacy Volunteers of Fauquier County	13,500	13,500	13,500	13,500
People, Inc. of Virginia	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

*Formula-driven funding contribution.

¹ Prior actuals include distributions from animal friendly license plates and dog tag fees as part of MOU for animal control facility. Also includes funding for annual financial audit including \$15,000 in FY 2025.

² In the FY 2026 budget, payment to the Fauquier SPCA will be accounted for within the Sheriff's Office budget rather than Contributions.

³ The Boys and Girls Club shut down during FY 2025.

⁴ The Boys and Girls Club previously received a real estate tax rebate, but in 2023 the organization moved and no longer had a real estate tax responsibility.

Contributions

Organization	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed
Culture				
Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County	\$617	\$617	\$5,000	\$5,000
Fauquier Alliance for Youth	2,470	2,470	2,470	2,470
Fauquier Heritage & Preservation Foundation, Inc.	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Fauquier Historical Society, Inc.	10,172	10,172	11,500	11,500
Fauquier Veterans Memorial	1,600	1,600	1,600	1,600
Piedmont Symphony Orchestra ⁵	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Virginia War Memorial	94	94	500	500
Community Development				
Fauquier County Fair	\$7,408	\$7,408	\$7,408	\$7,408
Fauquier Education Farm, Inc.	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Fauquier Habitat for Humanity	16,200	16,200	20,000	20,000
Foothills Housing Corporation	55,300	55,300	55,300	55,300
Hero's Bridge	0	75,000 ⁶	0	0
Northern Virginia 4-H Educational & Conference Center	6,172	7,000	7,500	7,500
Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission*	65,596	65,596	66,870	66,870
Remington Community Partnership, Inc.	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Virginia Regional Transit – M,W,F*	23,962	27,756	29,153	31,150
Virginia Regional Transit – T,Th*	15,974	18,504	19,436	20,767
Warrenton-Fauquier Visitor Center	42,600	42,600	42,600	42,600
School Division				
Virginia Preschool Initiative	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000
Total Contributions:	\$1,236,482	\$1,275,579	\$1,409,984	\$833,959

*Formula-driven funding contribution.

⁵ Historically 45% funded through Virginia Commissioner of the Arts grant.

⁶ In FY 2021 the County committed \$250,000 to Hero's Bridge for the Hero's Bridge Village. In FY 2024 \$75,000 of this \$250,000 was paid. In FY 2025, the remaining \$175,000 was paid.

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Overview of Contributions by Organization

Organization Name: **Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County**

FY 2026 Proposed: \$5,000

Description: The Afro-American Historical Association provides educational programs and reference services to promote the African American heritage of Fauquier County. The organization maintains a museum, substantial reference library and actively participates in countywide commemorative events. In 2024, the Association unveiled a new historical database of those who have been enslaved in Fauquier County.

Organization Name: **Community Touch Inc.**

FY 2026 Proposed: \$40,000

Description: Community Touch provides transitional housing, practical tools, and resources including food, clothes, and other supplies to the County's in-need population and throughout the region. Community Touch is based in Bealeton.

Organization Name: **Didlake, Inc.**

FY 2026 Proposed: \$40,000

Description: Didlake provides employment, training, and behavioral health services to individuals with intellectual, physical, and other disabilities throughout the County.

Organization Name: **Fauquier Alliance for Youth**

FY 2026 Proposed: \$2,470

Description: Fauquier Alliance for Youth is a coalition of more than 40 youth service organizations dedicated to enhancing the provision of programs for the County's youth including youth sports clubs, early education providers, after school programs, the library, the sheriff's office, mental health associations, and public school representatives.

Organization Name: **Fauquier Community Child Care Inc.**

FY 2026 Proposed: \$9,000

Description: Fauquier Community Child Care provides affordable and accessible childcare. FCCC meets the out-of-school needs of the children served by Fauquier County Public Schools who are ages 5-14.

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Organization Name: Fauquier Community Food Bank and Thrift Store

FY 2026 Proposed: \$20,000

Description: The Fauquier Community Food Bank and Thrift Store provides emergency help with food, household provisions, Senior Commodity boxes, pantry services, and firewood to County residents in need.

Organization Name: Fauquier County Fair

FY 2026 Proposed: \$7,408

Description: The Fauquier County Fair is an annual event promoting Fauquier County's rural attributes. The event is staffed entirely by volunteers. They also provide a facility to organizations and the community.

Organization Name: Fauquier Education Farm, Inc.

FY 2026 Proposed: \$5,000

Description: The Fauquier Education Farm provides agricultural support and educational services, assists local area food banks, and demonstrates and documents best-method farm practices for the County's agricultural communities.

Organization Name: Fauquier Family Shelter Services, Inc.

FY 2026 Proposed: \$110,145

Description: Fauquier Family Shelter Services provides short-term shelter, transitional housing, and support for the County's homeless population. The organization operates emergency and transitional housing services at two facilities.

Organization Name: Fauquier FISH

FY 2026 Proposed: \$10,000

Description: Fauquier FISH provides a range of services including food pantry distribution, a Book Bag School Supply drive, Weekend Power Pack meals for Fauquier County school children, Senior Meals, a Farmers Market Program, and holiday food baskets. Across all of these programs, Fauquier FISH serves over 5,000 individuals annually.

Organization Name: Fauquier Free Clinic, Inc.

FY 2026 Proposed: \$47,500

Description: The Fauquier Free Clinic provides health and dental care to low-income residents of Fauquier and Rappahannock counties who otherwise lack access to routine medical care.

Contributions

Organization Name: Fauquier Habitat for Humanity

FY 2026 Proposed: \$20,000

Description: The Fauquier Habitat for Humanity provides low-income families the opportunity to purchase and live-in affordable housing. They also provide renovations and training to qualified low-income residents.

Organization Name: Fauquier Heritage & Preservation Foundation, Inc.

FY 2026 Proposed: \$3,000

Description: The Fauquier Heritage & Preservation Foundation maintains Fauquier County historical and genealogical resources and provides research and assistance to County residents and researchers. The organization operates the John K. Gott Research Library in Marshall.

Organization Name: Fauquier Historical Society, Inc.

FY 2026 Proposed: \$11,500

Description: The Fauquier Historical Society is dedicated to preserving, educating, maintaining, and promoting items of historical interest in the County. The organization operates the Old Jail Museum in Warrenton.

Organization Name: Fauquier Veterans Memorial

FY 2026 Proposed: \$1,600

Description: The Fauquier Veterans Memorial maintains the County's veterans memorial, located on Hospital Hill in Warrenton. The County's contribution provides for necessary maintenance.

Organization Name: Foothills Housing Corporation

FY 2026 Proposed: \$55,300

Description: Foothills Housing Corporation is dedicated to providing affordable housing opportunities, both ownership and rental, or assistance in the rehabilitation of a County resident's current home.

Organization Name: Hospice of the Piedmont

FY 2026 Proposed: \$2,000

Description: Hospice of the Piedmont provides end of life care, child and adult grief counseling, education, and residential end of life care at Hospice House and the Center for Acute Hospice Care.

Contributions

Organization Name: Hospice Support of Fauquier County, Inc.
FY 2026 Proposed: \$4,000
Description: Hospice Support of Fauquier County provides assistance, medical equipment, support, and counseling to individuals facing life-threatening illness and/or bereavement.

Organization Name: Legal Aid Works (LAW)
FY 2026 Proposed: \$13,613
Description: Legal Aid Works provides free legal services to low-income residents throughout the region with offices in Tappahannock, Fredericksburg, and Culpeper.

Organization Name: Literacy Volunteers of Fauquier County
FY 2026 Proposed: \$13,500
Description: Literacy Volunteers provides services to County residents seeking instruction in English and mathematics and assists with providing access to workforce training and education. The organization provides instruction through a combination of classes, tutoring, workforce training, tax preparation services, and maintains a one-stop visitor center.

Organization Name: Northern Virginia 4-H Education and Conference Center
FY 2026 Proposed: \$7,500
Description: The Northern Virginia 4-H Center provides camping, training, and leadership programs to area youth. The center also offers special camping, retreating and educational experiences to children with special needs.

Organization Name: Occoquan Watershed Management Program
FY 2026 Proposed: \$24,319
Description: The Occoquan Watershed Management Program supports member jurisdictions with the development and implementation of strategies to maintain the health of the Occoquan River watershed. Fauquier County's contribution has been established by inter-jurisdictional agreement.

Organization Name: Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory
FY 2026 Proposed: \$79,217
Description: The Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Laboratory provides monitoring of all streams and water bodies within the Occoquan watershed. This includes continuous monitoring of streamflow and water quality at stream gages and within the Occoquan reservoir. Fauquier County's contribution has been established by inter-jurisdictional agreement.

Contributions

Organization Name: **People, Inc. of Virginia**
FY 2026 Proposed: \$5,000
Description: People, Inc. of Virginia provides various opportunities to County residents including affordable housing, financial assistance and training, and other services.

Organization Name: **Piedmont Peace**
FY 2026 Proposed: \$51,500
Description: The Piedmont Dispute Resolution Center provides free or very reduced cost mediation and restorative justice services to residents throughout the County.

Organization Name: **Piedmont Symphony Orchestra**
FY 2026 Proposed: \$10,000
Description: Piedmont Symphony Orchestra provides a shared experience in symphonic repertoire for musicians and the community, scholarships, and an educational program in Fauquier County Schools.

Organization Name: **Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission**
FY 2026 Proposed: \$66,870
Description: The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission functions as the region's planning district commission under the Code of Virginia. Fauquier County's contribution has been established by inter-jurisdictional agreement.

Organization Name: **Rappahannock River Basin Commission**
FY 2026 Proposed: \$1,000
Description: The Rappahannock River Basin Commission supports member jurisdictions' development of strategies to maintain the health of the Rappahannock River watershed. Fauquier County's contribution has been established by inter-jurisdictional agreement.

Organization Name: **Rebates / Fee Waivers**
FY 2026 Proposed: \$10,000
Description: Contingency funding for rebate and fee waivers authorized by the Board of Supervisors throughout the fiscal year.

Contributions

Organization Name: Remington Community Partnership, Inc.

FY 2026 Proposed: \$6,000

Description: The Remington Community Partnership supports historic preservation and promotional programs in Remington. Activities include the development of walking and bicycle tours and redevelopment of the former train depot as a local history museum.

Organization Name: Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc.

FY 2026 Proposed: \$2,500

Description: The Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project works to improve quality of life for low-income individuals by promoting affordable water and wastewater facilities, community development, environmental health, and economic self-sufficiency.

Organization Name: Virginia Preschool Initiative

FY 2026 Proposed: \$54,000

Description: The Virginia Preschool Initiative program is administered by Fauquier County Public Schools. Utilizing a combination of local and State funding, the program provides preschool education and childcare for at-risk preschool-age children who are not eligible for other programs.

Organization Name: Virginia Regional Transit

FY 2026 Proposed: \$51,917

Description: Virginia Regional Transit is the County's rural transit provider with a weekday and Saturday Circuit Rider in Warrenton and on-demand services throughout the County.

Organization Name: Virginia War Memorial

FY 2026 Proposed: \$500

Description: The Virginia War Memorial uses these funds to help underwrite educational and patriotic programs that connect current Virginians to Virginians lost in wars.

Organization Name: Warrenton-Fauquier Visitor Center

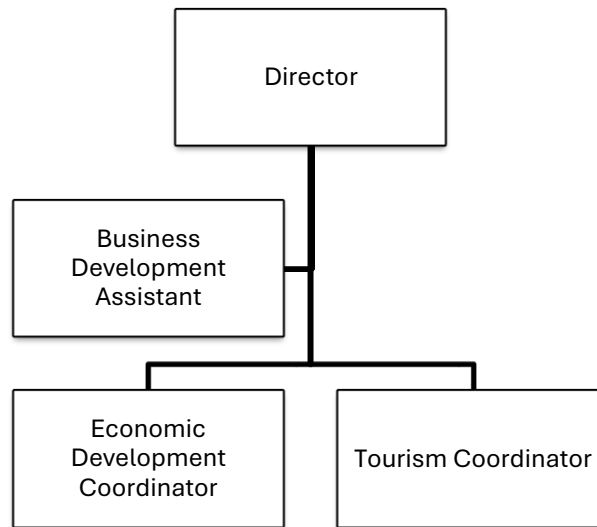
FY 2026 Proposed: \$42,600

Description: The Warrenton-Fauquier Visitor Center provides travel, relocation, and local event information. The Visitor Center is located on Main Street in Warrenton.

Economic Development

ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSE:

The Department of Economic Development develops and implements programs designed to assist with the expansion of a balanced and prosperous economic base for Fauquier County. Core duties include business retention and expansion activities with our existing business base, recruitment of new businesses compatible with the Comprehensive Plan, workforce initiatives to provide the residents of Fauquier County with employment and training opportunities to further their careers, and tourism development and marketing to support our tourism businesses and to increase sales and meals taxes for the County and Towns. Economic Development also works to promote our core tourism sectors to increase jobs, wages, and the tax base.



GOALS:

- Support economic development as directed by the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors.
- Expand the business tax base within Fauquier County through business recruitment, retention, and expansion.
- Expand job opportunities for residents of Fauquier County through the development of workforce training programs in cooperation with Laurel Ridge Community College that assist residents with opportunities for advancing their careers and to assist our existing and new businesses with workforce training programs for their workers.
- Continue to support tourism through work with our existing tourism businesses and entities, recruitment of new tourism businesses and marketing of Fauquier County to the D.C. Metro region.

Economic Development

KEY PROJECTS FOR FY 2026:

- Continue to provide financing options for existing and new businesses through our Technology, Tourism, and Façade Improvement grant programs, and microloan program.
- Continue to market key site availability on the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) Virginia Scan database and through FauquierBusiness.com website.
- Continue to market Fauquier County to four target industries: Food and Beverage Production, IT/Cyber, Government/Defense Contracting, and Advanced Manufacturing.
- Continue to identify ways to support Economic Development within the Towns and Villages.
- Continue to develop ways to nurture entrepreneurship and small business development.
- Continue to work with County Geographic Information System (GIS) to map important assets within the County.
- Continue outreach to existing businesses in the County and inform them of programs and opportunities for growth.
- Continue to work with Related Services Group which includes Economic Development, Agricultural Development, GIS and Community Development.
- Work in cooperation with the Agricultural Development Department on an abattoir project for the Fauquier Livestock Exchange.
- Work with GO VA Region 9 on the Wine Cluster Up Implementation Grant to provide further research and resources for wineries.
- Work with GO VA Region 9 on the Food Accelerator Grant to provide resources for Food and Beverage producers.
- Continue partnership with Laurel Ridge Community College to pursue workforce resources and programs for local businesses.
- Expand efforts to market County tourism assets to the D.C. Metro area and promote travel within the County.
- Work with existing private landowners to improve the attractiveness of their sites through identifying funds to perform due diligence studies that will raise the tier ranking of the sites in the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP).
- Continue partnership with the Fauquier Chamber of Commerce, and other business organizations on networking, educational events, webinars, and workshops.

Economic Development

BUDGET SUMMARY:

Department Total	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed
Expenditure Summary:				
Personnel	\$454,623	\$489,401	\$512,880	\$532,062
Operating	\$568,733	\$405,497	\$414,058	\$282,170
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,023,356	\$894,898	\$926,938	\$814,232
Revenue	\$68,390	\$39,826	\$4,500	\$0
Net Local Revenue	\$954,966	\$855,072	\$922,438	\$814,232
Full Time Staff	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Part Time Staff	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Full-time Equivalents	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00

BUDGET ANALYSIS:

The FY 2026 Proposed Budget for Economic Development includes personnel expenditure adjustments related to the FY 2025 compensation increase. In addition, a 2.7% cost of living adjustment and an average of 2.0% merit increase is budgeted for Economic Development in Non-Departmental. The Proposed Budget also includes a decrease in the amount of \$126,188 due anticipated closure of the Warrenton business incubator in FY 2025.

PROGRAM 1: *Business Retention and Expansion, Recruitment and Workforce Development.*

The Business Retention/Business Development program encompasses both the retention and expansion of existing businesses in the County and marketing to encourage new businesses to locate in the County. Nationally, more than 80% of all new local tax revenue and job growth comes from expansion of the existing business base. New business development provides an opportunity for economic growth from companies wishing to relocate from sites outside of the County. Initiatives undertaken by this program include:

- Continually update and refine economic development strategy to add additional jobs and expand the tax base.
- Enhance value of services for small business and entrepreneurs by providing necessary counseling and resources to meet the need of entrepreneurs and services for existing businesses. Continue to partner with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC).
- Continuing to refine our staff roles to ensure maximum efficiency in delivering services for existing and new businesses.

Economic Development

- Continue to strengthen relationship with VEDP, regional Economic Development partners, and other local and state agencies to enhance exposure of Fauquier County.
- Continue working with County Administration and the WSA to develop infrastructure at County sites. Work with VEDP’s VBRSP to advance County sites through the State Tier ranking system.
- Promote the County’s local incentive zones, including Tourism, Technology, the Defense Industry, and Green Development Zones.
- Partner with the Fauquier County Economic Development Authority, local banks, and others to assist our business community through grants and the Microloan Programs.
- Expand relationships with the Towns of Warrenton, The Plains and Remington.
- Expand resource offerings for small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- Assist businesses with strategic site location and identify technical requirements and regulations. Partner with Community Development on expedited review of commercial and industrial projects.
- Develop and expand Workforce Development programs and initiatives by coordinating with existing businesses and Laurel Ridge Community College on specific training curricula and certificate programs to meet the needs of target sector companies.
- Continue marketing campaign through digital advertising toward targeted industry sectors.

SERVICE VOLUME	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Visits to business website	7,630	14,805	15,000	15,200
Retention and expansion visits	29	47	50	50
Number of new prospect businesses	46	39	40	40
Successful relocations and expansions	8	8	10	10

OBJECTIVES:

- Expand the tax and employee bases of the County by assisting new and expanding businesses.

OUTCOME MEASURES	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Goal	FY 2026 Goal
Licensed businesses in Fauquier County ^{1,2}	2,450	N/A	2,550	2,600
Business taxes paid, in millions ^{1,3}	\$34.7	\$60.6	\$62	\$65
New business startups ⁴	77	113	110	120
Jobs, Q1 average ⁵	22,360	22,468	23,500	24,000
County unemployment rate ⁴	2.6%	2.4%	2.5%	2.5%

¹Source: Fauquier County Commissioner of the Revenue’s Office.

²For FY 2024, due to transition to new management software, business licenses is not reported.

Economic Development

³Business taxes include meals tax, transient occupancy tax, sales tax and utility tax.

⁴Source: Virginia Employment Commission.

⁵Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

PROGRAM 2: *Tourism*

This program assists local tourism and travel trade businesses and promotes attractions in the County through the marketing of travel-related events, grant development, and related activities. Tourism also encourages cross-marketing among tourism-related businesses. Initiatives undertaken by this department include:

- Coordinate radio, print and online advertisements for Fauquier Tourism and Fauquier Business along with other promotional efforts on social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) and e-newsletters.
- Maintain a relationship with Advance Travel & Tourism to continue targeted marketing activities.
- Maintain the County tourism website, VisitFauquier.com and the economic development website, FauquierBusiness.com.
- Plan and assist with promotional events for businesses and tourism, including the Annual Fauquier County Wine Tasting and Competition event in February.
- Work with the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission's Regional Tourism Committee (made up of the Counties of Fauquier, Rappahannock, Culpeper, Orange, and Madison) on regional tourism initiatives and promotion of *the Purely Piedmont* – a regional Agri-Tourism initiative.
- Work with the Region 9 Go Virginia Wine Cluster Implementation Grant.
- Work with tourism businesses to help promote services and events.
- Encourage travel writers to visit Fauquier County's tourism assets.
- Maintain an active membership in the Virginia Restaurant Lodging and Travel Association and the Mid-Atlantic Travel PR Association.
- Administer the Tourism and Technology Matching Grant Programs.
- Work with industry organizations including the Virginia Tourism Corporation, Fauquier County Chamber, Experience Old Town Warrenton, Marshall Moving Forward, and Civil War Trails.
- Assist with hotel development in Fauquier County to increase the County's tourism activity and tax revenues.

Economic Development

SERVICE VOLUME	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Hours spent updating website / social media	400	425	425	425
Tourism initiatives completed	9	10	12	12
Requests for tourism brochures	32	67	75	80
Tourism E-newsletter distribution, number emailed + Facebook reach	9,300	9,800	10,000	10,200
Hours spent on tourism-related committee work	100	110	125	125

OBJECTIVES:

- Increase contributions to Fauquier County’s tax base through tourism development.
- Increase County revenues through increased residential and visitor leisure spending.
- Assist County tourism businesses, both established and new.
- Represent Fauquier County to State, regional, and local tourism-related organizations.

OUTCOME MEASURES	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Goal	FY 2026 Goal
Newsletter sign-ups, total	849	891	920	930
Visits to County tourism website – VisitFauquier.com	18,018	137,561	140,000	145,000
Social media followers, tourism and business, on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram	17,983	16,963	17,100	17,500
Facebook and Instagram post reach, tourism and business, in millions ¹	1.9	1.1	1.0	1.2
Total leisure spending in Fauquier County, in millions ²	\$182.5	\$182.1	\$182.5	\$183
Persons employed in tourism industry ²	1,254	1,287	1,425	1,475
Payroll from tourism jobs, in millions ²	\$46.0	\$49.7	\$50.0	\$52.0
Lodging tax revenue, Fauquier County	\$176,477	\$198,613	\$200,000	\$210,000
Meals tax revenue, Fauquier County, in millions	\$4.2	\$4.3	\$4.5	\$4.6
Lodging tax revenue, Town of Warrenton	\$270,943	\$299,420	\$300,000	\$300,000
Meals tax revenue, Town of Warrenton, in millions	\$5.3	\$5.6	\$5.5	\$5.5

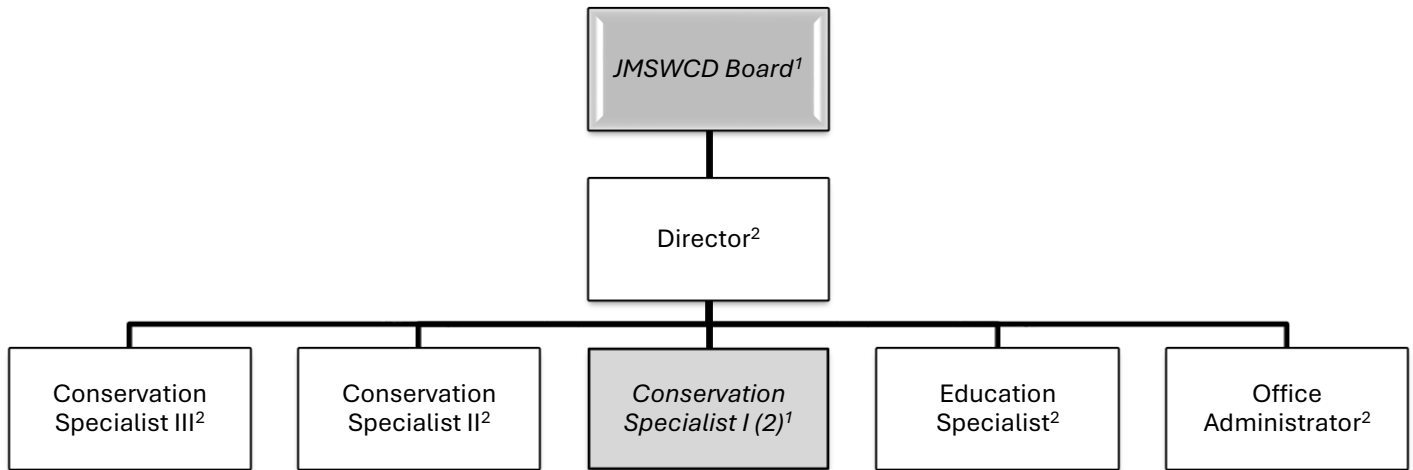
¹Facebook measurements for each year are available for individual post reach. Reach is based on how many individuals have seen posts or ads versus Impressions which are based on the amount of views and includes multiple views by the same person.

²Source: Virginia Tourism Corporation Economic Impacts of Travel, Virginia Locality Economic Impact Data. Data is reported by previous calendar year, not Fiscal Year.

John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District

ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSE:

The John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District (JMSWCD) provides leadership, technical assistance, and education to the residents of Fauquier County in proper soil stewardship and water quality protection to ensure wise use of the County's natural resources. The 1987 Amendment to the Clean Water Act identified non-point source pollution as a major threat to the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters. JMSWCD administers the Virginia Agricultural Cost Share Program, the primary means to reduce non-point source pollution on agricultural lands in Fauquier County.



¹The JMSWCD Board and Conservation Specialist I positions are not County funded.

²Positions partially supported by County funds.

GOALS:

- Administer programs that promote the installation of agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) and provide technical assistance to County residents in the design and installation of BMPs.
- Provide education to Fauquier County residents in soil stewardship and water quality protection.
- Implement an effective marketing and outreach campaign to increase awareness of JMSWCD programs and services.
- Advance programs that address emerging natural resource concerns.

John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District

KEY PROJECTS FOR FY 2026:

- Provide technical assistance to the agricultural community in the design and installation of agricultural BMPs and other soil and water conservation techniques.
- Administer natural resources conservation programs as developed by the Commonwealth of Virginia (i.e., Virginia Agricultural Cost Share and Tax Credit Program or the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program).
- Provide program support to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the implementation of federal conservation programs.
- Develop, conduct, and evaluate youth and adult educational programs such as Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences (MWEEs) and other targeted programming.
- Collaborate with other agencies and organizations with a similar mission to deliver soil and water conservation programs.
- Increase awareness and understanding of JMSWCD’s programs within the agricultural, contracting, and non-farming communities.
- Evaluate emerging natural resource concerns to establish JMSWCD’s role in their resolution.
- Identify, promote, and implement innovative conservation techniques and technologies.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed
Expenditure Summary:				
Personnel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating	\$161,985	\$198,041	\$209,163	\$212,814
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$161,985	\$198,041	\$209,163	\$212,814
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Local Revenue	\$161,985	\$198,041	\$209,163	\$212,814

BUDGET ANALYSIS:

The FY 2026 Proposed Budget for the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District (JMSWCD) includes personnel expenditure adjustments related to the FY 2025 compensation increase. In addition, the County’s share of a 2.7% cost of living adjustment and an average of 2.0% merit increase is budgeted for the JMSWCD in Non-Departmental.

John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District

PROGRAM 1: *Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share Program*

This program provides financial incentives for farmers and landowners to install more than 75 different agricultural BMPs that improve water quality and conserve valuable soil resources.

SERVICE VOLUME	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Stream bank protection, linear feet	233,306	160,836	162,000	170,000
Cropland conservation measures, acres	13,100	23,022	11,200	11,800
Restored riparian forest buffers, acres ¹	14.3	33.7	12.0	14.0
Riparian vegetated buffers, acres ²	710.0	1,412.8	440	450
Agricultural incentives issued (Cost Share and Tax Credits), in thousands	\$2,240	\$3,199	\$1,200	\$1,200

¹Metric includes planting of trees in cropland, hay-land, and riparian buffers through tree planting BMPs (i.e., FR-1, FR-3).

²Metric includes riparian buffers protected through stream exclusion and continuing conservation initiative BMPs (i.e., SL-6, CCI-SL-6).

OBJECTIVES:

- Provide technical assistance and/or cost-share to farmers and landowners in the design, installation, and implementation of agricultural BMPs in Fauquier County to reduce non-point source pollution levels as required by the Chesapeake Bay Agreement and Tributary Strategies.
- Implement the Upper Goose Creek TMDL grant to address water quality impairments in the Goose Creek watershed.
- Implement the Carter Run, Great Run, Deep Run, Thumb Run, Craig Run, Browns Run, and Marsh Run TMDL grants to address water quality impairments in the Carter Run, Great Run, Deep Run, Thumb Run, Craig Run, Browns Run, and Marsh Run watersheds.
- Assess resource management plans, in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). These plans, once fully implemented, will provide farmers a “safe harbor” from new State regulations for a period of nine years. Resource management plans will be regularly spot checked by District personnel.
- Provide technical assistance to NRCS and FSA to implement Farm Bill Conservation Programs.

John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District

OUTCOME MEASURES	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Goal	FY 2026 Goal
Percent of allocation issued to landowners ¹	42%	26%	75%	75%
Percent of funds allocated ²	98.0%	93.6%	90%	75%
Number of projects completed	126	158	90	130
Outreach, number of farm visits	446	371	385	405
Acres under conservation planning	14,118	23,022	11,500	15,000
Agricultural Tax Credits issued ³	\$14,744	\$29,299	\$5,000	\$7,500

¹This measure can vary from year to year based on the percentage of agronomic practices approved (i.e., cover crops) versus structural practices approved (i.e., livestock stream exclusion). Structural practices can be carried over into the next fiscal year reducing the level of payments made in the year they were approved.

²In FY 2025, the DCR restructured how the District earns technical assistance funds. Technical assistance funds are provided at a rate of 13% of the District's total obligated funds. For example, if the District obligates \$500,000 in FY 2025 cost share funds, the District will receive \$65,000 in technical assistance fund.

³The District issues tax credits for the calendar year a practice is completed.

PROGRAM 2: Education Programs

The District provides Standards of Learning-based resources and support for classroom teachers in the areas of science, natural resources, and the environment. Additionally, the District provides programs for community groups such as Master Naturalists, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the community at large.

SERVICE VOLUME	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Conservation and Farm Tour Field Days	2	2	4	4
Conservation education programs	56	102	175	175
Water monitoring programs	11	65	35	40
Conservation newsletters/annual reports	8	7	7	7

OBJECTIVES:

- Educate County residents about the importance of protecting and conserving soil and water resources.
- Increase community awareness of educational programs and services offered by the JMSWCD. Outreach targets teachers, students, County departments, residents, contractors, engineers, and local businesses.
- Provide MWEs for students as outlined in the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Agreement.
- Conduct Farm Field Days (3rd and 7th Grades) and provide assistance in organizing Fauquier County Fall Farm Tour.
- Manage water quality monitoring projects with local schools and other interested parties.

John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District

- Continue resident monitoring program and provide data to Virginia Save Our Streams and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.
- Promote and implement the Virginia Conservation Assistance Program, an urban cost-share program that provides financial incentives, and technical and educational assistance to County landowners.

OUTCOME MEASURES	FY 2023 ¹ Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Goal	FY 2026 Goal
Student audience	2,309	5,473	3,400	6,000
Adult audience	422	1,287	600	1,000
Articles/news releases	103	74	75	75
Water quality tests performed	269	323	336	348
Online hits, Facebook and webpage	5,987	6,083	13,000	7,000

¹FY 2023 measurement includes virtual and in-person audiences.

Planning Commission Architectural Review Board Board of Zoning Appeals

ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSE:

The Code of Virginia requires the County to have a Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The Code also allows for the establishment of an Architectural Review Board (ARB).

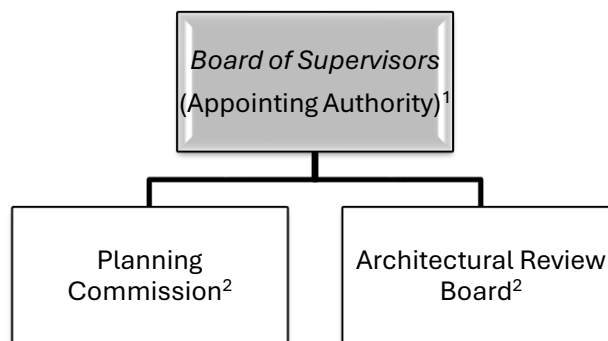
Planning Commission:

The five-member Planning Commission reviews Adopted text amendments to the County Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances and Comprehensive Plan, as well as rezonings, special exceptions and other waiver applications, and provides recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission reviews and approves preliminary subdivision applications. Additional key responsibilities include periodic review and revision of the County's Comprehensive Plan, Design Standards Manual, other associated land development regulations, and the five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Architectural Review Board:

The seven-member ARB is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to identify, protect, and educate the community on the County's historic and cultural resources in a proactive, non-regulatory manner. The ARB undertakes projects related to documentation of historic resources, recognition, and enhancement of rural and village historic districts, battlefield protection, and approaches to maintaining the County's architectural character. The ARB also serves as the County clearinghouse on historic issues and provides educational materials and workshops regarding County-wide historic resources.

Planning Commission/Architectural Review Board



¹The Board of Supervisors is funded out of their own Department budget.

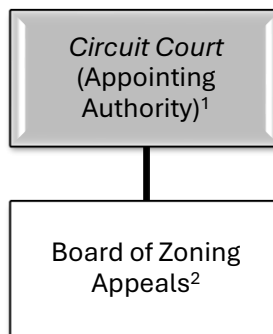
²Each group receives staff support from Community Development.

Planning Commission Architectural Review Board Board of Zoning Appeals

Board of Zoning Appeals:

The BZA is a quasi-judicial body, consisting of five members appointed by the Circuit Court. The BZA considers and acts upon appeals regarding Zoning Administrator decisions, as well as applications for interpretation of the Zoning Map where uncertainty exists. It conducts public hearings and acts upon appeals, variances, and related requests.

Board of Zoning Appeals



¹The Circuit Court is funded by the State.

²The BZA receives staff support from Community Development.

GOALS:

- Promote the orderly development of Fauquier County, with a focus on sustainability of the community through appropriate land use and development patterns, and stewardship of its environment.
- Improve public health, safety, convenience, and welfare of County residents.
- Ensure that Service Districts and future transportation systems are carefully planned and developed with a focus towards enhancing the County's quality of life through adequate roadways, services, and facilities, and maintaining a balance of residential and business development.
- Recognize agriculture, industry and business needs in future growth.
- Preserve agricultural and forestal land, natural resources and habitat and historic resources as key elements in the overall community of service districts, towns, villages, and rural areas.
- Ensure growth of the community is consistent with the efficient and economical use of public funds.

Planning Commission Architectural Review Board Board of Zoning Appeals

KEY PROJECTS FOR FY 2026:

- **Planning Commission**
 - Evaluate and make recommendations on the Adopted Capital Improvement Plan.
 - Initiate and review updates to relevant chapters of the Comprehensive Plan as identified by the Board of Supervisors, and work on implementing any ordinances.
 - Participate in community meetings related to Comprehensive Plan updates.
 - Participate in any follow-up activities related to the strategic plan for 2050.
 - Work with the Town of Warrenton and Town of Remington on joint planning issues.

- **Architectural Review Board**
 - Seek annual funding from the Department of Historic Resources for Planning Survey Grants to aid in the identification of cultural resources through survey.
 - Conduct annual public preservation education programs for National Historic Preservation Month in May and Virginia Archeology Month in October.
 - Implement annual County Preservation Award Program recognizing outstanding preservation projects conducted by residents.

- **Board of Zoning Appeals**
 - Evaluate and make recommendations on development applications.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed
Expenditure Summary:				
Personnel	\$81,850	\$76,672	\$95,486	\$95,486
Operating	\$25,521	\$17,724	\$62,150	\$62,150
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$107,371	\$94,396	\$157,636	\$157,636
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Local Revenue	\$107,371	\$94,396	\$157,636	\$157,636

BUDGET ANALYSIS:

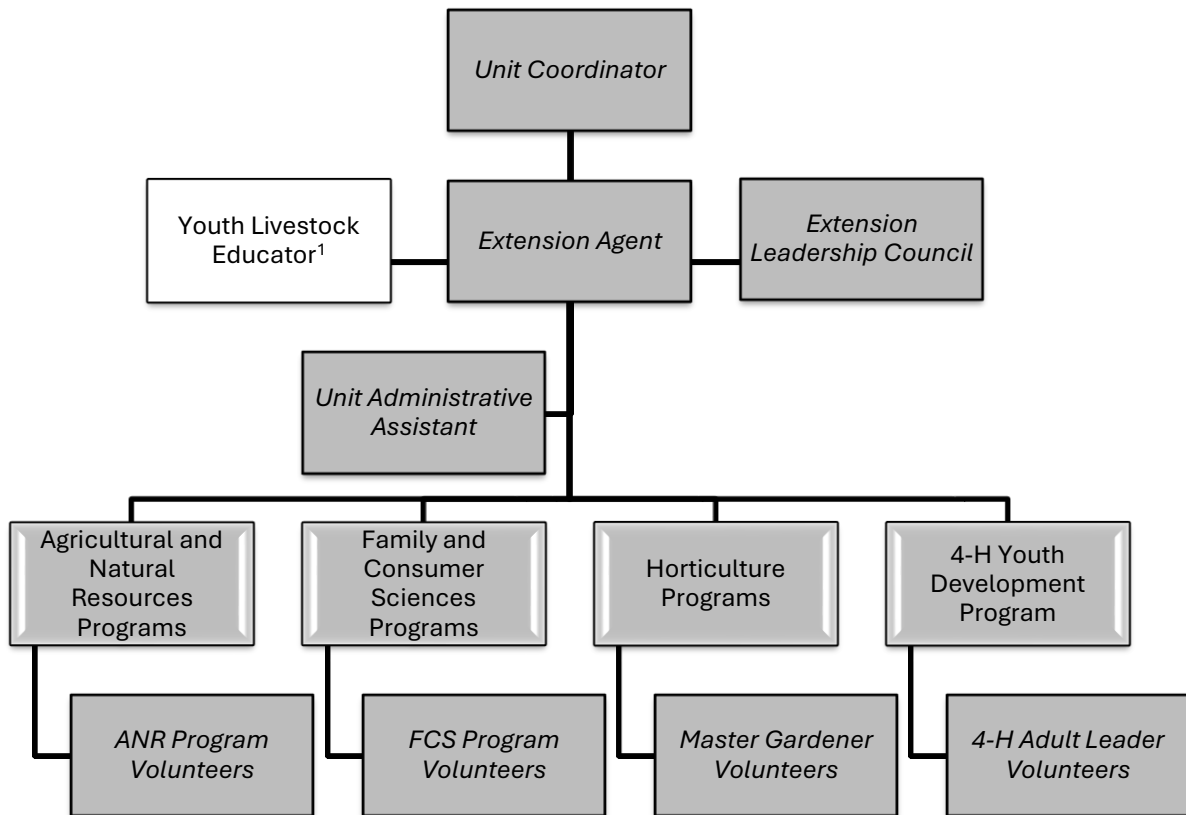
The FY 2026 Proposed Budget for the Planning Commission, the Architectural Review Board, and the Board of Zoning Appeals includes no budgetary adjustments in comparison to FY 2025.

Virginia Cooperative Extension

ORGANIZATIONAL PURPOSE:

Virginia Cooperative Extension (VCE) connects public land-grant universities with individuals, localities, and organizations throughout the Commonwealth to ensure all Virginians have access to evidence-based resources to foster safe, resilient, and healthy communities. Recognizing that knowledge is power, VCE serves people where they live and work. The nature of VCE’s programming is interdisciplinary, and aims to address complex issues in a comprehensive manner.

VCE has an existing network of facilities with 107 City and County unit offices, 11 Agricultural Research and Extension Centers, six 4-H centers and two university campuses and satellites, professional extension staff, and university specialists to deliver vital educational programs to the public. This network is enhanced by a connection to the resources of the land grant universities across the nation and is already located in every County and major City in the State.



¹All Virginia Cooperative Extension positions are currently State-funded positions, with the exception of one full-time Youth Livestock Educator, which is a position managed and funded by the County.

Virginia Cooperative Extension

GOALS:

- Improve health and well-being.
- Develop children and youth.
- Support a safe and stable food supply.
- Build resilient communities.
- Improve environmental health.

KEY PROJECTS FOR FY 2026:

- Continue to implement and evaluate the 4-H Afterschool Program.
- Continue Youth Livestock Service-Learning Projects to help youth develop life skills while supporting local food banks.
- Continue development and maintenance of a Community Garden.
- Expand mentor education for new and beginning farmers at the Fauquier Education Farm.
- Increase financial management training opportunities for agricultural producers.
- Scout for and increase public awareness of new invasive species.
- Make producers aware of and of how to manage zoonotic diseases.

BUDGET SUMMARY:

	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted	FY 2026 Proposed
Expenditure Summary:				
Personnel	\$85,440	\$79,542	\$86,123	\$80,650
Operating	\$169,202	\$189,107	\$204,596	\$204,596
Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$254,642	\$268,649	\$290,719	\$285,246
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Local Revenue	\$254,642	\$268,649	\$290,719	\$285,246
Full Time Staff	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Part Time Staff	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Full-time Equivalents	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

BUDGET ANALYSIS:

The FY 2026 Proposed Budget for the Virginia Cooperative Extension includes personnel expenditure adjustments related to the FY 2025 compensation increase. In addition, a 2.7% cost of living adjustment and an average of 2.0% merit increase is budgeted for Cooperative Extension County-funded staff in Non-Departmental.

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PROGRAM 1: Cooperative Extension

SERVICE VOLUME	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Projected	FY 2026 Projected
Services for diagnostic analysis performed	352	309	250	250
Aggregate contacts, including programming	37,543	55,536	38,000	38,000
4-H enrollment	2,800	4,047	3,000	3,000
4-H Adult volunteer enrollment	642	653	700	700
Master gardener volunteers trained	21	23	24	24
Local government, community Boards and Committees, number of meetings attended	154	88	160	160

OBJECTIVES:

- Recruit and train resident volunteers to assist with the delivery of VCE educational programs.
- Increase the number of resident contacts between VCE agents and volunteers across all programming areas.
- Protect local waters by reducing nutrient loading in residential lawns, streams, and farm ponds.
- Provide individual support and programming information to achieve/maintain farm profitability and viability.
- Provide and cultivate positive youth development through educational experiential learning opportunities.
- Increase opportunities for education and awareness of food safety and food entrepreneurship in the community.

OUTCOME MEASURES	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Goal	FY 2026 Goal
New extension volunteers trained	185	34	200	200
Value of hours of service by extension volunteers	\$311,538	\$324,073	\$320,000	\$320,000
Nutrient Management Plans proposed by and written for County residents ¹	188	152	215	215
Number of servings of protein donated to local food banks as a result of youth livestock service-learning projects	55,210	15,389 ²	60,000	60,000
Number of agricultural producers trained in BMPs	310	384	320	320

¹Nutrition Management Plans are valid for five years. These numbers represent the plans active in each fiscal year.

²Data Incomplete.