

Cumberland County Annual Report

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Cumberland County Annual Report 2022

Year in Review 2022 & Look Ahead to 2023

Administration & Finance

- Clean audit/adopted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).
- Administrative cost savings to the County ~1.6 Million (grants, debt restructure, in house work).
- Successfully balanced budget without tax increase.
- Provided tax relief on personal property tax (equivalent of \$0.67 per \$100).
- Created “Connect Cumberland Broadband Initiative” to strengthen and combine collective broadband efforts - \$17 million dollar investment to Cumberland with no County funds utilized.



*** Third grant being pursued in 2023 for additional broadband expansion ***

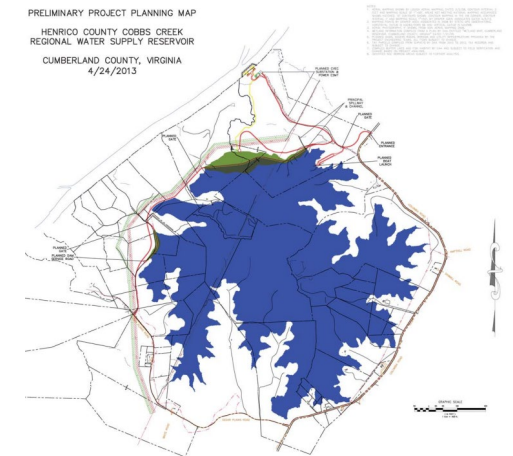


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- Restructured County debt service saving \$580,000 and carving out \$2.1 million dollars in debt service to help pay for new radio system.
- Saved the Piedmont Regional Jail over \$200,000 in capital improvements.
- Awarded contracts for reassessment, refuse, emergency services, and comprehensive plan.
- Board and County Staff visited Cobbs Creek – reservoir project expected to be completed by December of 2023.



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Public Safety

- Recognized by Virginia Association of Counties for excellence – Combined Fire and EMS program.
- Procured Lucas Devices and Cascade systems to improve public safety.
- Awarded Contract for improvements to the Randolph Fire Station to increase EMS coverage.
- Increased compensation for Sheriff's Deputies.
- Radio System Initiative kicked off and underway.

*** Investment in Public Safety for years 2022-2023: ~\$3.4 Million Dollars with no tax increase ***



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Community and Economic Development

- (11) Code Amendments adopted, (3) Rezoning Approved, (9) Conditional Use Permits Approved
- (45) Subdivision Plats Approved, (32) Surveys of Existing Lots Approved, (190) Zoning Permits Approved
- Negotiated solar sighting agreement netting the County \$1.9 million dollars (if developed).
- Completed tourism video and website (ARPA funded).
- Began the Economic Development Strategic Plan process.
- Created existing business database.

*** Comprehensive Plan and Economic Development Strategic Plan estimated to be completed by November 2023.**



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Community and Economic Development

- Updated commercial and building inspection fees.
- Updated permitting process and inspection policies to align with industry standard practices.
- Issued 660 permits, Completed 1,747 inspections, Fees Collected \$83,722 - all increases over the previous year.

*** Ongoing efforts are underway in 2023 to increase customer service levels for Community and Economic Development. ***



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Community Engagement/Parks & Recreation

- Developed County's first community programs guide.
- Created the County's first Human Services Committee.
- County Special Events – Patriot Day, 9/11 Service, Trunk or Treat, and Tree Lighting
- Worked to establish two new 501 c3 organizations – Friends of Cumberland County VA and Cumberland Youth Athletic Association.
- Ongoing evaluation of Parks and Recreation programming.
- County website refresh to be completed.



*** (3) New Parks slated to open Spring 2023. Bear Creek Lake State Park Connector Trail Update ***



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Community Operations

- Projects Update:
 - Complete Randolph Fire Station Renovation by Spring 2023
 - New park construction estimated to be completed in Spring 2023.
 - Courthouse and Admin Complex Security enhancements.
 - Roof Replacements at Courthouse and Extension Office
 - Complete all County gateway, landmark, and facility based signage (ARPA funded)
 - Pave parking lot at LPJ Government Complex.
 - Complete public facility space plan and identify short and long term uses for Commerce Road Complex and LPJ Government Complex.
 - Implement radio system project.
 - Multiple Public Utilities Initiatives and Projects Underway to improve customer service.



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Goals and Objectives for 2023

1. Administration and Finance – develop and implement fiscal policies related to the development of the County’s annual budget, award radio system contract, accomplish goals without increasing tax burden on citizens or County indebtedness, develop and implement County legislative platform, continue to implement and evaluate new grants opportunities for the Connect Cumberland Initiative.
2. Public Safety – continue to financially support the Sheriff’s Office and Fire and EMS, implement the new radio system contract, review and develop Fire and EMS standard operating procedures, assist volunteer fire departments in developing comprehensive recruitment programs, complete Randolph Fire Station renovation and expansion.
3. Community and Economic Development – complete economic development strategic plan, complete the comprehensive plan and public facilities master plan, identify future uses for County and EDA owned properties, complete ARPA marketing projects.



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Goals and Objectives for 2023

4. Community Engagement/Parks and Recreation – encourage volunteer recognition/reward programs, meet obligation of funding the school system without increasing the tax burden, encourage Longwood University and other secondary education services expansion into Cumberland County, continue to improve the relationship with local human service based organizations.
5. Community Operations – complete all ARPA and Capital Improvement Projects including the fire station renovation, park construction, Bear Creek Lake Park connector trail and Administration Complex security enhancements, implement the new County work order system and meter reading system, implement new contractual vendor at the transfer stations, support County special events, complete all public sewer and water projects slated for 2023.



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Questions?

