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## Greenway Toll Increase Thwarted

Dear Catoctin Residents,

Our newsletter was slightly delayed this month; thanks for bearing with us. April turned out to be a gorgeous month. It was great to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. My family and I got back into the swing of things with Little League, spent some time at the Catoctin Zoo, and even did a little bit of fishing. (Also a certain amount of turkey hunting. I can confirm they are delicious.)

Whitney and I also visited some of the rural fooderies and breweries. Two weeks ago, we attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting for [Flying Ace Farm](#). This is Loudoun's newest limited farm brewery and distillery. They've [teamed up with Monk's BBQ from Purcellville](#), and will offer their smoked meats on site. Come for the locally brewed bourbon, stay for the BBQ (or vice versa).

I also wanted to give a shout-out to all of the volunteers who serve in the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System. It was a pleasure to recognize your fine work with a [public proclamation](#) at the Board's business meeting on April 6. I can't say it better than we did in the proclamation: "It takes a special kind of dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to forsake precious time with family and friends to respond to a neighbor in need." Thank you so much for all that you do for us.

Finally, as you may have guessed from the subject line, we will *not* be seeing that massive increase in Greenway toll rates. The Greenway owners wanted to raise our rates by a staggering 35% over the next 5 years. The SCC turned them down flat. Instead, they will only be allowed to increase off-peak rates by \$0.25 in 2021, and by another \$0.25 in 2022. I've included a writeup below.

Please keep sending us your thoughts. We will be posting regular updates for the Catoctin District on [my Facebook page](#), and will be adding more information and resources to [my webpage](#).

Sincerely,

Caleb Kershner

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If I tried to put all the interesting news from the Catocin District into one monthly email, you'd be scrolling the rest of the month before you hit the bottom.

Which is why I also have a Facebook page.

So stay tuned to these newsletters for the big-picture news from the Catocin District. But for the other day-to-day stories and updates, including [that fire truck/tractor trailer accident on Stumptown Road and Route 15](#), drop by my Facebook page and give it a like.

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## Loudoun Streamlines Vaccine Appointments

You can now directly schedule your appointment for your free COVID-19 vaccine with the Health Department's vaccination clinic at Dulles Town Center in Sterling. There is no longer a pre-registration period – you can just go straight to [the registration form](#), fill it out, and submit it. You will then get a confirmation email or text message within the hour from the CDC, which will give you a unique link that you can click on to finish setting up your account.

Once your account is set up, you can schedule your shot. Remember to type in zip code 20166 when you're searching the list of vaccination sites; that should bring you to the Loudoun County Health Department vaccination site, which is located at the Dulles Town Center.

Loudoun is offering the vaccine to everyone ages 16 and older who lives or works in the County. You can choose from the available vaccine types when you schedule your shot. If you are under 18, you'll need to choose the Pfizer vaccine, and to have your parent or guardian with you when you go get your shot.

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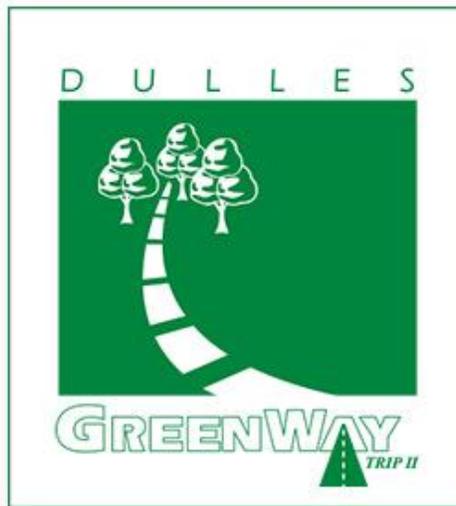


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## SCC Rejects Toll Increase on Greenway

The State Corporation Commission (SCC) has blocked an attempt to massively raise toll rates on the Dulles Greenway. On April 26, they [issued their decision](#) denying this request by the toll road operator, TRIP II, which would have raised all toll rates by about 35% over a 5-year period. They did allow TRIP II to make a much smaller increase to the off-peak toll rates of \$0.25 per year for 2021 and 2022.

“The SCC’s decision represents the most significant victory in opposition to TRIP II’s continued toll increases—ever,” Matt Letourneau said. “The County mounted a serious, well-reasoned legal effort to prevent these large toll increases, and I appreciate the work of our County Attorney and the entire team. I’m also thankful to our many citizens who participated in this process and allowed the SCC to hear firsthand just how impactful continued large toll increases are to them, their families and their businesses. There’s no doubt that our challenges with high toll rates are not over, but this decision is a step in the right direction.”

This is the first time that the SCC has denied one of TRIP II’s requests to increase the tolls. It also set a valuable precedent for future fights about toll rates. As County Attorney Leo Rogers explained, “While TRIP II argued that the SCC was required to approve its toll increases in order to pay off the company’s costs and debts, the SCC found that such increases are neither mandated nor required. The decision confirms that the SCC ‘may’ in its discretion, but is not required to, approve toll rate increase applications. This is an important legal finding.”

The decision also came after a tremendous amount of public pushback. Over 800 Loudoun residents engaged actively in [the SCC’s hearing process](#) and told them this rate hike was a bad idea. That group included members of our Board of Supervisors, including

me. I was [glad to explain to the SCC](#) why they should hold the line on the Greenway's existing rates.

The General Assembly also recently stepped in to add guidelines for these discussions. Governor Northam signed legislation last week that provides objective criteria for any future toll increases on the Greenway. It will go into effect on July 1, and will apply to any future toll rate applications brought to the SCC.

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*Image Credit: [John Beatty](#), School Board Member for the Catoclin District / LCPS*

## **April Update from John Beatty, Catoclin's School Board Rep**

Thank you to everyone who has come to the board meetings (both virtually and in person), sent emails, or mailed letters to the administration building. I love hearing from everyone. It really helps the board when we have community input as we work through our decisions.

The superintendent search continues. Over the next two weeks, we will conduct a number of interviews with a multitude of candidates. To respect the privacy of our candidates, we cannot publicly discuss the interviews, but please send me any points you'd like me to consider as the process unfolds.

The interim superintendent has reiterated many times that we will be back in school 5 days a week next year! I think the biggest stumbling block to this happening would be from the Governor through an executive order. Please continue to send your concerns to the Governor so that he does not limit the scope of our in person learning. We are also planning on keeping the distance learning option for those families that need it.

One last point I would like to call attention to is the Virginia Mathematics Pathways Initiative. Every seven years, the board of education for Virginia undertakes a review of the current standards. As with all things, some proposed initiatives were good while others were not. Trying to set a broad baseline of mathematical knowledge would be beneficial to our students, but removing advanced math classes and other learning opportunities would not be. Thankfully, local jurisdictions now have more autonomy in allowing for advanced classes, so I will continue to fight for Algebra in middle school, and for more advanced Calculus in high school.

Thank you again, and please let me know of any concerns you have.

Sincerely,

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## **Waterford Telephone Company Shuts Down**

On April 19, the Waterford Telephone Company abruptly announced that it was going out of business. They published [a brief statement](#) saying that their last day of business would

be May 31. For customers whose internet service is currently working, they will try their best to keep that running through May 31, but after that they would no longer offer any internet service or support.

This was not the announcement we had hoped for. Catocin residents had already been contacting my office to report that they'd lost internet connectivity and couldn't get in touch with the company. My office was investigating and trying to reach the company's owner when their announcement came out.

Unfortunately, the County doesn't have a legal recourse to step in and directly fix this. We don't have contractual or regulatory authority over the company, so we can't order them to restore service. We also don't have the authority (or frankly the expertise) to step in and run the company's internet service ourselves.

County staff also researched the following alternative solutions, but came up dry:

- **Filing a complaint with the FCC:** They do have a consumer complaint portal. But they lack real regulatory authority over the company, *and* since the company is going out of business, filing a complaint here isn't likely to go anywhere.
- **Filing a complaint with the SCC:** The SCC has no regulatory authority over wireless telephone service or broadband.
- **Transferring their ILEC license to another company:** This was a clever suggestion. Unfortunately, regulatory bodies reserve the right to review any transfer of control of a license they've issued. So if someone bought the whole company, licenses included, that could trigger a full regulatory review. Transferring the license by itself would still require the SCC's consent - and even if they consented very quickly, just owning the license itself, without the company's physical assets, wouldn't ensure that service could continue.

So instead, my office turned to the private sector for help. We reached out to other service providers and asked if they could help fill this need. [All Points Broadband](#) quickly confirmed that they could help many of the people affected by Waterford Telephone Company's outages and closure. They explained that they couldn't take over the company's DSL service, but they could connect a lot of these people to their own network.

If you're interested, please call All Points Broadband at **(703) 554-6600**, select 3 for Sales, and tell them up front that you are (or were) a Waterford Telephone Company customer. They've set up an entire dedicated team to help customers who are in your situation.

Finally, if you need urgent internet access while you work things out with All Points or with a different service provider, remember that the [Loudoun County Public Library branches](#) have free WiFi hotspots, as does the [Loudoun Valley Community Center](#).



Image Credit: Photograph of White's Ferry detour sign, Stacy Carey

## Loudoun Works to Restore White's Ferry Service

I have an update for you about White's Ferry, which has remained [closed since its sudden shutdown in December](#). This was (and remains) a serious problem. White's Ferry is an important asset for the Catoctin District, and is a vital regional transportation connection between Maryland and Virginia. I have been working with the interested parties on an ongoing basis since December to see if we can help them resolve the situation.

Loudoun has now [launched a study to explore alternative options](#) for resuming the ferry service between us and Montgomery County, Maryland. The two counties' respective Departments of Transportation have teamed up to examine White's Ferry's operations, sift through the land ownership and acquisition scenarios, and look for viable short- and long-term solutions to get ferry service running again.



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The study will begin within the next 30 days and should take 90 days to complete. Among other things, it will consider:

- Roadway access and ferry use, along with any other pertinent transportation issues,
- Identifying legal and regulatory requirements associated with ferry operations,
- Landing site improvements and landing location options, *and*
- Operating alternatives that may include a public/private partnership.

I look forward to working with our counterparts in Maryland to review and identify all available options to resume service. And I'll continue to work with the parties who own the ferry and the landing property and see if they can come to an agreement and restore the ferry service as soon as possible - an outcome that both Loudoun and Montgomery [strongly support](#).

## Major Road Projects



### The Route 15 North Widening Project

#### ***Summary of the Project***

The Route 15 North Widening project involves expanding Route 15 from two to four lanes between Battlefield Parkway and Montresor Road. This will involve a slew of road design, land acquisition, and construction tasks, all while following the Journey Through Hallowed Ground guidelines wherever possible.

Among other things, the widening project will include:

- A signalized Continuous Green "T" (CGT) intersection at North King Street to allow through traffic to continue north on Route 15 without stopping,
- An updated signalized intersection at Whites Ferry Road,
- A two-lane hybrid roundabout at Montresor Road,
- A realigned section of Limestone School Road to connect with the Montresor Road roundabout,
- A shared use path on the west side of Route 15 from Tuscarora High School to Montresor Road, *and*
- A shared use path along the entire length of Whites Ferry Road

### ***Property Access Letters Sent, 60% Design Continues***

The second round of property access letters was sent out on April 7, 2021. The design consultant, J2 Engineers, is continuing to work on the 60% plans. That work will continue into the next quarter of 2021, and subsurface investigations will be initiated.

[Visit Project Website](#)



Safety and Operational Study West Virginia to Route 7

## **The Route 9 Safety & Operational Study**

The Route 9 Safety and Operational Study (SOS) is reviewing Route 9 from the West Virginia border to Route 7 to identify safety and traffic operational issues along the corridor. As with the Route 15 South Safety and Operations Study, public and focus group meeting will be held.

### ***Ongoing Evaluation***

No change since the last update. Work is still underway to evaluate existing conditions along Route 9, including roadway and intersection safety, roadway design and traffic.

### ***Focus Group Meetings***

The [first Route 9 focus group meeting](#) was held on February 13, 2020. More meetings were held virtually on July 16 and September 30. There will be up to five such meetings throughout this study, which will wrap up in the summer of 2021.

These focus group meetings are intended to allow discussion with property owners whose use or activity generates significant traffic, business owners, and representatives of civic organizations located in the area.

You can check the [project website](#) for further information. Please feel free to [email me](#) with your thoughts about the project.

Visit Project Website



Safety and Operational Study Leesburg to Prince William County

## The Route 15 Safety & Operational Study

The purpose of the Route 15 South Safety and Operational Study (SOS) is to identify safety and traffic operational issues along the corridor. The goal of the proposed improvements is to ensure that this segment of Route 15 continues to carry local and commuter traffic safely and efficiently while still preserving the unique context of the historical roadway.

From October 2020 - January 2021, the study team worked on preliminary concept designs, incorporating [feedback that the focus group offered](#) at the October 1 meeting. Now the team has made enough progress on those preliminary draft alternatives to start collecting more feedback.

### ***Public Survey Open Through May 21***

Loudoun County held a virtual public input meeting on April 22, 2021, from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. After the meeting, the team published a public survey to the project's website. They would love to get your thoughts on their proposed road designs, the current state of traffic on these intersections, and any other feedback you would like to share with them. You can take that survey by clicking [here](#).

The study is expected to wrap up this summer. The [project website](#) includes all the documents from the focus group and public input meetings. Please take a look at it for further information, and feel free to [email me](#) with your thoughts about the project.

See Project Website

Capital Improvements Projects (CIP)

*A quarterly update on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) that impact Catoclin residents*

## **Animal Services Facility**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project funds the design and construction of a 25,000 square foot animal services facility in Leesburg to replace the existing County Animal Services facility in Waterford.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter, the contractor installed finishes, tested, balanced and commissioned the mechanical and electrical systems, completed all required trainings, and completed all building and trade inspections. The building received a Certificate of Occupancy and the project achieved substantial completion.

Next quarter, the contractor will complete their punch list of final tasks. The building will be outfitted with furniture, fixtures, and equipment, and will then be ready for occupancy by Animal Services.

## **Fire & Rescue Training Academy Expansion**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides funding to design and construct an 11,500 square foot addition to the F&R Training Academy, located at the Government Support Center site on Sycolin Road.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter, DFR worked with DFB to prioritize the Basic Training Facility project over the Training Academy Expansion project. Funding for this Training Academy Expansion project will thus likely be deferred until FY2026 pending the adoption of the FY2022 CIP.

## **Juvenile Detention Center**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project designs and constructs a new 40-bed Juvenile Detention Center on the Government Support Center site off Sycolin Road in Leesburg.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter, DTCL and Procurement completed the review of the bids and made a recommendation to award. The recommendation was approved at the February 9 FGOEDC meeting (5-0) and by the Board at their February 16 Business Meeting (9-0).

The contract was executed with Howard Shockey & Sons, Inc. A project kickoff meeting was held and the contractor began the pre-construction phase of the project.

In the next quarter, the contractor will complete the pre-construction phase of the project, a pre-construction meeting will be held, a Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be issued, the contractor will mobilize, and site work activities will commence.

## **Leesburg South Station**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides funding to design and construct a Fire and Rescue Station to improve local response times and fire protection coverage. This facility will be located adjacent Sycolin Creek Elementary School.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter, programming, site, and utility investigation efforts continued. The site layout, building floor plan, and elevations are being determined and material selections have commenced. A pre-application meeting also took place with Planning and Zoning.

In the next quarter, the design will progress and the building concept phase should be completed. Legislative applications will be submitted to Planning and Zoning to begin the approval process.

## **Lovettsville Fire & Rescue Station Replacement**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides funding to design and construct a replacement Lovettsville Fire and Rescue Station. The replacement station will be located adjacent to the existing station on Lovettsville Volunteer Fire Rescue Company property that will be annexed into the Town of Lovettsville.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter, the 35% mechanical design documents were revised and the 75% design documents were submitted for County review. The site plan is currently being reviewed.

In the next quarter, the design consultant will incorporate the 75% review comments and develop the 95% construction documents.

## **Lucketts Fire & Rescue Station Replacement**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides funding to design and construct a 15,000 square foot fire and rescue station to replace the existing Lucketts Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter, the Contractor installed finishes and began testing and commissioning of the mechanical and electrical systems.

In the next quarter, the Contractor will complete all required trainings and all building and trade inspections. The building will receive a Certificate of Occupancy and the project will achieve Substantial Completion. The Contractor will complete their punch list work, the building will be outfitted with furniture, fixtures and equipment, and will be ready for occupancy by DFR. This project is reporting some delays due to material delivery and installation of a well pump controller.

## **Lovettsville Community Center**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides for the design and construction of a new community center building in the Town of Lovettsville to replace the existing building.

### ***Latest Update***

This quarter, the Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on January 25. The Contractor mobilized, installed storm water prevention measures, cleared and grubbed, performed site demolition and mass excavation, and started to install the building's foundations. In the next quarter, the Contractor will complete the building's foundations, and will install structural steel and structural masonry.

## **Lovettsville District Park**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides for the design and construction of a District Park to serve the Lovettsville area on a 91-acre County-owned site. The park will contain seven athletic fields, restrooms, concessions, maintenance facilities and an equestrian area.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter the contractor completed site utilities, the retaining wall at the parking lot, and underground rough-in for the restrooms and concessions. Additionally, the athletic fields, the equine area, parking lots and roads have all been brought to final subgrade.

In the next quarter, athletic fields will be fine graded, topsoil will be installed and the fields will be seeded/sprigged. The equine area will be fine graded and the footing surface installed. Prefabricated restrooms and concessions will be installed as will athletic field lighting. The contractor will begin to install the walking trail around the park and continue work on the parking lots, roads, and street lighting.

## **Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, Phase II**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides funding to design four permanent restroom and concession facilities in FY 2017. With funding in FY 2021 allocated for construction, along with removing the large existing dirt stockpile on the property and developing two practice fields with associated parking.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter, the design consultant developed the 95% design documents. DTCl and PRCS reviewed these documents and provided comments. The site plan permit application is currently in the review process.

In the next quarter, the design team will address the 95% comments, develop the 100% design documents, and submit the application for the building permit.

## **Scott Jenkins Park, Phase III**

### ***Summary of the Project***

The Park includes five athletic fields - four diamond fields and one rectangular field. Supporting amenities include athletic field lighting, fencing, public utilities, parking, and access from a public road. It also includes landscaping, public restroom, concessions, irrigation, pavilions, and bleachers. This phase of the project, Phase III, proposes funding in FY 2021 to light all five athletic fields.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter, the pre-application meeting with DPZ was held on January 25, and design of the SPEX plat has begun.

In the next quarter, formal submission of the SPEX will occur.

## **Consolidated Shops & Warehouse**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project acquired two buildings on Miller Drive in Leesburg totaling 176,250 square feet to provide long term warehouse space and consolidated shops for the County's Department of General Services. The facility will be phased in development through FY 2020.

### ***Latest Update***

This project acquired two buildings on Miller Drive in Leesburg, totaling 176,250 square feet, which will provide long term warehouse space and consolidated shops for DGS as well as the Candidate Physical Assessment Testing (CPAT) program, Logistics, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), and other programming yet to be finalized. The facility will be phased in development through FY 2020.

- At **750 Miller Renovation**, the drawings are being updated to complete in this quarter. In the next quarter, the bids will be called with anticipated construction to start in May 2021.
- At **751 Miller Drive Roof**, the roof replacement is completed in this quarter.
- At **750 Miller Drive Roof**, the roof replacement work was initiated in this quarter (after completing the 751 Miller Drive roof replacement project).

## **Landfill Leachate System**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project funds engineering, design, permitting, and construction of an upgraded replacement of the existing leachate system at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter, the Contractor, Independence Excavating (IX), continued work on the project and reached partial substantial completion, after startup and training was completed. The pumping system has been placed into operation. Some issues with the old forcemain remain unresolved and project as-builts have not yet been completed. The contractor also started demolition and removal of the existing pump station during this quarter and is expected to complete this work early during the next quarter.

Remaining issues with the old forcemain and project as-builts are expected to be fully addressed during the next quarter.

## **Landfill Reclamation Project**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project is a reclamation project to remediate the oldest landfill cell which will eliminate environmental liabilities and increase capacity at the landfill.

### ***Latest Update***

The project is on schedule and is now working towards completion of the fourth and final milestone: constructing the Cell R2 Liner System.

In this quarter, bids were received in January, and the contract was awarded to Atlantic Construction Materials in March. A pre-construction meeting was held on March 6.

In the next quarter, the contractor is expected to mobilize equipment and resources to the site following the Notice to Proceed (NTP) and to begin construction of erosion and sediment controls. Additionally, base grade preparation is expected to be completed during the next quarter. The project should be done by December. The FY 2021 adopted CIP appropriated an additional \$7,920,000 in Lease Revenue funds to this project.

## **Landfill Sequence 1A Cap**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project consists of design and construction of erosion and sediment controls, fine grading, and installation of a temporary synthetic cap over Cell 1A of the landfill once it is filled to capacity, per approved permit conditions.

### ***Latest Update***

This capping project has not yet started and will not start during the next quarter. Design efforts and project bidding are expected to begin in summer 2021 and be completed by winter 2022. Construction is expected to begin in winter 2022 and be completed by fall 2022.

## **Landfill Sequence V Closure**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project funds the engineering, design, and construction of the final cap and closure of a 15-acre site at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility.

### ***Latest Update***

This capping project has not yet started and will not start during the next quarter. Design efforts and project bidding are expected to begin in summer 2021 and be completed by winter 2022. Construction is expected to begin in winter 2022 and be completed by fall 2022.

## Waterford Mill Restoration

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides for structural stabilization of the Waterford Mill and addition of accessible facilities to allow use of the Mill for educational and cultural enrichment programs.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter, staff and the Waterford Mill Foundation reviewed the 50% design documents and produced a cost estimate. Based on this cost estimate, staff presented an item at the February 9 FGOEDC meeting (5-0) for an additional \$375,000 in funding to complete a scope of work to include only the stabilization and renovation of the structure. The Board approved the additional funding at the February 16 Business Meeting (9-0).

In the next quarter, the design team will complete the 75% design documents and begin preparation of the bid documents.

## Other Key Road Projects

*The latest on County and VDOT projects that impact Catoclin District residents*

### **Crosstrail Boulevard - Segment B**

#### ***Summary of the Project***

The design and construction from Kincaid Boulevard to Russell Branch Parkway. A contract award for construction of this proffer item was approved at the Board Business Meeting on December 3, 2019.

#### ***Latest Update***

The overall project is 43% complete. Girders have been installed for the bridges across Tuscarora Creek and the W&OD Trail; the Tuscarora Creek bridge is 64% complete, and the W&OD Trail bridge is 29% complete. The contractor is currently doing earthwork and installing drainage structures.

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### **Crosstrail Boulevard - Segment C**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides for the planning, design, ROW acquisition, and the construction of a four lane median divided road as a Major Collector between Sycolin Road and the Dulles Greenway on a 120 ft. wide ROW. The project also includes shared use paths on both sides of Crosstrail Boulevard and a bridge over Sycolin Creek.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter, the Board at its February 16 business meeting voted 9-0 to award the design contract to Dewberry. A design kickoff meeting was held in March. In the next quarter, field investigations will begin and work will start on developing a design schedule.

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## **Evergreen Mill Road Widening – Town of Leesburg**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project adds two lanes to the two existing lanes on Evergreen Mill Road from South King Street to the eastern entrance of Heritage High School. This project is managed by the Town of Leesburg.

### ***Latest Update***

This project is managed by the Town of Leesburg. In this quarter, the 30% Preliminary Design Plans were reviewed by the Town, VDOT and Loudoun County and a meeting was held to discuss the closing of scoping. VDOT suggested revising the design schedule to take into account the need for additional surveys, VDOT approval for land acquisition, and beginning of utility relocation. As a result, the completion of the design phase has been delayed from fall 2022 to summer 2023. In the next quarter, additional survey and the environmental assessment will continue. Also, pavement testing will be conducted and an initial public outreach will be held.

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## **Route 7 Improvements, Phase 3**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides for the planning, design, Right-of-Way acquisition, and construction to widen Route 7 eastbound from two lanes to three lanes between Route 9 and the Dulles Greenway (267), and Westbound from two lanes to three lanes from South King Street to West Market Street. It includes reconstructing/widening the following bridges: West Market Street over Route 7, Dry Mill Road over West Market Street, Children's Center Road over Route 7, W&OD Trail over Route 7, and Route 7 over Route 15.

### ***Latest Update***

Since this project was not selected to receive SMARTSCALE funding, DTCI and DFB staff are re-evaluating design procurement strategy. In the next quarter, DFB and DTCI will implement the updated design procurement strategy in order to get design initiated.

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## **Town of Hamilton Pedestrian Improvements**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides drainage improvements and repair to the existing pedestrian sidewalks along Route 7 – Colonial Highway adjacent to the Town’s western limits.

### ***Latest Update***

This project is being managed by the Town of Hamilton. In this quarter, the Town issued the NTP and construction work is underway. In the next quarter, the construction work will continue, and it is anticipated to be complete by summer 2021

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## **Route 7 & Route 287**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides for the planning, design, and construction of improvements for the Route 7 and Berlin Turnpike (Route 287) interchange. The project is funded using local tax funding and VDOT Smart Scale funding.

### ***Latest Update***

In this quarter, the design consultant, Volkert, submitted 30% plans to Building and Development and to VDOT. VDOT approved the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) concurrence form, and Volkert is preparing the NEPA document. In the next quarter, Volkert will address the 30% design comments, will finalize the NEPA document, and DTCI staff will schedule a public information meeting

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## **Route 7 & Route 690**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project funds the design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of an interchange at Route 7 and Route 690 in Purcellville.

### ***Latest Update***

VDOT is processing the Limited Access Control Change (LAAC) package. Staff have resubmitted the roadway plans, geotechnical report, and supporting documents to VDOT, Building and Development, and the Town of Purcellville. The part of the plans that covers stormwater maintenance is being further revised; once that is done, and the LAAC is approved, the plans will need to be resubmitted for further review.

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## **John G. Lewis Memorial (Featherbed Lane) Bridge over Catoctin Creek**

### ***Summary of the Project***

The purpose of this project is to develop conceptual bridge alternatives to address the existing historic truss bridge. VDOT presented three options to the State Department of Historic Resources. The DHS chose option 2A: building a new structure from the deck down, allowing the trusses to remain as ornamental.

John G. Lewis Memorial Bridge (Route 673 - Featherbed Lane) over Catoctin Creek is a single span steel pin connected Pratt through truss with a timber deck and asphalt overlay, supported on stringers and floor beams. The bridge was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 25, 1974. It is 157 feet long, has an overall width of about 14 feet and clear roadway width of 11.16 feet. It carries one alternating traffic lane. The bridge was originally erected in 1889 on the Leesburg & Alexandria Turnpike (Route 7) over Goose Creek, to replace a bridge destroyed by flooding. In 1932 the bridge was dismantled and moved to its current location. The bridge was posted 15 tons in 2004 and reduced to 3 tons in 2013 due to insufficient capacity. The existing bridge has an average traffic count of 57 vehicles per day with daily truck traffic less than 3 trucks.

### ***Latest Update***

No change since last time. The detour is still in place, and construction is still underway.

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## **Route 7 & Battlefield Parkway**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project will replace the traffic signal at Route 7 (East Market Street) and Battlefield Parkway with a grade-separated interchange, and remove or modify the signalized intersection at Route 7 and Cardinal Park Drive to reduce congestion and improve traffic operations. Other improvements include accommodations for cyclists and pedestrians, and new interchange lighting. The Town of Leesburg has executed an agreement with VDOT to administer this project on the Town's behalf. The Town has also executed a reimbursement agreement with NVTA.

### ***Latest Update***

The project is still on track. Keystone Court opened to the public on March 22, 2021. Crews are currently working on the bridge deck concrete pours. Utility work is still ongoing and should finish up in June 2021.

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## **Route 9 & Route 287 Roundabout**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project includes design and construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Charles Town Pike (Route 9) and Berlin Turnpike (Route 287).

### ***Latest Update***

Building and Development sent back their comments on the 100% design plans on February 24. The floodplain alteration was resubmitted to them on March 22. We are still waiting for VDOT's comments on the 100% design plans, and for Building and Development's plat comments. At this point the nutrient credits have been purchased and the agreement has been executed. Work is currently being done on utility coordination.

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## **Route 15 - Route 15 Interchange at Edwards Ferry/Fort Evans Road**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project includes the design and construction of grade separated interchanges at Route 15/Edwards Ferry Road and Route 15/Fort Evans Road.

### ***Latest Update***

No change since last time. The consultant is working to advance this project to the field investigation (FI) stage.

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## **Town of Lovettsville Broadway Streetscape, Phase 2A**

### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides for the design, ROW, and construction of sidewalk improvements along Broadway Street from Park Place to Light Street. This project is managed by the Town of Lovettsville.

### ***Latest Update***

This project is managed by the Town of Lovettsville. In this quarter, the 30% modified plans were revised based on comments received from VDOT, ROW, temporary and permanent easements were identified and plans for holding public hearing (online meeting) on April 15, 2021 are underway. In the next quarter, the design work will continue and preparation for ROW acquisition will begin. The last quarterly report noted design phase completion as 60% in error and it is corrected in this report to show the actual design phase progress.

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## **Town of Lovettsville, Church Street & Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalk Improvements**

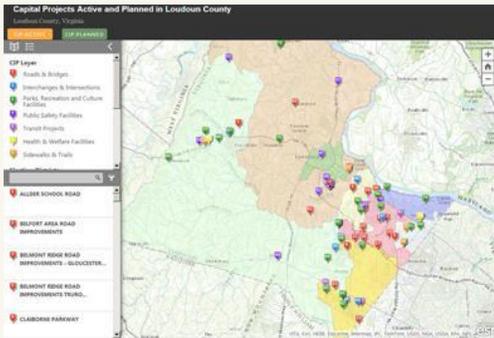
### ***Summary of the Project***

This project provides for improvements to the sidewalk at South Church Street and East Pennsylvania Avenue. In addition to sidewalks, improvements include roadway widening, storm water management, and street lights.

### ***Latest Update***

This project is managed by the [Town of Lovettsville](#). In this quarter, the 30% modified plans were still under review by VDOT. The 30% modified plans were revised based on comments received from VDOT on 30% plans and identified Right-of-Way, temporary and permanent easements. The plans for holding public hearing (online meeting) on April 15, 2021 are underway. In the next quarter, design work will continue, along with Right-of-Way acquisition.

**More Road Resources**



## Loudoun's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

Use the county's interactive map to track capital improvement projects in Loudoun. It will show you active projects (currently funded) and planned projects (part of a later budget plan).

[View the map](#)

## VDOT's Road Paving Projects

Use VDOT's new interactive map to track the status of all road paving projects in Loudoun. The map includes roads that are getting all types of treatments, including plant mix, latex, and slurry.

[View the map](#)



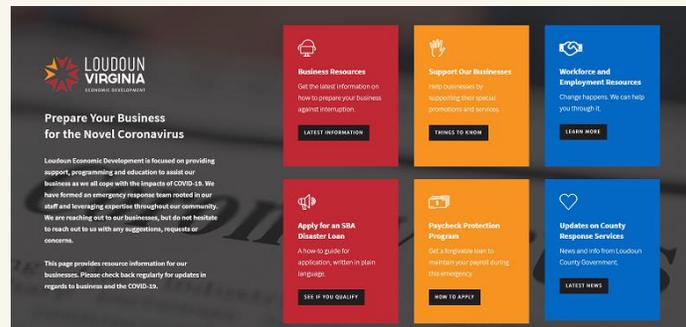
## Business Resources



# The Official Guide To Starting Your Rural Business In Loudoun

Are you thinking of starting a rural business in Loudoun County? Our Department of Economic Development has put together this guide just for you. It gives an overview of important information for rural businesses, from farm and breweries to restaurants and bed & breakfasts, and helps you figure out if your specific use is permitted on your property.

[Read Now](#)



## Guides & Resources

Whether you're anticipating interruptions in your supply chain and/or customer sales, there are resources that can help bolster your business. Learn more about financing, education and training opportunities, and what data centers are doing to fuel digital tools.

Here are the top online resources offered by the Department of Economic Development:

### **COVID-19 Resources**

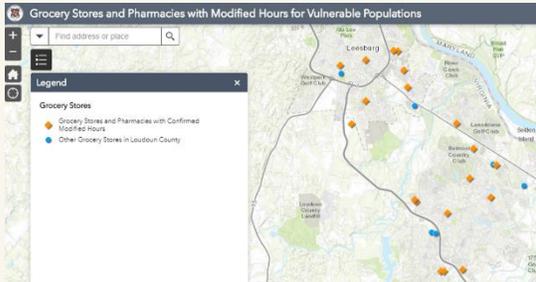
- [Join The Take Loudoun Home Campaign](#)
- [Workforce Resources for Businesses](#)
- [Workforce Resources for Employees & Job Seekers](#)

### **General Business Resources**

- [Rural Business Educational Resources](#)
- [Financing and Loans](#)

- [Business Training & Education](#)
- [Digital Business Resources](#)

## COVID-19 Resources



### Grocery Stores With Designated Hours for Seniors

Loudoun County has launched an interactive map to help residents find grocery stores and pharmacies with designated hours for vulnerable individuals. These shopping hours are designated for older adults, as well as individuals with underlying health issues or compromised immune systems, who are at greater risk of complications from COVID-19.

[View the map](#)

### Food Banks, Community Meals, And Other Food Help

Loudoun County has launched an interactive map to help residents find food assistance sites, including food banks, pantries and non-school meal distribution sites.

The searchable map also links to webpages for the various sites. It will be updated as food assistance sites make service changes.

[View the map](#)



## Behavioral Health Resources

- [Coping with Stress During COVID-19 Outbreak \(PDF\)](#)
- [Helping Children Cope with Stress During COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health \(PDF\)](#)
- [Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19](#)

If you are experiencing a behavioral health crisis, Emergency Services are available 24 hours daily, seven days per week at 703-777-0320. For general information questions, email or call 703-771-5155.

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## Avoiding COVID Scams

Beware of COVID-19 scammers trying to use your compassion or fear of the virus against you. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has [created a list](#) of the most common scam techniques so you can recognize and avoid them.

[Read The List](#)

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## Stay Informed

- **Sign up for email and text updates** about Loudoun's response to COVID-19 at [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](https://loudoun.gov/coronavirus)
- **Text LCCOVID19 to 888777** to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19
- Follow the [Loudoun County Government Facebook Page](#) and [@LoudounCoGovt](#) on Twitter

## Neat County Resources



## Loudoun Express Request

Loudoun Express Request is a helpful tool for contacting county staff regarding a wide spectrum of issues. Internet service, property use, environmental health, and much more can be entered on LEX. Enter your question or concern and LEX will contact appropriate county staff! Learn more [here](#).

Ask A Question



## Volunteer with Loudoun Cares

It's always a good time to think about volunteering. Check out volunteer opportunities with Loudoun Cares Volunteer Center. The Volunteer Center is the one-stop resource connecting nonprofit organizations in Loudoun County to individuals in the community looking for a place to volunteer their time and resources.

Volunteer Now



## Share This Newsletter!

Do you have a friend or a neighbor who would benefit from the information in this newsletter? Go ahead and forward this newsletter to them!

My office is working to ensure as many Catoclin residents as possible are being informed about important issues - whether those are public hearing notices, road closure

announcements, inclement weather advisories, or other updates on issues of importance to the district and to the county.

If you're the friend who got this newsletter, and you're interested in getting more of them, click the button to subscribe.

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