

***Henrico County
Regional Cooperation***

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HENRICO COUNTY

OUR MISSION

In partnership with our citizens, Henrico County Government is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all our residents. As a nationally acclaimed local government, the County accepts the challenges of our changing social, physical and economic environments by serving in an efficient manner, with pride and with concern for the present and excitement for the future.

OUR VALUES

We are dedicated to providing our citizens responsible government, characterized by integrity and accountability. We will provide service in a professional manner with sensitivity to the needs of all people and our environment.

We are committed to the concept that the public, as our customers, deserves honest consideration, professional conduct and respect regarding all government activities.

We believe that our reputation for integrity, credibility and sensitivity to employee and citizen needs is a key asset.

We recognize that our employees are a valuable resource to be treated with equality, fairness and justice.

We believe that accountability and responsibility in handling the public's property and money are essential.



Virgil R. Hazelett, P. E.
County Manager



HISTORY OF HENRICO COUNTY, VIRGINIA

In 1611, Sir Thomas Dale left Jamestown to establish a settlement on the Powhatan River, now called the James River. Relations with the Arrohatloc Indians had steadily deteriorated since 1607, and Dale's party suffered constant attacks. They finally came to a peninsula on the north side of the river, now Farrar's Island, where Dale established the colony's second settlement, "Henricus," known also as the "city" or "town" of Henrico.

Life in the New World was hard, but the English had high hopes that their settlements would add valuable minerals and raw materials to their economy, in addition to providing strategic military outposts. They also saw this land as a new frontier for spreading Christianity.

Virginia's economy was sharply transformed in 1612 by the introduction of new strains of mild tobacco by colonist John Rolfe. Rolfe's tobacco was shipped to England, and Virginia's economy soon began to prosper. In 1614, peace with the Indians was temporarily established, following Rolfe's marriage to Powhatan's daughter, Pocahontas. Both the tobacco leaf and Pocahontas are represented on the County's seal as symbols of our early heritage.

In 1634, Virginia was divided into eight shires, or counties, one being Henrico. Our first boundaries incorporated an area from which ten Virginia counties were later formed in whole or in part, as well as the cities of Richmond, Charlottesville and Colonial Heights. The County was named for Henry, Prince of Wales, the eldest son of King James I of England.

In 1776, Henrico representatives Richard Adams and Nathaniel Wilkerson participated in the Fifth Virginia Convention, which voted to send delegates to the Continental Congress to propose separation from the British. That proposal led to the Declaration of Independence. In 1788, seven years after the Revolutionary War, the General Assembly called a special convention to consider the ratification of the proposed United States Constitution. After 25 days of heated debate, Virginia voted 89-79 in favor of ratification. Many important Civil War battles were fought on Henrico soil, including the battles of Seven Pines, Savage's Station, Glendale, Malvern Hill, Yellow Tavern, New Market Heights and others in defense of Richmond.

Today, bordering the City of Richmond on the west, north and east, the County of Henrico lies between the James and Chickahominy rivers, and constitutes approximately a third of the Richmond metropolitan area. More than 300,000 Henrico County residents live in a well-planned community of 244.12 square miles.

In 1934, exactly 300 years after becoming one of the original shires, Henrico became the only county in Virginia to adopt the county manager form of government. Henrico offers a professionally managed government responsive to the needs of its residents, an educational system among the best in the nation, and an economy of unusual strength and diversity. With our triple-A bond rating and favorable tax rates, Henrico provides an ideal environment for commercial and residential development.



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Henrico donated funds to the following regional service providers:

- **Arts and Cultural Consortium Funding**
- **Asian American Society of Central Virginia**
- **Capital Region Airport Commission**
- **CARITAS**
- **CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)**
- **Children's Hospital**
- **GRTC Taxicab Service Program**
- **GRTC Transit System**
- **Greater Richmond Convention Center Authority (GRCCA)**
- **Greater Richmond Partnership**
- **Greater Richmond SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now)**
- **Henricus Foundation**
- **Homeward**
- **J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (JSRCC)**
- **James River Juvenile Detention Commission (JRJDC)**
- **Leadership Metro Richmond**
- **Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden**
- **Maggie Walker Governor's School**
- **Mathematics and Science Center**
- **Maymont Foundation Nature Center**
- **Meals on Wheels of Greater Richmond**
- **Med-Flight**
- **Metropolitan Richmond Sports Backers**
- **Resources for Independent Living**
- **Richmond Area ARC (Camp Baker)**
- **Richmond Ballet**
- **Richmond Forum**
- **Richmond Metropolitan Authority**
- **Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau (RMCVB)**
- **Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (RRPDC)**



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- **Richmond Symphony**
- **Safe Harbor**
- **Salvation Army**
- **Science Museum of Virginia**
- **Senior Connections (The Capital Area Agency on Aging)**
- **The Read Center**
- **Valentine Museum**
- **VCU School of Engineering**
- **Virginia High Speed Rail Development Committee**
- **Virginia Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**
- **Virginia Historical Society**
- **Virginia Opera**
- **YWCA**

Additionally, the following regional organizations also received funding from Henrico:

- **Better Housing Coalition**
- **Colonial Athletic Association**
- **Henricopolis Soil/Water Conservation**
- **Hilliard House**
- **Hope in the Cities**
- **Horses in Service Riding Centers**
- **James River Advisory Council**
- **State High School Basketball Championship host**
- **St. Joseph's Villa (Flagler Home)**
- **The Mill House (Community Futures Foundation)**
- **Virginia Home for Boys and Girls**

Numerous organizations in addition to the ones listed above are funded through the Arts and Cultural Consortium.

Partners in the Arts, Richmond Symphony, Valentine Museum, Virginia Historical Society and The American Civil War Center at Tredegar were each given funding in the budget for Henrico Schools.



In addition, Henrico allocated Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Program funding to the following regional organizations and activities:

- **A Grace Place expansion and renovation of facilities for a regional adult day care program**
- **Community Futures Foundation/The Mill House new regional facilities for the brain injured**
- **ElderHomes Corporation housing construction and repairs**
- **Home Buy 5 Program for down payment assistance for the purchase of a home by homeless mothers with children**
- **Richmond Area Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) new regional facility for administration and programs**
- **Southside Community Development Corporation housing programs**
- **St. Joseph's Villa facility renovations and improvements, including transitional housing for homeless mothers with children**
- **Virginia Supportive Housing for the expansion of a regional Single Room Occupancy (SRO) facility**



Henrico has representatives on the following regional and statewide organizations:

- **Capital Region Airport Commission**
- **Capital Region Workforce Partnership Consortium Board**
- **Central Virginia Waste Management Authority Board of Directors**
- **Charles City, Hanover, Henrico and New Kent Disability Services Board**
- **Greater Richmond Convention Center Authority Commission**
- **Greater Richmond Partnership Board of Directors**
- **Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services Board**
- **J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Board**
- **James River Detention Commission**
- **John Tyler Alcohol Safety Action Program Board of Directors**
- **Maymont Foundation Board of Directors**
- **Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**
- **Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee**
- **Richmond Metropolitan Authority Board of Directors**
- **Richmond Metropolitan Authority Stadium Operating Committee**
- **Richmond Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors**
- **Richmond Regional Planning District Commission**
- **Senior Connections (formerly The Capital Area Agency on Aging) Board of Directors**
- **Virginia Association of Counties Board of Directors and Steering Committees**
- **Virginia Municipal League Executive, Legislative, and Policy Committees**
- **Virginia Transit Association Board of Directors**



COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

Richmond's North Enterprise Zone Expansion

Richmond, Henrico and the Virginia departments of Housing and Community Development and Economic Development worked together to prepare a Joint Application for enterprise zone designation to expand the city's existing North Enterprise Zone into Henrico County. The joint application was initially approved by the state on April 15, 2003. Henrico County and the City of Richmond have worked with the State of Virginia in 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010 in order to expand the zone to other corridors and areas in the county.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Capital Area Consortium (Chief Elected Official and County Managers)

The Consortium is the regional workforce development policy group supported by the Workforce Investment Act based on a written agreement among Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan counties and the City of Richmond to collectively engage in workforce development. The consortium is the public policy arm of a partnership with the RESOURCE Workforce Investment Board. The Consortium, in partnership with the RESOURCE Workforce Investment Board, is charged with supporting continued economic vitality and growth by preparing and maintaining a world-class workforce.

Regional Commodity Agriculture Training and Research

Extension agents provide professional seminars and conduct field research for commodity agriculture and green industry. The City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, Charles City, New Kent, Powhatan and Goochland participate.

Regional Pesticide Application Training

Extension agents cooperatively conduct required training for all pesticide applicators annually. The City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, New Kent, Charles City, Powhatan and Goochland participate.

Regional Plant Health Diagnostics

Extension Agents cooperatively maintain plant health clinics to identify insects, plant diseases and weeds to reduce pesticide use. The City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, New Kent, Charles City, Powhatan and Goochland participate.



Regional Volunteer Training

Extension Agents cooperatively provide training for volunteers who assist with planning, implementing and evaluating extension programs. Examples include: Master Gardener volunteers who assist citizens with fertilizer and pesticide recommendations to reduce pollution in the Chesapeake Bay; 4-H/Youth volunteers who provide supervision and educational activities at residential 4-H camps and conferences, judge 4-H contests and conduct animal-related 4-H programs such as horse and dog shows; and Family and Consumer Science volunteers who offer family financial management and nutrition information.

RESOURCE Workforce Centers

RESOURCE Workforce Centers are the vehicles through which workforce services are made available to employers and job seekers. RESOURCE Workforce Centers are staffed by representatives of the public workforce development programs, such as the Department of Rehabilitative Services, the Virginia Employment Commission, Senior Connections, Job Corps and community colleges and the provider of WIA Title I Services for Adults and Dislocated Workers. RESOURCE Workforce Centers are open to the public.

RESOURCE Workforce Investment Board

The Capital Region Consortium appoints a business-led Workforce Investment Board to lead the regional workforce development effort. The board's business and non-business sectors have regional representation. RESOURCE is accountable for program outcomes, building relationships with economic development and business in the region to ensure that training and development efforts are focused on meeting the needs of business and that job seekers are kept abreast of what credentials, skills and abilities are in demand by the business community.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE/COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Cooperative Jailing of Offenders

Henrico, Goochland and New Kent counties have an agreement for the cooperative jailing of offenders from these localities in the Henrico Regional Jail.

Inmate Labor Sharing

The Henrico Sheriff's Department is providing inmate labor assistance to New Kent County with trash and debris removal along highways. New Kent County covers the cost of a Henrico Deputy Sheriff to supervise the inmate work crew.

Regional Purchasing

Community Corrections Services programs cooperatively purchase/share residential space and programs for Community Corrections Services clients. Henrico, Chesterfield and Richmond participate.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Greater Richmond Convention Center

The center was a cooperative effort between the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Chesterfield and Hanover. The center is owned by the Greater Richmond Convention Center Authority, which is composed of these jurisdictions and the Retail Merchants Association of Greater Richmond. The 700,000 square-foot facility is located in downtown Richmond and includes exhibit space, meeting rooms and a grand ballroom. The County of Henrico is the single largest contributing jurisdiction to the Convention Center through its collection of lodging taxes that are directed to fund Convention Center operations.

Greater Richmond Partnership, Inc. (GRP)

GRP is an economic development initiative created by Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond in cooperation with the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce and private businesses in the area. The GRP has four main work activities: existing business retention and expansion, workforce development, new business attraction and small business formation.

Greater Richmond Tourism Task Force

Members of the Greater Richmond Tourism Task Force share information about promoting tourism in the greater Richmond area. Members represent area hospitality businesses, museums and tourist attractions.

Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau (RMCVB)

RMCVB is a cooperative effort between Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, Richmond, the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Association of Greater Richmond to promote tourism and travel in the metro Richmond area.

Virginia BioTechnology Research Park

Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University provide funding and legislative support for the establishment and operation of this economic development effort. The Biotech Park has evolved into a dynamic scientific community in Central Virginia.

EDUCATION

Governor's School

Richmond operates a regionally supported school for talented and gifted high school students from Charles City, Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, King and Queen, King William, Petersburg, Powhatan, Richmond and West Point. Henrico provides funding to support the capital expense for the renovation of the old Maggie Walker High School to use as the permanent Governor's School site. Henrico also sends qualified students to the school.



J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

College programs are supported in part by Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Louisa, Powhatan and Richmond.

Japanese Online/Distance Learning

Henrico is a national provider for online video-based Japanese language instruction in Japanese I, II, and III. Originally disseminated via satellite, and later updated to its current online video format, over 9,000 students in Henrico and across the United States have enrolled in the courses since the program began in 1989.

MathScience Innovation Center

This joint venture between Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Powhatan and Richmond school divisions has provided leadership, support and exemplary programs in mathematics, science and technology for grades kindergarten through 12. Annually, the center serves more than 200,000 students through weekday programs; teaches more than 3,000 students and 1,000 parents in Saturday and summer programs; and provides 1,500 educators with professional development opportunities.

Region 1 Autism Education Consortium

The Autism Education Consortium for Region 1 Schools (Charles City, Chesterfield County, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Hopewell, New Kent, Petersburg, Powhatan, Prince George, Richmond, Surry, and Sussex) supports the improvement of programming for students with autism. Virginia Commonwealth University has partnered with the Region 1 schools to help provide information on research in the field of autism. One focus of the Consortium is to provide on-going staff development opportunities for member schools. There is also a focus on sharing resources/knowledge among the member school divisions.

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Engineering

Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond financially supported the establishment of a school of engineering at VCU. Henrico's Economic Development Authority and VCU implemented a program that awards scholarships to qualified Henrico high school students who attend VCU's School of Engineering.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Central Virginia Urban Area Security Initiative (CVUASI)

Henrico County, along with 19 other Central Virginia localities, participates in the CVUASI work group and the associated committees to develop and execute programs and projects to improve the regional response to a variety of emergency situations through the use of a U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant.



Citizen Corps Programming

Henrico County coordinates various Citizen Corps courses and opportunities with other Central Virginia localities such as Chesterfield, Richmond, Goochland, and Hanover to help ensure citizens are better prepared for emergencies, as well as working together within the localities efficiently and effectively using volunteer resources in times of emergency.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

This program is a regional planning group directed to identify hazards related to natural occurrences and methods to mitigate those hazards. This group includes Planning District 15 – Henrico, Richmond, Charles City, New Kent, Goochland, Powhatan and Hanover.

Policy and Grants

Henrico County readily shares emergency planning and grant writing information across the region and specifically with Goochland, Hanover, New Kent, Richmond and Chesterfield to ensure plans are cohesive and supportive of the plans of other localities.

Region 1 Emergency Management Planning Group

Coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, Henrico County actively participates in planning relative to Central Virginia to help coordinate emergency preparedness for hurricanes, floods, terrorist attacks, and the operations of the individual emergency operations centers. This includes localities throughout Central Virginia from Amelia to King and Queen and Hanover to Emporia.

Shared Training

Henrico County participates in regional emergency management training opportunities to practice regional plans and improve emergency management related response capabilities.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)

Central Virginia Large Event Medical Response System

The system provides emergency medical service to people attending large sporting or cultural events. Participants include paid and volunteer EMS personnel throughout Virginia. The group was organized initially to manage EMS at Richmond International Raceway during NASCAR racing events.

EMS Training

Chesterfield, Hanover, Hopewell, Henrico, Petersburg, and Richmond cooperate in joint training of new firefighters and emergency service personnel. Regional emergency medical expositions, continuing education courses and partnerships with medical facilities in the region produce economical and efficient training for the region's first responders.

Med-Flight

Jurisdictions within a 60-mile radius of Henrico County contribute personnel to this air ambulance service owned by the Virginia State Police.



Richmond Metro EMS Council

The regional association of EMS agencies discusses regional issues, patient care protocols and grant funding. This includes Planning District 15, specifically Henrico, Chesterfield, Richmond and Hanover.

Richmond Metropolitan Medical Response System

Henrico County participates in this regional planning group to coordinate efforts of pre-hospital providers, hospitals, and public health department personnel to coordinate plans and responses to mass-casualty events from natural causes or from acts of terrorism. This includes coordinating planning in Henrico, Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover, New Kent, and the Virginia Department of Health as well as incorporating planning of the 17 Central Virginia region hospitals.

FIRE

Fire Explorers Post

The Post works regionally to provide youth between the ages of 14 and 21 opportunities to improve life skills and leadership while gaining insight into fire service careers. The Post works with other posts in the region in training and leadership opportunities.

Hazardous Material Response

Henrico's Hazardous Incident Team is part of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management's Regional Hazardous Materials Program. The team responds to assist other localities with hazardous materials releases that require more resources than a single jurisdiction may have available. The Henrico Team covers 24 localities and 11,000 square miles in Central Virginia. The team regularly trains with other local hazmat teams and National Guard resources.

Metro Fire Chiefs Association

The Association of Chief Fire Officers meets regularly to discuss and resolve fire and EMS service issues. Henrico, Chesterfield, Richmond, Hanover, Colonial Heights, the National Guard, Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR) and Petersburg are represented.

Metro Richmond Fire Investigation Team

The team provides a structured framework and resources to investigate large or suspicious fires. Henrico, Hanover, Chesterfield, Prince George, Colonial Heights, Petersburg, Richmond, Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Fire Programs and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) share equipment and personnel.

Search and Rescue Team

The Henrico Search and Rescue Team provides water rescue, marine patrol, and ground search services throughout the region. The Team regularly responds with Richmond and Chesterfield teams. The Henrico Team responds and trains closely with the United States Coast Guard, Hampton Sector.



Shared Training

Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, Richmond, Richmond International Airport, and the National Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and High Yield Explosive (CBRNE) Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) share training facilities and resources. Area fire training officers hold quarterly meetings.

Technical Rescue

Technical Rescue Teams have been designated in seven divisions throughout the Commonwealth. The Division 1 Team includes responders from Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, and Richmond. They provide specialized emergency response services such as: Trench Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Vehicle Rescue, Rope Rescue, Farm Machinery Rescue, and Structural Collapse Rescue.

Written Mutual Aid Agreements

Charles City, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico and New Kent counties, Richmond International Airport, and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management Hazardous Incident Team (HIT) are on call to provide backup service and assistance for neighboring jurisdictions. Services include fire protection, hazardous materials incidents, ground search and rescue, heavy technical rescue and EMS. Henrico also participates in a statewide mutual aid agreement through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

HEALTH

Central Virginia HIV Care Consortium

Health departments and clinics in the metro area provide education, health care, medication, and counseling support services to patients with a diagnosis of HIV and AIDS.

Community Asthma Coalition

The coalition provides assistance to a community group that is developing an action plan for victims of asthma. Henrico, Chesterfield and Hanover counties, the City of Richmond, the Commonwealth of Virginia, local hospitals and other area entities are members.

Food Service Managers Certification Course

Henrico County Health Department staff conducts food service inspection training for restaurant managers and employees from Chesterfield, Henrico, and Richmond.

Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS)

Regional groups work with hospitals, health care providers, local governments, health departments and public safety to coordinate plans and responses to mass-casualty events from either natural causes or acts of terrorism.



Project Immunize Virginia

Through the Immunization Action Plan funding, local health departments work with private-practice physicians throughout the metropolitan area to improve the level of immunizations in infants and school-age children.

Regional Perinatal Coordinating Council

Representatives from Chesterfield, Colonial Heights, Hanover, Henrico, Richmond and Petersburg meet quarterly to improve the health of infants and mothers.

Virginia Blood Drive

Employees around the region participate in blood drives. Friendly competition between Henrico and Chesterfield takes place as a way of increasing blood donations.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Cooperative Housing of Inmates/Juvenile Offenders

The Henrico Juvenile Detention Home has provided bed space to Richmond, Chesterfield and to jurisdictions outside of central Virginia. Chesterfield has provided the same service to Henrico, when necessary.

Henrico Community Corrections

With financial support from the private sector, the Community Criminal Justice Board developed three award-winning prevention videos on shoplifting, substance abuse and teen dating violence. The videos were distributed in middle and high schools in Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover and Richmond.

James River Juvenile Detention Commission

This commission, with representatives from Henrico, Goochland and Powhatan counties, built and now operates a 60-bed regional juvenile detention facility at the Beaumont Juvenile Correctional Center in Powhatan County.

LIBRARY

Capital Area Library Directors (CALD) Meetings

Library directors from Chesterfield, Henrico, Petersburg, Richmond, Powhatan, Appomattox Regional and Pamunkey Regional collaborate on the implementation of library services, programs and policies.

Cooperative Public Library Programs

Henrico, Richmond and Pamunkey Regional libraries have conducted cooperative programming efforts for children and young adults.



Interlibrary Loan

Henrico Public Library loans materials to libraries throughout the region and state.

Reciprocal Library Borrowing Policy

Chesterfield, Henrico, Richmond and Pamunkey Regional libraries have a reciprocal borrowing agreement that allows residents to use library facilities in each jurisdiction without charge.

LEADERSHIP, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

Audit Directors Regional Group

Audit directors from Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond meet to discuss productivity improvements and innovations in government; to conduct joint continuing education for their group; and to participate in hiring interview panels.

Budget Officers Regional Group

Budget officers from Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond meet regularly to discuss productivity improvements and innovations in government.

Capital Regional Caucus

Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, Richmond, other jurisdictions, and the Richmond Chamber meet weekly during the General Assembly session to discuss; budget items; bills and resolutions important to the region and coordinate efforts to move the region's legislative priorities forward.

Capital Region Communications Steering Committee (CRCSC)

Henrico is the hub of a regional radio network that serves approximately 10,000 users in Richmond, Henrico and Chesterfield. Representatives from Henrico, Chesterfield, Richmond and Hanover, with the support of their respective CAO's, have formed the Capital Region Communications Steering Committee and meet monthly to work on regional communications public safety issues. The committee has been meeting regularly since 1998.

CEO/CAO Monthly Meetings

The chief elected official and the chief administrative official for Henrico, Chesterfield and Hanover counties and the City of Richmond meet bi-monthly. The localities take turns hosting the meeting and preparing the agenda of current topics that the region needs to address.

Cooperative Purchasing

Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Ashland cooperatively bid their respective annual requirements for petroleum products such as gasoline and diesel fuels. Henrico and Chesterfield participate in cooperative procurement for Ambulances and Fire turnout gear.

Henrico County participates in the following purchasing alliances: U.S. Communities, National IPA and VASCCUP. Henrico also participates in regional, state, and national procurement associations including Capital Area Purchasing Association (CAPA), Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing (VAGP), and National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP).



Connections

Henrico hosts the annual meeting geared toward assisting small, women owned and minority businesses (SWAM) doing business with localities.

Finance, Taxation and Budget

Finance, treasury, taxation, revenue and budget officers and staff in Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond maintain close contact to discuss issues of mutual concern and develop uniform procedures. Meetings with regional counterparts and beyond are held frequently to discuss issues and to compare economic trends.

Frequency Rebanding

Henrico, Chesterfield, and Richmond have been working together since 2004 to negotiate a solution with Sprint/Nextel, to the national frequency rebanding issue. The jurisdictions are known as “The Three Cooperating Jurisdictions” and have been able to improve our negotiating position through “strength in numbers.”

General Registrar Voter Transfers

Registrars in Chesterfield, Henrico and Richmond maintain regular contact to accommodate each other’s needs when registered voters move from one locality to another. These officers also share ideas and information about office procedures, legal issues and related concerns.

Human Resources Administration Information Sharing

Directors of the Department of Human Resources in Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond meet regularly to discuss issues, policies, practices, etc. that affect the region and their respective local governments, as well as share information on benefits, salaries, policies and practices. The staff from each county meets and/or talks on a routine basis.

Joint Management Development Training

Chesterfield and Henrico share resources to bring quality speakers to employee training programs and confer with other localities on such things as succession management, leadership development, web-based training, etc.

Joint Regional Audit Efforts

Multi-jurisdictional teams provide audit services for special regional projects or groups.

Leadership Metro Richmond (LMR)

LMR is a community leadership development program affiliated with the National Association for Community Leadership. LMR’s purpose is to educate leaders about the complexity of key issues in the metropolitan area; to engage a diverse group of community leaders in problem solving, team building and interpersonal communication; and to encourage individual involvement in shaping policy, exerting influence and providing vision for the future of the greater community. Representatives from Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond have served in the LMR program, on its board of directors and as advisors to its classes.



Personal Property Information

Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond share personal property information, such as the location of personal property, business license information and payment of taxes.

Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant (PSIC)

Henrico County is the fiscal agent and supplies the project manager for RAMIS (Richmond Area Microwave Interoperability System) Phase 1, a grant funded regional data network connecting the emergency operations centers of Henrico, Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan, and the Virginia State EOC. The network will support such applications as high definition video teleconferencing, instant messaging, and data collaboration. The initial project idea was submitted to the State of Virginia, on September 13, 2007, by Henrico County, through the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, on behalf of the member jurisdictions (Henrico, Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover, Ashland, Goochland, Powhatan, New Kent, and Charles City). The project is expected to be complete by mid-summer 2011. A regional committee will continue to meet to manage applications and maintenance.

Real Estate Assessment Information

Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond share real property information such as residential and commercial sales activity and meet periodically to discuss market trends.

Regional Jobs Website

Henrico, Richmond, Chesterfield and Hanover jointly offer a website showing all job vacancies posted in each of their respective localities. This website, www.metrorichmondjobs.com, is regularly maintained and updated on a weekly basis.

Regional Revenue Forum

The Regional Revenue Forum is an annual forum that brings together experts in the fields of real estate, homebuilding, retail sales, car sales, economists, etc. with finance officials from around the region to discuss local economy/revenue issues. Henrico, Hanover, Chesterfield, Richmond, Petersburg, Powhatan, Goochland and Hopewell officials participate.

RPAC-I

The Commonwealth Interoperability Coordinator's Office (CICO) established Interoperability Subcommittees of the RPACs, referred to as the Regional Preparedness Advisory Committees for Interoperability (RPAC-Is). At least one representative from Henrico County attends the RPAC-I meetings. Each RPAC-I assists the CICO and the State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) in implementing the initiatives written in the Statewide Strategic Plan for Interoperable Communications (Statewide Plan). Each RPAC-I also provides a forum for local communities to coordinate and plan at the operational and tactical level prior to providing input to the strategic statewide planning level through the SIEC.



State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)

Henrico County is the fiscal agent and supplies the project manager for RAMIS (Richmond Area Microwave Interoperability System) Phase 2. This second phase of the RAMIS network is a grant funded regional project that brings New Kent, Charles City and the regional jail in New Kent on line with the phase one participants of the RAMIS project. The project is expected to be completed by mid-summer 2011. A regional committee will continue to meet to manage applications and maintenance.

UASI Urban Area Security Initiative

Henrico County took the lead on several regional (Henrico, Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover and Goochland) communications projects funded by the Urban Area Security Initiative grant. The Henrico radio shop designed and built a mobile communications trailer and tower capable of interoperating with most jurisdictions in the state. Once built, the trailer was transferred to Goochland County Sheriff's Office, who currently maintains and operates the trailer. As part of the same UASI grant, Henrico also took the lead in managing the build out of a regional radio network that operates on the national mutual aid frequencies, and has towers in Henrico, Richmond, Chesterfield, Hanover and Goochland.

Urban League of Greater Richmond's Annual EEO Workplace Symposium

Henrico County hosted this annual event at its Training Facility where a number of quality speakers addressed the many participants in and outside of Virginia. The training covered a myriad of EEO and workplace issues in repeated concurrent sessions including employment law, change management, EEO compliance, social networking, and diversity training.

Virginia Energy Procurement Governmental Association (VEPGA)

Henrico, along with some 200 counties, cities, towns, boards and authorities across the state, have created a legal entity known as the Virginia Energy Procurement Governmental Association (VEPGA). This association negotiates and contracts for the acquisition of electric energy on behalf of its membership. Virginia is the only state in the nation in which political subdivisions are not subject to the jurisdiction of the state regulatory agency (State Corporation Commission) with regard to the acquisition of electric energy. Therefore VEPGA negotiates with Dominion Virginia Power for the acquisition of electricity. This model has resulted in significant savings to Virginia jurisdictions, and Henrico has been a leader in these initiatives.

MENTAL HEALTH & DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

Acute Care Project

Regional community services boards have developed and implemented a program to purchase acute in-patient care at local hospitals to assure appropriate client and community safety and avoid state hospitalization. This jointly operated program is funded by the state and costs about \$2.5 million.



Child and Adolescent Treatment and Prevention Programs

Coordinators from Chesterfield, Henrico area and Richmond community services boards meet regularly to share ideas and sponsor relevant training.

Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services Community Services Board

The board serves the residents of Henrico, Charles City and New Kent counties and provides mental health, intellectual disability and substance abuse services and access to resources to enable them to lead productive lives.

Infant Early Intervention Program

Coordinators from Chesterfield, Henrico area and Richmond community services boards meet regularly to discuss implementation of applicable program standards.

Local Disabilities Services Board

This board, which includes members from Charles City, Henrico and New Kent, provides input on service needs and priorities for people with physical handicaps.

Mental Health Emergency Services

Emergency Service program directors from Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond meet quarterly to resolve inter-jurisdictional matters such as temporary detention orders and other crisis issues. The regional community services boards have developed a regional disaster-response agreement that assures coordination and mutual aid. The regional community services boards also have cooperative agreements to represent each other at commitment hearings.

Network of Care

Henrico, Chesterfield and Richmond have a consumer and family-oriented, web-based information service called “Network of Care.” It provides a comprehensive service directory of all licensed providers in the area and direct access for consumers and families to easy-to-search libraries about specific disorders as well as daily articles about mental and emotional wellness. In addition, it allows consumers to track state and federal legislation and to communicate with elected state and federal officials. The service provides translation into several languages, including Spanish and Vietnamese, at the click of a mouse. This is the first mental health and intellectual disability service of this type in Virginia.

Regional Authorization Committee

Representatives from the Regional Community Services Board Consortium meet weekly at Central State Hospital to review all requests for admission to ensure their appropriateness. Through this process, the region and hospital cooperatively manage the census at Central State Hospital.

Regional Community Services Boards Consortium

The community services boards of Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Powhatan, Planning District 19 and Crossroads meet monthly to coordinate and solve regional mental health/intellectual disability and substance abuse issues.



Regional Crisis Stabilization Program

Regional community services boards fund and utilize a 16 bed regional crisis stabilization program. The program is operated for the region by the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority.

Regional Disability Directors

Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Powhatan and Richmond directors of intellectual disability, mental health and substance abuse programs meet regularly to develop regional cooperative training offerings and to keep cooperative agreements current.

Regional Intellectual Disability Case Managers Coalition

Community services boards in Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Powhatan and Richmond meet quarterly for updates on service issues and in-service training.

Regional Reinvestment Project

Since 2003, the regional community services boards have developed cooperative programs that reduce the census at Central State Hospital and permit the transfer of hospital funds into the region for community services. As part of this effort, some regionally operated and funded programs have been developed to create economics of scale. These include a regional Crisis Stabilization Team (contractual), a regional Behavioral Team (contractual) and a Jail Team. The Regional Reinvestment Project manages approximately \$2.8 million.

Regional Substance Abuse Commission

Regional representatives from law enforcement and local community services boards meet to evaluate service needs and regional strategies to reduce substance abuse and related crimes.

Sheltered Workshops

The marketing specialists from sheltered workshops administered by the Chesterfield, Henrico and Richmond community services boards coordinate marketing efforts to attract larger jobs.

Transitional Advisory Committee

Community services boards in Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond and private organizations meet with Southside Virginia Training Center (SVTC) staff and a parent representative to keep the training center informed of community services and trends in service delivery. They assist SVTC in preparing residents for transition to the community.

PLANNING

Bon Secours - Saint Mary's Hospital Master Plan

Henrico and Richmond participated in Bon Secours public input process for the St. Mary's new master plan. The plan focuses on the future of St. Mary's over the next 20 to 30 years. The hospital plans to triple in size and the plan focuses on providing top services to the community while physically respecting the residential community around the campus.



Broad Street Rapid Transit Study

Henrico, Richmond and Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (RAMPO) are part of the study team in partnership with the Greater Richmond Transit Company and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation in reviewing and providing the Broad Street Rapid Transit Study. The mission is to provide rapid and reliable transit service affording greater mobility and transportation choices within the region and to improve the environmental quality of the region.

Graduate and Undergraduate Students Internship Program

This National Association of Counties award-winning program partners with the regional universities, including Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Tech, University of Virginia, to provide students real life work experience in the Planning field.

Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (RRPDC)

RRPDC promotes orderly and efficient development of the physical, social and economic aspects of the region in partnership with governmental subdivisions and other entities. Under the RRPDC umbrella is also the Richmond Area Metropolitan Planning Office with special review and attention to the region's transportation projects and programs. Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent and Powhatan counties, the City of Richmond and the Town of Ashland support RRPDC and various sub-functions.

Route 5 Corridor Study

The Route 5 Corridor Study focuses on the portion of Route 5 in Richmond to the Pocahontas Parkway in Henrico. The study is a collaborative effort between the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (RRPDC), Richmond, Henrico, GRTC Transit System, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). It also includes the input of local resident known as the Study Work Group. The mission of the study is to prepare this important roadway for future growth while retaining the corridor's character and historic value.

Virginia Department of Rail and Transportation- High Speed Rail

As part of the overall study to provide high speed rail accessible from Hampton Roads, Richmond Metropolitan Area to Washington D.C., representatives from Henrico, Ashland and Richmond provide input and guidance on the study to improve local railways and Amtrak stations. This study identifies short and long term improvements in the region including station upgrades and new stations supporting Transit Oriented Development.

POLICE

Animal Protection Services

Animal protection officers in Hanover, Henrico and Richmond regularly share information and assistance.



Capital Region Communications Steering Committee

Established in 1998, the committee includes three voting representatives from Henrico, Chesterfield and Richmond who meet quarterly (subcommittees meet more frequently) to consider and adopt policies, procedures and public safety protocols that impact all three jurisdictions. The original purpose of this steering committee was to pursue and implement compatible radio systems (800Mhz digital trunked systems). These have been implemented and operational and afford unparalleled interoperability for public safety communications.

Central Virginia Crime Prevention Association (CVCPA)

Police from Chesterfield, Henrico, Richmond, Prince George, Colonial Heights as well as the Hanover County Sheriff's Office, the Virginia Department of State Police participate in regular CVCPA meetings and seminars.

Central Virginia Public Safety Media Council

Public information officers from Chesterfield and Henrico police; Hanover County Sheriff's Office; Colonial Heights, Petersburg and Richmond police; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and local mass media representatives meet quarterly to discuss public safety/media issues.

Community Support Services

Area law enforcement agencies participate in many community relations and crime prevention programs, such as National Night Out Against Crime, Neighborhood Watch, Police-Apartment Managers Coalition (PAC) and Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT).

Computerized Warrant Information Sharing

Police from Henrico, Chesterfield, and Richmond share computerized warrant files to enhance regional law enforcement efforts.

Crime Stoppers

Police departments from Henrico, Charles City, Goochland and Hanover counties, the New Kent County Sheriffs' Office and Richmond City Police participate in Crime Stoppers, a program that encourages citizens to call and share information about criminal offenses and are eligible for a reward. Richmond police usually produce the televised announcements and Henrico police handle telephone calls and the database maintenance.

D.E.A. (Drug Enforcement Administration) Task Force

Chesterfield and Henrico counties, Richmond City Police, Virginia Commonwealth University Police, Hanover County Sheriff's Office, the Virginia Department of State Police and the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration pool their resources to prevent drug trafficking in the metropolitan area.



Enhanced 911 Emergency Phone System

With the use of the emergency 911 telephone system, Chesterfield and Henrico counties and Richmond City Police can immediately transfer emergency information to the affected jurisdiction. Henrico and Richmond police share a built-in backup telephone system in the event of power or telephone failure. The affected jurisdiction can flip a key on its command console, and all incoming emergency calls will immediately ring into the backup jurisdiction's system.

Explorer Post (Henrico County Police #608)

The post cooperates with neighboring Explorer Posts in mutual benefit events and in annual leadership training and conferences.

Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Asian Chamber of Commerce

Henrico County's Division of Police is involved with members of business communities throughout the metropolitan area to educate members in crime reduction and prevention efforts.

H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) Project

Auto theft investigators in the region periodically work together, conducting meetings about vehicle thefts and trends in the area.

Joint Investigations

When appropriate or advantageous, area jurisdictions work together on undercover operations to combat crimes involving narcotics, homicides and other street crimes. This is especially helpful when crimes cross jurisdictional boundaries.

Joint Uniform Task Force Operations

Police from Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, New Kent, Goochland, Richmond and the Virginia Department of State Police engage in joint license and equipment road checks.

Policy and Grants

Chesterfield, Henrico and Richmond police and the Hanover County Sheriff's Office share information on grants, policy materials and related matters affecting law enforcement.

Precious Metals, Thefts and Control

Area jurisdictions have adopted parallel ordinances and conduct joint investigations in cooperation with commonwealth's attorneys from participating localities.

Richmond Metro Burglary Investigators

Investigators from metropolitan localities meet to discuss burglary and robbery cases and suspects.

Richmond Metro Hostage Negotiation Training

Henrico County Police, Richmond City Police and Hanover County Sheriff's Office regularly meet to discuss common trends and arrange cooperative training programs in dealing with hostage situations.



Richmond Retail Merchants Association

Henrico County Police is involved with other law enforcement entities in the Richmond Region Metropolitan Area (RRMA) in crime prevention.

Sobriety Checkpoints

Hanover County Sheriff's Office, Henrico County Police and the Virginia Department of State Police have conducted sobriety checkpoints to curtail accidents caused by drinking alcohol and driving and to promote seat belt safety.

Suspect Apprehension Team

Chesterfield, Henrico, and Richmond police, U.S. Marshal's Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation cooperate in apprehending felons with charges pending in respective jurisdictions.

Violent Crime Investigations

Chesterfield, Henrico, and Richmond police, Hanover County Sheriff's Office, the Virginia Department of State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms work together to apprehend violent career criminals.

Virginia Safer By Design Coalition and the Virginia CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Committee

The counties of Henrico, Chesterfield, and Stafford, the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, along with three state agencies – Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) – Fire Marshal Office, Building Code Administration Office, and the Virginia Main Street Program, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation; six national associations: National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA); Virginia Society – American Institute of Architects, American Planning Association – Virginia Chapter, International Association of Chiefs of Police; one federal agency – the Bureau of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, and several private sector groups meet to share CPTED information, concerns and training to further the awareness of CPTED principles.

Volunteers in Police Service Program (VIPS)

Henrico County Police encourages volunteers to assist in non-sworn and non-tactical activities with the agency. This local volunteer effort also cooperates with adjacent jurisdiction volunteer programs.

Written Mutual Aid Agreements

Police from the Virginia State Police, the counties of Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, and New Kent, the city of Richmond, the Capital Region Airport, the University of Richmond, and the U.S. Park Police are on-call to provide backup police personnel when needed. These agreements facilitate criminal information sharing and joint criminal enforcements.



RECREATION

Area Planning and Services Committee

Henrico MH/DS and Richmond MH/MR and Henrico Recreation and Parks partner with area agencies such as VCU, Richmond Housing Coalition, Faith in Action, Greater Richmond United Way, Behavioral Health Authority, Instructive Visiting Nursing Association, Adult Care Services, parent advocacy groups and the Capital Area Agency on Aging to develop services for aging adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

Citie of Henricus

Henrico played a major role in the funding of the “Citie of Henricus,” including building and construction of the park and the access roads. In addition to Henrico’s continuing support, Chesterfield, the Henricus Foundation, and other private contributors provide assistance towards the park’s operation.

James River Advisory Council

Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond representatives serve on the regional council to promote and protect the James River. The council organizes “James River Days.”

James River Parade of Lights

Chesterfield, Henrico and Richmond Recreation and Parks agencies and local marinas—in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries—hold an annual holiday lighted boat parade and activities at various boat landings along the James River.

Maymont Foundation

The foundation provides educational, recreational and cultural opportunities for the community through the restoration and development of Maymont Park, including museums, animal exhibits, gardens and other resources. Richmond, Henrico, Chesterfield, and Hanover participate.

Metropolitan Richmond Sports Backers

Chesterfield, Henrico, and Richmond are members of Metropolitan Richmond Sports Backers, which promotes sporting events and related activities in the area.

Richmond Area Safe Kids Coalition

Henrico, Hanover and Richmond form outreach programs with private businesses to promote child safety and injury prevention.

Regional Youth Soccer Leagues

Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover and Richmond provide playing fields for regular season games.



Sportable/Richmond Adaptive Sports and Recreation

Sportable is focused on providing recreation and sports opportunities for individuals with physical disabilities in the Richmond area. Henrico and Chesterfield Recreation and Parks agencies, along with HH McGuire Veterans Medical Center, are community partners in this program.

Special Olympics

Recreation and Parks agencies from Amelia, Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan, Richmond and West Point participate in activities for those with developmental disabilities. Area law enforcement agencies take part in the Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

The Diamond Stadium

Henrico, Chesterfield and Richmond contribute funds to the Richmond Metropolitan Authority to fund repairs and improvements to The Diamond Stadium. Henrico also appoints a representative to the Stadium Operating Committee.

Theater Equipment

Henrico Recreation and Parks and the City of Richmond exchange supplies, costumes and props to use at Dogwood Dell and other city facilities.

Tournaments

Each year, Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond work cooperatively to bring youth soccer tournaments such as the Colonial Cup, Jefferson Cup, and Capital Cup to the region. Regional efforts have established the metropolitan area as the site of numerous youth and adult softball and baseball tournaments.

Virginia Senior Games

Recreation and Parks agencies from Fairfax, Hanover, Henrico, Richmond and Virginia Beach, along with the Metropolitan Richmond Sports Backers, organize and implement sports and games for senior adults when the event is held in the Richmond area.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Adult Protective Services Supervisors

Local supervisors of Adult Protective Services from Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, and Richmond meet quarterly to discuss challenges and best practice programs.

BPRO PD-15

An affiliate meeting from the League of Social Services Executives meets quarterly to conduct business meetings for the agency members from the central region.



BPS Certification Program Group

A subcommittee from BPRO which meets as needed to develop in cooperation with the community colleges, a certification program to promote professional growth of benefit staff statewide.

C-Van

C-Van provides van service for customers of the “Virginia Initiative for Employment Not Welfare.” This 24-hours-a-day/7-days-a-week program is managed by GRTC. Henrico and Richmond participate.

Capital Region Workforce Partners Management Team

Capital Workforce Partners teams with state agencies, local education, business and community organizations and top-notch service delivery contractors to implement a fully integrated, seamless "One-Stop" delivery system to meet the needs of the region's individuals and businesses.

Central Regional Supervisory Group

Supervisory benefit staff from all local social services meets every other month to discuss training, program issues and staff development.

Central Virginia Coalition of Comprehensive Services Act Coordinators

This coalition meets monthly to implement the Comprehensive Services Act for At Risk Youth and Families. Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Richmond, Powhatan and several localities from southern and northern Virginia are represented. Meeting topics address the implementation of the law and provide training in the coordinated delivery of services to seriously emotionally disturbed children.

Local Child Welfare Supervisors Meetings

Supervisors from all central regional local departments meet to discuss Social Services child welfare programs (Child Protective Services, Prevention, Foster Care and Adoptions) programs, policies and implementation of Children’s Services Transformation initiatives.

Local Social Services Directors Meetings

Directors from Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Richmond and Powhatan collaborate on Social Service programs, policies and implementation of the welfare reform program.

Partnership of Office Services Support Employees in Social Services (POSSESS)

The purpose of the Partnership of Office Services Support Employees in Social Services (POSSESS) is to provide office services support personnel with a statewide organization for professional identity, professional development (education and training), networking, and advocacy.



Regional Fraud Meetings

Fraud investigators and supervisors meet quarterly for the purposes of training and information sharing among local agencies.

Regional Round Table

The coalition sponsors the Regional Foster Parent and Resource Recruitment Project. Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, Richmond, Prince George, Dinwiddie, Powhatan, Goochland, Petersburg, Hopewell and Colonial Heights participate.

Senior Connections (formerly the Capital Area Agency on Aging)

This agency develops and administers an area plan to coordinate and implement community-based services for the elderly. Participants include Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan and Richmond.

STARS

A collaborative effort between Henrico and Richmond Department of Social Services, organizing, planning, and implementing a 4-week job readiness program for participants in the VIEW program.

TIE Partnership Meetings

A collaborated effort among community partners in regards to the TANF hard to serve grant administered through the Goodwill/TIE program.

Virginia Alliance for Social Work Practitioners Planning District 15

Local social workers from Henrico, Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, New Kent, Powhatan, and Richmond meet to discuss best practice and provide expert speakers on a monthly basis.

Welfare Reform Regional Transportation Grant

The Social Services directors in Henrico and Richmond successfully competed for this grant to provide enhanced transportation services for welfare clients seeking employment.

TRANSPORTATION

CARE

CARE provides local paratransit service within, and is supported by Richmond and Henrico. CARE is part of the GRTC Transit System.

GRTC (Greater Richmond Transit Company)

GRTC, the public transportation provider for the Richmond metropolitan area, is jointly owned by the City of Richmond and Chesterfield County. Representatives from those jurisdictions serve on the board of directors. Henrico County, with approximately 12 percent of GRTC's route mileage, has contractual arrangements with GRTC to support public transportation in the area.



Richmond International Airport (RIC)

Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond make up the Capitol Region Airport Commission that operates RIC.

Richmond Metropolitan Authority (RMA)

The RMA operates transportation facilities like the Powhite Parkway, the Downtown Expressway and the Boulevard Bridge. Richmond, Chesterfield and Henrico provide the board of directors for the authority.

Richmond Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

The Richmond Area MPO is the state and federally designated regional transportation planning organization that serves as the forum for cooperative transportation decision-making in the urbanized and soon-to-be-urbanized portion of the Richmond area. Administrative functions of the MPO are provided through the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission. Members include the town of Ashland, the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent and Powhatan, the City of Richmond, the Capital Region Airport Commission, GRTC Transit System, the Richmond Metropolitan Authority, the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, Ridefinders, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the Virginia Department of Aviation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transportation Administration.

Ridefinders

Ridefinders is the region's carpool, vanpool and rideshare facilitator, providing services to the public and private sectors under the GRTC Transit System umbrella. Richmond, Chesterfield and Henrico support Ridefinders.

Taxicab Regulation

Chesterfield, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond have adopted similar ordinances and rate schedules for taxicabs. These jurisdictions have full reciprocity in taxicab regulation, encouraged by the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce. The Capital Region Taxicab Advisory Board was established under the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission.

UTILITIES

Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA)

The CVWMA provides solid waste management services for Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan, Prince George, Colonial Heights, Hopewell, Petersburg, Richmond and the town of Ashland.

Henrico County Water Supply Project – Cobbs Creek Reservoir

Henrico will be constructing a water supply reservoir and dam in Cumberland County. The reservoir will be sized to supply the increased potable water needs for the next 50 years for Henrico, Powhatan, Cumberland and Goochland. During periods of low flow in the James River, the reservoir will release water to enhance the aquatic environment.



Henrico Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Henrico Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility began operations in November 1989 and treats sewage from most of Henrico and parts of Goochland and Hanover. This facility is an element of the Water Quality Management Plan for the Richmond metropolitan area, adopted by the State Water Control Board on August 26, 1974. Under a wastewater agreement, Richmond receives and treats wastewater from Henrico and each jurisdiction treats the wastewater of the other's residents along their boundary lines.

Natural Gas

Richmond supplies natural gas to residents in Richmond, Henrico and northern Chesterfield.

Regional Utilities Committee

Composed of the public utilities directors for Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico and Richmond, this committee meets periodically to discuss matters of mutual concern or benefit, and where feasible, provide mutual support during emergencies.

Regional Wastewater Training Program

Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover and Richmond, with cooperation from the American Association of Water and Wastewater Professionals, established a two-day training program for up to 6 operators from each utility. The program is recognized and accepted by the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation and provides a means whereby every licensed operator at the participating utilities can obtain the contact hours required to maintain their state-issued Wastewater Operator License.

Water and Sewer Agreements

Henrico and Richmond signed a water agreement through the year 2040. Richmond agreed to support the construction of a new treatment plant in Henrico County to help meet the region's future water needs. Henrico's water treatment plant was placed into service in 2004; however, Henrico will continue to purchase treated water from Richmond at a reduced volume through July 1, 2040.