



Fall 2024 Cumberland County Town Hall Meeting  
Tuesday, September 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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# Town Hall Format

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The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and will end at approximately 8 p.m. Sign up sheets are available for each section of information.

After each section of information, we will be accepting questions from the audience about items specific to those covered topics for up to 15 minutes.

Speakers will have 3 minutes to ask questions/comment, very similar to Board of Supervisor meetings.

Time permitting, we will allow for questions at the end of the presentation as a whole.

Additional questions can also be submitted to the County Administrator's office at [dstamey@cumberlandcounty.virginia.gov](mailto:dstamey@cumberlandcounty.virginia.gov)



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# Town Hall Agenda

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1. Welcoming Remarks
2. First Section: Cumberland County Public Schools Presentation & Updates
3. Cumberland County Updates
  - A. Second Section
    - a. Community Engagement Efforts
    - b. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Process
    - c. New Business Task Force
    - d. Public Safety Updates
    - e. “Connect Cumberland” Broadband Initiative
  - B. Third Section
    - a. Cobbs Creek Update
    - b. Cumberland Courthouse
    - c. Debt Service and Revenue
    - d. Green Ridge Project
    - e. Upcoming Community Events





# Cumberland County Public Schools

Home of *The Dukes*



# School Board Goals

The following goals were adopted by the School Board on September 5, 2024.

1. Cumberland County Public Schools will be student centered.
2. Cumberland County Public Schools will expand opportunities that are equitable and collaborative for learning that empowers students.
3. Cumberland County Public Schools will develop committed stakeholders who build positive relationships. Stakeholders are defined as students, faculty and staff, parents, families and community members.
4. Cumberland County Public Schools will use division resources to effectively and efficiently support staff.



# Course Offerings

CHS went to 4 X 4 block scheduling, allowing for more class offerings.



- Cosmetology
- Creative Writing
- Criminal Justice
- Cybersecurity
- Geology
- Nutrition & Wellness
- Oceanography
- Public Speaking & Debate



**More opportunities for internships and job shadowing!**

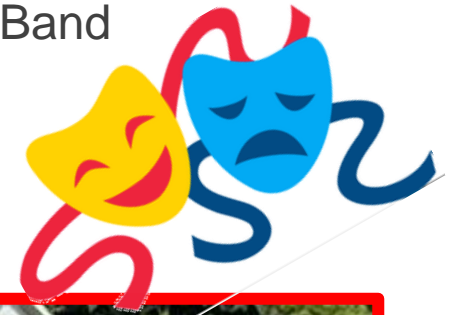
# Extra-Curricular Activities

## SPORTS

- JV Football
- Varsity & JV Basketball (girls & boys)
- CMS, JV, & Varsity Volleyball
- Track: Cross Country, Indoor, & Track & Field
- Golf
- Wrestling
- CHS & CMS Cheerleading
- CMS, JV, & Varsity Softball
- CMS, JV, & Varsity Baseball
- Soccer
- eSports

## ACTIVITIES

- Drama/Theatre
- Scholastic Bowl
- Robotics
- Forensics
- Yearbook
- Envirothon
- Band



# New Accreditation Regulations

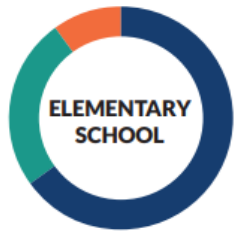


## School Performance and Support Framework

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### Performance Categories

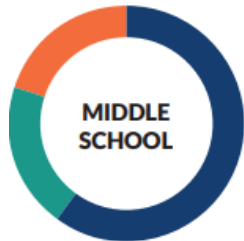
Distinguished 90 points and above	On Track 80 to 89 points	Off Track 65 to 79 points	Needs Intensive Support Below 65 points
Schools are exceeding the state's expectation for growth, achievement, and readiness.	Schools are meeting the state's expectation for growth, achievement, and readiness.	Schools are not meeting the state's expectation for growth, achievement, and readiness.	Schools are significantly not meeting the state's expectation for growth, achievement, and readiness.
Schools serve as models of best practices from which others learn.	Schools have access to general state supports and may also receive support for student groups.	Schools will receive additional support from VDOE.	Schools will receive more intensive support (Tier 3) from VDOE in Fall 2025.



■ Mastery  
65%

■ Growth  
25%

■ Readiness  
10%



■ Mastery  
60%

■ Growth  
20%

■ Readiness  
20%



■ Mastery  
50%

■ Readiness  
35%

■ Graduation  
15%





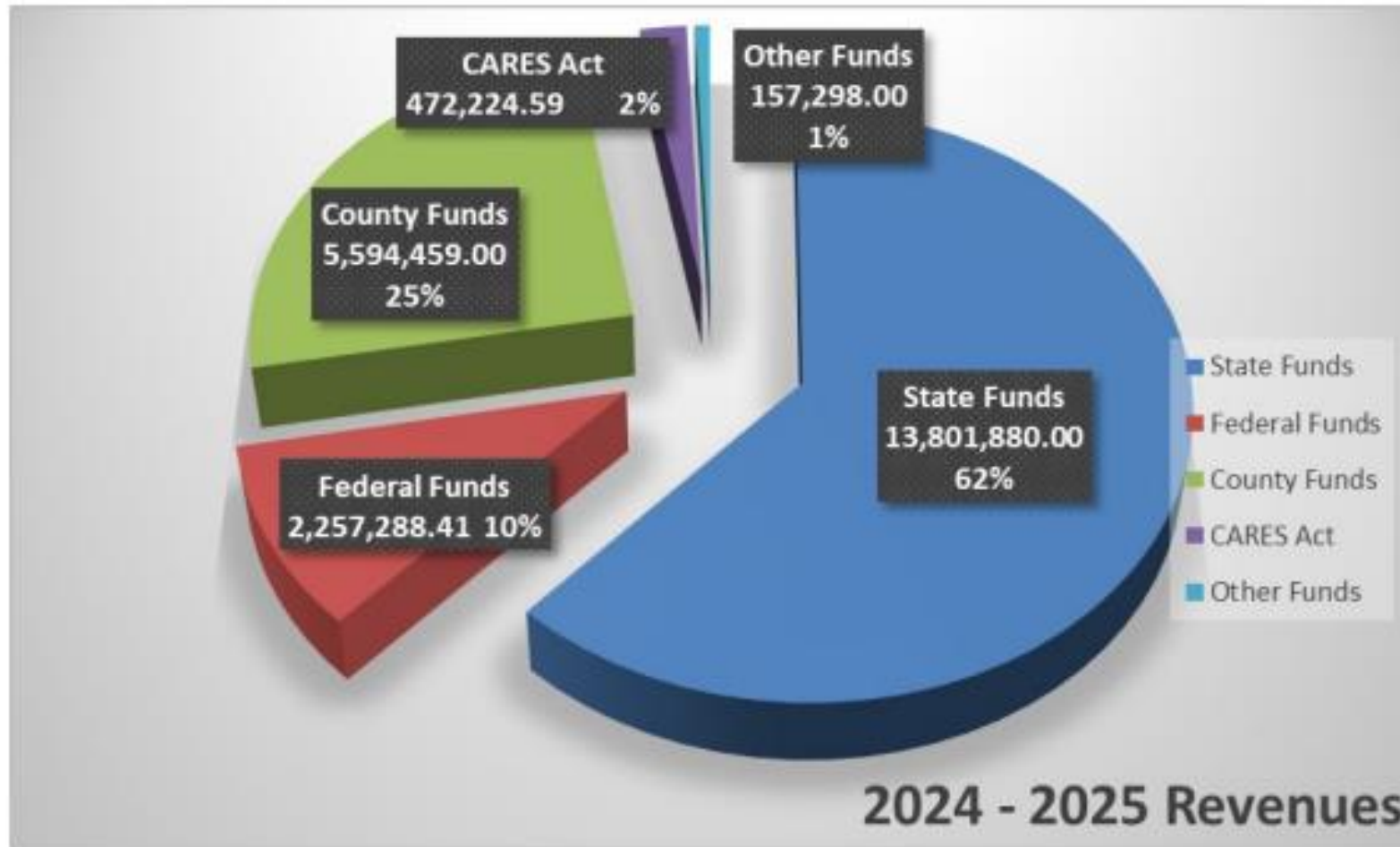
# Family Engagement

## Family Engagement leads to...

- Better academic achievement
- Increased rates of graduation
- Better relationships between parents and teachers
- Improved school environment
- Strong support system for the school
- Decreased disciplinary issues
- Better attendance.

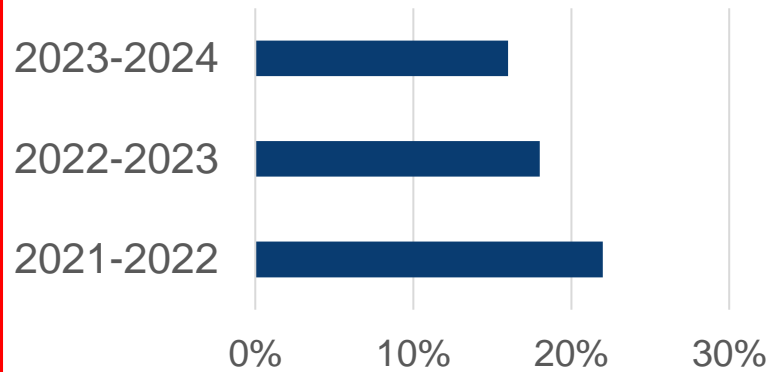


# Funding



# Recruitment

## Turnover Rates



## Current Unfilled Positions

- JROTC Senior Instructor
- CHS School Counselor
- Special Education Teacher
- Spanish Teacher
- School Psychologist
- Speech/Language Pathologist
- Substitute Bus Drivers



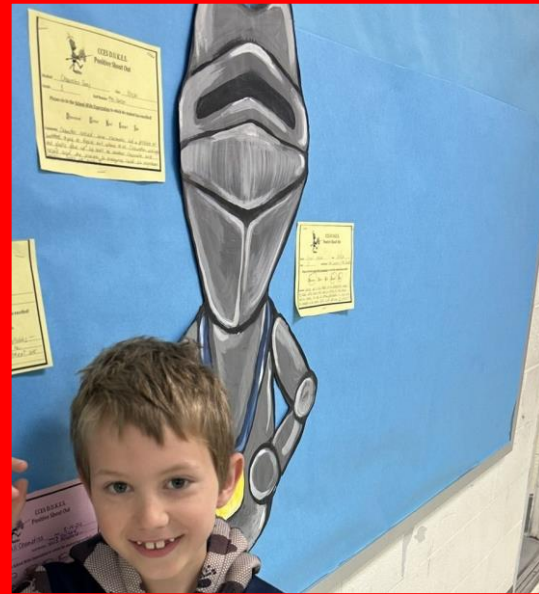
*Rely on online platforms, contracted services, and long-term substitutes*







# Questions?



**Duke Pride!**

**Duke Pride!**



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# Cumberland County Community Engagement

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Cumberland County Board of Supervisor wants your feedback and input!

1. Livestream of Public Meetings
2. Additional Public Comment Opportunities
3. Town Hall Meetings
4. County Website and Text Alerts
5. Social Media
6. Print Media
7. Radio - WFLO

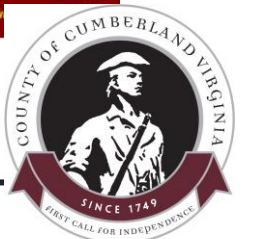
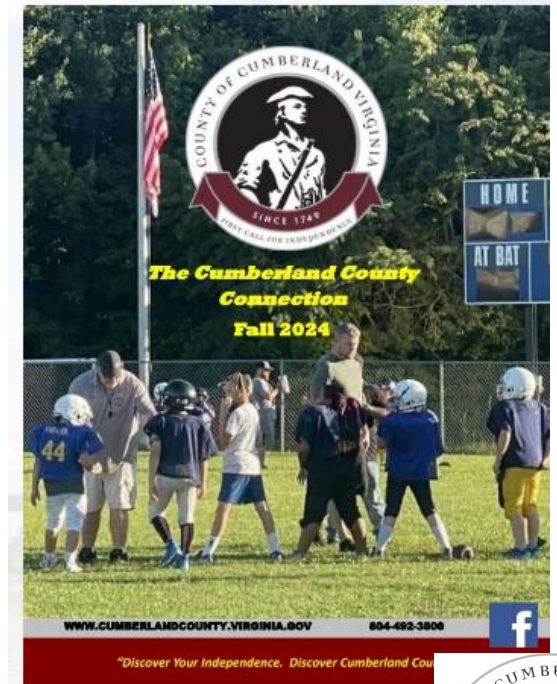


**LIVE**   
**STREAMING**

## Live Stream Board of Supervisor Meetings

As of September 10, 2024, Board of Supervisors Meeting will now be live streamed on the County's Youtube Page. To view live videos and previous videos, please use the following link:

[Read on...](#)



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# County Budget Process

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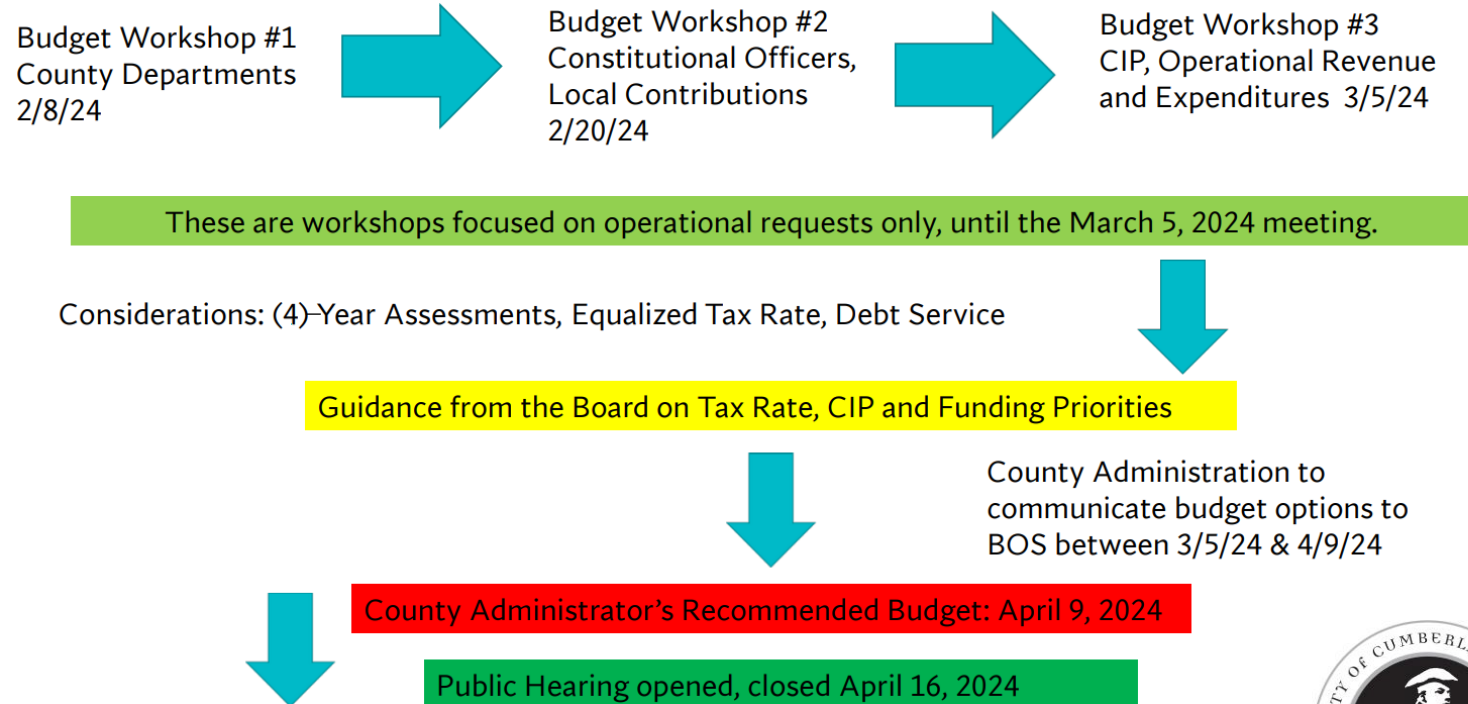
The County Budget process begins in October and typically is completed in mid-April of the following year.

Department requests are considered and revenue estimates are analyzed and prepared for review.

Joint meetings held between the Board of Supervisors and Schools to discuss the School Funding request.

Subsequent BOS workshops held, tax rates advertised, leading to budget adoption.

## SAMPLE FLOW CHART

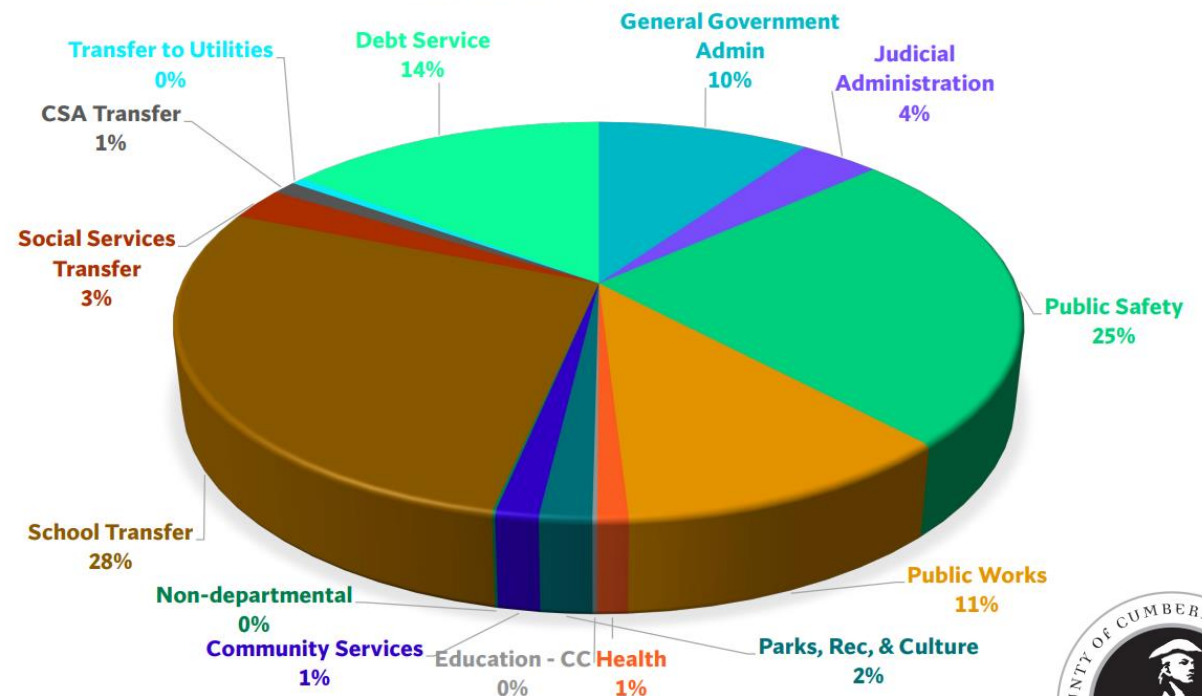


# County Budget Process

Cumberland County's Budget is a reflection of priorities

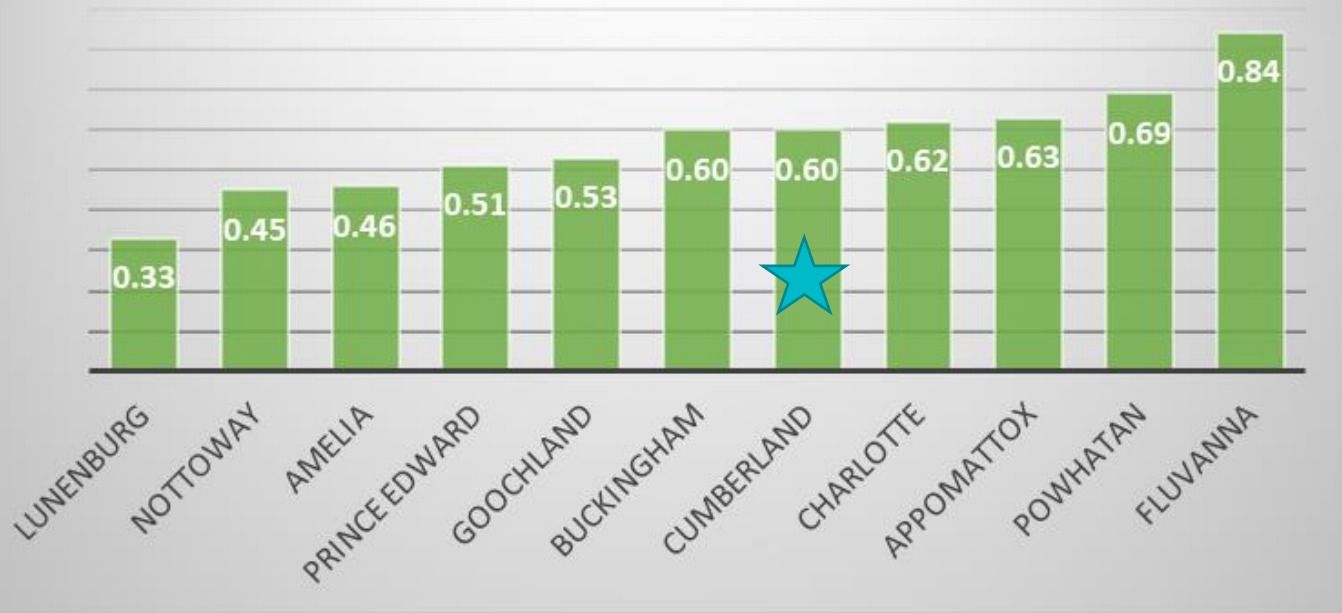
- Public Schools and Public Safety – 53% of GF
- Future and Ongoing Challenges:
  - Inflation and the cost of doing business continue to rise.
  - Education costs increase based upon “ability to pay” DOE calculation.
  - Competitive salaries and other costs to retain Teachers, Sheriff Deputies, and County Staff.
  - Maintaining aging infrastructure.
  - Unfunded mandates impact County services and requirements.
  - Debt service is 14% of the County's GF.

**FY 25 PROPOSED GENERAL FUNDS EXPENDITURE  
BUDGET \$20,258,336**



# County Budget Process

Regional Real Estate Tax Rates



During FY 25 Budget process, the BOS lowered the real estate tax rate from \$0.75 to \$0.60.

4 - Year Reassessment ~30% +

All Counties in the region felt the impact.

Cumberland now more in line with its neighboring localities.



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# New Business Task Force

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Revenue generation and careful management of resources is essential to provide County services while seeking to lower the impact to residents of the County.

County is proactively seeking ways to reduce the burden on the tax payer –

New Business Task Force – focus on tourism, economic development strategic planning, workforce development, grocery store and food desert efforts, grants and business recruitment.

More info to come, Fall 2024/Winter 2025



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# Public Safety Updates

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## **Radio System Update:**

\$2.03 Million Dollars Available for Radio System (Debt Restructure)

Partnership with Virginia State Police and Motorola.

Equipment Components: ~\$1.785 million dollars

Installation Components: ~\$45,000

Communications Infrastructure: ~\$100,000

VSP serves as project manager, design and coordinates install. VSP handles system upgrades and ongoing maintenance reducing long term operational costs for Cumberland.

***County Savings: ~\$1.75 - \$2.5 million dollars.***



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# Public Safety Updates

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## **Amish Buggy & Sharing the Road**

- County working with VDOT to identify and provide signage for heavily traveled Amish locations in County.
- Extensive public education campaign with Cumberland County Public Schools and with other local partners.
- Working to determine solutions for sharing the road regionally.



## **Cumberland Courthouse Safety**

- Speed and Safety study recently conducted by VDOT.
- Signage and speed reductions areas identified.
- Evaluating other options for improving safety including speed cameras and other VDOT alternative options for traffic calming and safety.
- Crosswalks and street lighting considered as well.





# Broadband Update



<https://cumberlandcounty.virginia.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=62>

## (3) Active Broadband Efforts in Cumberland County

Firefly, Kinex, and MBC (Mid-Atlantic Broadband Communities)

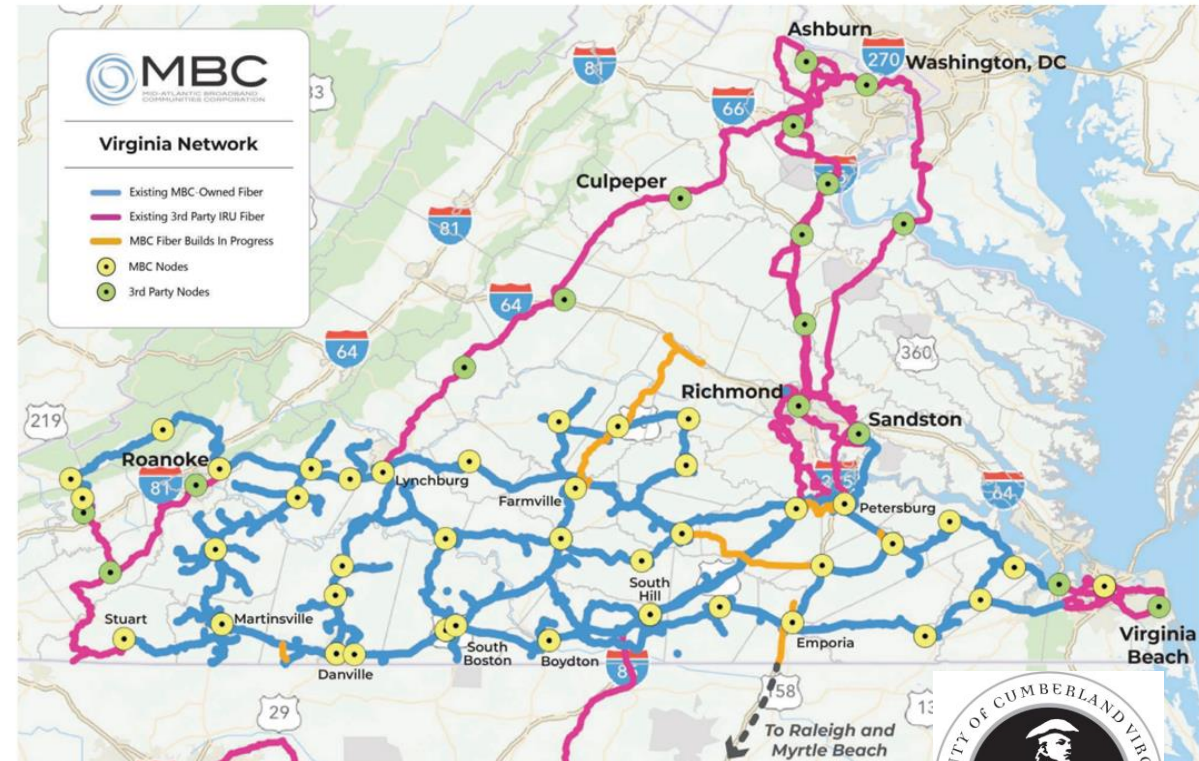
\$586,250 committed of County funds for the Broadband effort.

In 2022, the total estimate for the Firefly and Kinex broadband effort was estimated to be approximately \$15,839,060.

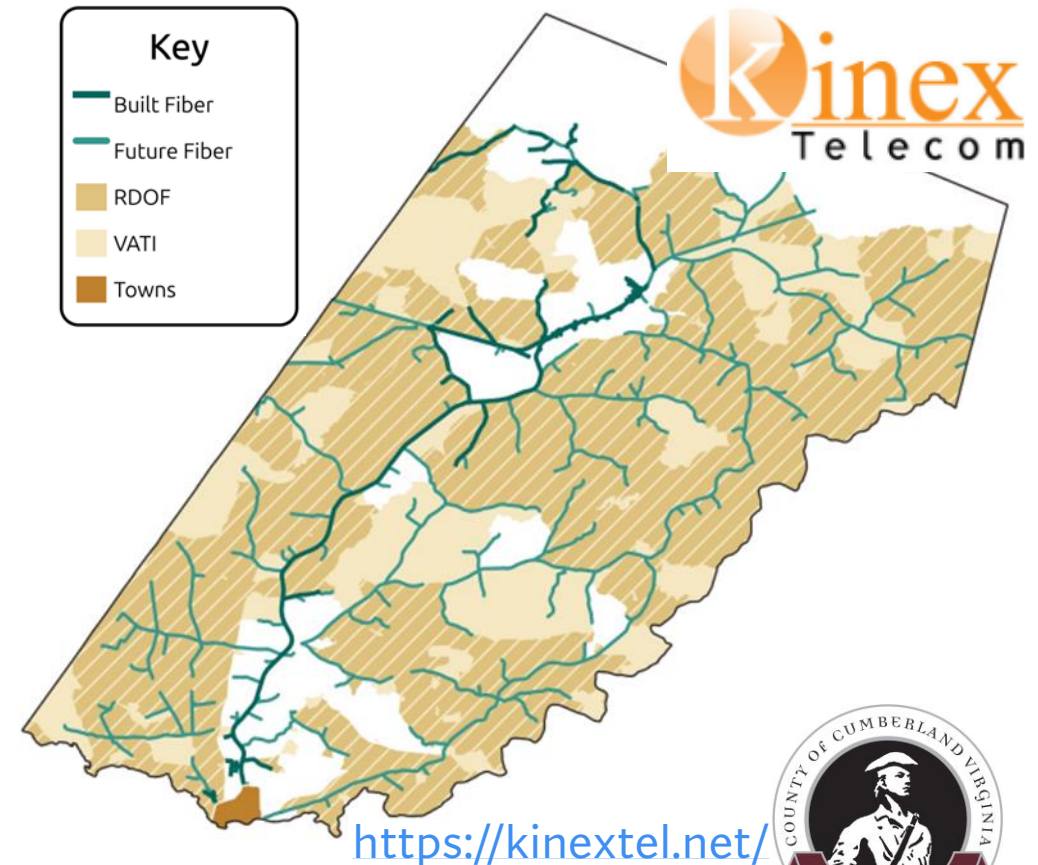
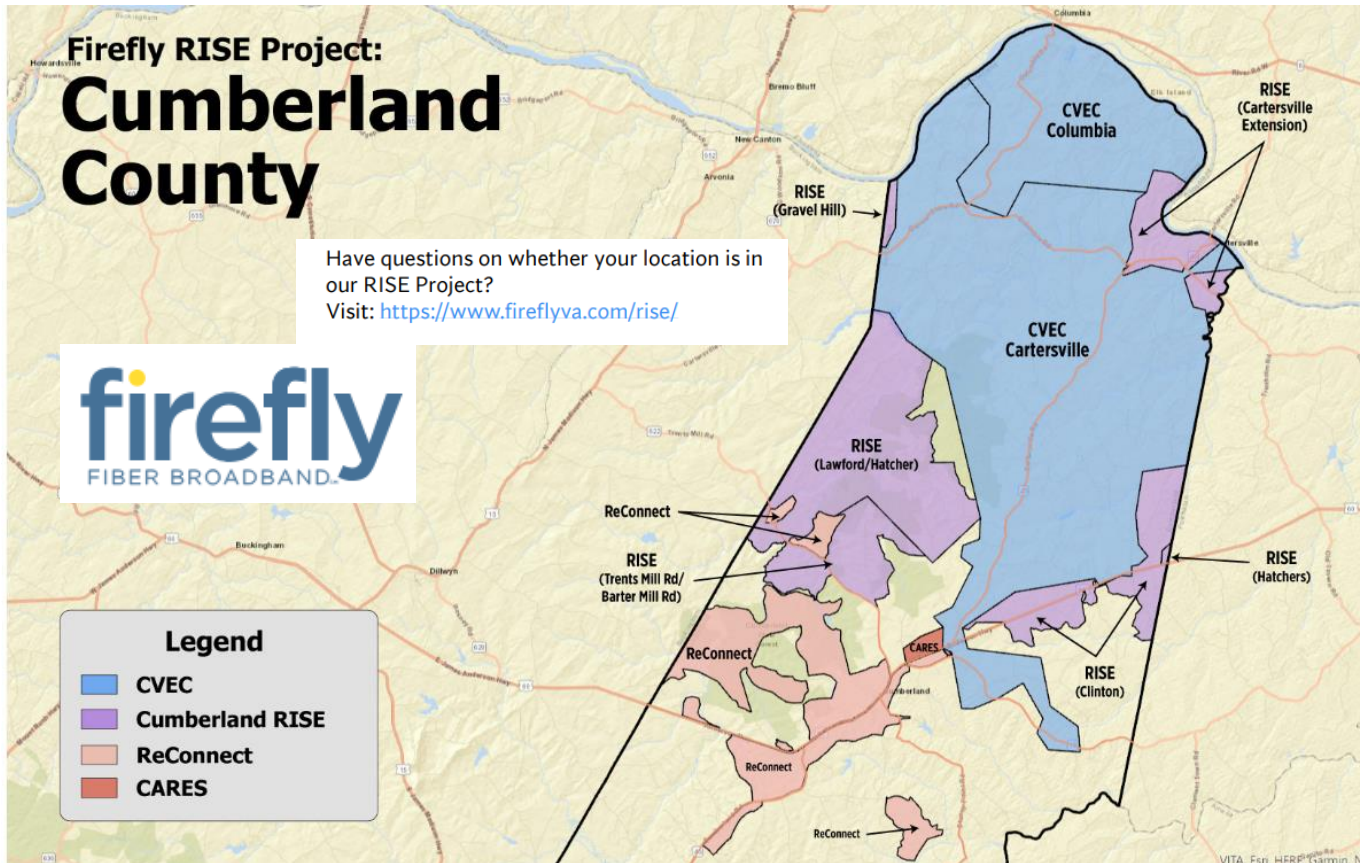
Approximately 380 miles of fiber with over 4,000 passings.

MBC Project – “middle mile” fiber project – fiber that carries massive amounts of data at high speeds.

Combined with MBC’s project, this represents a cumulative investment of \$32 million dollars in broadband in Cumberland County.



# Broadband Update



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# Second Section

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# Cobbs Creek

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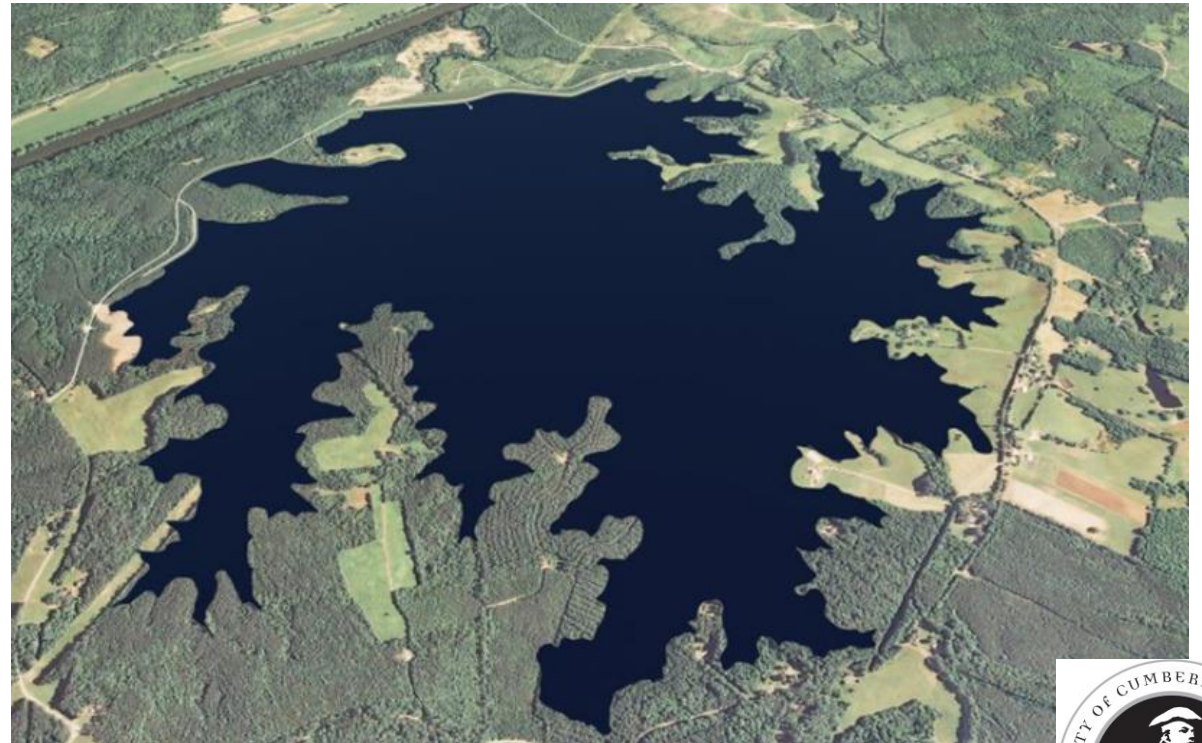
Project Background: Henrico County's \$280 million dollar construction project. Includes 1,117 acre reservoir. Largest construction project on east coast. Construction began June 2017.

Estimated Completion: December 2024

Annual Compensation to Cumberland County: \$1,131,900

Daily Allotment: 7 Million Gallons/Day

Recreation: Reservoir will be accessible as a public fishing area and includes a boat ramp.



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# Cobbs Creek

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Currently evaluating opportunities to utilize Cumberland's daily allotment of water from the reservoir.

County would have to pay the daily rate, same as other localities that purchase water from Henrico County.

For more information:

<https://henrico.gov/projects/cobbs-creek-reservoir/>





# Cumberland Courthouse

County has engaged the Virginia Department of General Services and HBA Architects to perform a comprehensive analysis of the existing Courthouse building and all court and public safety related operations.

Analysis (facility focused) Findings – Poor overall rating for the facility (52.7).

Program components and potential options for addressing the findings of the analysis are still in development for consideration.

Next Steps: complete development of courthouse options, firm up cost estimates. Debt service will need to be a consideration.

<b>CORE SCORE</b>	<b>52.7</b>		
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Assessment Results</b>		
	<b>Good 80-100</b>	<b>Fair 60-79</b>	<b>Poor 0-59</b>
<b>Building Condition</b>		65.8	
<b>Building Systems</b>		62.4	
<b>Security</b>			55.7
<b>Space Functionality</b>			57.9
<b>Space Standards</b>			29.2
<b>Technology</b>			45.1



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# Green Ridge Project

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Most up to date updates on the project: [www.greenridgeva.com/update](http://www.greenridgeva.com/update)

Approved vs Current Proposal of the 1,200 acre site (per their own website)

Single Liner

650 Acre Disposal Area

5,000 Max Tons/Day

Pine Grove Road Relocated

24/7 Operation

Double Liner

350 Acre Disposal Area

3,500 Max Tons/Day

Pine Grove Road Not Relocated

6 am to 5 pm Operations 5.5 days/week



- No out of state trash, 16 FT Positions, no gypsum or sludge
- Notable change – Free Antifreeze and Motor Oil Recycling (not currently offered by Cumberland County)



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# Green Ridge Project

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## **Economic Impacts to Cumberland County:**

----- Operating -----		
\$700,000	Cumberland waste disposal savings	ongoing, annual
\$50,000	Taxes	ongoing, annual
\$400,000	Minimum Tipping Fees	ongoing, annual
\$25,000	Scholarships	ongoing, annual
\$25,000	Parks and Recreation	ongoing, annual
\$100,000	Personnel	ongoing, annual



Projected Annual Economic Impact - \$1,300,000 annually (revenue/operational savings/support)

## **Green Ridge Support Received Since Prior CUP Approval: \$814,000 since 2019**

\$400,000	Pre-Payment	~\$64,000 for School Support
\$100,000	Donation for Support of Public Safety	
\$250,000	Donation for County Parks	



# Challenges: Debt Service and Revenue

Debt Service: ~3 million annually, 14% of GF

Education debt rolls off 2031.

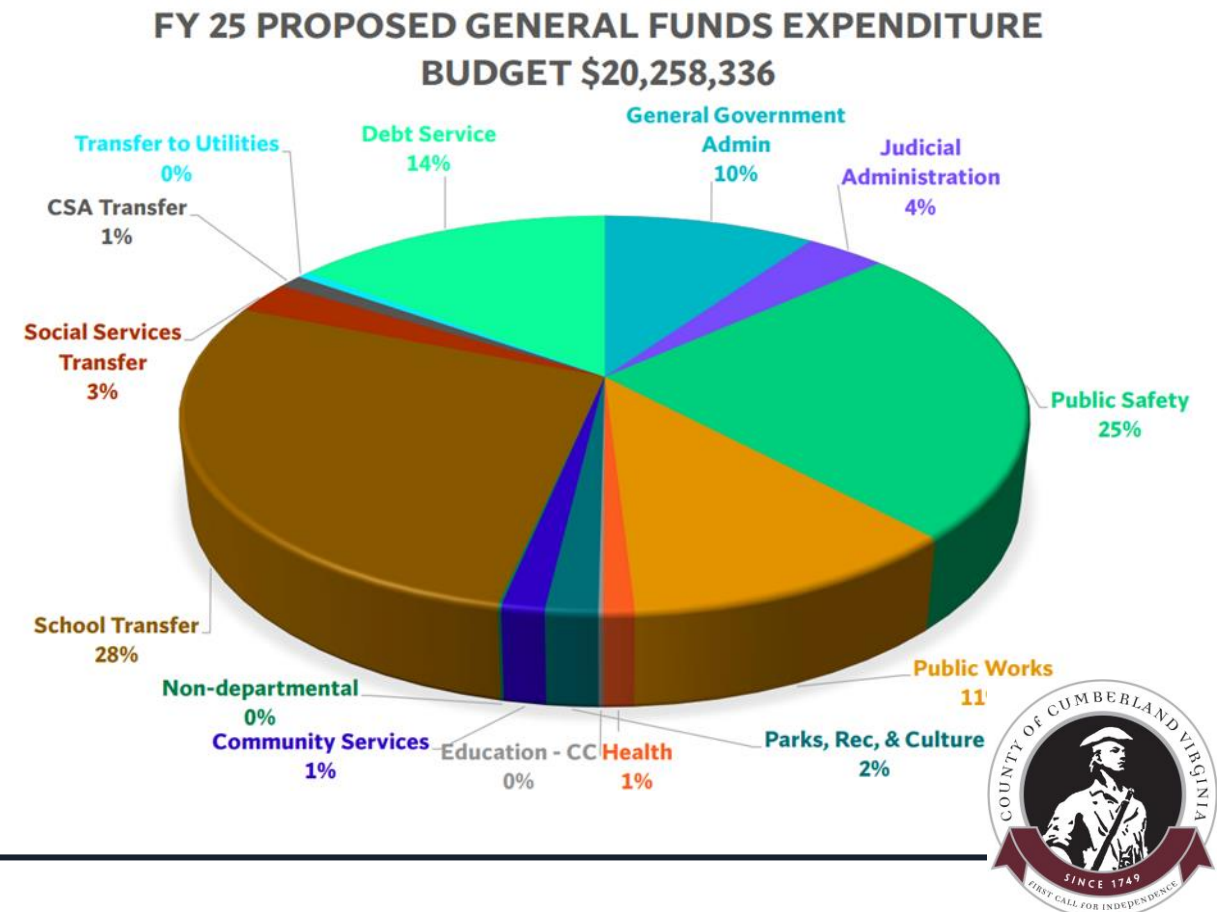
Courthouse Options may need debt service.

Potential Revenue/Operational Savings:

Projected Annual Solar Revenue: \$546,000 (this could be 5+ years out).

Projected Green Ridge Project Fiscal Impact: \$1,300,000

New Business Task Force Efforts: TBD



# Upcoming County & Community Events!

## TIRE RECYCLING DAY

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**  
**7:00AM – NOON**  
**1874 ANDERSON HWY. (OLD SCHOOL)**

- 50 TIRES PER HOUSEHOLD
- NO TIRES WITH RIMS
- NO COMMERCIAL TIRES
- NO EQUIPMENT TIRES
- NO TRACTOR TIRES

**MUST SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY**



Cumberland County in partnership with  
Cumberland Public Library

## Holiday Tree Lighting

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th**  
**6PM-8PM**  
**1 COURTHOUSE CIRCLE**

Tree Lighting at 6:30pm

S'mores, Hot Chocolate  
& Activities for the kids!



For more information on County events,  
please visit

[www.cumberlandcounty.virginia.gov](http://www.cumberlandcounty.virginia.gov)

# Upcoming County & Community Events!

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

## LIGHTS AT THE LAKE

Souvenir Ornaments \$8

Last year, you donated over 340 toys and nearly \$8,000 that helped local families in need!

A DRIVE-THROUGH LIGHT SHOW

December 6, 7, 8 and 13, 14, 15, 2024 | 5-8:30 p.m.  
*Entry donations benefit the Cumberland Christmas Mother.  
All other proceeds benefit the Friends of BCLSP.*

Additional Activities:

- Light fare and seasonal merchandise will be available for purchase at the Lakeside Snack Bar.
- Free craft decoration station at the Lakeside Shelter to make one of a kind ornaments.
- S'mores roasting campfire at the Lakeside Shelter.
- Barbecue sale
- Santa at the Hall
- Quilt Raffle

Bear Creek Lake State Park | 22 Bear Creek Lake Rd.  
Cumberland, VA 25040 | 804-492-4410

VIRGINIA STATE PARKS 800-933-PARK (7275) | www.virginiastateparks.gov



For up to date information on Parks and Recreation programs and events, please scan the QR Code.

For additional information on Parks and Recreation please visit:

<https://cumberlandrec.weebly.com/>



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# Section Three

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Questions?

