



Prince Edward County

2022 Annual Report



Our Vision

A progressive, diverse and inclusive county that honors its heritage and collaborates with its citizens to achieve prosperity, educational excellence and lasting public safety, while ensuring fiscal responsibility.

About Us

In 1754 Prince Edward County was established in Southern Virginia. Today, we stand at the crossroads of the closing days of the American Civil War and the birthplace of America's fight for civil rights in education. Home to 22,000 citizens, the County offers a rural, progressive lifestyle, two institutions of higher education, a vibrant arts and cultural community, a flourishing downtown shopping district and a rich abundance of college athletics and outdoor recreational offerings. To find out more, follow Prince Edward County on Facebook @PrinceEdwardCo and on YouTube.

Our Mission

The mission of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County is to represent all citizens, provide leadership, create vision and set policy to accomplish positive change and planned growth as well as providing essential services, enhancing the quality of life and maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Highlighting Progress Toward Our Strategic Goals



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The County received over \$1 million in grants to develop the new Heartland Innovative Technology (HIT) Park. The County's unemployment rate has dropped to 3.9% (FY 21) from 5.4% (FY 20).



MOBILITY

The County continues to prioritize public safety. The Worsham turn lanes were completed in Fall 2021. The County plans to pave portions of Hidden Lake Road, Copper Hill Road, Mill Creek Road, Bolden Flournoy Road, Whispering Woods Road and Schoolhouse Road in 2022. Construction on the Abilene Road shoulder widening project is underway. The County plans to pave portions of Hidden Lake Road, Copper Hill Road, Mill Creek Road Bolden Flournoy Road, Whispering Woods Road and Schoolhouse Road in 2022. Additional paving projects are scheduled for 2023 and 2024.



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

A previously approved 7% tax on lodging outside the Town of Farmville will be implemented and used to promote tourism and visitation to the County. The 6% County Meals Tax, effective October 1, 2022, will provide an additional revenue source for school capital improvements.



CULTURAL CENTER

The County will complete the renovation of the Courthouse Lawn to provide an attractive, public space downtown to be used as a gathering spot. Citizens can come together to celebrate, to remember the past and to exercise their right to assembly.



EDUCATION

This summer the school system made temporary repairs to address roof leaks at Prince Edward County Elementary School. In addition, a Joint Building Committee met on October 6 to recommend a firm to produce a renovation design. The Board of Supervisors and School Board will work together over the next year to complete this design and develop a funding strategy to provide a safe, modern facility that meets the educational needs of our students and teachers.



PUBLIC SAFETY

The County responded to 1,318 fire calls and 3,977 rescue calls in FY 2021 (up from 1,215 fire calls and 3,509 rescue calls in FY 2020).



COLLABORATION

One of the County's 2018-2038 Strategic Plan critical targets is to develop and expand partnerships that promote and enhance opportunities, development and quality of life for our citizens. In the past year, the County has worked to build on its collaboration with primary community partners at Longwood University, Hampden-Sydney College and Centra Southside Community Hospital to address COVID impacts. Thanks to collaboration with nursing students, volunteers and community clinics, we amplified vaccine availability.

Awards, Accolades and Grants



Distributed first #VaccinatePrinceEdward Scholarship

Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund (AFID) Grants

Sandy River Distillery opened in April 2022, uniting agriculture and tourism while expanding area jobs and investment opportunities, with the help of a \$25,000 Governor's Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund (AFID) grant.



The P.E. County Cannery, which serves residents and businesses through the Virginia Food Works program, received a \$25,000 grant to replace its 50-year-old boiler system, which is critical to the cannery's sustainability. Ours is one of only a few counties that has maintained this sustainable farm-to-table service for citizens.

Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission Grant



The Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission awarded Heartland Innovative Technology (HIT) Park a \$530,100 grant to develop designs for a water storage tank and booster pump station, which will improve this industrial site's marketability.

Marcia Mashaw Outstanding Assistant Award



The Virginia Local Government Management Association (VLGMA) recognized Prince Edward Assistant County Administrator Sarah Elam Puckett as Virginia's top assistant local government manager, honoring her outstanding job performance.

Governor's Business Ready Sites Grant

The Governor's Business Ready Sites program awarded the Heartland Innovative Technology (HIT) Park a \$640,000 grant to raise the industrial park to a Tier 4 status, increasing the region's competitiveness for economic development projects.

Emergency Management Certification

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Trey Pyle completed the National Emergency Management Basic Academy offered through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and will attend FEMA's Hazardous Materials Technician training school this fall.



Our Accomplishments

CIP priorities #4 and #11

In 2021 the Board of Supervisors authorized the purchase of a used Caterpillar Compactor at a cost of \$190,000, allowing the County to address needs at the landfill and put off the expense of purchasing an entirely new unit. Additionally, the County purchased a skid steer to service the landfill, collection sites and County facilities during snow removal.

CIP Priority #6

In August 2022 Chamberlain Mechanical Service Inc., replaced the 25-year-old chiller at the courthouse. This chiller serves all seven floors and impacts the operations of the County government, the Sheriff's Office, the court system, judges, the Constitutional Officers and the Health Department. Energy efficiency of the new unit will result in significant energy savings.

CIP Priority #12

In the summer of 2022, the 15-year-old courthouse telephone system was replaced with a brand new Voice Over IP System from local vendor Kinex, allowing for greater functionality and reduced cost.

Adoption of Solar Revenue Cost Share Ordinance

Adoption of this ordinance enables the County to receive a greater and more consistent revenue stream from future solar projects.

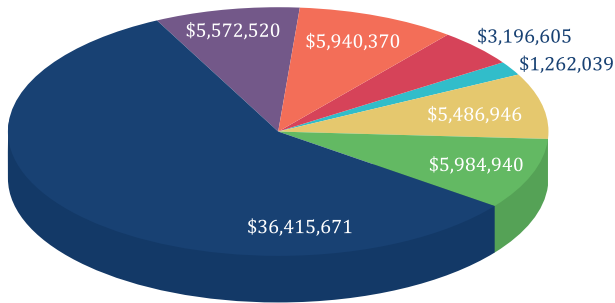
Prince Edward County Employee Evaluation

This year Prince Edward County instituted a formal performance evaluation system for all employees, including merit-based salary increases with the FY 2022-23 budget.

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Expenditures

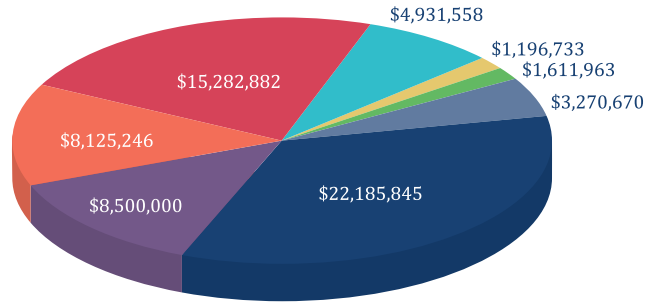
Total: \$63,859,091



- General Government
- Public Safety
- Public Works
- Community Development
- Health & Welfare
- Capital & Special Projects
- Education

Revenues

Total: \$65,104,897



- General Property Taxes
- Other Local Taxes
- Revenue from Use of Money & Property
- Charges for Services
- Miscellaneous
- Revenue from Commonwealth
- Revenue from Federal Government
- Revenue to Schools from County Government

Looking Ahead

Broadband Expansion Project

Kinex Telecom has been contracted to provide an expansion of broadband access and capacity to unserved portions of Prince Edward County, which will be funded through a combination of federal, state, county and private investment. To speed up the project, the County approved a \$4 million loan through the Industrial Development Authority and expects that this project will be completed by 2027.

Rice Convenience Site Upgrades

The County is working with Timmons Engineering on designing upgrades to the Rice Convenience Site located on Aspen Hill Road, including paving, new fencing, site lighting, landscaping and room for growth as the use of the site increases. The project will go out to bid in fall 2022. The County plans to upgrade one convenience site each year until all seven sites have been modernized.

Animal Shelter Update

The County Animal Shelter serves all citizens of the County and is jointly used by the Town of Farmville. On average, the shelter brings in 400-500 animals per year. The County aims to replace the current shelter located at 255 County Shop Road, which was constructed in the 1970s and is now failing to meet all state regulations. Additionally, the current facility is too small and stays full for long periods of time, and as a result, staff is unable to take in animals when needed.

Sandy River Reservoir

Beginning in the late 1960s, Prince Edward County has worked to develop the Sandy River Reservoir as the future water supply for the County. The Board is now taking the necessary steps to develop a water treatment plant and supply system to serve state facilities near Burkeville and to support the County's economic development, in addition to providing a backup water supply for the Town of Farmville.

Prince Edward County by the Numbers

Quick Facts



22,033

total population

32.2 years
median age

\$195,177 | **23.6%**
median home value | poverty rate



\$44,253

Median household income

From Our Offices



781 building permits issued

159 zoning permits issued

14,086 real estate parcels



13,373

registered voters

Public Safety



1,318 fire calls



3,977 EMS calls



9,823

Sheriff's Office calls

Health and Well-Being



1,948

Health Department visits

190

dogs and cats housed at P.E. Animal Shelter



Education

133

high school graduates in the class of '22



85.4%

residents with high school diplomas



28,241

Central Virginia Regional Library card holders

Economic and Community Development



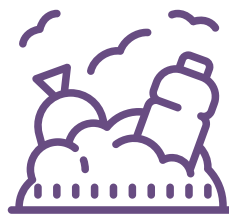
food produced in P.E. Cannery

\$1,215,000

total grant funds received



Waste Management



38,680.59 tons

of trash accepted at P.E. landfill



12.17 tons of televisions recycled



249.59 tons of metal recycled



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Sign up to receive Farmville-Prince Edward Emergency Alerts: Visit www.co.prince-edward.va.us and follow the links, or call the County's Community Development Office at 434-392-8838.

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