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COUNTY OF HENRICO

OUR MISSION

In partnership with our citizens, the 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.

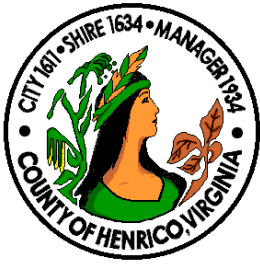
We believe that our reputation for integrity, credibility and sensitivity to employee and citizen needs is a key asset.

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.

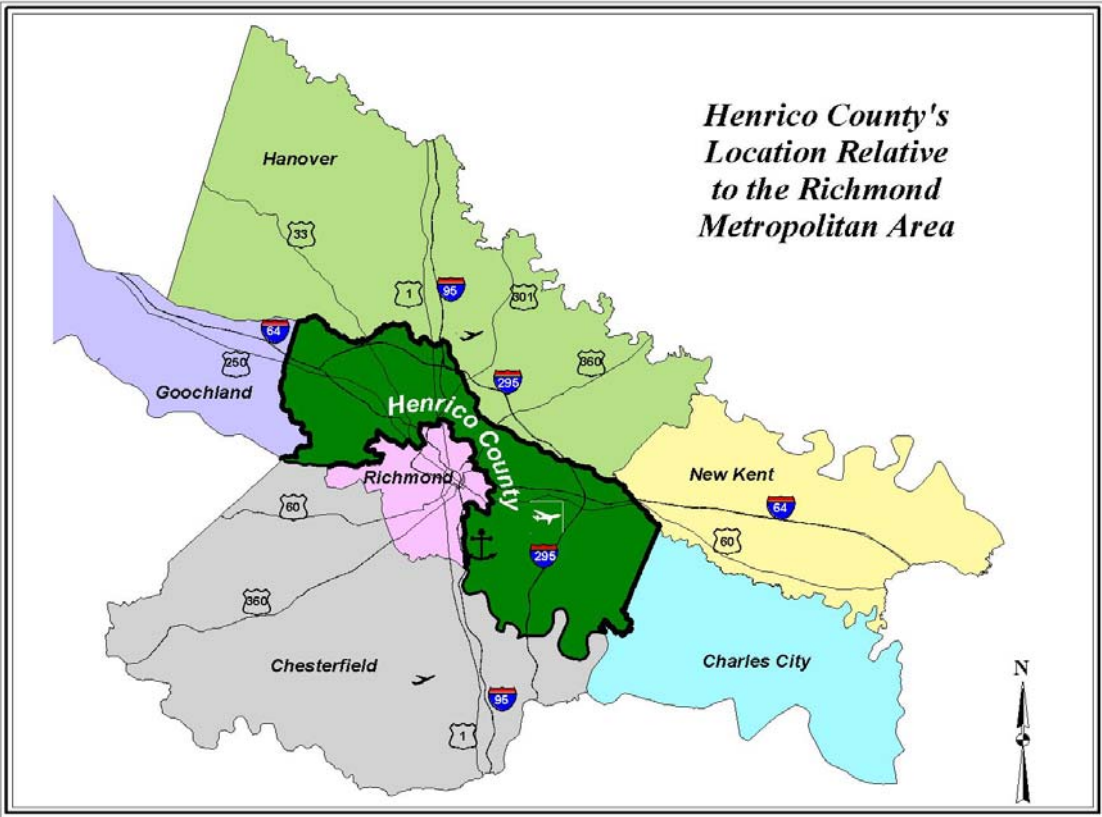
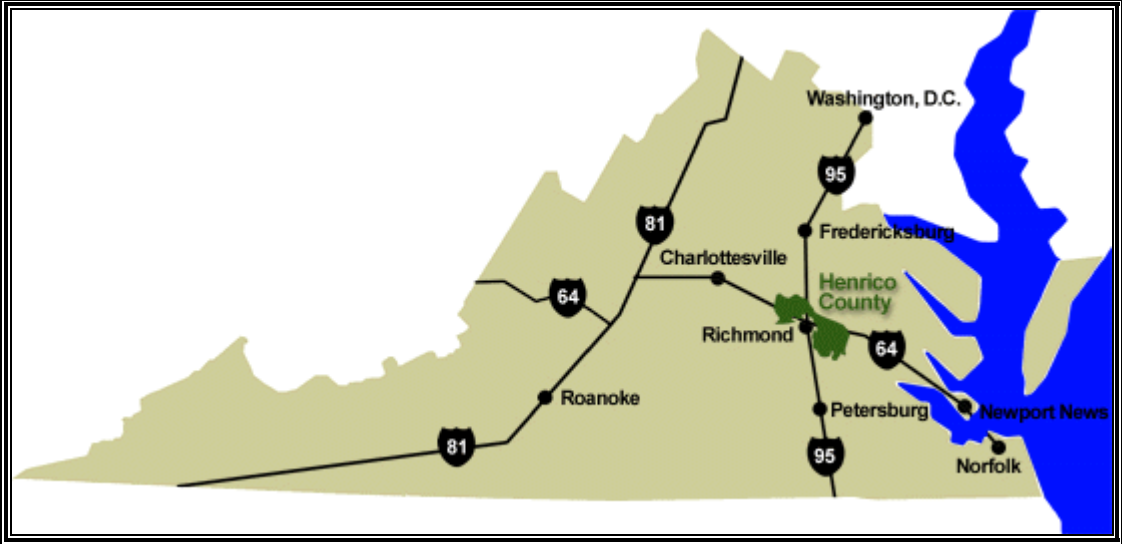
In 1776, Henrico representatives Richard Adams and Nathaniel Wilkerson participated in the Fifth Virginia Convention, which voted to send delegates to the Continental Congress to propose separation from the British. That proposal led to the Declaration of Independence. In 1788, seven years after the 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. Based on the 2000 Census, 262,300 Henrico County residents live in a well-planned community of 244.06 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.

Source: Henrico County Public Relations and Media Services

HENRICO COUNTY, VIRGINIA



Henrico County is contiguous to the City of Richmond, the Capital of Virginia.



GUIDE TO USING THIS DOCUMENT

This document represents the Approved 2009-10 Annual Fiscal Plan for the County of Henrico, Virginia. The purpose of the Annual Fiscal Plan is to provide useful, concise information about the County's financial plans and operations to residents, elected officials and other interested parties. The budget document has been divided into the seven sections described below:

Introduction:

The Introduction section of the document contains specific information about the County's basis of budgeting and fund structure, financial guidelines, the budget process and the budget calendar. In addition, the County Manager's transmittal letter to the Board of Supervisors, and three-year revenue and expenditure forecasts are provided.

Revenue and Expenditure Summaries:

The Revenue and Expenditure Summaries provide the reader with an overview of the County's FY2009-10 Budget. The tables presented in this section identify the sources of funding and requirements for all of the County's funds by department.

General Fund:

As prescribed by the State Auditor of Public Accounts, Henrico County has chosen to organize its General Fund expenditures by function with a summary narrative for each department. The narrative provides information about the department's major objectives, operational plans, the number of authorized positions, and a breakdown of expenditures by personnel, operating, and capital allocations. Personnel expenditures include all salary expenses and corresponding benefits such as FICA, VRS, health insurance, and life insurance. Capital Outlay expenditures are purchases of fixed assets with a life expectancy greater than two years. Operating expenditures are all other recurring expenses needed for department operations.

Special Revenue Fund:

The Special Revenue Fund section accounts for the resources obtained and the legally restricted expenditures relating to State and Federal Grants, the Utility Department's Solid Waste and Street Light operations, and the School Cafeterias. The format of this section is similar to that of the General Fund section. A summary narrative is provided for each program with information about its objectives and service levels. The program budget is broken down by personnel, operating and capital outlay expenditures; and the personnel complement is provided where applicable.

Enterprise Funds:

The Enterprise Funds section accounts for operations that are funded and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. The intent of the County is to recover the cost of providing services to the general public through user charges. The Enterprise Funds include the Water and Wastewater Utility operations and the County-owned golf course.

The Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund accounts for the provision of water and sewer services to residents of Henrico County, and wholesale service to Hanover and Goochland Counties. The Belmont Park Golf Course Enterprise Fund accounts for the operations of Belmont Park Golf Course. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in the respective funds, including operations, maintenance, construction, financing, and the related debt service.

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All Other Funds:

This section includes information on the County's four Internal Service Funds, as well as the Debt Service Fund and the Agency Fund. The Internal Service Funds include the County's Central Automotive Maintenance operations, the Technology Replacement Fund, the Risk Management Fund, and the Healthcare Fund. A description of the County's Debt Service Fund is provided in addition to more detailed information about principal, interest, and other debt expenditures. A summary of the County's outstanding general long-term debt obligations at year-end is also presented. The Agency Funds account for the revenues and expenditures of the James River Juvenile Detention Center and the OPEB-GASB 45 requirement.

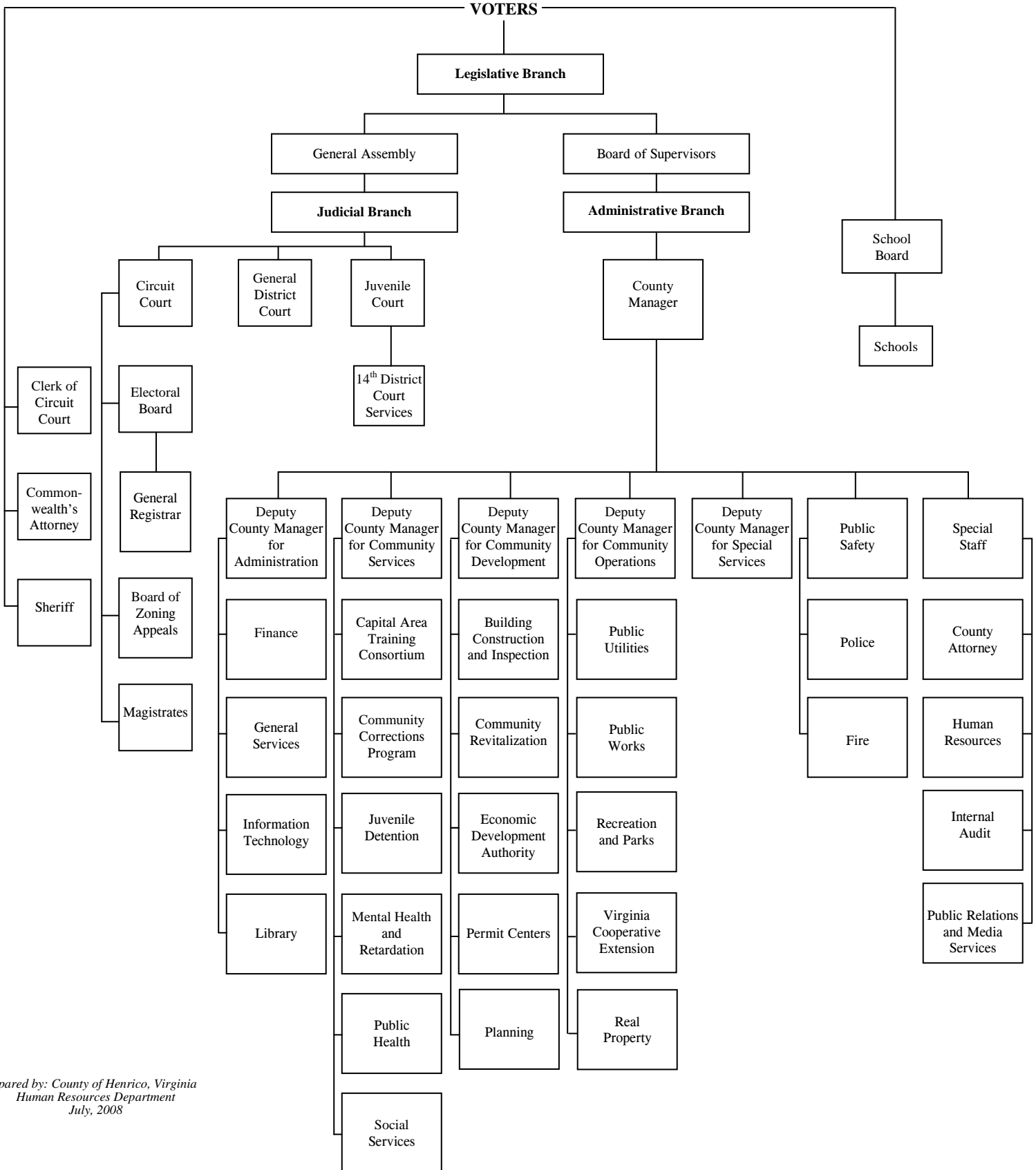
The Capital Improvement Program:

The FY2009-10 Capital Budget is presented by project and fund, and a narrative section discusses the capital projects by type. There is also a section that addresses anticipated operating expenditures associated with these projects.

For more detailed information, please contact the Office of Management and Budget of the County of Henrico at (804) 501-4295 or visit our web site at <http://www.co.henrico.va.us/finance/omb>.



County of Henrico, Virginia Organization Chart





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