



County Administrator's Report

February 28, 2017

Board of Supervisors Strategic Planning – In follow up to the Board of Supervisors January 27-28 strategic planning retreat, the Board has scheduled a workshop for Tuesday, February 28 to work further on the 4 focused strategic initiatives set during their January goal setting work session. The Board, during the same session, also settled on four priority initiatives and 25 action steps to help Greene County achieve/accomplish the strategic initiatives. Board members are currently reviewing the 25 action steps and establishing priority levels for each.

White Run Reservoir Planning – The project team has completed its initial review of the County's existing utility related obligations and available revenue sources, including an evaluation of the current structure of the facility fee and EDU policy, and we are working on long-term water supply funding options. The project team will present recommendations to the Board during the budget planning process for FY 2018. Recommendations to the Board will include new strategies designed to increase the portion of revenue derived from the users of the system rather than continue to heavily subsidize the development of the water and sewer system through property taxes. This will all need to be evaluated periodically over time based on pace of growth in the County and revenues generated from impact fees and facility fees.

Broadband Committee – The Broadband Committee continues to work on developing a strategy for expansion of high speed wireless service in Greene County for educational, public safety and economic development. Current initiatives include developing an inventory of our current infrastructure, surveying the community to gauge the level of existing service and speed, and working with the various providers of wireless/broadband service to encourage communication and dialogue about future plans for expansion.

Special Assessment District in Greene County - Staff is currently reviewing options for the use of special assessment districts in Greene County to improve public infrastructure, taking advantage of Virginia law that allows for Special Tax Districts, referred to as Community Development Authorities (CDA). A CDA is a public entity authorized by the Commonwealth and County Board of Supervisors upon petition by a majority of property owners or those owning a majority of the assessed value, within any proposed CDA boundaries for the purpose of providing or improving public infrastructure. CDAs are granted the power to finance, fund, establish, acquire, construct, equip, operate and maintain infrastructure improvements enumerated in the ordinance or resolution establishing the district.

Fire and Rescue - Staff has been working with County volunteer fire department leadership to assess the need for a permanent aerial truck (ladder), to be provided for the common use of all County fire departments. New and used aerial vehicles range in price from over \$1 million for a new vehicle to approximately \$150,000 for a used one. Staff is currently reviewing the maintenance records, annual inspections, examinations and tests for one specific used vehicle.

Chesapeake Bay Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) - The next phase of the Commonwealth's effort toward the goal of cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay is underway with regional meeting scheduled for March 6 for area stakeholders to discuss the matter. At this meeting, State and local officials will discuss the status of on-going actions at the State and local level to clean up the Bay and improve Bay water quality, along with expectations and roles for the Phase III WIP and timelines. Although the Phase III WIP development process is in its early stages, the Commonwealth wants to engage local partners, including Soil & Water Conservation Districts, localities with approved local stormwater management programs, and other stakeholders, as early as possible in order to provide the opportunity to learn about the process and receive input.