

# *County of Spotsylvania*

## *Founded 1721*



### **SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY 2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

#### **SPECIFIC LEGISLATION**

1. **School Security Officers** – Pass legislation expanding the authority to hire former law enforcement officers as armed school security officers to private and religious schools.
2. **Storm Water Improvement Grant Fund** – Pass legislation authorizing localities to establish a grant fund, to be awarded to private property owners, to improve or repair storm water management systems.
3. **Rural Road Funding** – Support the establishment of a rural road maintenance grant fund that localities may apply to use to repair failing infrastructure on rural roads.
4. **Lake Anna State Park Improvements** – Call on the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and General Assembly to make improvements to Lake Anna State Park to expand capacity and recreational opportunities, including expanding park entrance to prevent traffic from backing up onto Lawyers Road, creating an unsafe situation.
5. **Task Order Competitive Bidding** – Seek legislation authorizing localities to compete task orders based on price among previously award vendors.
6. **Drone Use** – Seek legislation strengthening privacy protections against intrusion from private drone use.
7. **Carrier of Last Resort** – Seek legislation to reinstate Verizon's Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligations until such time that further impact analyses can be performed as related to public health and safety, and to determine enforcement methods by the State Corporation Commission.
8. **Broadband Expansion** – Seek legislation or legislative study to support expansion of wireless broadband capabilities to underserved and unserved areas of Spotsylvania

County. The lack of Virginia accurate coverage disqualifies Spotsylvania and other rural areas from grant opportunities to expand this service.

**9. Land Applications of Biosolids** – Seek legislation establishing local authority to require the land application of Class A biosolids where land application is permitted in our jurisdiction by the Department of Environmental Quality. This would restrict Class B biosolid applications on land in the County. Further, include in the legislation an increase in required setbacks from areas near Schools from the present ¼ mile to a 1/2-mile setback requirement.

**10. School Safety** – Under Standards of Quality, seek Commonwealth inclusion of and funding for placement of School Resources Officers (SROs) in all County schools.

**11. Boating Safety** – Seek legislation authorizing localities to prohibit a motorboat or vessel towing an individual on skis, tubes, or any other similar device, or on surfboard or any similar devices, including wake-boarding, wake-skating, and wake-surfing, to operate within 100 feet or less of the shoreline, docks, piers, and boathouses and further imposed a requirement that no person shall, for any purpose, operate any motor boat or vessel which, as part of its original structure and/or modification, includes, but is not limited to, ballast tanks, wake plates, wake wedges, and any other wake-enhancing capabilities, within 200 feet or less of the shoreline, docks, piers, and boathouses.

**12. Proffers** – Repeal legislation passed during the 2016 General Assembly session unnecessarily restricting local government's ability to receive voluntary proffers offered by applicants for rezoning.

**13. Concealed Carry Permits** – Seek legislation that will increase from 5 years to 10 years the length of time that a Concealed Carry Permit is valid and allow localities the option of issuing permits for no cost to the applicant.

**14. School Choice** – Support school choice legislation that also provides opportunities for underprivileged children.

**15. Collection Fees** – In order to facilitate the collection of delinquent General District Court fines, the Code of Virginia allows the collection agent to charge a fee, not to exceed 17%. The General Assembly has included language in the budget bill that limits local Treasurers to a flat \$30 collection fee in lieu of the 17%. The Treasurer is concerned that this limit will not pay for the efforts needed to collect the delinquent fine. In order to facilitate the collection of delinquent fines, the budget language needs to be removed or Spotsylvania needed to be added to the list of localities that are exempt from the cap.

**16. Impact Fees** – Allow localities to assess impact fees for infrastructure costs beyond just transportation.