

Legislative Priorities

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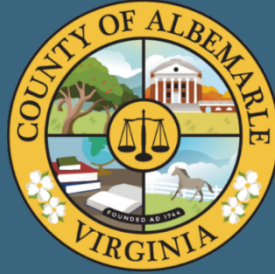


Agenda

2025 Priorities & Legislative Session

Looking Ahead to 2026

Strategy for 2026



2025 Priorities & Legislative Session



2025 Legislative Priorities

Virginia Code Amendments

- Expand offenses subject to property forfeiture to community threats
 - Not introduced
- Grant the County taxing authority for school division capital projects
 - SB 1307 (McPike), provided enabling authority for all localities
 - Approved by legislature but vetoed by Governor
 - Both House of Delegates and Senate sustained the Governor's veto
- Expand the authority to use photo speed monitoring devices
 - HB 1666 (Jones) failed



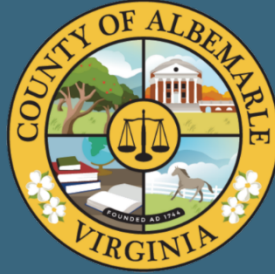
2025 Legislative Priorities

Budget Amendments

- State funding for Rivanna Futures project
 - Introduced by Del. Laufer and Sen. Deeds – Amendments Failed
 - Provide \$11.2M in state funding for Rivanna Futures Project
- State funding for Biscuit Run Park – Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park Connector Greenway ADA Trail Project
 - Introduced by Del. Callsen and Sen. Deeds – Amendments Vetoed
 - Provide \$1,368,000 in funding for a one-mile, ADA-accessible paved trail that connects the future Biscuit Run Park's western entrance to the future Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park, under development as part of the Southwood Mobile Home Park redevelopment project.

Legislative/Agency Study

- Study tools to mitigate rent increases caused by multifamily residential redevelopment – Request to DCHD sent by Del. Callsen



Looking Ahead to 2026



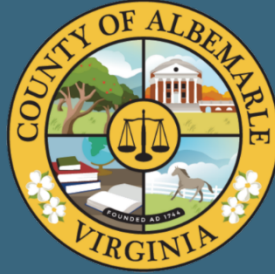
The 2026 General Assembly

- Significant topics expected to be addressed during the 2026 session include:
 - Energy
 - Data centers
 - Housing affordability
 - Medicaid
 - Education funding
- Takeaways from 2025 session that inform approach to 2026 session:
 - Preservation of local authority fared well; will that continue in 2026?
 - House and Senate committees to review federal impacts



The 2026 General Assembly

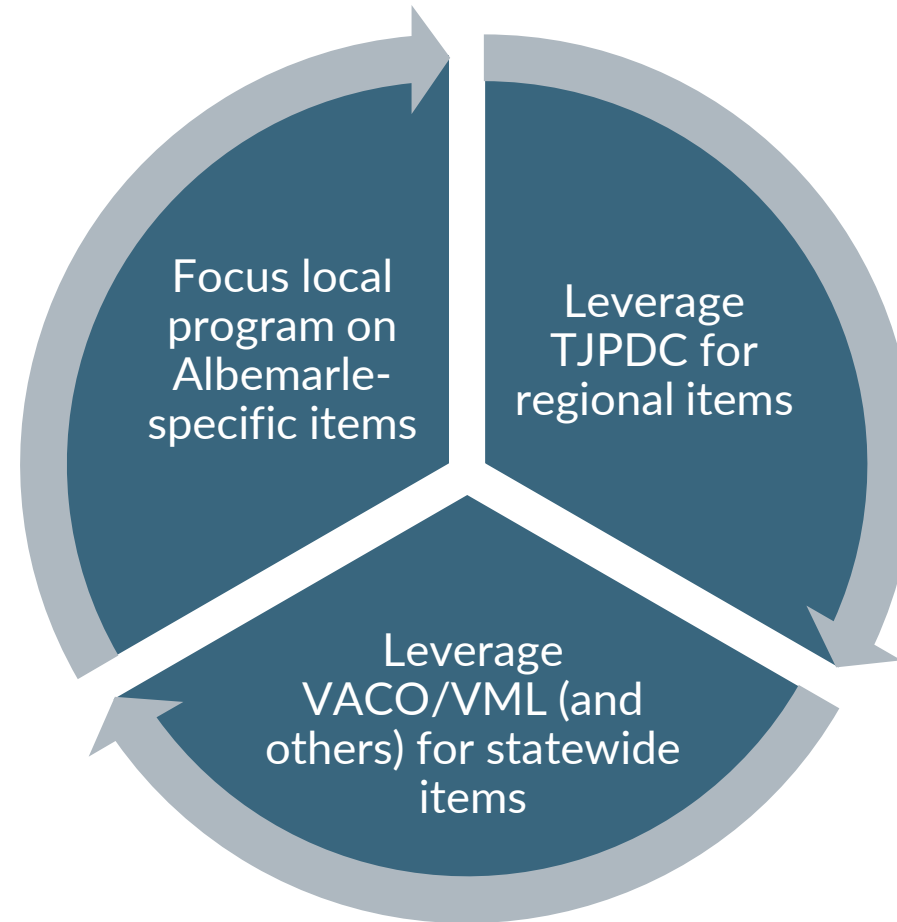
- The 2026 General Assembly session likely will be shaped by:
 - The outcome of the November 4 elections for the House of Delegates and Governor
 - FY26 state budget adjustments and a new FY27/28 biennial budget, all of which could be heavily influenced by federal funding and economic conditions
 - Energy/data centers and housing could line up to be top issues



Strategy for 2026



Big Picture





2026 Local Legislative Priorities

Requests for new legislation, budget amendments

- Biscuit Run-Monacan Indian Tribute Parks Trail funding
 - New Governor presents opportunity for success following 2025 veto
- Rivanna Futures



Statewide

- Potential Topics:
 - 1-cent for Schools Capital
 - Photospeed cameras
 - Position on personal property tax
- Potential Partners:
 - VACO/VML
 - VAPDC
 - Public safety organizations



2026 Positions & Policy Statements

- These Statements are a broad articulation of support/opposition, and position staff to respond to requests by/inquiries from local delegation during the session.
- After many years of additions, staff recommends taking time this year to fully revise document for relevance
 - Shift towards principles vs. specific issues
 - Make additions/deletions as needed/directed



Draft Next Steps

- Meeting 2 – August Work Session
- Meeting 3 – September Adoption
- Meeting with Legislators – October
- Engagement – Fall/Winter 2025/26



Questions & Discussion





1-Cent for Schools Capital

2025

- Broad support from across the Commonwealth (>2/3 voted to pass in both chambers)
- Vetoed by Governor – concern for adding taxes without any reductions
- Failed to receive 2/3 votes needed to overturn veto

2026

- Expected to have broad support in 2026
- Consider
 - Carrying forward



Funding Authority for CARTA

- The creation of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Transit Authority (CARTA) was enabled in 2009.
 - Authority to hold a referendum on a dedicated sales tax funding mechanism for CARTA/transit failed.
- The Regional Transit Partnership recently began work to establish CARTA (structure, by-laws, etc.)
- Consider pursuing authority to hold a referendum for dedicated funding for CARTA/regional transit.