

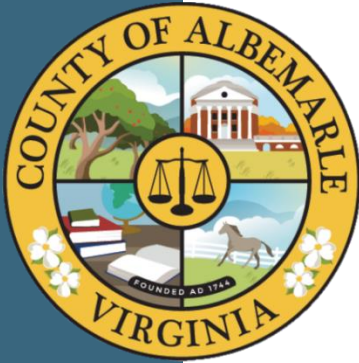
# Legislative Forum

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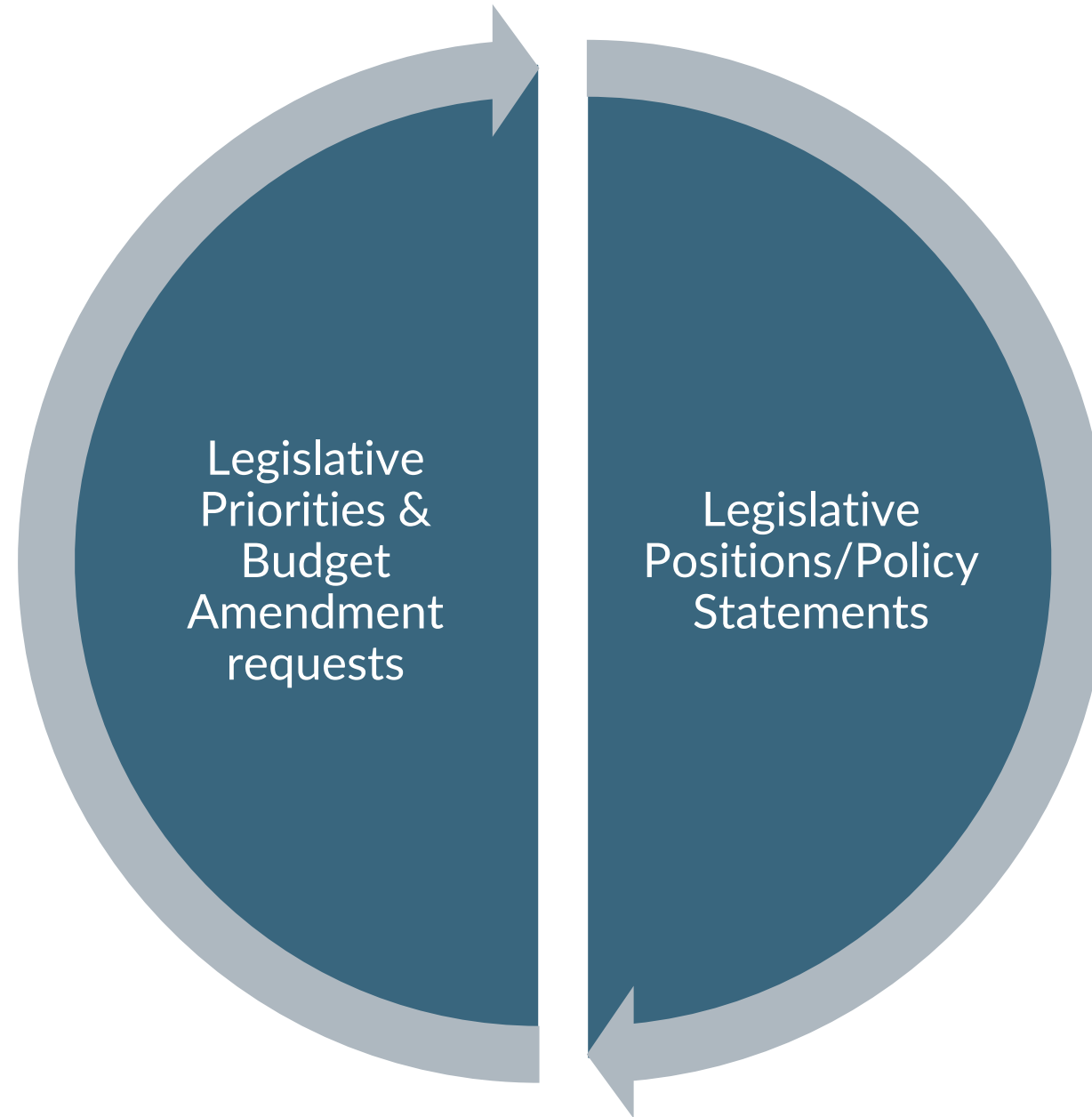
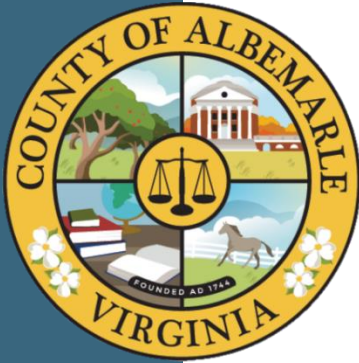


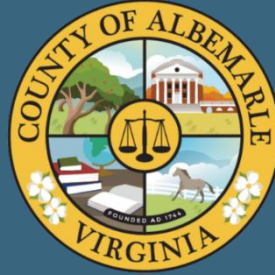
# Agenda

2025 Legislative Priorities

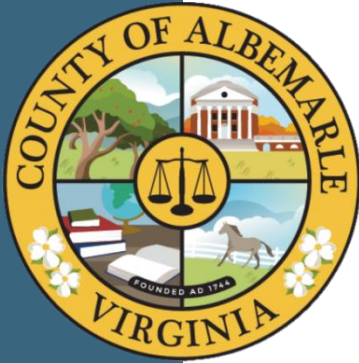
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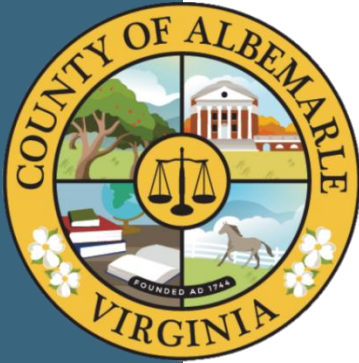


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- Legislation
  - Expand Photo Speed Device Authority
  - One-Cent Sales Tax Option for Schools Capital
  - Expand offenses subject to property forfeiture to include community threats
- Budget Requests
  - Rivanna Futures
  - Biscuit Run Park project
- Legislative/Agency Study
  - Study tools to mitigate rent increases caused by multifamily residential redevelopment



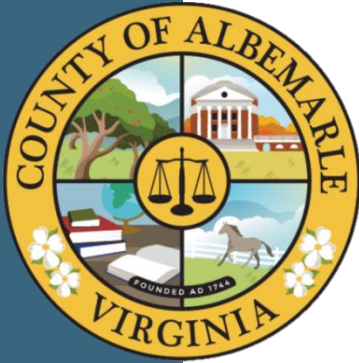
# Expand Photo Speed Device Authority

## Priority

- Amend [Virginia Code §§ 46.2-882](#) and [46.2-882.1](#) to enable the use of photo speed monitoring devices on locally-designated segments of roads where speeding has been identified as a problem.

## Other Information

- VACO has added to its legislative program



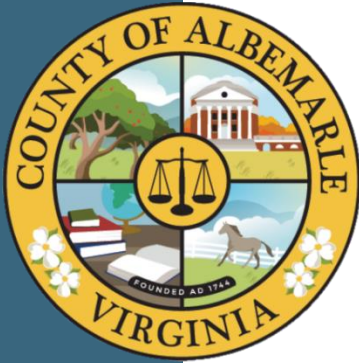
# One-Cent Sales Tax Option for Schools Capital

## Priority

- Either amend [Virginia Code § 58.1-602](#) to designate Albemarle County, in addition to other previously designated cities and counties, as a “qualifying locality” with the authority to conduct a one-cent sales tax referendum, or amend [Virginia Code § 58.1-605.1](#) to provide such authority to all cities and counties.

## Other Information

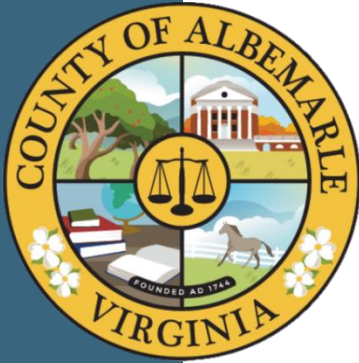
- Significant support from across the Commonwealth in 2024



# Expand offenses subject to property forfeiture to include community threats

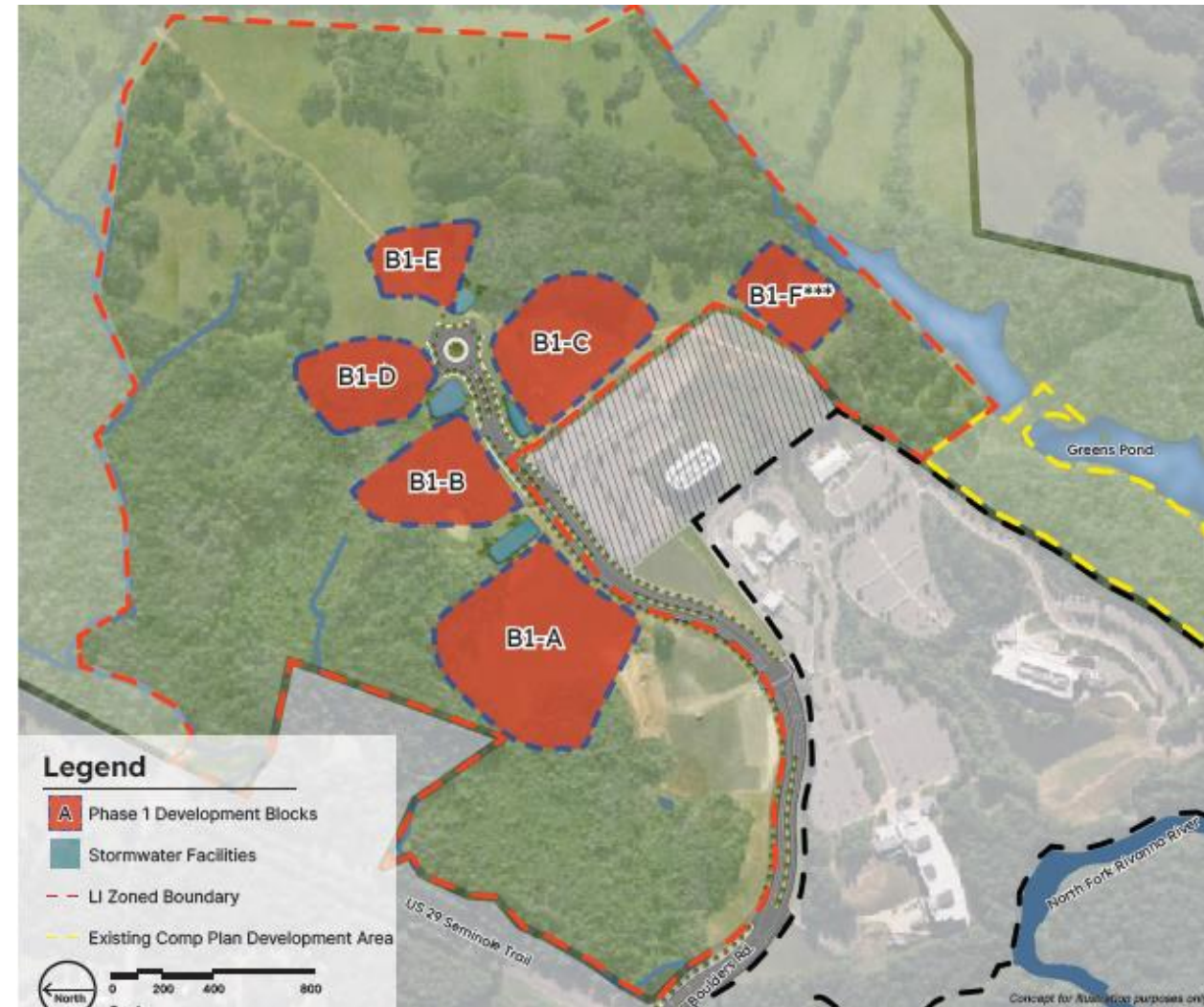
- Amend *Virginia Code* § 19.2-386.15 to subject to forfeiture property used in terrorism hoax incidents, bomb threats, or malicious activations of fire alarms.
- This proposal would expand the terrorism offenses for which property is subject to forfeiture to also include all offenses currently subject to limited cost recovery under *Virginia Code* § 15.2-1716.1.
- Forfeiture procedures are well-established. In addition, they allow seizure of all property that is connected to the criminal activity, potentially far more than flat \$250 enabled under the existing cost-recovery statute.



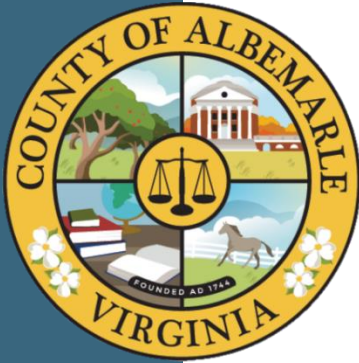


## RIVANNA FUTURES

- \$11.2 million request for targeted, Phase 1 readiness
- 650' of road
- 4,650' of pipe
- Site work

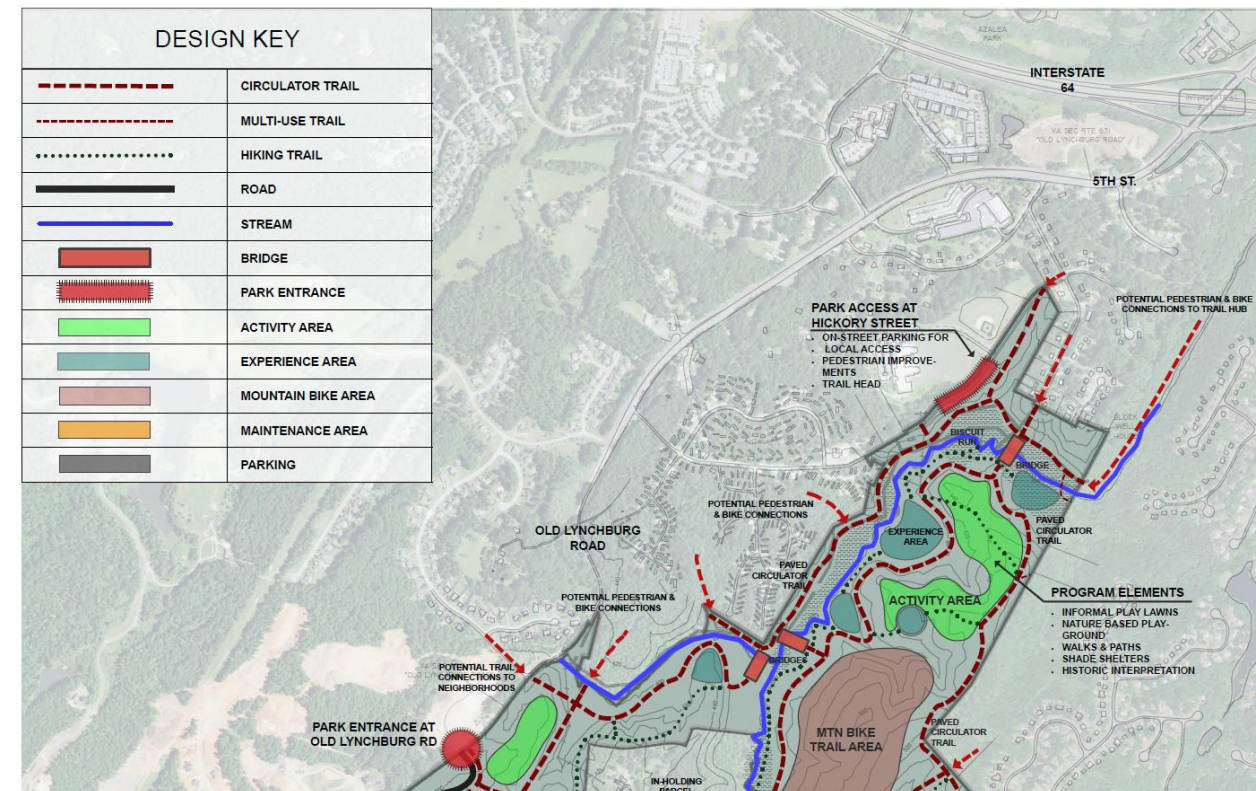




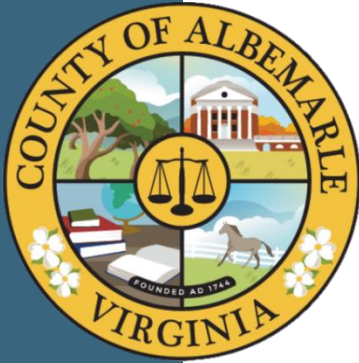


# Biscuit Run Park funding

- \$1.37 M request for trail segment
- Provides access from Southwood and connects to future Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park
- Segment of long-term circulator trail

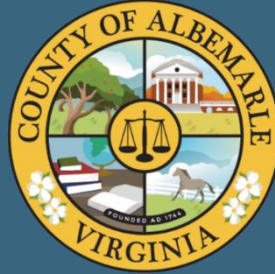




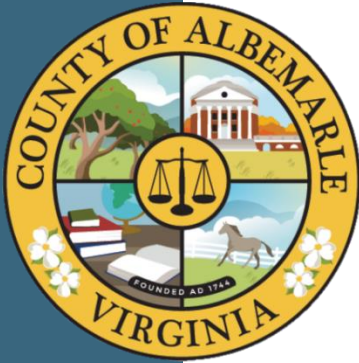


# Study tools to mitigate rent increases caused by multifamily residential redevelopment

- Commission a state-level study of potential rent protections for tenants following the redevelopment of multi-family housing.
- Because the complete redevelopment of multi-family housing is treated as “new construction,” where previous years’ rent is not considered as a baseline, traditional rent stabilization does not address complete redevelopment.
- Filling a current void of academic literature on the subject, a study could explore effective means of protecting tenants following a redevelopment while still affording landlords sufficient income to recoup project costs and profit.

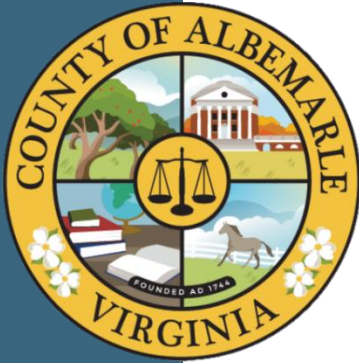


# Legislative Positions & Policy Statements



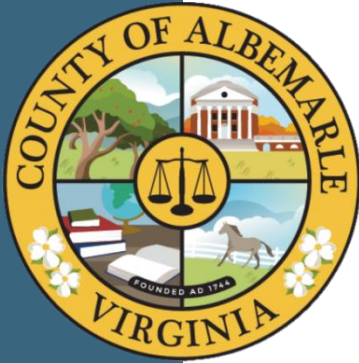
# Legislative Positions & Policy Statements

- New/Revised Positions & Statements
  - Economic Development / Site Readiness
  - Local Authority Concerning Land Use Matters
  - Skill Games
  - Community Service Boards
  - Mental Health Services
  - Affordable Housing
  - Public Schools Funding



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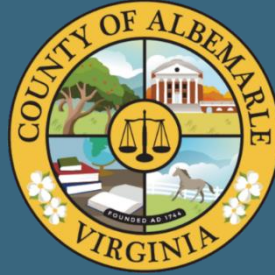
- New/Revised Positions & Statements
  - Digital Equity -- to support statewide efforts for advancing digital equity
  - Environmental -- to include support for sustainable material management (SMM) legislation, including extended producer responsibility (EPR) legislation
  - Affordable Housing Funding -- to support state funding to increase the supply of affordable housing
  - Locality Enforcement of Landlord-Tenant Act -- to enable localities to enforce violations of that Act



# Legislative Positions & Policy Statements

- New/Revised Positions & Statements
  - Locality Right of First Refusal -- to support a locality right of first refusal when affordable housing is sold or converted.
  - Rent Stabilization -- to support a state study of rent stabilization/rent gouging protections.
  - Demerit Points for Truck Violations -- to assign demerit points under the Uniform Demerit Point System for violations involving overweight or overlength trucks or unpermitted through trucks.





# Next Steps



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- Comments from Board Members
- Comments from Legislators
- Discussion

