



PARTNERS

We work with organizations throughout Louisa County and the region to ensure our residents have the support they need and to ensure responsible growth.

GET SUPPORT OR OFFER ASSISTANCE

1 Louisa County Resource Council
Mission: To provide food and essential services to Louisa County residents in need.
147 Resource Ln, Louisa
(540) 967-1510

Louisa Reentry Council
Aims to bring access to employment, support, and positive practices for those leaving incarceration. **2**
540-967-1320

3 Fluvanna/Louisa Housing Foundation
A private, non-profit organization dedicated to helping with housing needs.
144 Resource Lane, Louisa
540-967-3483

Habitat for Humanity - Louisa
Learn more about the Home Repair Program and Habitat Homeownership Program. **4**
540-967-0486

5 Louisa Humane Society
Mission: To improve the quality of life for the homeless and abandoned animals of Louisa County.
info@louisahumanesociety.com

ADDITIONAL SERVICES



Blue Ridge Health District
Local district under the Virginia Department of Health
vdh.virginia.gov/blue-ridge/

Jefferson Area Board for Aging (JABA)
JABA has been supporting seniors, adults with disabilities, and caregivers throughout central Virginia for over 45 years.
522 Industrial Dr, Louisa; (540) 967-4433

JAUNT
Provides transportation including curb-to-curb demand-response service. (434) 296-3184

Louisa Commission on Aging
Promotes quality of life for all elderly persons and ensures their needs are included in Louisa County and development.
Toll-free senior helpline: 833-559-2428

Louisa County Library
881 Davis Highway; Mineral, VA 23117; 540-894-5853

Louisa County Water Authority
540-967-1122
louisacountywaterauthority.org



REGIONAL PLANNING

Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC)

Assists local member governments with transportation, environmental programs and more.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

VDOT is responsible for maintenance and improvements to the County's state road system.

HOW OLDER ROADS BECOME STATE-MAINTAINED THROUGH VDOT

Information from virginia-dot.org.

Generally to be eligible for state maintenance, older, privately maintained, public roads must:

- Have been in public use for at least for 20 years
- Be available for the public to use 24 hours a day
- Have a right of way that is available to be dedicated to public use and is:
 - Wide enough (usually 40 feet) to meet minimum safety standards
 - Sufficient to permit future maintenance
 - Be unencumbered by utility placement
- Serve at least three occupied homes
- Be able to safely handle the traffic volume
- Connect to other roads already maintained by VDOT or a locality

By law, the Board of Supervisors must take formal action to approve the addition of these roads to the secondary system of state highways and request VDOT to maintain them. They must also identify the source of funding that is to be used to finance any improvements that are needed.

To initiate the street acceptance process, contact your representative on the Louisa County Board of Supervisors. Then, the following steps must occur in order:

- The Board of Supervisors considers requests from citizens to add roads to the secondary system of state highways. The locality coordinates the eligibility review of proposed additions.
- VDOT advises the locality of the requirements, improvement costs, and other issues related to the acceptance of proposed road additions.
- The Board of Supervisors must guarantee the right of way for the road and take formal action to make the road part of the secondary system.
- The board of supervisors formally requests VDOT to add the road to the secondary highway system for maintenance.
- VDOT accepts the maintenance responsibility for the road as part of the secondary system.

This information is intended to summarize, in the broadest possible terms, the eligibility factors and considerations made regarding the addition and improvement of older roads as part of the secondary system of state highways. There may be other issues not addressed in this information that may also apply. VDOT's resident engineers are prepared to help you determine the eligibility of your road for state maintenance and to identify any improvements that may be necessary.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES & LOUISA HUMAN SERVICES

Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) partners with 120 local departments of social services, including the Louisa Department of Human Services. Our community's network of human services professionals work to ensure the well-being of the most vulnerable of Louisa's children and families – serving a significant part of the community. These services have a significant economic impact on the quality of life for many of our residents and Louisa County as a whole.



SNAP & Medicaid

We provide needed services to the most vulnerable segment of Louisa's population, addressing food insecurity and medical assistance. The SNAP and Medicaid benefits to eligible citizens also support local businesses, shops, medical providers and pharmacies.

Our SNAP caseload is over 2000 cases and the Medicaid caseload serves over 5000 cases.

Seasonal Energy Assistance

The Energy Assistance Program is a seasonal program to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home energy needs. The EA Program consists of four components:

- Fuel Assistance
- Crisis Assistance
- Cooling Assistance
- Weatherization Assistance

To be eligible, households must have a heating or cooling expense and gross monthly income may not exceed 130% of the federal poverty level.

Child & Adult Protective Services

Child Protective Services, a federally mandated program, accepts reports of suspected child abuse and neglect. Adult Protective Services (APS) offers protective services to safeguard and defend adults from abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Transitional services are also provided to adults once they are released from institutions and returning to the community.

CONTACT

More services are available through Louisa County's Human Services, including adoption and foster care, job skills training, and prevention services. Call 540-967-1320 to speak with someone. Call 866-325-4131 for emergencies.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The Sheriff's Office (LCSO) offers a number of community programs and participates in area campaigns to promote safety. Learn about two LCSO programs below, and visit louisacounty.com/458/Community for more.

CITIZEN'S LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY (CLEA)

All too often a person's perception of law enforcement is that which is learned from crime-action television shows or movies. The role of law enforcement has always been an interest to the average citizen. The television media has capitalized upon this curiosity with shows such as "Cops," "NCIS," and "CSI." Although these captivate the public's imagination, they are not always reality-based. Those that depict "real life" situations only reflect a small portion of reality. Each week, real police action is broadcast into the living rooms of millions of Americans. Numerous law enforcement agencies have also benefited from the curiosity that citizens have about the police. These agencies have formed a Citizen Law Enforcement Academy (CLEA) program that create an expansion of their community-based efforts. These programs are intended to open the lines of communication between the community and their law enforcement agency.

LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVENTURE PROGRAM (LEAP)

The Law Enforcement Adventure Program (LEAP) is a free weeklong youth camp that was developed to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement officers and our youth. During the LEAP camp, we would like to give youth some insight into basic policing, with an opportunity for some hands-on learning with local officers in a fun, safe manner. Participants will have a chance to experience many facets of law enforcement (equipment, K9's tactical teams, Crime Scene Investigation or CSI), as well as participate in several outdoor activities such as swimming at the Louisa County Aquatic Facility, playing kickball, dodgeball, and running the law-fit obstacle course as a team-building exercise. It is also designed to dispel teens' misconceptions of law enforcement, and law enforcement's misconceptions about teens, and to also give guidance to those interested in a career in a criminal justice field.



STATE INFORMATION

Louisa County works with Virginia State agencies and elected representation on a daily basis, and follows the legislation of the Virginia General Assembly.

QUICK LOOK INTO STATE AGENCIES

For a full list of state agencies, visit: virginia.gov/agencies/

1 [Department of Emergency Management \(VDEM\)](#)
VDEM develops and maintains state emergency plans and assists communities in developing localized emergency operations plans.

[Department of Environmental Quality \(DEQ\)](#) **2**
DEQ issues permits, conducts inspections and monitoring, and enforces regulations and permits.

3 [Department of Elections](#)
The Department oversees voter registration, absentee voting, ballot access for candidates, campaign finance disclosure and voting equipment certification.

[Department of Forestry](#) **4**
The Department provides landowner services, wildfire protection and timber harvest inspections to ensure water quality.

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Virginia General Assembly is the state's legislative body. There are two houses in the General Assembly: the Senate and the House of Delegates.

The General Assembly provides general laws, law options, and special acts for counties. As such, Louisa County ordinances follow the Code of Virginia.

Louisa County takes a number of positions each year and advocates for legislation in Richmond with the General Assembly.

To review the Code of Virginia, see:
law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/

To review Louisa County Ordinances, see:
library.municode.com/va/louisa_county/codes/code_of_ordinances

To learn about current legislative agendas, we invite you to join us at upcoming Board of Supervisors meetings. Visit louisacounty.com/meetings for details.

To see who your current elected representatives are, visit:
louisacounty.com/2651/Your-Representatives