



**General Services**

**Parks & Recreation**

**Virginia Cooperative Extension**

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Thank you to the Goochland community, the Goochland County Board of Supervisors, the Recreation Advisory Commission, and Operations staff for their support and efforts during the fiscal year 2017-2018. Operationally, the County continued to make significant strides in efficiently, effectively, and resourcefully serving the needs of the Goochland community.

Fiscal Year 2017-2018 proved to be year of accomplishments. General Services and County Administration has worked diligently to develop a 25 year Public Facilities Master Plan, assisted with the creation of a 25 year Capital Improvement Plan, and has completed the County's Space Study. Improvements to numerous other pieces of County infrastructure were accomplished as well. Programming/registration revenues and park attendance continues to rise to historic levels. Additionally the Department was recognized by the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society for excellence in marketing.

Convenience Centers continued their ongoing refuse and recycling efforts and worked diligently to educate and equip residents to fight litter during the "Clean up Goochland" Campaign.

Animal Protection staff worked valiantly to provide around the clock services and spearhead the effort to bring a new Animal Shelter to Goochland County.

Our hope is that the public and the public servants we work for and with have noticed and enjoyed our commitment to making Goochland County a quality place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

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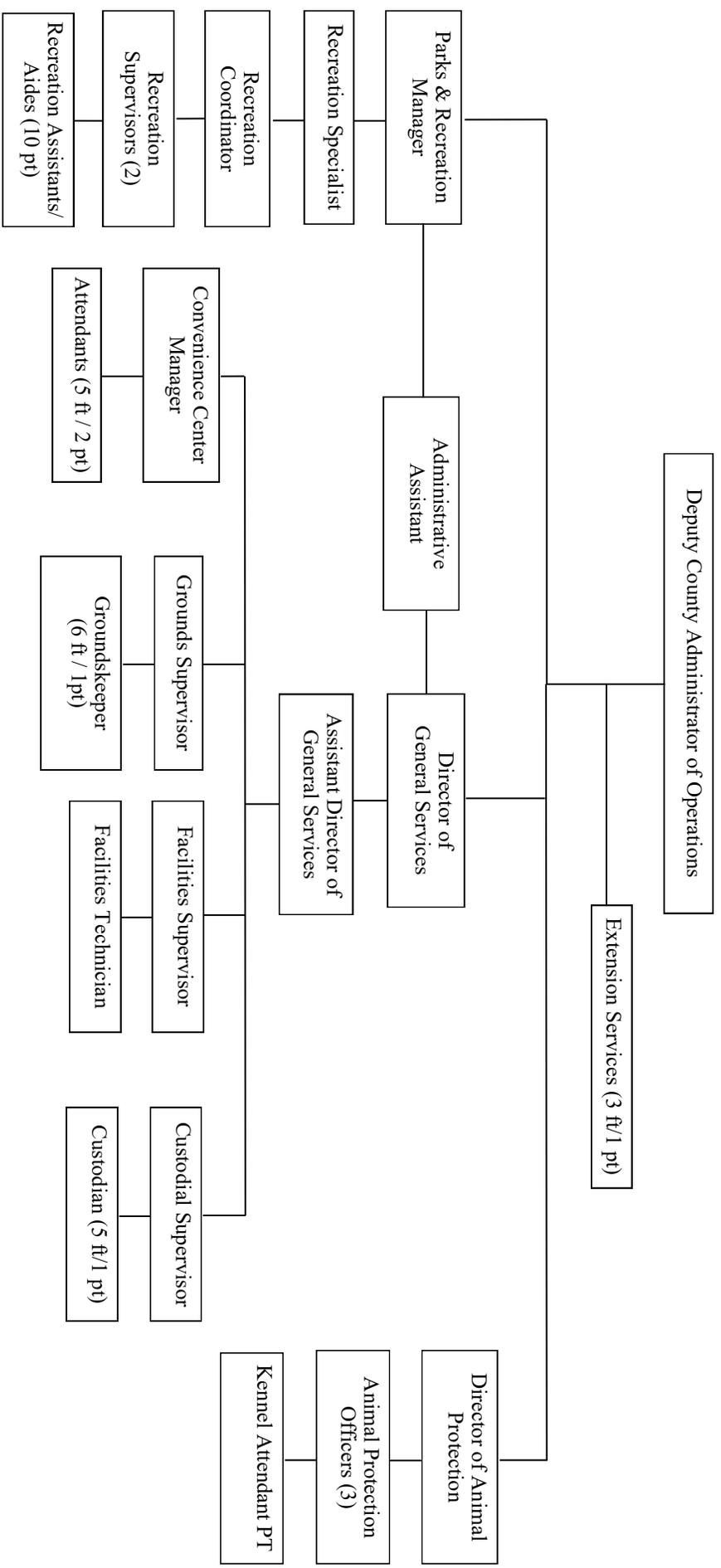
Derek Stamey, MPA, CPRP

**Goochland County Operations consists of the following full time and part time personnel;**

Full Time: 32 (2 State funded)

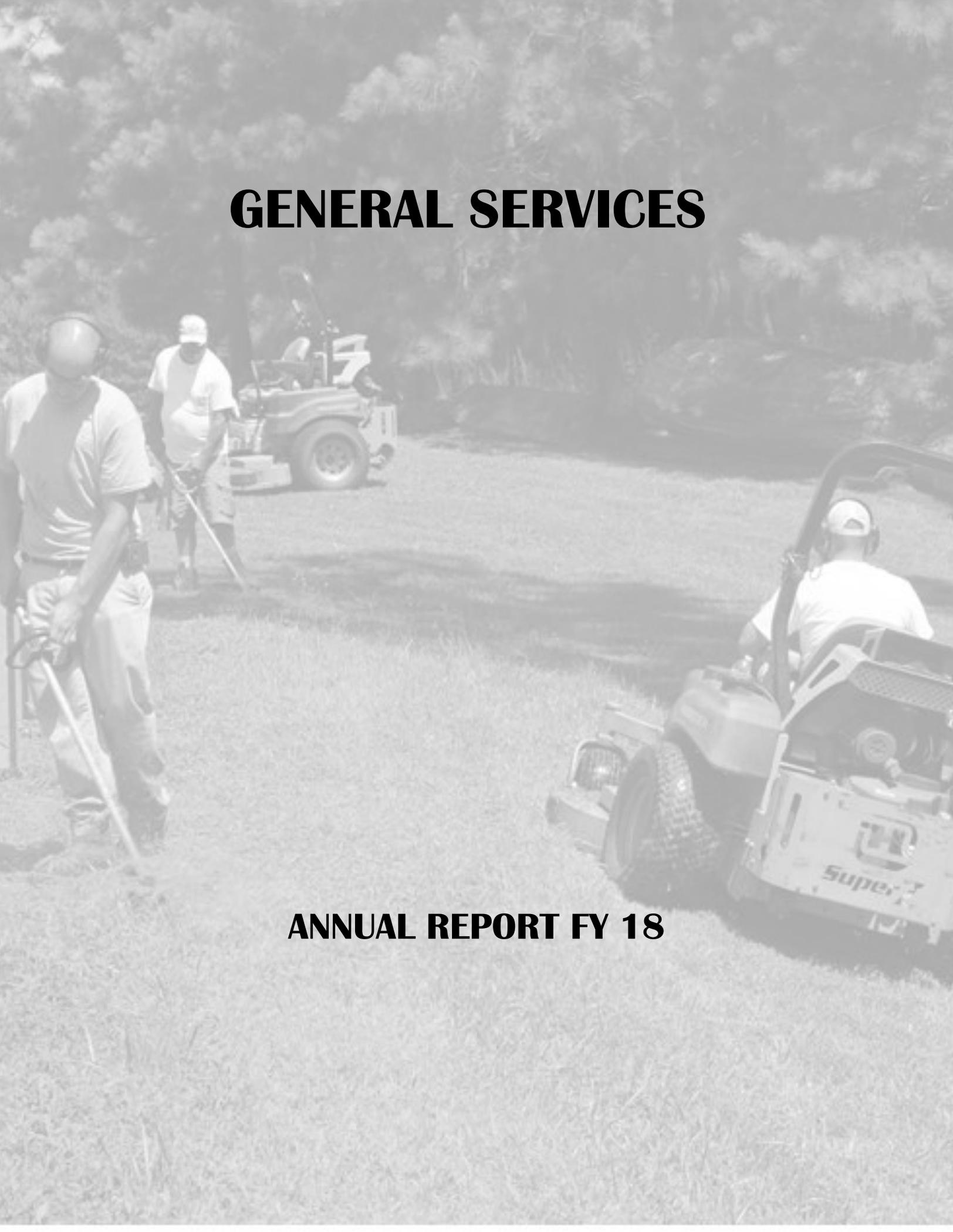
Part Time: 18 (does not include seasonal staff)

Operations is broken down into 4 Departments; Parks & Recreation, Extension, General Services, and Animal Protection.



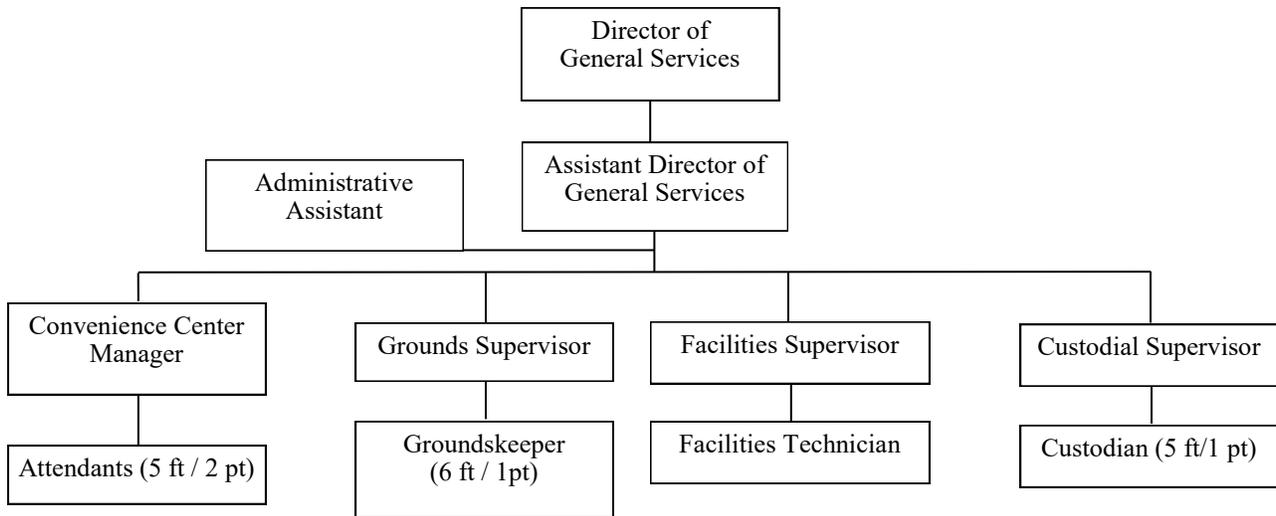
# **GENERAL SERVICES**

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**Primary Functions of General Services**

- To maximize County resources related to the use of public facilities
- To provide safe and convenient disposal of household waste and yard debris for County Residents
- To lead, manage, or assist in all County Government Capital Improvements
- To plan, manage, and operate all public facilities related to preventative maintenance, alterations and enhancements to existing structures, and all related mechanical, HVAC, and plumbing systems.



**Staff**

General Services is comprised of four major functions; convenience centers, building maintenance, grounds maintenance, and custodial services, and is led by the Director of General Services, and the Assistant Director of General Services. In total there are 22 full time personnel and 3 part time.

Building maintenance is headed up by the Facilities Supervisor and supplemented by the Facilities Technician. In all, the Facilities Team oversees the repair, maintenance, and preventative maintenance on 30 County structures. The building maintenance function assists the Director in managing service contracts, coordinating site improvements, working on general projects, and making necessary repairs to all building components.

Custodial services are directed by the Custodial Supervisor and Custodians who clean and detail all County buildings. This does not include the Goochland County Public School system. General Services also assists with event set up/support, County surplus management, and maintains all County street signs.

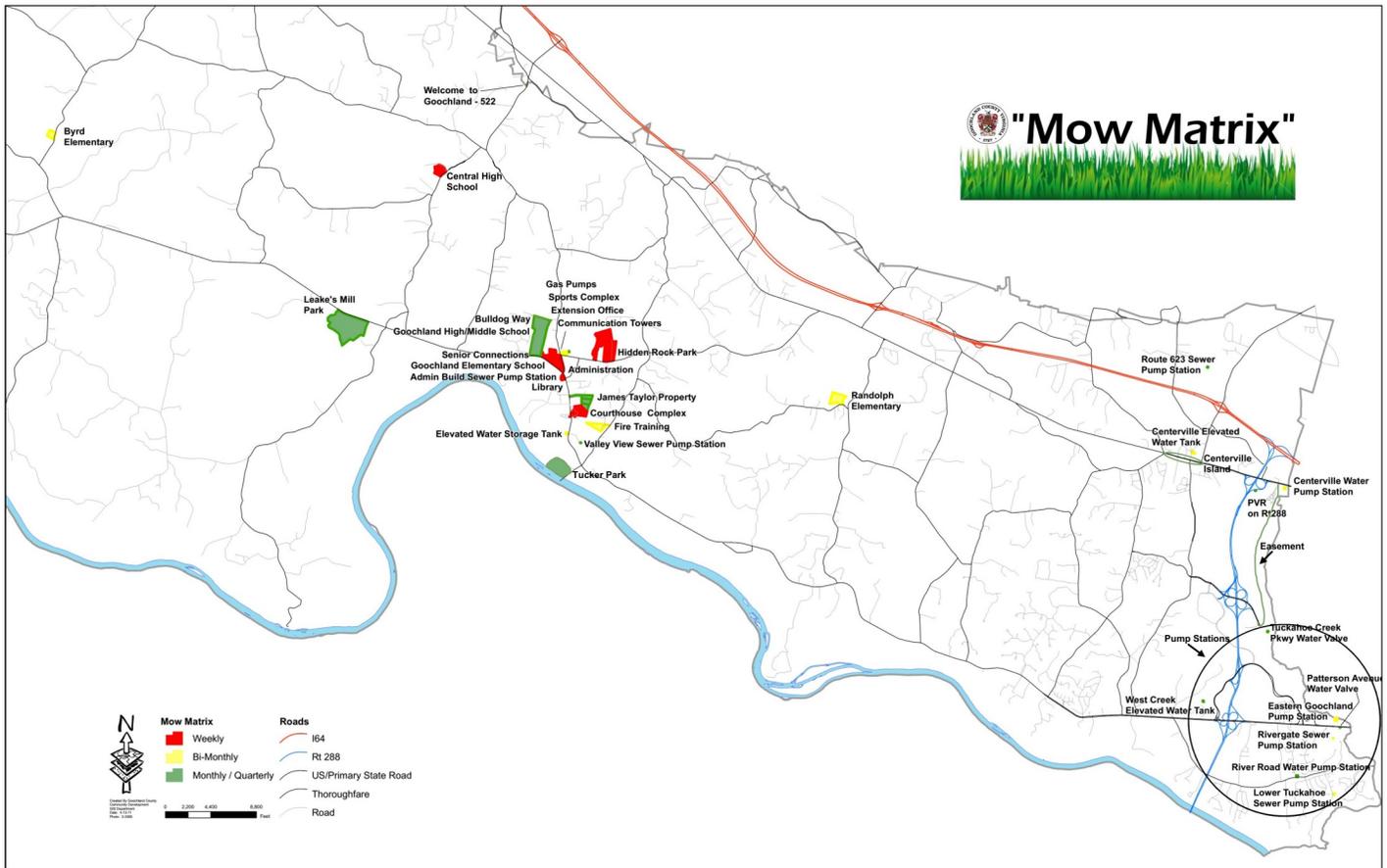


Grounds maintenance is managed by the Grounds Supervisor who oversees seven Groundkeepers. The Grounds Crew is comprised of groundskeepers who maintain approximately 34 exterior public spaces including but not limited to; County parks, general government buildings, school sites, and public utility grounds.



Grounds assist the Director in not only general grounds maintenance, but also in turf management, irrigation system management, landscaping services, and facility preparation in County parks and public spaces. A hybrid approach of full time, part time personnel, and contracted services help the Department maintain all county locations.

The map below displays geographically all 34 mowing and maintenance locations. In addition to mowing, grounds crews maintain public restrooms, drag and line fields, and check all exterior trash receptacles.



### **General Government/County Building Inventory**

General Services is responsible for all of the following County Buildings and Grounds.

- County Administration
- Library
- Circuit Court
- Circuit Court Clerk's Office
- Sherriff's Administration
- Sherriff's Office, Public Safety & General District Court
- Annex - Fire Rescue & School Administration
- Animal Control
- Goochland Prep
- Arts Academy
- Goochland Sports Complex
- Courthouse Lawn Buildings (3)
- Convenience Centers
- Maintenance Shop
- Public Utility Infrastructure
- Central High Cultural & Educational Complex
- Hidden Rock Park
- Leakes Mill Park
- Reynolds Recreation Complex
- Matthews Park
- Tucker Park at Maidens Crossing

### **Preventative Maintenance and Contracted Services**

General Services performs necessary and routine preventative maintenance on all County facility infrastructure. Primarily a function of County staff, preventative maintenance ensures a long useful life of County resources. In addition, Maintenance staff also utilizes the services of on call and contracted vendors to ensure that County facilities are well maintained. Examples of on call and preventative maintenance services are as follows:

- Elevator Inspections
- Fire Suppression system inspections
- Backflow preventer inspections, repairs, and replacement
- On call mowing and landscaping services
- Contractual cleaning services for deep cleaning of carpet, hard surfaces, and publicly accessible areas
- On call athletic field maintenance services, fertilization and over seeding
- Irrigation system servicing for Sports Complex and Leakes Mill Park
- Portable sanitation services
- On call tree and debris removal
- Preventative maintenance on all County generators
- Alarm and security system monitoring
- Fuel systems and gas pump preventative maintenance
- Preventative maintenance on all complex HVAC systems
- Electrical repair and installation
- Uniforms for staff
- Power washing of buildings and amenities
- Pest control of all County buildings
- Painting of interior and exterior buildings
- Paving, sweeping, sealing, and striping services
- Roof repairs and inspections
- Specialized carpentry
- Masonry Repairs



**Capital Improvements and General Site Improvements to General Government Buildings**

General Services is responsible for many of the capital improvements and facility upgrades related to general government buildings owned and operated by Goochland County. Three times per fiscal year, Department staff evaluate all existing building conditions and identify through a building inventory process what needs to be addressed. All items identified are given a priority and are addressed accordingly during the fiscal year.

Capital improvements and general site improvements are handled both in house and through contractual services. The Department determines how to handle each method of work through the examination of the length of time needed to complete the job, staff expertise, and budgetary resources. Items listed below are CIP and general site improvements performed both contractually and in house by the Department. Park specific upgrades are handled primarily by grounds staff and are mentioned in the previous section specific to parks.

**CIP Projects & General Site Improvement Completed/Supported**  
  
**30+**

***The following Capital General Site Improvements and Special Projects are highlighted for Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018.***

- Public Facility Master Plan
- Administration Parking Phase I
- Old Free Clinic/New Assessor Renovation
- CHS Phased Renovations
  - Renovation of 1938 & 1953 portion
  - Renovated space for Animal Shelter relocation
- Security Enhancements —School Board
- Circuit Court Building
  - Restroom Renovations
  - Conversion of storage to office space
  - Security Improvements
  - Painting
- 25 Year CIP
- General District Court Building
  - Courtroom refurbishment
  - New carpet & LED Lighting
  - Painting
  - Upgraded Judges bench
  - HVAC Life Cycle upgrade
- Information Systems Renovation
- Sports Complex Security Enhancements
- Jenkins Building Roof Replacement
- Leakes Mill Park Phase 2 Completion
- Tucker Park Overflow Parking & Electrical Install
- Centerville Streetscapes

**Future & Current Projects:**

- Gateway Sign Program
- Hidden Rock Park Improvements
- East End Trails
- CHS Renovation (Ag Center)
- Administration Parking Phase II
- Space Study Renovations



The Convenience Center function is housed under the auspices of the General Services Department. There are six full time and two part time staff member that operate the two Centers. The day to day operations of the Centers are managed by the Convenience Center Manager. All other staff consist of Convenience Center Attendants.

Goochland County has two (2) Convenience Centers. The Convenience Centers and the associated staff work to provide and coordinate waste management services for County residents. The two Centers are at the following locations:

Central Convenience Center –  
1908 Hidden Rock Lane, Maidens, VA 23102

Western Convenience Center –  
3455 Hadensville-Fife Road, Goochland, VA 23063



Convenience Centers operate on the following hours; Monday – Saturday, 7:30 am – 6 pm    Sundays 11 am – 6pm.

The Convenience Centers provide or coordinate the following services;

Household Wastes - Goochland County also accepts motor oil, oil filters, anti-freeze, paint and other materials.

Acceptable paint materials include: latex and oil-based paints, varnish/shellac, stain and tints, paint and lacquer thinners, polyurethane, primer, turpentine, oil additives, leaded/unleaded gasoline, and gasoline additives. The County also accepts used propane tanks, and rechargeable and lead acid batteries.

Brush/Yard Waste Recycling - available for brush (no stumps or grass clippings). Tree debris is recycled into mulch and is made available for sale to the public. Plastic Bag Recycling Acceptable material includes any clean and dry grocery, bread, newspaper, or packaging film, or dry cleaning bags. Electronics Recycling Equipment collected in this program will be disassembled and recycled under U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards. Computer hard drives will be processed to Department of Defense/National Security Administration standards. Documentation of data destruction is also available upon request for a \$5.00 fee. Consumer electronic items will not be accepted through this program. These items include, but are not limited to small appliances (toasters, blenders, hair dryers, vacuums, etc.), handheld power tools, fans, de-humidifiers, or lamps. However, some of these household items may be accepted for scrap metal recycling. If you are unsure, make sure you ask an attendant before disposing. See the County website for a list of acceptable items.

Appliances/White Goods - the Freon recovery program enables participating jurisdictions to comply with state and federal regulations which ban the atmospheric release of Chloroflourocarbons (CFCs) and Hydrochloroflourocarbons (HCFCs). Many used and discarded appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers contain these ozone-depleting gases. By recycling these items, the Freon gases are extracted and the empty appliances will also be recycled.

Curbside Recycling - Goochland County works with subdivisions and other individual areas in eastern and central portions of the County to provide curbside recycling. This service is provided at an annual cost of \$25 per year, per household. If your subdivision is interested in the curbside recycling service, please call (804) 556-5850.

Drop-Off Recycling - The green drop-off bins are individually labeled for mixed paper and mixed food/beverage containers. Residents collecting paper items at home for drop-off recycling can combine mixed paper items such as newspaper, junk mail, cardboard, computer paper, phone books, and cereal/dry food boxes.

Aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles, food and beverage cartons, and glass bottles and jars should be contained separately from the mixed paper items. All recyclable containers should be rinsed, but labels do not need to be removed. Please do not place plastic bags (garbage or grocery) filled with recyclables into the drop-off containers. Newly accepted items include cartons (i.e., waxy coated cartons of juice, half and half, soup, etc.) and all plastic containers #1-7.

**Other Initiatives and Responsibilities**

The Convenience Center function is also responsible for coordinating the following activities and events; coordinating the Goochland Anti-Litter and Recycling Council, special events such as recycling, roadside litter pickup, and the County’s Adopt-A-Spot program.



Special Recycling Events - The Goochland Anti-Litter and Recycling Council (GARC) holds special recycling events throughout the year, including: • Tire Amnesty Day • Community Shred • James River Regional Clean

Event Recycling - GARC loans out temporary recycling bins to be used for local special events, festivals, or any large events that may generate a lot of recyclables. These bins will be available to the community organizations free of charge. Event coordinators will be responsible for changing out the bags when full and taking the recyclables to a local convenience center.

Roadside Litter Pick up - Many roadways in Goochland are in need of cleanup. The best and safest way to get involved is to adopt the roadway that affects your property. Volunteers agree to pick up litter four times a year for two years. In return, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) provides trash bags, vests, important safety information, and highway signs that recognize your group.



**AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS**

**To enhance citizen access and safety:**

- purchased snow removal equipment for staff to remove snow in a safe and efficient manner.
- security cameras were installed to ensure citizen and employee safety.
- landscaping was completed at Central Convenience Center.
- employee training in Hazmat handling

**To promote county welfare:**

- Goochland County Family Services donation boxes were placed at both locations.
- Battery, plastic bag, e-recycling programs implemented to reduce waste and encourage recycling.

**Collection Events**

**90 Gallons of Paint**

**1,323 tires** collected. 2+ trailers full.

Shredded documents **7.71 tons** collected.

HHW - **\$4,248.40** worth of material collected.

Total Traffic Count Central: 209,613

Total Deposit Central: \$67,985

Total Traffic Count Western: 54,765

Total Deposit Western: \$26,041

Accidents **0**

Drop-off recycling collected— **540.58 tons** (an increase of 5% from last year).

MSW collected — **7,741 tons** (an increase of 5% from last year).

Plastic bags collected from sites — **2.29 tons** (increase 5% from last year).

Electronic waste from sites collected — **2.37 tons**

Traffic count for both locations — **264,378 visitors** (average 22,032 visitors per month). **1%** increase from previous year.

We hauled **17.05 tons** of OCC to vender.

We hauled **808.63 tons** of vegetation to landfill.

Rechargeable/Non-rechargeable batteries collected from sites — **1,349 pounds**.

Revenue recycling — Used oil collected **10,895 gallons** (increase 6% from last year). Metal collected **394.60 tons** (decrease of 10%, price of metal has increase since last year).

Used Antifreeze collected increased from last year **37%**

Used Oil Filters collected increased from last year **54%**

Used Paint collected increased from last year **12%**

Propane tanks collected increased from last year **67%**

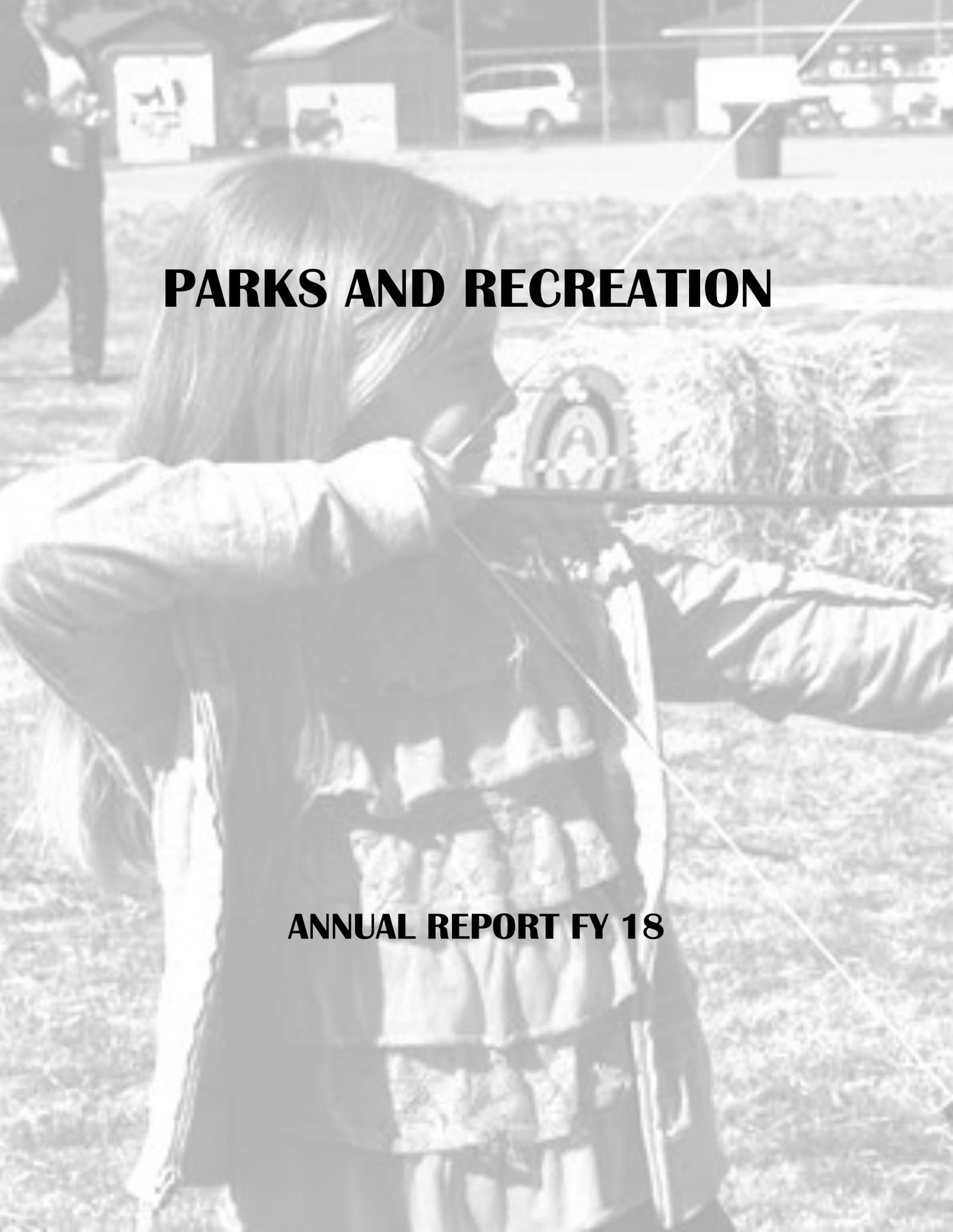
Used tires collected 60 tons, increased **17%**

Car batteries collected **476 = \$3,458.85** for year.

Yard Waste processed to mulch **1,391 tons**.

Program Revenue collected **\$72,592**, up from **\$56,888** last year.

Convenience Centers took in **\$38,185.85** for the year.



# **PARKS AND RECREATION**

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**Mission Statement**

*To enhance the quality of life of all Goochland citizens by providing, developing, and advocating for quality parks and recreational resources and leisure services.*

**Primary Functions of Parks & Recreation**

To provide a balance of recreational facilities and programming to meet the needs of the Goochland community. To work cooperatively with other County agencies, local non-profits, and other leisure service based groups to enhance the quality of life of all Goochland residents.

<u>Revenue</u>	
Recreation Fees	\$166,384
Advertising	\$4,405
Sponsorship	\$8,443
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$179,232</b>

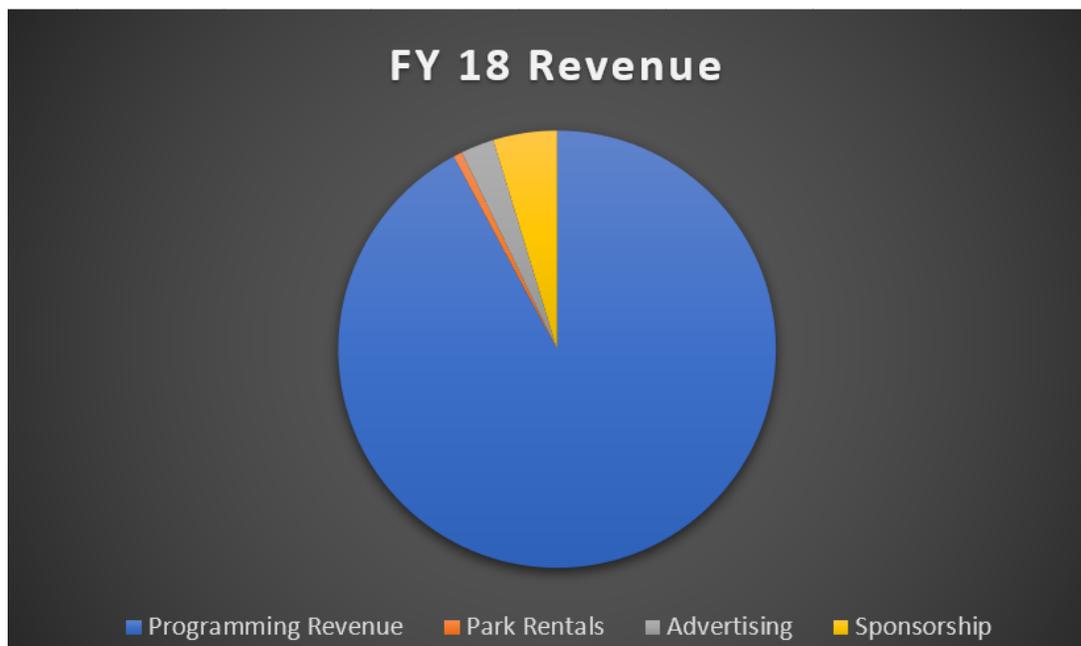
**Administrative Accomplishments**

**Revenue**

FY 18 saw a slight decrease in overall Department revenues (\$14,808). It is important to note during FY 17, the Department saw a one time donation of \$15,000 from the Friends of Goochland Parks. Not receiving that donation contributed to the decline in Department revenue.

The Department continues to enhance its revenue streams by solidifying special event sponsorships, program guide advertising opportunities, cost sharing with local organizations, through expanding fee based recreational opportunities, and by marketing recreational opportunities/services throughout the community. The Department is continuing to seek opportunities to diversify revenue, primarily through the development and marketing of facility use geared towards special event and athletic tournament users.

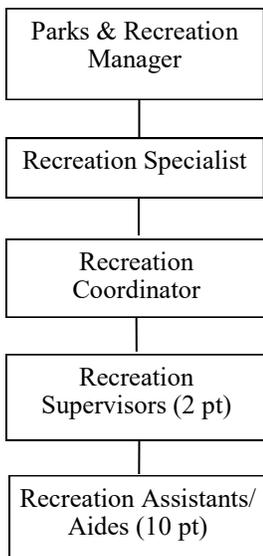
*All event sponsorship information, advertising packages, and marketing materials can be found in the document's appendix.*



<b>Registrations</b>	<b>FY 18</b> 2350	<b>FY 17</b> 2,358	<b>FY 16</b> 2,041
<b>Rec Revenue</b>	<b>FY 18</b> \$179,232	<b>FY 17</b> \$194,039	<b>FY 16</b> \$171,016
<b>Park Visitation</b>	<b>FY 18</b> 293,444	<b>FY 17</b> 291,936	<b>FY 16</b> 272,029

**Staff**

As of FY 18, Parks & Recreation is comprised of four and a half full time staff, 12 part time staff, and approximately eight seasonal part time staff. Additionally, anywhere from ten to twenty contracted instructors are utilized depending upon programming season to provide fee based programs for the community. Seasonal part time staff is used for high program volume seasons; typically for basketball and summer camp.



Permanent Recreation staff includes the Parks & Recreation Manager, Recreation Specialist, two Recreation Coordinators, two part time Recreation Supervisors, and an Administrative Assistant that is shared with General Services. The Recreation Manager oversees the overall Recreation operations of the County including but not limited to the implementation of the Department’s strategic programming plan, special event development, and marketing of all Department programs and activities.

The part time Recreation Assistants provide administrative support, directly implement programs, and provide quality customer service on sight at all Parks and Recreation venues.

**Programming Highlights**

During Fiscal Year 2017-2018, Parks & Recreation offered 252 programs to the Gochland community. These programs included pre-school aged programs, youth, teen, adult, and active adult programs, cultural arts, educational enrichment, outdoor/adventure programming, athletics, and wellness programs.

Programs of note are the County's basketball program and the extensive youth summer camp program. The summer of 2018 saw over 1,100 individuals registered for Department summer camps, and over 310 registrants for the winter basketball league; overall registrations remained static from FY 17.

In addition to offering a diverse array of programs for residents of all ages, interest, and skill level, the Department is continuing to develop revenue neutral methods to streamline programmatic services for the entire County. The methodology includes the use of contracted instruction, forging community based facility partnerships, as well as working with local businesses to actively promote their recreational services for the community.



**Special Event Highlights**

Parks & Recreation designs, implements, and evaluates two major events each year and several smaller scale events as well. The two largest events are the Fourth of July Fireworks display and the annual Fall Festival.

Special Event Attendance	
Fireworks	12,000
Fall Festival	4,500
Other Events	1,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,800</b>

2017's July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks event drew over 12,000. The 2017 Fall Festival saw approximately 4,500 in attendance. Other Department events included Administration Trick or Treat, Pickleball Tournament, Santa Calling, and Community Tree Lighting. Approximately 17,800 folks enjoyed special events during FY 2017-2018.

**Marketing Efforts**

Parks & Recreation markets all programs, events, and efforts of its community partners. The primary marketing vehicle employed by the Department is the seasonal Active GVA Community Guide. The guide is distributed three times per year and consists of a Winter/Spring, Summer, and Fall version. 3,500 copies of the Community Guide are printed and distributed throughout the County's public school system as well as mailed and distributed to local government buildings and businesses.

The Department markets in ways beyond the Community Guide. Other methods utilized include but are not limited to newspaper advertising, contributed articles to local newspapers, the Department facebook page, email blasts, text alerts, strategically placed banners, utility bill inserts, school flyers, post cards, and radio advertising.



**Advertising and Sponsorship**

Staff work extensively to offset Department related expenses to the cost of production for special events, Community Guide production, and other marketing related expenses. Advertising is sold within the guide and sponsorship rights are sold for all Department produced events. Event sponsors in the past include Allied Waste Management, Martin's, Care One Advantage, and more. Advertising within the Community Guide has been very successful. Over the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, \$4,627, **approximately 44%**, of the production costs are offset with advertising sales. Both the sponsorship package the advertising package can be found in the appendix.





**Central High Cultural and Educational Complex (CHS)**

*2748 Dogtown Road, Goochland, VA 23063*

The Central High Cultural and Educational Complex is a 23-acre indoor/outdoor facility. "Central" includes a renovated and restored 140-seat auditorium, the Central High Museum, 5 programming spaces, a conference room, Parks and Recreation administrative offices, and exhibits highlighting the building's history.

CHS also features an athletic and event center that includes a full-size hardwood basketball court, a large classroom, a warming kitchen, and a PA system. Outdoor amenities include a walking track and a lighted multi-use athletic space.

**2014 VRPS Award Winner - Best New Renovation**

**Goochland Sports Complex (GSC)**

*1800 Sandy Hook Road, Goochland, VA 23063*

The exterior features "Weed Whackers Field," a fully-irrigated and lighted football and baseball field with a grass infield. The Sports Complex is also home to a lighted softball field, scoreboards, multiple press boxes, a public address system, a concession stand with restrooms, and "Skate 522," a public skateboard park.

The interior facilities feature Parks and Recreation administrative offices as well as a dance studio, cardio and weight rooms, classroom, and lounge areas. The Complex interior also includes a full-sized gymnasium with hardwood floors.

**2013 VRPS Award Winner - Best New Renovation**



**Goochland Court House Green & Trails (GCG)**

*2938 River Road West, Goochland, VA 23063*

"The Green" features a historical restoration of the old stone jail (c. 1825), interpretive signage, and a visitor's center. This facility is widely considered to be the most well-maintained and preserved Jeffersonian Court House in America.

Court House Trails is a 55-acre wooded parcel located behind the Goochland County Court House Complex. The two-mile system is a soft-surface, multi-use trail featuring scenic views, natural water features and areas to enjoy the natural environment.

**Hidden Rock Park (HRP)**

*1920 Hidden Rock Lane, Maidens, VA 23102*

Hidden Rock Park is a 60-acre facility that serves as home to many of Goochland's youth athletic leagues. The northern portion of the park contains two youth baseball fields and two full-sized baseball/softball fields, all of which are lighted. In addition, Hidden Rock has nature trails, two picnic shelters, a concession stand with restrooms, public address systems, an asphalt basketball court, and a beach volleyball court. The southern end of the park features several youth soccer fields.



**Leakes Mill Park (LMP)**

3951 River Road West, Goochland, VA 23063

Leakes Mill Park is a 176-acre facility located 4.3 miles west of Goochland Court House. The park features three fully-irrigated multi-purpose athletic fields, a playground, a concession stand with restrooms, picnic shelters, and 9 miles of multi-use trails.

**2013 VRPS Award Winner - Best New Facility**

**Reynolds Recreation Complex (RRC)**

1851 Dickinson Road, Goochland, VA 23063

Reynolds Recreation Complex is a 5-acre facility on the Reynolds Community College - Goochland Campus maintained and operated by Parks and Recreation. The facility features a partially-lighted baseball/softball field and three tennis courts that are fully-lighted via a coin-operated system. The facility also offers access to picnic areas and a fishing pond.



**Matthews Park (MP)**

5399 Matthews Road, Goochland, VA 23063

Matthews Park is the County's newest park. This 36-acre community facility is located in the western end of Goochland. The park features a playground, swings, a picnic area, and a half-mile walking trail.

**2017 VRPS Award Winner - Best New Facility**



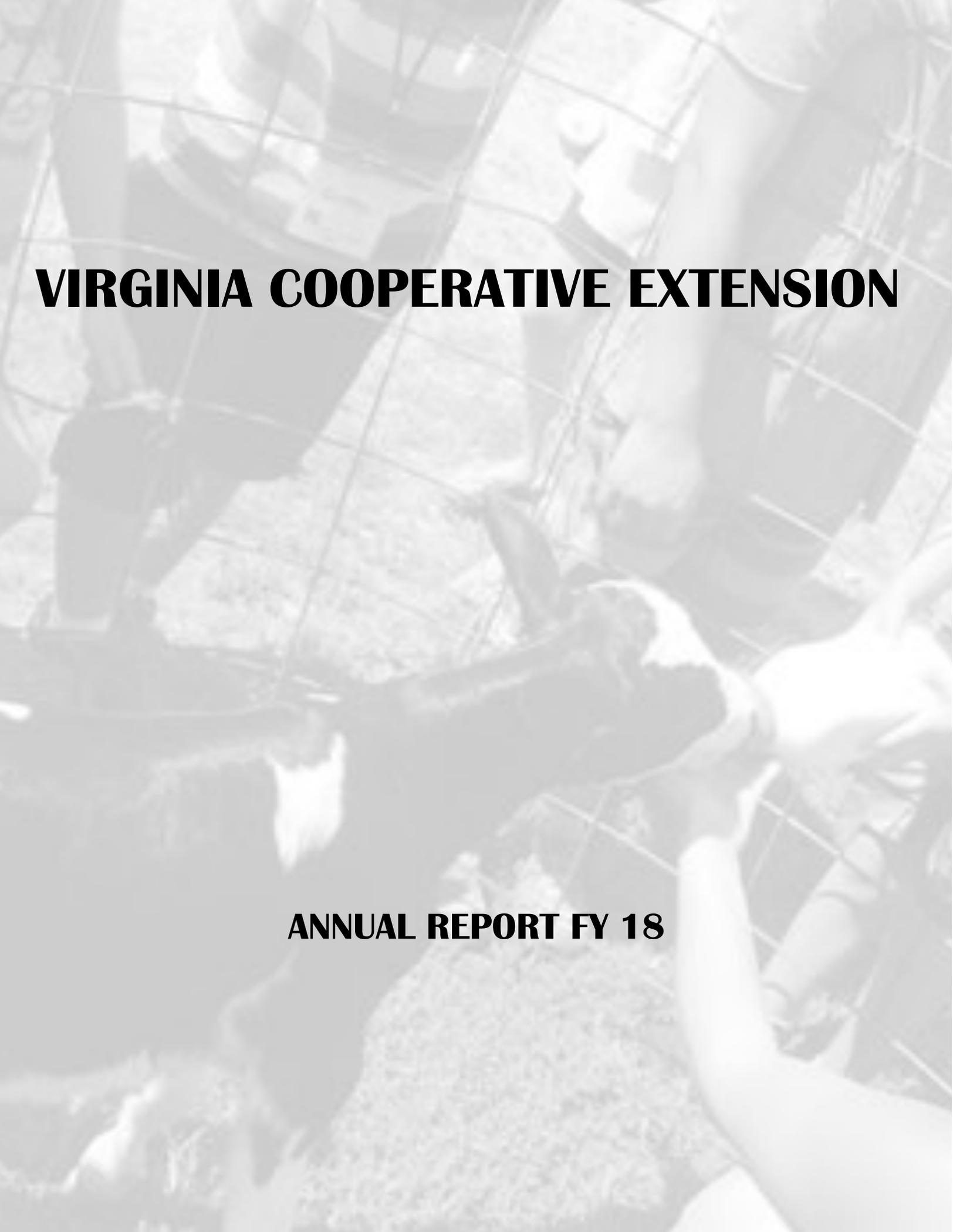
**Tucker Park at Maidens Crossing (TP)**

1300 Maidens Road, Maidens, VA 23102

Tucker Park at Maidens Crossing is a 36-acre facility located along 1,200 feet of the James River. The park boasts the CarMax Cares Outdoor Performance area, capable of hosting outdoor events along the riverfront. A 1-mile walking trail traverses the path and connects visitors to the park's outdoor classroom areas (courtesy of Dominion Resources). The eastern portion of the park includes a non-motorized boat ramp, walking paths, and picnic areas.

**Parks and Recreation Visitation and Use**

The Department's facilities are heavily used. During fiscal year 2017-2018, park site visitation (including special events) was approximately 293,444 uses. This includes uses of Tucker Park at Maidens Crossing, Hidden Rock Park, Central Recreation Complex, Leakes Mill Park and the Goochland Sports Complex. This does not include other general government buildings under the management of General Services Goochland County has approximately 21,000 residents. This estimated uses translates to about 14 uses per citizen of Recreation amenities during the fiscal year 18.



# **VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**

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Goochland County's Extension services consists of 4 employees, 3 full time and one part time. Goochland County Extension is primarily a state funded department. Goochland County currently subsidizes a portion of the Cooperative Extension. Subsidies include a portion of full time salaries as well as a portion of operating funds. One part time staff member is fully funded by Goochland County. Goochland County Extension staff include the Unit Coordinator/4-H Youth Development Agent, Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Agent, the Environmental Horticulture Associate, and the Administrative Assistant. Prior to July 1, 2017, the full-time ANR agent position was split 50/50 between Goochland and Chesterfield Counties. This fiscal year, the position is now a full-time agent position with 100% appointment to Goochland.

This year, several notable events have occurred. ANR Agent, Charley Maxwell, was selected to participate in an international Ag Agent exchange with Ireland's TEAGASC program which included hosting the Irish Dairy Advisor for 2 weeks in Goochland County. Additionally, she helped create and lead the first Virginia Women in Agriculture Convention. The Goochland 4-H Shooting Club won Virginia's State BB Shoot and competed for the second time in the National 4-H BB Competition with an excellent performance. 4-H Agent, Sarah Crews, was recognized by the Virginia State 4-H Foundation for the Innovative 4-H Program Award which comes with a grant stipend.

#### 4-H Youth Development Educational Clubs

The Goochland 4-H program currently offers 6 educational clubs for local youth to participate in year round. Members receive hands-on educational experiences, foster caring relationships with community mentors, and develop life skills.

161 youth members enrolled in 4-H clubs

84 club meetings in 2017

15 community service projects completed in 2017



**Special accomplishments:**

Goochland 4-H's Shooting Education Club won the Virginia State Shoot and competed nationally in the National Daisy BB Competition this year. The team placed 44th, but this is a great accomplishment for their first time competing nationally.

Attendance at special events:

Field Day of the Past 4H Show 2017: ~40,000

Rassawek Spring Jubilee 4H Show 2018: ~8,000

**In-School Programs**

Last year, Goochland 4-H provided educational programs in every local elementary school in Goochland County. Programs included science enrichment, agricultural education, environmental education, public speaking skills, Character Counts!, and embryology.

Total number in-school youth participation: 1,002

In-school programs include:

Classroom Embryology (chick hatching)

Ag Day: 4th graders in every elementary school

Monthly Science enrichment lessons

Junior Master Gardener After-School programs (Fall/Spring)

Earth Day Celebration



**Camping Programs**

Goochland 4-H provides numerous camping opportunities for local youth throughout the year. 4-H camping programs focus on providing educational opportunities in fun, safe environments while promoting youth independence and self-sufficiency. Goochland's overnight camps occur in late July and August.

4-H Junior Camp Attendance: 55 Goochland youth campers & teen counselors

**Agriculture and Natural Resources Soil Testing**

Virginia Cooperative Extension helps citizens analyze their soil resources before fertilizing. The results are reliable, and allow citizens to improve their farm or garden soil fertility and reduce costly, unnecessary fertilizer applications.

**Soil Samples** Commercial: 138 Homeowner: 69 Total: 207

**Well-Water Testing**

Virginia Cooperative Extension helps citizens test and analyze their well-water resources every Fall. The results are reliable, and they allow citizens to ensure the water they are drinking is safe.

**Farm and Garden Troubleshooting**

We perform site visits to help citizens evaluate their agricultural resources, identify plants and pests, discuss management or budget decisions, and help them succeed in their crop, livestock, vegetable, or garden plant enterprise. In addition, we serve as a resource for homeowners to bring unknown pests and plants to our office, or send us photos, and we will help identify them and provide information for treatment options.

In 2017 we performed:

18 On-Farm visits

14 Homeowner issue visits

24 Smart Lawn visits

## Educational Classes and Workshops

Virginia Cooperative Extension staff strives to meet community needs by providing educational programs on a variety of topics.

### 14 Agriculture & Natural Resources workshops held

Beef Quality Assurance Certification  
 Goochland Pond Workshop  
 Goochland High School Pesticide Certification  
 Private Applicator Pesticide Certification  
 Grazing 101  
 Casselmonte Farm Tour for Beginning Farmers  
 4 Beef Cattle Production 360 Meetings  
 Fresh Branch Farm Tour for Beginning Farmers  
 Richland's Dairy Farm Tour for Beginning Farmers  
 Benmar Farm Tour for Beginning Farmers  
 Hickamore Hill Farm Tour for Beginning Farmers  
 Agriculture Resource Night  
 Spring Readiness Equine Seminar  
 Matchmaking 101: Bull Selection  
 Equine Pasture Walk

### 11 Horticulture workshops held

Farmers Market Well Water Testing Promotion  
 Fall Lawn Care  
 VAHWQP Well Water Testing Program  
 Pesticide Applicator Spreader/Sprayer Calibration  
 Pruning Fruit Trees & Fireblight at Southern States Store  
 GPMGA Lawn Care Training  
 Salad Table Workshop  
 Planting Trees and Shrubs at Southern States Store  
 Vegetable Gardening  
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 Plant Anatomy & Hydroponic Demonstration  
 Pesticide Applicator Spreader/Sprayer Calibration at JSRCC  
 Sunflowers 101 Program for Cloverbuds & Trailblazers

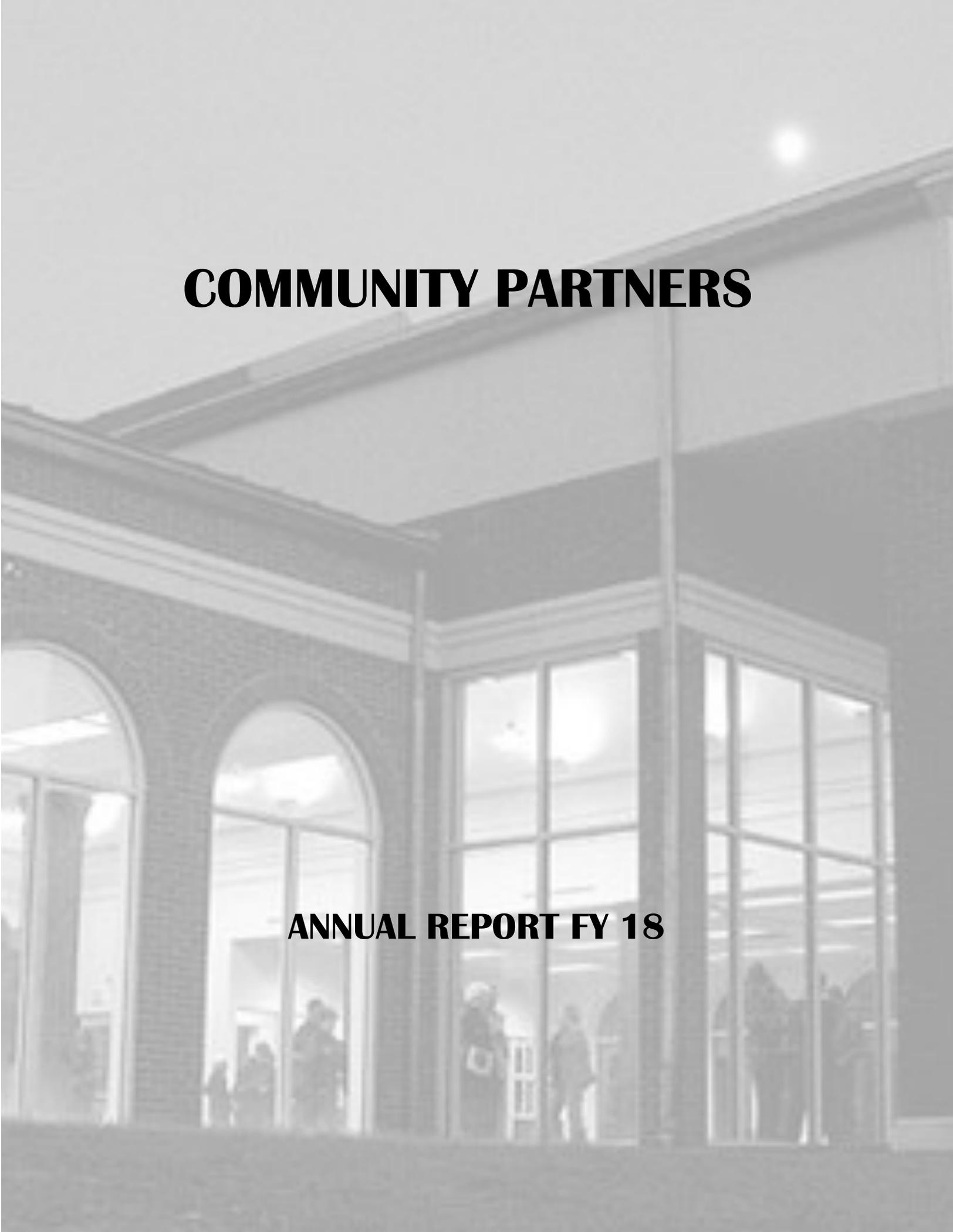
698 Horticulture Direct Contacts

2,815 ANR Direct Contacts

## Miscellaneous

Additional services provided this fiscal year assisted citizens with: plant disease diagnosis, nematode assays, carp permits, grant information, farm planning help, pesticide recordkeeping books, factsheets, and farm budgets.





# **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

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Goochland County works with many community organizations and partners to collectively and efficiently improve the quality of life of all Goochland citizens. Partners and organizations consist of other local government entities, state entities, local non-profits, and local businesses.

These community partners provide an array of services both independently and cooperatively. Community programming, special events, facilities improvements, and youth athletics are all addressed by the following partners and organizations;

**Goochland Youth Athletic Association**

**Goochland United Soccer Association**

**Goochland CASA**

**Goochland Pet Lovers**

**Goochland Family YMCA**

**Goochland Leadership Enterprise**

**Goochland County Chamber of Commerce**

**Goochland Powhatan Community Services**

**Goochland County Fire and Rescue**

**Pamunkey Library – Goochland Branch**

**Goochland County Sheriff’s Office**

**Goochland County Social Services**

**Special Olympics**

**Goochland Cares**

**Friends of Goochland Parks**

**Virginia Department of Forestry**

These organizations and partners have worked collaboratively with the Department to develop park space (Tucker Park at Maidens Crossing), implement special events (Christmas Tree lighting and annual skate event), and to actively market and promote County wide services that enrich the lives of Goochland County residents.



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