

Department of Agricultural Development

Fauquier County



What We Do

- Promote the Agricultural industry in Fauquier County
- Purchase of Development Rights Program (PDR)
- Advises the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors on matters affecting agriculture in Fauquier
- Markets and supports Fauquier grown products

Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)

- (PDR) program plays a crucial role in preserving agricultural land, natural resources, and open spaces
- Voluntary program
- Extinguishes some or all development rights
- Tool for producers – financial compensation
- Focus on production agriculture (50 acres)



History of PDR in Fauquier

- Program stems from Virginia Conservation Law
- Adopted in 2002, formed in 2004
 - ODEC in Remington helped start project
- Use local and state funding
 - Local Tax levy
 - \$0.004 per \$100 of real estate tax.
 - Average of \$18 per resident per year.

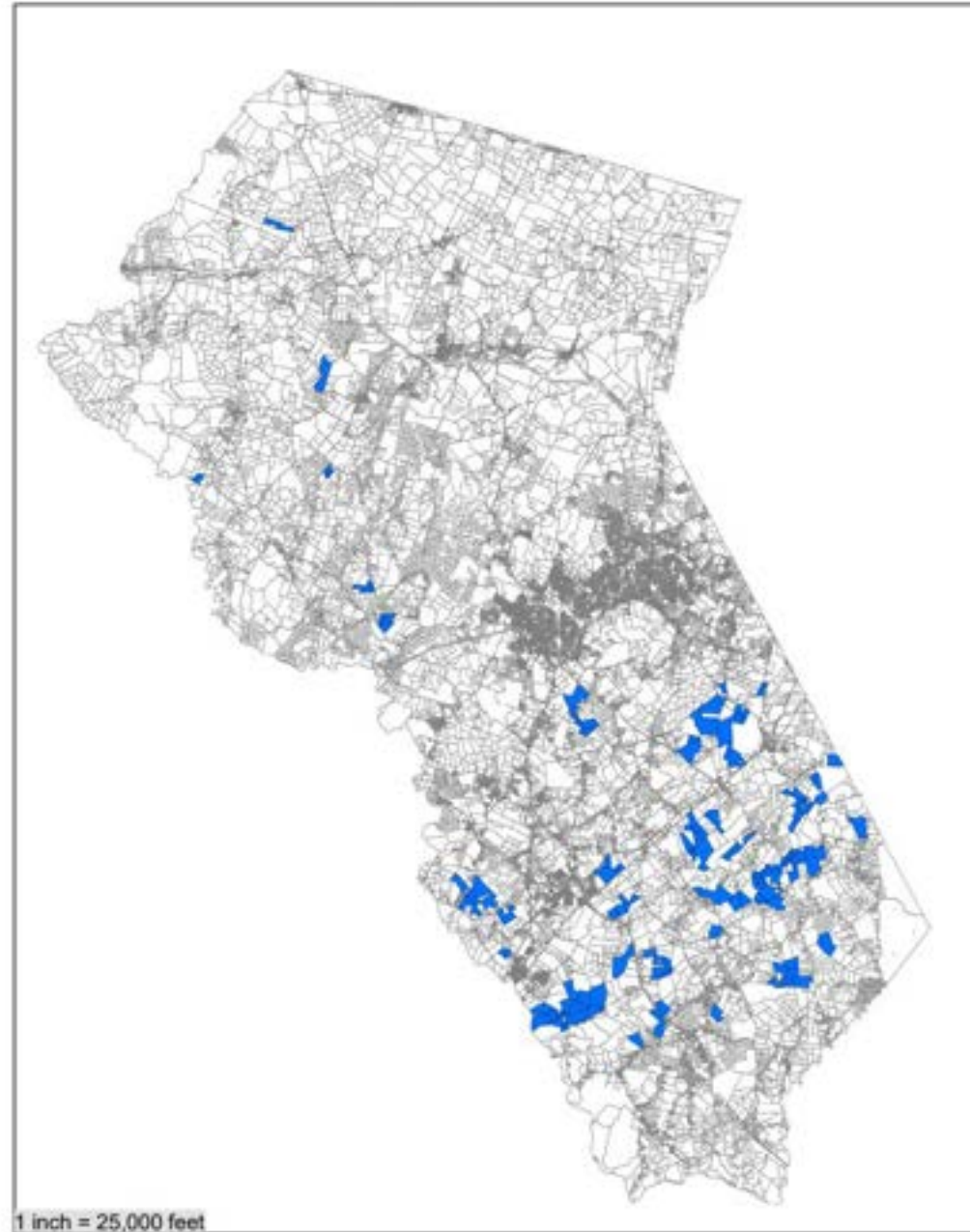
General Fund Revenue Summary

Tax Years 2022-2025 Tax Rates ¹				
Description	Tax Year 2022	Tax Year 2023	Tax Year 2024	Tax Year 2025
Overall Real Estate Tax Rate:	\$0.903	\$0.903	\$0.943	\$0.967
Real Estate – General	\$0.758	\$0.756	\$0.759	\$0.778
Real Estate – Fire Rescue Levy	\$0.140	\$0.143	\$0.180	\$0.185
Real Estate – Conservation Easement District Levy	\$0.005	\$0.004	\$0.004	\$0.004

PDR Conservation Easements: 155
13,137.72 Acres

PDRs in Fauquier

- Over 13,000 acres



Donated Conservation Easements

- Our Department also works with the County Attorneys Office to facilitate donated Conservation easement to be held by the County.
 - Similar to VOF and other organizations easements.
 - Potential Tax Credit Opportunities

Farm Tour

- On site tours of working farms and agribusiness in the County
- Held in October yearly - This year Oct. 4th
- Open to all producers / landowners



Our Office is Open

- Happy to assist and guide landowners to make best use of their properties and operations
- 16 Courthouse Sq. Warrenton Va.

