


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 31, 2022

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Grafton Annex Update

The Grafton Annex has been serving as a storage center for books and other library materials during the renovation of the Yorktown Library. During the construction, the library has offered a book drop and curbside pickup services at the Annex, as well as access to browsing rooms that allow citizens to review and check-out popular items.

However, as the renovation of Yorktown Library finishes in the coming months, staff is proceeding as directed to demolish this structure. As you know, the County originally solicited bids for the property to spur creative reuse, but none of the received proposals were deemed acceptable. This is partly due to building constraints, deferred maintenance of the building, and parking limitations. Since Grafton Annex previously housed Fire Station 1 before its move to Dare Road, the building's unique design creates limitations for any business or developer. Once the decision was made to build the new Fire Station 1, maintenance and system upgrades were halted and many major components are now past their useful life cycle and would require major investments to bring them up to an acceptable standard.

The Board previously discussed and directed staff to demolish the building when the library's materials are removed. Once the library construction is completed in the next few months, the plan will be to demolish the Annex within the first half of 2023. This will make the property more attractive for any future reuse.

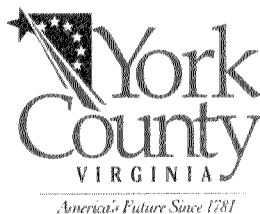
The historic Grafton Voting Place, which was used by County citizens for 55 years until 1965, was housed on the site. This building has been relocated to property owned by York County School Division (YCSD) near Grafton Drive at the Grafton School Complex. This site is adjacent to the proposed sidewalk route along Grafton Drive to the Grafton School Complex and will be convenient for YCSD and Public Works staff to monitor.

I will keep the Board updated with any developments.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Neil A. Morgan



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November 3, 2022

Mr. Robert A. Crum, Executive Director
Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization
The Regional Building
723 Woodlake Drive
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Dear Mr. Crum:

York County is pleased to join the City of Newport News to support the Hampton Roads Planning Organization's Systems for the Management and Allocation of Resources for Transportation (SMART SCALE) grant proposal requesting funding for important segments of the proposed Birthplace of America Trail/Capital Trail extension.

As part of this grant program, we understand that the SMART SCALE program will fund 80% of the project costs for successful grant applications, with the remaining 20 percent provided via local match. York County has available \$300,000 of appropriated funds in both FY24 and FY25 budgets in addition to a Newport News allocation of \$2,200,000 to commit the necessary local match to advance approximately 4.5 miles of this trail from Fort Eustis Boulevard to the McReynolds Athletic Complex. The estimated cost of this project will be approximately \$13.9 million, requiring the associated \$2.8 million match.

We believe this project offers exciting opportunities for our communities and region, and are pleased to pledge the local resources to serve as the local project match.

Sincerely,

Neil A. Morgan
County Administrator

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