

Phase II Boundary Adjustment Public Information Meetings

Thursday, March 23rd
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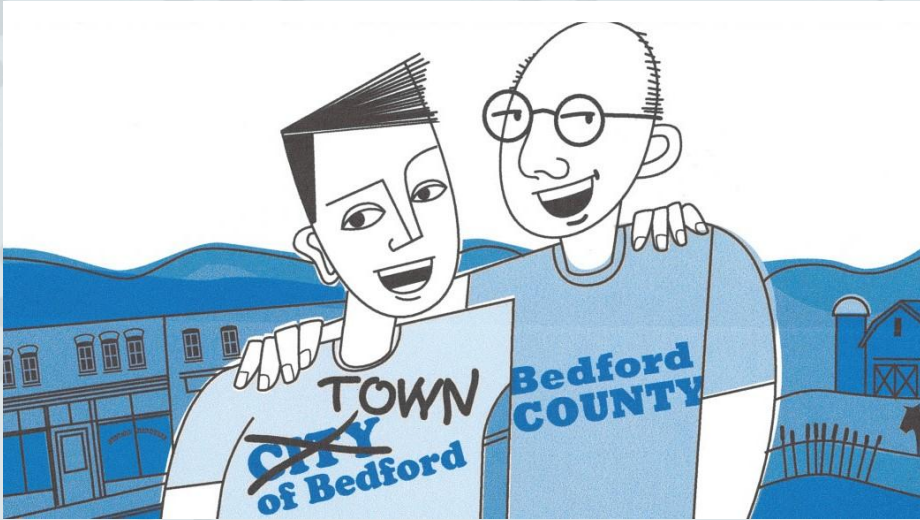
Saturday, March 25th
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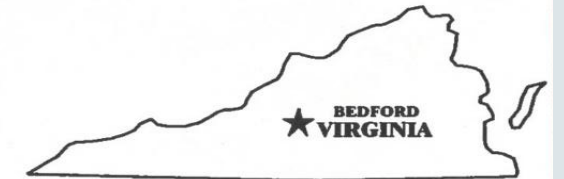
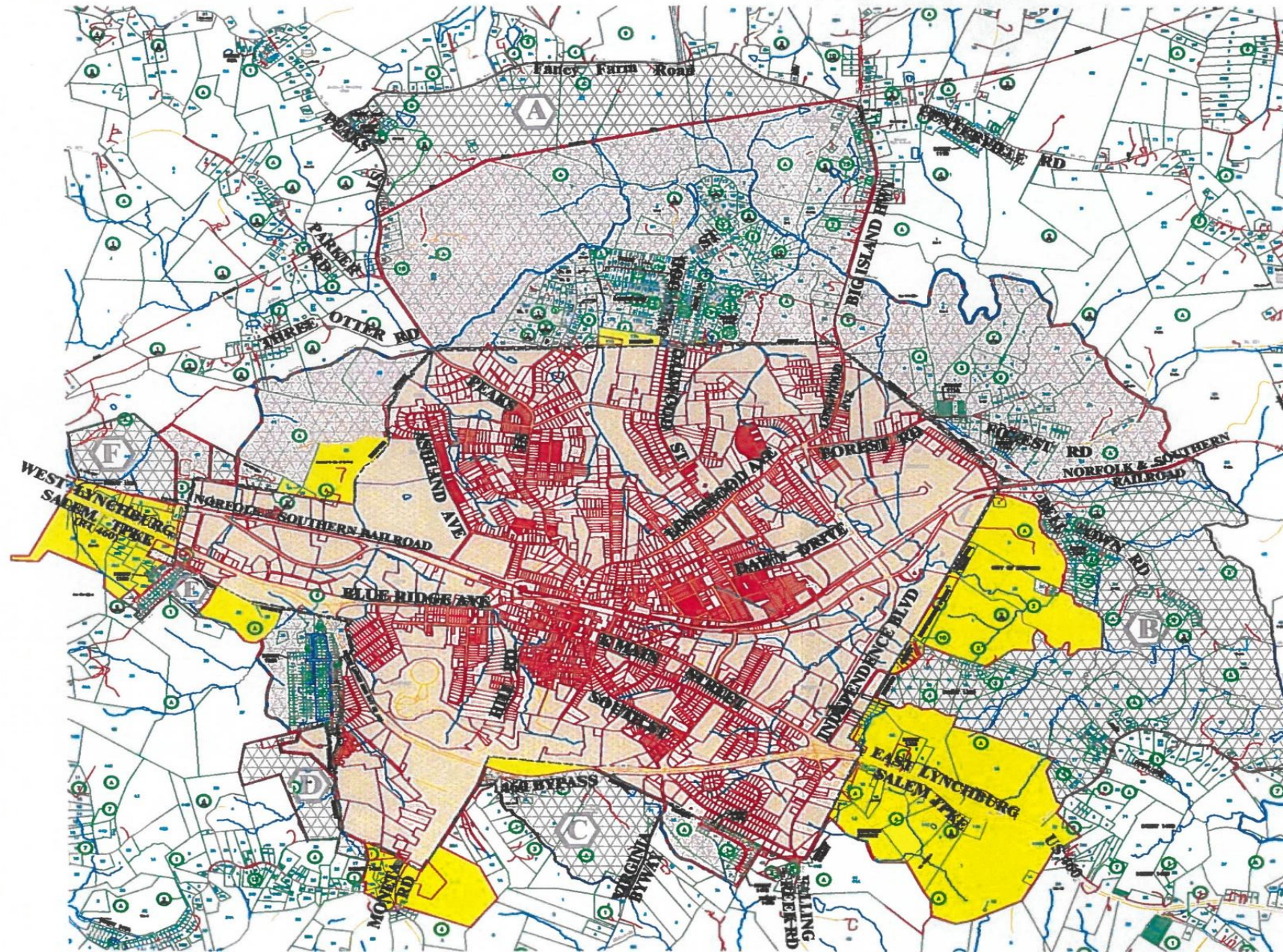
Background: Why are we here?

2013



(Graphic taken from Spring/Summer 2012 newsletter of Virginia Institute of Government)

- Bedford reverts from an Independent City to a Town.
- Towns are allowed to annex territory under the Code of Virginia (whereas Independent Cities are currently prevented from doing so).
- Voluntary agreement between City of Bedford and Bedford County involving several benefits and concessions which are all interrelated.
- Town agreed to waive its rights to annex territory for a period of 15 years *with the exception of three specifically defined areas*. Town granted specific rights within these areas – County receives \$6 million per year for 15 years.
- Virginia Commission on Local Government approved agreement (and reversion process in general) with the finding that it was in the best interests of the City, the County, the Commonwealth, and the people of the City and the County.



SCALE 1"=1500'

- = EXISTING CITY/COUNTY BOUNDARY LINE
(190,356,822.09 +/- Sq. Ft / 6.82 Sq. Mile Total)
- = PHASE I
(244,085,330.44 +/- Sq. Ft / 7.55 Sq. Mile Total)
- = PHASE II
(356,265,817.50 +/- Sq. Ft. / 12.779 Sq. Mile Total)
- = PHASE III
(445,983,767.44 +/- Sq. Ft. / 15.997 Sq. Mile Total)
- = SUB SECTIONS OF PHASE III

CITY OF BEDFORD ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

MAP SHOWING PROPOSED PHASE I & PHASE II NEW CITY BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

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REVISED: March 29, 2010	
SCALE: 1"=1500'	DATE: DEC, 14 2009 NO. H-

The Three Phases of Boundary Adjustment

PHASE I

Formerly a “revenue sharing area” adjacent to the City limits. Brought into Town boundaries immediately with effective date of reversion.

July 1, 2013

PHASE II

Subject to specific language in the Voluntary Settlement Agreement – Section 9.7 in particular:

Any and all parcels in the Phase II Boundary Adjustment Areas that have not already become part of the Town... shall automatically become part of the Town ten years after the effective date of the Phase I Boundary Adjustment, upon adoption of an ordinance providing for such incorporation of the remaining portions of the Phase II Boundary Adjustment areas.

July 1, 2023

PHASE III

Subject to specific language in the Voluntary Settlement Agreement – Section 10.2.B in particular:

The area to be incorporated into the Town must be an urban or urbanizing area based on several requirements.

The Town’s right to annex this area by Ordinance expires on June 30, 2028.

Current leadership has no plans to pursue this boundary adjustment as it seems unlikely that the “urban” standards will be met by 2028.

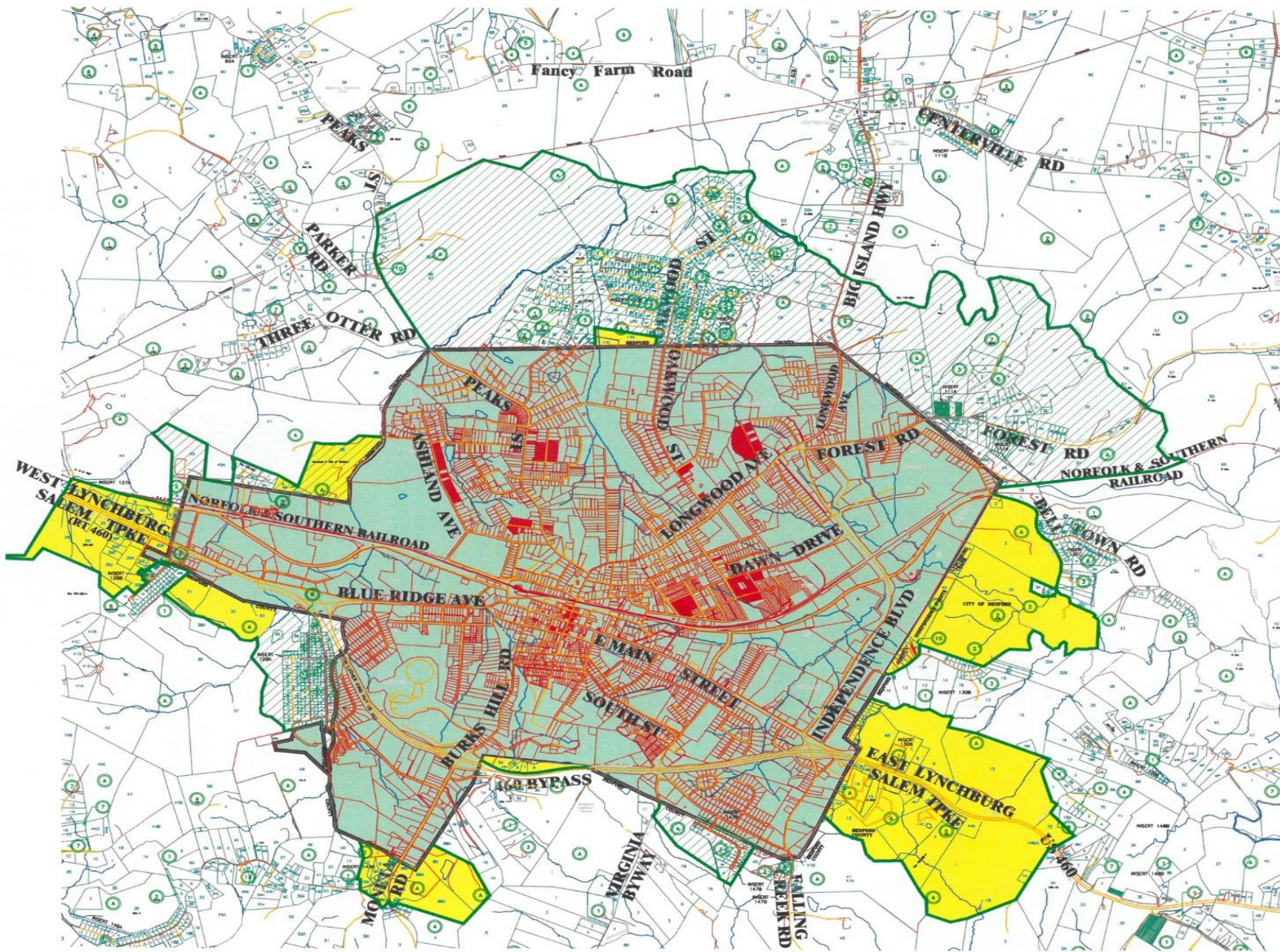
Public Notice/Discussion

Comprehensive Plan adopted June 13, 2017

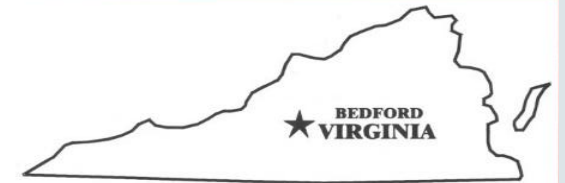
- Specific reference to Phase II included as Section 2-A
- <https://www.bedfordva.gov/159/Planning-Community-Development>

August 9, 2022 Town Council Meeting:

- https://www.bedfordva.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_08092022-257
- Formal review and discussion of Phase II Boundary Adjustment Area
- Adjustment/reduction of Phase II area to be incorporated
- Unanimous vote to affirm Phase II Boundary adjustment process based on amended area
- Reported by *Bedford Bulletin* on August 17, 2022 and subject of editorial which appeared on August 24, 2022



— Proposed/Current Town Boundary Line



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SCALE 1" = 1500'



= Area to be added on July 1, 2023.

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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

MAP SHOWING PROPOSED PHASE II AREA NEW CITY BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

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TRACED: March 29, 2010	July 25, 2012	October 4, 2012
REVIS: 1" = 1500'	DATE: SEPT. 14, 2022	NO. H-277R

Projected Population

2020 Census:
6,657

Current Population Estimate:
6,696
(Based on 0.6% increase since 2022)

Projected Population Including Phase II:
7,700
(Approximately 500 households X 2 persons)

Direct relationship between population and retail development



Town General Fund Revenues

FY22-23 Budget:

Total \$10.9 million

- Real Estate Tax: \$1.7 million

- Personal Property Tax: \$126,000

Current Real Estate Tax Rate:

\$0.31 per \$100 of assessed value

(FY23-24 rate projected to be \$0.29)

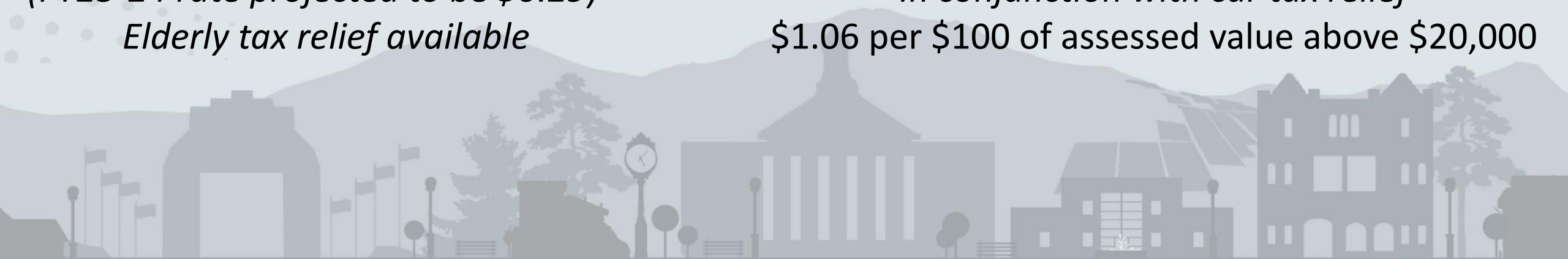
Elderly tax relief available

Current Personal Property Tax Rate:

Credit of \$20,000 on all personal property

In conjunction with car tax relief

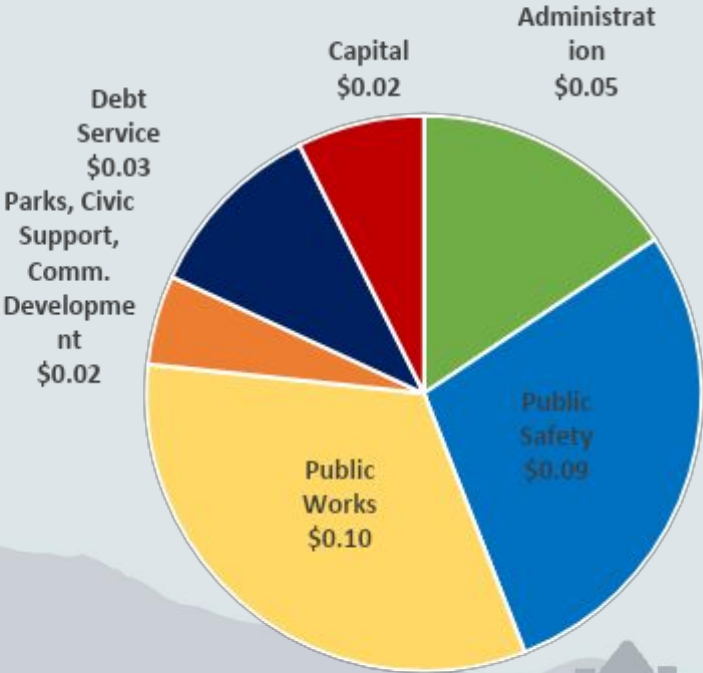
\$1.06 per \$100 of assessed value above \$20,000



Town General Fund Expenditures

\$0.31/\$100 Assessed Value Real Estate Tax Rate
Distribution for Town of Bedford Services

HOME VALUE:	200,000.00
RE Tax (\$0.31)	\$ 620.00
Administration	\$ 100.00
Public Safety	\$ 180.00
Public Works	\$ 200.00
Parks, Civic Support, Comm. Development	\$ 40.00
Debt Service	\$ 60.00
Capital	\$ 40.00



Public Works

GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

- Streets
- Snow removal
- Sidewalks
- Street lights
- Stormwater management
- Facilities and Parks maintenance
- Cemetery administration and maintenance
- Right-of-way clearing
- Roads 60% funded by VDOT/40% by Town

CURBSIDE SOLID WASTE SERVICES

- Mandated by local and state regulations
- Weekly household refuse collection
- Regular brush collection
- Leaf pickup
- “White goods” collection
- Twice annual “clean up” event
- On call services at no additional cost
- \$25 monthly fee



Public Safety

FIRE

- Stipends for certain positions
- Incentive Pay for Volunteers
- Maintenance of Apparatus and Gear
- ISO Rating of 3 for Town
and Outside Protected Area

POLICE

- Law Enforcement
- Quick Response Time to Calls
(Three times faster on average)
- Crime Prevention
- Community Engagement
- Mutual Aid
- Animal Control
- CALEA accredited



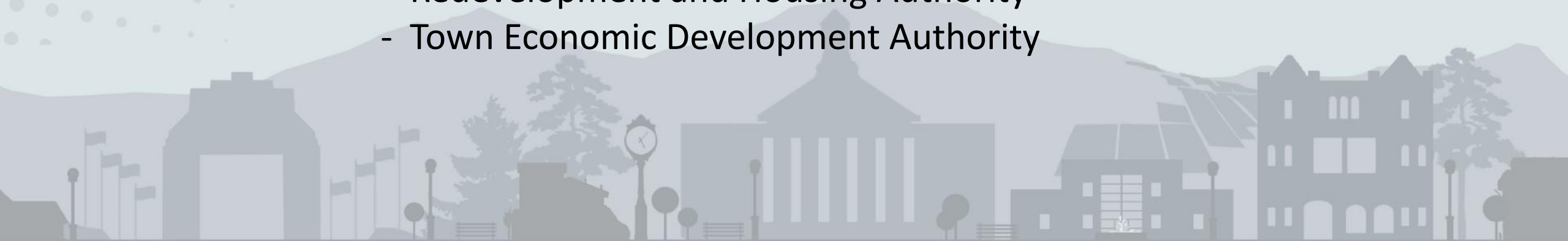
Administration

- Compliance with all administrative standards and laws
- Financial administration and planning
(Current General Fund balance of \$3.9 million)
- Human Resources
- Purchasing
- Utility Billing and Collections
- Budget development and administration
- Financial reporting and auditing
- Responsibility and oversight
- Information Technology infrastructure



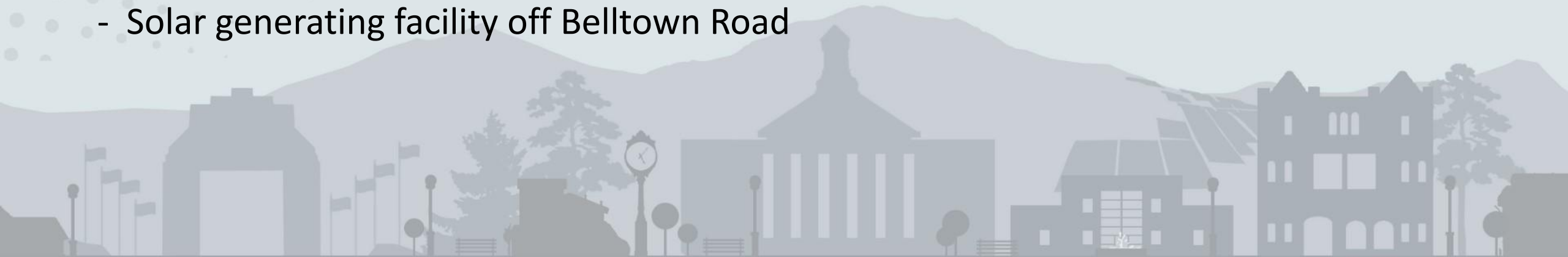
Community Development

- Comprehensive Planning
 - Zoning Administration
 - Building Code Enforcement *
 - Economic Development and Promotion*
 - Streamlined permitting and inspections process
 - Property Maintenance Code administration
 - Redevelopment
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- Planning Commission
 - Redevelopment and Housing Authority
 - Town Economic Development Authority



Electric Utility

- Territory includes Town and adjacent area and runs northward to James River
- Over 60% of customers in and adjacent to Town
- Over 70% of maintenance effort and expenditure outside Town limits
- Prompt restoration of service
- Direct access to governing body
- Commitment to improving and maintaining reliability through capital investment
- Electricity primarily purchased through AMP-Ohio
- Snowden Hydroelectric Plant
- Solar generating facility off Belletown Road



Water and Sewer

- Provided directly by Bedford Regional Water Authority since 2014
- BRWA crew dedicated to capital projects in/near Town
- Town participation in capital projects



Issues Raised at Public Meeting on Thursday, March 23rd

- **Nobody wants to pay more taxes**
- Impact of restrictions on burning within Town limits
Town Code Section 22-3 – enforced by Town Fire Chief
- Impact of Town zoning on existing land uses*
- Protection of agriculture and farming activity in general
- Impact of Town regulations on hunting and target shooting*
- Value of Town services is debatable
- Possibility of delaying annexation
- Impact of current economic challenges
- Impact on low income residents



Issues Raised at Public Meeting on Saturday, March 25th

- Value of sidewalks is debatable
- Possibility of readjusting proposed boundaries
- Impact on low income residents
- Impact for residents on fixed income
- Impact on future taxes



Town Council and Appointed Boards

- Special Election in November (all 7 Council seats)
- Planning Commission
- Redevelopment and Housing Authority
- Economic Development Authority
- Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission
- Bedford Regional Water Authority Board of Directors



Next Steps/Process

- April 11, 2023 Public Hearing at regular Town Council meeting
- May 9, 2023 Town Council action on Phase II ordinance
- July 1, 2023 Full provision of all Town services to all citizens
- November 7, 2023 Town Council Special Election (7 seats)
- November 5, 2024 Town Council Regular Election (4 seats)

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