Welcome to Warren County, Virginia
Population: 39,181

Nestled in the Shenandoah Valley on the eastern edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Warren County's impressive mix of natural beauty, history, small town allure and modern convenience make it an excellent place to raise a family or operate a business. Located at the confluence of the North and South Forks of the renowned Shenandoah River, the County offers opportunities for boating, kayaking and canoeing from its many boat launches and is a premier freshwater fishing destination. Warren is also the gateway to the Shenandoah National Park and Skyline Drive which provides spectacular views of the countryside, South Fork of the Shenandoah River, and George Washington National Forest. Hiking and biking are favorite pastimes of residents and visitors alike and the close proximity to numerous trails allows residents to enjoy these activities within a short distance of home.

Just where is Warren County?
Warren County is centrally located in the Northern Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is bordered by Frederick and Clarke Counties on the north, Fauquier and Rappahannock Counties on the east, Page County to the south, and Shenandoah County to the west. Warren County has a total land area of nearly 217.86 square miles. The rural part of the County contains 207.36 square miles and the Town of Front Royal covers 10.5 square miles. The County is bounded by the Blue Ridge Mountains, which encompasses part of the Shenandoah National Park and Skyline Drive, on the east and the Massanutten Mountains, which encompasses part of the George Washington National Forest, on the south and west. These two mountain ridges visually dominate the County’s landscape, looming 1,000 to 2,900 feet over the central lowland. Topography in these mountainous areas includes steep-walled valleys with fast flowing streams, rivers and wooded slopes. These rivers and streams are within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.
A County Rich in History

The first settlers of the valley were Pennsylvania Dutch-Germans, Scotch-Irish and English Quakers who migrated from Pennsylvania along the Great Wagon Road later to be called the Valley Turnpike now U.S. Route 11. A Scotch Quaker, named Robert McKay Jr., who arrived in 1731, was the first settler in what is now Warren County. Warren County was situated at the intersection of land and water trade routes linking Winchester via the Front Royal - Winchester Turnpike in the lower valley and the Shenandoah River to Harper's Ferry and beyond to the port of Alexandria via the C&O canal.

The Town of Front Royal was officially chartered on November 15, 1788, originally named LeHewtown by its founder Peter LeHew in 1754. The town also had a well-known nickname by the 1790s, "Helltown," due to the many livestock wranglers and boatmen on the Shenandoah coming through the area, to visit the many taverns and public houses.

In 1836 Warren County was formed from parts of Frederick and Shenandoah Counties, Warren County was named in honor of Major General (Dr.) Joseph Warren, a Massachusetts physician and patriot who gave his life for the cause of freedom at the Battle of Bunker Hill (Breed’s Hill) on June 17, 1775.

During the Civil war, the County was of strategic importance because of its agricultural productivity and its transportation links with Winchester and eastern Virginia. Eastern Virginia was reached by roads through Chester and Manassas Gaps and by the vital Manassas Gap Railroad which was constructed in 1854.

The Battle of Front Royal, fought on May 23, 1862, was one of the battles of General Stonewall Jackson’s famous Valley Campaign. Other historic persons active in Warren County during this period were Belle Boyd, noted Southern spy, and Major John S. Mosby and his partisan rangers of the 43rd Battalion, VA Cavalry.

During the reconstruction era and the decades leading up to World War I, the growth of fruit orchards, canning, tanning and lime quarry industries provided economic stability and growth for the County with access to both domestic and foreign markets.

Between 1929 and 1939 during the Great Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was established and brought CCC Camp Dismal Hollow (NP-4) and the State Fish Hatchery to the County. The “CCC boys” assisted with construction of Skyline Drive and development of Shenandoah National Park and with its opening in 1936, tourism became a major local industry.

In 1937, American Viscose Corporation began construction on the Avtex plant which became the world’s largest producer of rayon. At its peak, this plant employed 7,000 workers and was responsible for the area’s 77% population growth between 1930 and 1950. It was the primary source of employment for County residents until 1989, when the plant was closed by the Commonwealth of Virginia due to environmental issues.

In 1948, the U.S. Department of Agriculture was assigned 4,135 acres of federally owned property southeast portion of the County. The Department, in conjunction with Virginia Polytechnic Institute, operated a Beef Cattle Research Station on this land until 1973. Originally bought in 1912 by the U.S. Army as a remount station, the property was used as a breeding, procurement, and training center for horses. During World War II it served as a prisoner-of-war camp and as a training site for dogs in the K-9 Corps. After the Research Station closed, the major portion of the land was acquired by the Smithsonian Institution for the establishment of the National Zoological Park’s Conservation and Research Center, now known as the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute (SCBI).

The Virginia Polytechnic Institute acquired 229 acres of the former Research Station for a 4-H Educational Center. Opened in 1980, the Center provides educational and recreational facilities for members of a 19-city/county area of Northern Virginia.

As Warren County continues to grow and develop, the preservation of its heritage and its culture continues to be vitally important to the community.
is 90.8% Caucasian, 4% African American, 3.9% Hispanic, 1% Asian-American, and two or more races at 4% make up the remainder of the population. There were 3,493 or 11.8% registered veterans of the U.S. Military and 3.4% foreign born persons between 2010 through 2015.

**Climate**

Warren County has a moderate year-round climate, characterized by short, mild winters, long spring and fall seasons, and warm summers. Winter daytime temperatures are usually in the 40's, with nighttime lows in the 20's. During the summer, daytime highs are usually in the 80's with nighttime lows around 60 degrees. The average annual precipitation in Warren County is 40 inches and snowfall averages 21 inches annually. The mean date of the last spring freeze is April 26 and the mean date of the first fall freeze is October 13, making the average growing season around 170 days. Prevailing winds are from the south-southwest direction at an average velocity of 10 mph.

**Economy**

The County's economic development has a direct impact on land use, transportation, infrastructure, housing, and the provision of community facilities and related services. Due to Warren County's proximity to Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C., the county is poised for future growth. The desired mix of residential and non-residential development in Warren County will have a strong impact on its character and the quality of life of its residents.

According to the Virginia Employment Commission and Bureau of Economic Analysis, in December 2016 Warren County had 19,325 jobs with a per capita personal income of $41,815 which ranks 42nd in the state and was 80% of the state average. The U.S. Census Bureau reports that of Warren County’s 18,689 civilian employment jobs in 2016, over three quarters, 15,102 were private wage and salaried workers. Government employees totaled 3,587. The 2016 Census data show 1,265 as self-employed in their own business.

**Transportation**

Warren County is situated at the crossroads of U.S. Interstate I-81 (North/South) and I-66 (East/West) two major interstate highways in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Other primary highways through the county are routes 55, 340 and 522. These routes serve as a nexus for commercial and personal transport to all of the Shenandoah Valley and the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area. Nearby major cities include Washington, D.C., 70 miles; Baltimore, 110 miles; and to Richmond, 135 miles. Nearby major airports include Dulles International Airport, 50 miles; and Reagan National Airport, 70 miles. The County is in an ideal location to provide commercial access to roads to and from markets in Northern Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania, and eastern Ohio; the Virginia Inland Port, opened in 1989, links to the Port of Virginia in Norfolk via rail, which opens the County to global markets.

**Demographics**

The U.S. Census American Community Survey (ACS) lists Warren County as having 39,181 residents as of July 1, 2016 and 14,364 households. In 2015 the median age for the County is 40.4, which is 10% higher than the national average of 37.6 years. In 2015 in terms of race, the population is 90.8% Caucasian, 4% African American, 3.9% Hispanic, 1% Asian-American, and two or more races at 4% make up the remainder of the population. There were 3,493 or 11.8% registered veterans of the U.S. Military and 3.4% foreign born persons between 2010 through 2015.
Warren County offers employment in various industries including: agriculture, distribution, education, health care, manufacturing and transportation. The major employers located within Warren County and Front Royal are illustrated in the figure below.

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<th>Top 11 Employers in Warren County</th>
<th>2016 Total Employees</th>
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<tr>
<td>Warren County School System</td>
<td>910</td>
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<td>Valley Health System - WMH</td>
<td>458</td>
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<td>Family Dollar Services</td>
<td>367</td>
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<td>Axalta Coating Systems (DuPont)</td>
<td>395</td>
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<td>Walmart</td>
<td>310</td>
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<td>Warren County Government</td>
<td>306</td>
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<td>Sysco Northeast Distribution</td>
<td>270</td>
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<td>Interbake Food, LLC</td>
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<td>Jackson Furniture Co. of VA</td>
<td>210</td>
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<td>Town of Front Royal Government</td>
<td>178</td>
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<td>Christendom College</td>
<td>124</td>
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The 2015 Census data also shows the County’s median household income as $61,454 and median family income of $72,738. The unemployment rate dropped from 8.1% in 2010 to 3.7% as of December 2016. In 2015 the mean travel time to work was 42.7 minutes for both male and female residents of the County as many commute to Northern Virginia, Metropolitan DC areas and the City of Winchester.

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<th>Industry Type</th>
<th># Employed</th>
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<td>Total Employed 2015</td>
<td>18,689</td>
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<tr>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>2,417</td>
<td>12.9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Manufacturing</td>
<td>1,142</td>
<td>6.11%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wholesale and Retail Sales</td>
<td>2,520</td>
<td>13.48%</td>
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<td>Transportation &amp; Warehousing &amp; Utilities</td>
<td>824</td>
<td>4.4%</td>
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<td>Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate (FIRE)</td>
<td>703</td>
<td>3.8%</td>
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<td>Educational Services, Health Care and Social Assistance Services</td>
<td>4,038</td>
<td>21.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Professional, Scientific, Technical Services</td>
<td>1,626</td>
<td>8.7%</td>
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Local Government

Warren County’s governing structure consists of a five member Board of Supervisors, representing the Shenandoah, North River, South River, Fork, and Happy Creek districts, a County Administrator, various other county offices; a Sheriff’s Department, the Department of Fire and Rescue Services and with a current total of 212 full-time and 94 part-time County employees.

The Front Royal - Warren County Economic Development Authority provides technical and financial assistance to existing, expanding, and emerging companies to encourage investment in Warren County. Since 1995, sixteen international and domestic companies, both large and small, selected Warren County and made investments exceeding $220 million.

Warren County operates under the traditional, or County Administrator, form of government (as defined under Virginia Law). The Board of Supervisors is a five-member body, elected by the voters of the electoral district in which they live. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board are elected annually by its members. Each member serves a four-year term. Three seats were up for election in 2015 and two seats will be in 2017. This body enacts ordinances, appropriates funds, sets tax rates and establishes policies and generally oversees the operation of the county government.

The County Administrator is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors. As the Chief Executive Officer of the county, he/she is responsible for developing an annual budget and carrying out policies and laws which are reviewed and approved by the Board. The County Administrator directs business and administrative policies and recommends to the Board those methods, procedures, and policies which will properly govern the county.
Local Government continued

The following table is a list of budgetary allocations for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

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<td>Public Schools</td>
<td>$55,866,657</td>
<td>52.76%</td>
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<td>Public Safety</td>
<td>$10,896,655</td>
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<td>Health/Welfare</td>
<td>$6,651,621</td>
<td>6.28%</td>
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<td>Public Works</td>
<td>$4,258,520</td>
<td>4.02%</td>
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<td>Capital Outlay</td>
<td>$14,129,146</td>
<td>13.34%</td>
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<td>Parks, Recreation &amp; Cultural</td>
<td>$3,491,034</td>
<td>3.30%</td>
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<td>General Government Admin.</td>
<td>$3,211,029</td>
<td>3.03%</td>
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<td>Community Development</td>
<td>$2,276,422</td>
<td>2.15%</td>
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<td>Judicial Administration</td>
<td>$1,429,469</td>
<td>1.35%</td>
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<td>Non-Departmental</td>
<td>$2,149,125</td>
<td>2.03%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sanitary Districts</td>
<td>$1,535,944</td>
<td>1.45%</td>
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County Finance

As part of its multi-year Capital Funding Plan, the County conducted credit rating calls with each of the three national municipal bond rating agencies: Moody’s Investors Service, Standard & Poor’s and Fitch Ratings, in September 2016. Discussions with each of the agencies covered financial, economic, debt related and management-related issues among others. Without exception, all three agencies were favorably impressed with the fiscal health of the County, the diligence and stability of staff and elected officials and the overall vibrancy of the County economy as evidenced by the strong investment grade General Obligation bond ratings secured from the agencies: Moody’s: Aa2, S&P: AA, FITCH: AA. With these assigned ratings, the County continued its steady progression of rating upgrades that began back in the early 2000’s.

For the past six years, from 2011 to 2016, the County Finance Department has received the “Distinguished Budget Presentation Award” from the Government Finance Officers Association for excellence in the development of the County budget as a policy and financial planning document. From 2014 to 2016 the County also received the prestigious Virginia Government Finance Officers Association’s “Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting” award.

Taxation

Warren County has very competitive tax rates and a revenue neutral tax structure based on a 4-year real estate assessment cycle. In 2016 the County Board of Supervisors decreased the tax rate for real estate from 0.595¢ to 0.62¢ per $100 of assessed value in order to remain revenue neutral based on the most recent assessments for the upcoming fiscal year.

Capital Improvement Program

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<th>2016 Tax Rates Comparison</th>
<th>Real Estate Tax Rate</th>
<th>Personal Property Tax Rate</th>
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<tr>
<td>Warren</td>
<td>$0.62/$100</td>
<td>$4.00/$100</td>
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<td>Fauquier</td>
<td>$1.039/$100</td>
<td>$4.65/$100</td>
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<td>Rappahannock</td>
<td>$0.70/$100</td>
<td>$4.45/$100</td>
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<td>Page</td>
<td>$0.66/$100</td>
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<td>Shenandoah</td>
<td>$0.60/$100</td>
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<td>Frederick</td>
<td>$0.60/$100</td>
<td>$4.86/$100</td>
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<td>Clarke</td>
<td>$0.72/$100</td>
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The County Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) includes major capital projects that are non-recurring, should have a useful life of five years or more; and the estimated cost of the expenditure must exceed $50,000 for a general government project and a $100,000 for a school project. Expenditures above these amounts will be considered “capital” and those below them “operating”. Each project is associated with a specific operating department and includes prior funding, estimated expenditures over the next five years and the total estimated cost of the project. The total cost for projects completed since FY1999-1999 to present FY2016-2017 is $210,424,756. The total during these dates for school projects equaled $160,614,556 of which 76.33% have been completed.

Capital Improvement Program Continued

The County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors biennially review the individual CIP projects based on pre-determined criteria including; estimated expenditures by fiscal year, project description, justification, funding sources, departmental operating budget impact and it’s relationship to the County’s comprehensive plan.

Education in Warren County

The Warren County Public School System offers a comprehensive program for grades K-12. All Warren County Public Schools are fully accredited by the Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Education. There are special programs for gifted students and for handicapped students. In addition, there are programs for remedial instruction in basic skills, advanced placement classes, alternative education, and vocational education. The school system offers many extracurricular activities which attract students with a wide variety of interests and abilities. There are evening adult classes to meet the academic, vocational, social, and recreational needs of many people in the community.

The mission of Warren County Public Schools is to provide a quality educational opportunity for all students to achieve their highest academic learning potential, develop positive core values reflective of our community, and be prepared for higher education and/or the workforce. The system strives to deliver an educational program respected statewide through the commitment and expertise of qualified school administrators, teachers, and school staff.

They endeavor to provide appropriate instructional resources and current technology and seek to achieve their mission goals through community support, active parental involvement, and business partnerships.

Correlates of Effective Schools

Safe and Orderly Environment: Business like atmosphere, neat and orderly and has a sense of community and school spirit.

High Expectations for Students and Staff: Teachers believe all students can learn. A sense of security and confidence permeates the school environment.

Strong Instructional Leadership: The school administration defines the school mission and goals and consistently communicates these to staff, students, parents and community.

Clear and Focused Mission: The school purpose and mission is understood and supported by students, staff, parents and the community.

Opportunity to learn and Student Time on Task: Teachers allocate significant time to instruction.

Monitoring Student Achievement: School frequently assesses students and programs.

Home, School, and Community Relations: Parents and community support the mission of the school and are provided roles in achieving the mission.

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<td>Leslie Fox Keyser Elementary</td>
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<td>Ressie Jefferies Elementary</td>
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<td>Hilda J. Barbour Elementary</td>
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<td>Skyline Middle School - Currently known as Warren County Middle School</td>
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<td>Skyline High School</td>
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<td>Warren County Middle School</td>
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<td>Under construction opens July 2017</td>
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<td>Warren County High School</td>
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**Education in Warren County cont’d.**

According to data from the 2015-2016 fiscal year the annual spending per student was $10,141, the estimated average per pupil cost for 2016-2017 is $10,141 per student. The total operational budget approved for fiscal year 2016-2017 is $53,915,497. Average annual salaries for elementary teachers was $46,164 while secondary teaching positions paid on average $49,705 of which 48% hold masters or higher degrees.

In 2016-2017 the average student to teacher ratio for elementary schools was 21:1 based on total student population to total number of regular classroom teachers. While the average of middle school ratio for grades 6 and 7 is 22:1 students to one teacher. Currently Skyline and Warren County High School students consist of grades 8 through 12. The eighth graders will be relocated once the new middle school opens in July of 2017.

The school system had 2,546 computers which include desktop, laptop, and smart boards available for use by the students which is a ratio of 2:1 students to computers. These are accessible in classrooms, computer labs and portable mobile computer carts.

Listed below is the average population in 2016-2017 school year of elementary, middle and high schools in the Warren County Public School system:
- A.S. Rhodes Elementary = 274 students
- E. Wilson Morrison Elementary = 493 students
- Hilda J. Barbour Elementary = 515 students
- Leslie Fox Keyser Elementary = 529 students
- Ressie Jeffries Elementary = 552 students
- Warren County Middle School = 810 students
- Skyline High School = 1,081 students
- Warren County High School = 1,041 students

The table below represents the average score on college entrance exams for the SAT testing of both Warren County and Skyline High Schools. The on-time graduation rate of students for 2015-2016 was 93% and there was a dropout rate of 4%, while the total graduation rate was 96%. During that year Warren County Public Schools were proud to have 152 students inducted into the National Honor Society from the ranks of elementary, middle and high school students.

Warren County’s high school graduates typically go on to both two and four year colleges after high school while additional graduates of the Blue Ridge Technical Center’s vocational programs enter the workforce in various occupations. In 2016 there were 309 students who were accepted to various colleges, 432 who went into higher level vocational programs or jobs, and 23 who chose to serve in the United States military.

**Private and Faith Based Education**

The following private schools are located in Warren County or within a reasonable distance of County residents:
- Randolph-Macon Academy - Grades 6-12
- Chelsea Academy (Catholic)- Grades 4-12
- Divinum Auxilium Academy - Pre-School to 8
- Guardian Angle Academy - Grades K-8
- Royal Christian Academy - Grades K-7
- Front Royal Christian School - Pre-K-12
- Wakefield Country Day School - Pre K-12
- Mountain Laurel Montessori School - Pre K-9
- Seton Home Study School

**Higher Education**

Christendom College is located in Warren County and is a four-year Catholic liberal arts college. It offers students Bachelor of Arts degrees in Classics, English, History, Philosophy, Mathematics, Political Science, Economics and Theology along with an Master of Arts degree in Theological studies.

Lord Fairfax Community College located just a short distance from the County in Middletown, was founded in 1970 and is a comprehensive, non-residential, two year public institution offering over seventy-five Associate Degree and Certificate programs in a diverse variety of disciplines and vocations. It’s Workforce Solutions training offers job and career preparation programs for both employees and employers throughout their three campus facilities located in Fauquier County, Luray-Page County Center and the main campus in
Parks and Recreation, Greenways, and Open Space in the Town and County

The Mission of the Warren County Parks and Recreation Department is to acquire, develop, operate and maintain a park and recreation system which will improve the quality of life for all residents of Warren County through educational, park, recreational, cultural and leisure opportunities. It is the goal of the Department to provide the highest quality service experience possible with individual, personalized attention to each and every participant.

Outdoor recreation contributes to both the physical fitness and mental well-being of County residents and visitors. Recreation sites, facilities, and open space are important components of Warren County’s quality of life. The acquisition and development of outdoor recreation sites and facilities, in line with the County’s growing population, is necessary to meet future demands.

In 2000, Warren County assumed the operation of all park facilities and recreational programs from the Town of Front Royal. Most of the current park facilities are located within the limits of the Town, but during the 2005 Comprehensive Plan update, residents revealed they would like parks established in other areas of the County instead of only in and around the Town. Over the past several years, the County has been working on expanding park facilities within the Town and County limits as well.

In November 2006, the County adopted a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan. The plan for management of parks and recreation outlines policies and actions that should be implemented to ensure that Warren County’s Parks and Recreation system continues to meet the needs of the community. The plan provides a framework for implementing new programs, facilities, and funding in the short-term and long-term future.

Warren County’s Eastham Park is located off of Luray Avenue in Front Royal. The park includes several facilities for the public to enjoy including: a Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Public Boat Launch, Town of Front Royal Park, public parking area, three multi-use athletic fields, the Warren County Dog Park, and the Eastham Park Trail. The Park is operated and maintained by the Warren County Department of Parks and Recreation and is open from dawn until dusk each day.

The following page shows existing park facilities in the Town and County. In January of 2017 the County’s Planning Department GIS office released a new website with an interactive mapping application for recreation areas, parks, trails, and boat landings.
This comprehensive interactive mapping application can be found at:

https://warrencountyva.maps.arcgis.com/home/

**County of Warren, VA Parks & Recreation Facilities**

1) Rockland Park
   250 Rookland Park Ct.

2) Linden Park
   1635 Dismal Hollow Rd.

3) Warren County Health & Human Services Complex
   465 W. 15th St.

4) Chimney Field Park
   410 W. 12th St.

5) Lion's Park
   903 Warren Ave.

6) Gertrude E. Miller Community Park
   905 Stadium Dr.

7) Dr. Seide Mem. Botanical Gardens
   200 E. 8th St.

8) Skyline Soccer Plex
   101 Kerfoot Ave.

9) Miss Florence Smith Memorial Playground
   333 Front St.

10) Eastham Park
    860 Luray Ave.

11) Burrell Brooks Jr. Community Park
    450 East Criser Rd.

**Legend**

- Recreation Facilities
- Shenandoah National Park
- County Line
- Interstates
- Major Roads
- Railroads
- Shenandoah River
- Major Streams

Inventory of parks managed by the County and their locations within the Town and County
Health Care Facilities

Valley Health serves the Town and County residences with several medical facilities. From routine immunizations and well-being checkup to more serious illnesses and surgeries Valley Health’s well-trained medical professionals include more than 30 physicians and 9 dentists.

The “Plantree” philosophy of patient-centered care in a caring, healing environment has been a major influence in the way Warren Memorial Hospital provides healthcare services.

Included in their system is Warren Memorial Hospital located in the Town of Front Royal is a 180-bed non-profit community hospital. WMH provides emergency care, surgical services, family-centered obstetrics, diagnostic services and classes on nutrition, health and wellness. Just adjacent to the hospital is Lynn Care Center, a long-term care and short stay rehabilitation facility.

Located just a short distance away is the hospital’s outpatient center is home to occupational health services, outpatient lab, medical imaging services, outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapies, a fitness program and massage therapy.

A new Valley Health Urgent Care center located in the Riverton Commons Shopping Center was opened in Spring of 2016, this replaces the current center on North Commerce Avenue. The facility offers convenient, walk-in care for minor injuries, illnesses, sports physicals, flu shots and school immunizations along with an on-site lab and x-ray services that are also available.

Park and Recreation continued:

The Warren County Dog Park is part of Eastham Park and is conveniently located along the Eastham Park Trail. It includes a 0.75 acre area for small and older dogs and a 1.9 acre park for larger dogs to run and frolic off-leash. Adequate seating, water fountains, trash receptacles and Dog Waste Stations are available to patrons and their pets.

The 219 acre property that makes up Rockland Park, was purchased by Warren County from Fishnet Ministries in 2004. In 2009, the County developed a Master Plan for Rockland Park and implementation of future phases will continue as funding becomes available. Staff is in the process of updating the Plan and amenities to come include: a multi-field baseball/softball complex with restrooms and concession stand, additional walking trails, multi-use practice fields, outdoor amphitheater, Fire and Rescue training facility, dog park, camping areas, canoe launch, and potentially a recreation center and elementary school site.

In 2015, Phase One of Rockland Park was completed and includes walking trails, a large playground, parking areas, two picnic shelters, and an 18-hole disc golf course.

Rockland Park is located off of Rockland Road and is open to the public from dawn to dusk each day. From Rockland Road, park users will cross the railroad tracks and turn right onto Fishnet Boulevard. Temporary signage has been installed leading the public to the Phase One area of the Park. County staff is also in the process of updating the County’s website with additional information on Rockland Park.
Health Care Facilities continued:
Saint Luke Community Clinic was founded in 1996 by members of Front Royal Presbyterian Church and some local physicians concerned about the lack of affordable health care for a segment of the community that were uninsured or without sufficient financial assets. Saint Luke Community Clinic is a nonprofit, community-based organization of volunteers and staff committed to providing access to quality health care services to low income uninsured residents of Front Royal and Warren County. The clinic is a free clinic providing chronic and acute care. It is a local United Way Agency and receives approximately 80% of its revenue from local sources and donations.

Fire and Rescue Services

The Warren County Department of Fire and Rescue Services provides Fire and EMS response to the 39,181 citizens across the 217.5 square miles of the Town of Front Royal and Warren County. Utilizing the combination approach of career and volunteer Fire, EMS and Support personnel, we staff 6 individual volunteer Fire and EMS combination stations with 30 uniformed full-time career personnel, 20 part-time career personnel and approximately 60 volunteer response personnel. These dedicated men and women protect the life, property, and environment of our community by responding to all fire and non-fire emergencies and rescues within the Town, County and surrounding areas. The Department responds to and provides first response advanced/basic life support care to sick and/or injured and transportation to the appropriate medical facility. The Department also provides resources to respond to a wide array of emergencies in an all hazard emergency response concept and provides mutual aid response in cases of reduced resources to agencies along our borders.

The Department is managed by the Office of the Fire Chief, who supports fire suppression, emergency medical service, and emergency management; reviews and develops objectives, goals, policies, and procedures; compiles statistical information; prepares, monitors, and manages a combined budget of $3,926,380.00 (FY-16/17). The Fire Chief provides oversight for the County’s 8 Volunteer Fire and Rescue Stations and works closely with the individual station’s District Chiefs to achieve the goals and objectives in serving the community’s needs.

The Fire Chief also coordinates all support services for the Fire Department including personnel management, labor relations, procurement, and payroll. The Department is divided into the following 6 divisions:

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used for both land and water search and rescue operations

Each of these divisions are assigned specific tasks to support the mission, vision, values and goals of the Department.

In 2016, the Department of Fire and Rescue Services responded to a total of 5,880 incidents. This could have only been accomplished utilizing our Departments model of “One Department – One Mission”. This model exemplifies the dedicated group of volunteer and career men and women whom respond every day for calls for service in our community.
Warren County Sheriff’s Office

Sheriff Danny McEathron has served as the Warren County Sheriff since 2004 and had served in the Sheriff’s office since 1982 prior to being elected. The Warren County Sheriff’s Office is a State Accredited Law Enforcement Agency which is comprised of a professional group of men and women who have dedicated their lives to Law Enforcement and the protection of life, property and the preservation of peace for the people of Warren County. Their goal has been to partner with the community striving to maintain the quality of life all of our citizens deserve; ensuring the Constitution of the United States and the Laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia are upheld without prejudice or favoritism.

Listed below are the many divisions that compose the Sheriff’s Department and the host of programs that they sponsor:

**Law Enforcement Division**
- Responds to all Complaints
- Proactive Traffic Enforcement
- 24/7 Routine Patrol
- Business and Property Checks
- Narcotic and Patrol K-9
- Special Operations Tactical Unit
- School Resource Officers
- Bike Patrol
- Search and Rescue Task Force

**Animal Control Division**
- Responds to domestic/wildlife animal related complaints for Front Royal and Warren County
- Investigates animal abuse or neglect

**Investigation Division**
- Death Investigations
- Investigates Felony Criminal Cases
- Fire Investigations
- Northwest Virginia Regional Drug/Gang Task Force
- Sexual Assault Response Team Member

**Communications/E911**
- Receives/dispatches all calls for Sheriff’s Office and other agencies
- Receives and dispatches all Fire and Rescue calls for Front Royal and Warren County
- Receives all 911 calls and makes transfers to Police Department for Town of Front Royal residents.

**Court Services Division**
- Serves Court Subpoenas
- Civil Judgments
- Evictions
- Bailiffs and provides Courthouse Security
- Court Holding Security
- Crime Prevention
- D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education)
- Victim Witness Program

**Warren County Sheriff’s Office Programs**
- A Child is Missing
- Child Fingerprinting and Identification
- Child Safety Seat Inspections
- Citizen’s Police Academy
- Distracted Driving Simulator
- Easter Bunny Foundation
- Haunted Halloween Grounds
- Neighborhood Watch & Business Watch
- Operation Telephone (Senior Call List)
- Prescription Drug Take Back Program
- Project Lifesaver
- Rollover Simulator
- S.A.R.T. (Sexual Assault Response Team)
- Sponsors 2 High School Scholarships
- Sheriff’s Summer Youth Camp
- TRIAD
- Virginia Sheriffs Association Scholarship
- Youth Academy
Warren County’s Vision Statement

Our community’s vision is to maintain and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Warren County. To do so, the quality and character of Warren County’s natural resources should be preserved, conserved, and used effectively to ensure that future citizens will enjoy the benefits of;

- An adequate, sustainable, clean, and potable supply of both surface water and ground water;
- Clean air;
- Farming and open spaces;
- The beauty of our rivers, mountains, and scenic views;
- Protection of our rural character;
- Quality educational facilities and system;
- A balanced tax base; and
- Sound fiscal management.

This mandates that we plan for sustainable growth based on these limited resources. This can be translated to say our annual residential growth rate should be maintained at approximately 2% to no more than 3% annually and our industrial/commercial tax base should achieve a level of 30 to 35% of the total assessed value.

By doing so, we can provide for quality schools, safety on our roads and in our communities, a balanced tax base, equitable paying jobs, reduced out-of-county commuting, quality recreational facilities, and other social amenities associated with our quality of life expectations.

That’s why Warren County offers “Rivers of Opportunity and Mountains of Success!”