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# Letter from the President

I wish I could remember what an “Endless Summer” feels like. As much as I love Summer with family vacation, swimming pools, cookouts, and the longer daylight hours, Fall is a welcome retreat. While schedules pick up pace, the calm, temperate weather brings balance and clarity to Summer chaos and offers a tranquil assurance. The sunsets signal the time to get some much needed rest.

Fall is by no means a season of laziness. Our field staff remain very busy as they traverse the state and beyond surveying, drilling, and testing. Our office staff is working tireless hours churning out site plans, water and wastewater projects, studies and reports, and road and trail projects.

Summer ended with twenty-one (21) of our staff participating in the 100 Mile Challenge with the City of Lynchburg. The challenge commits to the health, fitness and well-being of individuals and companies by providing goals (challenges) for all levels of ability. Our staff walked/ran a total of 3,332 miles between July 1 and September 29, culminating with the Virginia 10 Miler in Lynchburg. Carmen Dunford, in our Blacksburg office, completed 522 miles! Tony Reeves completed 320 miles while Tim Bagby

(245 miles), Ken Meritt

(242 miles) and Steve Spillane (224 miles) were all over 200 miles for the Challenge. Those who completed at least 100 miles and finished the Challenge include: Bif Johnson, Stacie Castro, Brian Cossman, Trey Tanner, Lorraine Curry, Matt Gross, Chuck Newman, Sharon Hise, and Jennifer Fraley. H&P promotes wellness with our employees and we encourage you to join us.

Best wishes for a Happy Fall!

*Bif*



## VACo Conference

Attending VACo's Annual Conference is a great way to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing localities today. VACo members discover ways to solve problems simply through conversation with other local leaders. Counties across Virginia often face similar concerns, and the Annual Conference is the perfect place to learn from and join forces with peers from across the Commonwealth.

This year's conference will be held November 11-13, 2018 at the Omni Homestead in Bath County, Virginia. H&P will have a booth at the exhibit hall. Come and meet us and let us know about upcoming projects that we may be able to assist with. Visit us at **BOOTH #103**.





# Tom Fore: Touching Millions Through Water

*By Su Clauson-Wicker*

Several years ago, even before he was Altavista's Director of Public Utilities, Tom Fore taught a 12-week course to prepare the Town's water plant operators for certification. Water quality is important to Fore, so he taught pro bono.

"How many people do you think you affect each day?" he asked. The answers came in: 3,000, 5,000, possibly 10,000 on a busy day; Altavista is a small town.

"It's more like a million," Fore said. "Your work affects more than a million people all over the world."

That's because Altavista supplies water to Abbott Nutrition Corpora-

tion, which makes therapeutic nutrition products such as Pedialyte™ and Similac™.

"These products serve the most vulnerable people, so it's crucial your water is pure," Fore says. "You support public safety on a daily basis."

Two years ago, Fore became Altavista's Director of Public Utilities, after 27 years of upgrading treatment plants, replacing lines, and training employees at Amherst in a similar position.

"Amherst's system is in good shape now; I like to conquer something and move on to the next challenge," says Fore, who is 57. "So instead of retiring, I transitioned into a new job."

Fore is busy. A 2016 facilities assessment of Altavista's system indicates more than \$40 million in water and sewer improvements is needed over the next 25 years. Scheduled utility upgrades include an update to the electrical distribution system at the wastewater plant, replacing the clarifier at the plant, water tank repair, and more.

In addition, Fore is interacting with Hurt & Proffitt as they work on relocating water and sewer lines for a downtown streetscape project. He's had a good relationship with H&P for decades, through his Amherst position and his 12 years on the Amherst County Board of Supervisors. *(continued p. 4)*

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Fore began working at 14. "My dad was run over by a tractor and hurt pretty bad," Fore says. "I had to go to work to help feed my three little brothers." Fore has served as an EMT and cardiac technician with Amherst rescue squads, coached little league baseball and basketball, and served as president of the Amherst Athletics Association.

"Some of my junior athletes went on to high school and college championships; some are water treatment operators. I'm proud of them," he says.

Fore also helps other municipalities

through his side business, Tom Fore Water and Wastewater Consulting, and is on the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation's Board for Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals. He gives classes regularly, including an in-demand ethics class he created.

When not working, Fore likes to fish in his pond, manage his timberland, and spend time with his grandsons Jay, Luke, Mason and Preston. He and his wife are planning to see Havana, Cuba as part of a Caribbean cruise.



Tom Fore with his family

## Jackson River Scenic Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, August 9th at the Intervale trailhead to celebrate the completion of Phases III and IV of the Jackson River Scenic Trail. The trail follows the Jackson River, and snakes its way along the former Hot Springs branch of the C&O Railway.

Phase III of the project encompasses approximately 6.5 miles of the trail from the Smith Bridge trailhead to the Alleghany County/Bath County line, while Phase IV, approximately .7 miles in length, links the Intervale trailhead with the Covington sidewalk system at the city limits.

Phase III included drainage improvements, trail surfacing, a trailhead at Natural Well, a bridge over Falling Springs Creek, and the rehabilitation of four trestles.

Phase IV included the removal of old rail and ties, drainage improvements, trail surfacing, sidewalk, restrooms and a shelter. Plans are currently in place for Phase V, which will tentatively take the trail from the Alleghany County/Bath County line north to a location just below the former Lower Cascades golf course.

Hurt & Proffitt has been involved with this project since its inception, and was excited to be a part of this celebration.



Chad Williams, Alleghany Co. Dir. of Parks and Rec





## Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund

The Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund (VBAF) provides grants or loans to local governments to promote restoration and redevelopment of brownfield sites and to address environmental problems or obstacles to reuse so these sites can be effectively marketed to new economic development prospects. The Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) directs the distribution of grants or loans from the VBAF to recipients, in consultation with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The VBAF Program is targeted toward projects or phases of work associated with the restoration and redevelopment of brownfield sites that by their completion will generate additional private investment and job creation in the future. The grants are to be used to help fill a financing gap for projects or phases of work for such restoration and redevelopment that have not already commenced. The VBAF Grant is not available to reimburse costs already incurred for a project or phase of work that has already begun or is already completed.

Projects or phases of work will be evaluated and grants will be awarded based upon meeting one or more of the following priorities:

- Use or reuse of existing infrastructure
- Limited ability to draw on other funding sources
- Potential for redevelopment and reuse of the site
- Economic and environmental benefits

Grants, in amounts of up to \$50,000, are available to assist with costs of:

- Environmental and cultural resource site assessments
- Development of remediation and reuse plans
- The necessary removal of human remains, the appropriate treatment of grave sites, and the appropriate and necessary treatment of significant archaeological resources, or the stabilization or restoration of structures listed on or eligible for the Virginia Historic Landmarks Register
- Demolition and removal of existing structures, or other site work necessary to make a site plan or certain real property usable for new economic development.



H&P's Grant Writer and Administrator, Sharon Carney, is available to assist municipalities apply for these grant monies. Sharon has over 22 years of grant writing and administration experience. She has written and/or administered over \$10 million in grants for the development of county infrastructure and the attraction of new business and industries.

If awarded, Sharon would administer the grant money making sure tasks stay on schedule throughout the duration of the project, handle reporting and keep an accounting of all money for auditing purposes.

The application deadline for Remediation Grants is November 16, 2018. There is no deadline for Site Assessment & Planning Grants; applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, subject to the availability of funds. For a free consultation to see if your municipality qualifies, contact Sharon today at 434.847.7796 or through email to [scarney@handp.com](mailto:scarney@handp.com).



Sharon Carney  
Grant Writer & Administrator

## H&P's 45th Celebration

On October 4, 2018, H&P celebrated their 45th year in business with an open house at the corporate headquarters in Lynchburg, Virginia. Thank you to all those who came and celebrated with us. We share our success with you every day. Below is a collection of photos from the event in case you missed out.



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