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HENRICO COUNTY 2022 BOND REFERENDUM



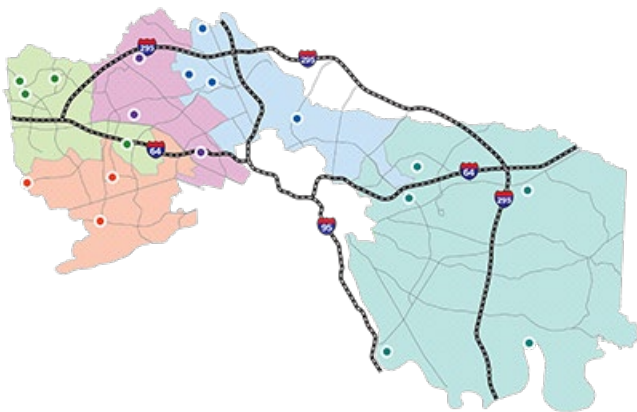
UPDATE: In voting that concluded on Election Day Nov. 8, Henrico voters approved the four questions in the bond referendum.

Details: <https://henrico.gov/news/2022/11/henrico-voters-approve-all-4-bond-referendum-questions/>.

Henrico County voters will have the opportunity to participate in a bond referendum to approve more than \$511 million in funding for proposed county capital projects — including new and renovated schools, firehouses and parks — as part of the 2022 general election.

The bond referendum will appear as [four questions on the ballot](#), with a separate question for each project category: schools; recreation and parks; fire stations and public safety facilities; and stormwater drainage. Voters may cast a “yes” or “no” vote for each of the four questions; individual categories can be approved or rejected. Approval of a category by a majority of the votes cast authorizes the county to contract debt and issue its general obligation bonds to fund the projects.

See the project category pages for the referendum questions as they will appear on the ballot, as well as the proposed projects and their funding amounts (only the questions will appear on the ballot). [Absentee voting, including in-person, began on Friday, Sept. 23](#). Election Day was Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.



See the [proposed project map](#) for the 2022 Bond Referendum.



Information for Henrico voters

[Absentee voting began on Friday, Sept. 23](#) and continued through Saturday, Nov. 5, with options for voting absentee in-person and for returning completed ballots to secure drop boxes installed in each magisterial district. County polling locations were open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8.

For additional voting information — including how to register or update an address, how to apply for an absentee ballot, locations of drop boxes and polling sites, deadlines and more — check with Henrico's [Voter Registration and Elections Office](#) or call (804) 501-4347.

School Projects



Highland Springs Elementary

\$340.5 million proposed for Schools

PROJECTS

- Quiocassin Middle (rebuild): \$89 million
 - Originally constructed in 1971
- [Environmental Education Living Building at Wilton Farm](#) (new): \$13.3 million
 - Will serve students countywide
 - Innovative facility will feature zero net-energy use
 - With funds for design included in the fiscal 2022-23 budget, the project will be ready to proceed to construction pending approval of the bonds
- Jackson Davis Elementary (rebuild and capacity increase): \$36 million
 - Originally constructed in 1962
 - With funds for design included in the fiscal 2022-23 budget, the project will be ready to proceed to construction pending approval of the bonds
- R.C. Longan Elementary (rebuild and capacity increase): \$37 million
 - Originally constructed in 1965
 - With funds for design included in the fiscal 2022-23 budget, the project will be ready to proceed to construction pending approval of the bonds
- Highland Springs Elementary (rebuild): \$45 million
 - Originally constructed in 1966
- Charles M. Johnson Elementary (renovation): \$26.5 million
 - Originally constructed in 1958
- Fairfield area elementary (new): \$46 million
 - Greater capacity needed to accommodate residential growth in area
- West end area elementary (new): \$47.7 million
 - Greater capacity needed to accommodate residential growth in area



BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Henrico County, Virginia, be authorized to contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$340,500,000 pursuant to the Public Finance Act of 1991 to finance school projects and the Henrico County School Board's Capital Improvement Program, including capital improvements to schools, furnishing and equipping of schools, acquisition of future school sites, and such other school construction, renovations and improvements as may be required by the actual educational needs in Henrico County?

Recreation & Park Projects



Deep Bottom Park

\$37 million proposed for Recreation & Parks **PROJECTS**

- Three Chopt area park and road improvements (new): \$25 million
 - Will feature a sports village and tournament-caliber fields to support county's sports tourism program and a future high school
 - With funds for design included in the fiscal 2022-23 budget, the project will be ready to proceed to construction pending approval of the bonds
- Deep Bottom Park (improvements): \$7 million
 - Will update current structures, improve shoreline, add a facility for events and resources to support historical interpretation of the area
- Tuckahoe Creek Park (additions): \$5 million
 - Will complete boardwalk from Patterson Avenue to West Broad Street, add parking

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Shall Henrico County, Virginia, be authorized to contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$37,000,000 pursuant to the Public Finance Act of 1991 to finance the construction, improvements, renovation, remodeling, furnishing, and equipping of recreation and park facilities, the acquisition of land necessary for such facilities, as well as various road and sidewalk projects necessary for such facilities?

Fire Station & Public Safety Facilities Projects



A modern Azalea Firehouse 1 would be built on another site under the bond issue for Fire Stations and Public Safety

\$83.85 million proposed for Fire Stations and Public Safety

PROJECTS

- **Firehouse 6** (relocation and rebuild): \$13.3 million
 - Originally constructed in 1968; moving to site nearby
 - With funds for design included in the fiscal 2022-23 budget, the project will be ready to proceed to construction pending approval of the bonds
- **Firehouse 1** (relocation and rebuild): \$16 million
 - Originally constructed in 1970; moving to site nearby
- **Firehouse 11** (rebuild): \$15 million
 - Originally constructed in 1965
- Firehouses **14, 15, 16, 17** (improvements): \$6.55 million
 - Additions, renovations at each firehouse
- Public Safety training center (new): \$18 million
 - Versatile structure will incorporate contemporary building designs for realistic training by Fire, Police, Sheriff personnel
- Animal shelter and adoption center (new): \$15 million

The image is a video thumbnail for a YouTube video. It features a photograph of a brick firehouse with a large white number '16' on its facade. The text 'SHADY GROVE FIREHOUSE' and 'COUNTY OF HENRICO' is visible on the building. A red play button icon is centered over the firehouse entrance. In the top left corner, there is a logo for 'HENRICO COUNTY 2022 BOND REFERENDUM' and the text '2022 Bond Referendum: Public Safety Projects'. In the top right corner, there are icons for 'Watch later' and 'Share'. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text 'Watch on YouTube PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS'.

BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Henrico County, Virginia, be authorized to contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$83,850,000 pursuant to the Public Finance Act of 1991 to finance the construction, renovation, remodeling, furnishing, and equipping of fire stations and other public safety facilities, and the acquisition of land necessary for such facilities?

Flood Prevention & Stormwater Drainage Facilities Projects



Drainage ditch work at Woodman Road

\$50 million proposed for Flood Prevention & Stormwater Drainage

PROJECTS

- Improvements in all magisterial districts: \$50 million
 - Range of projects will address stormwater issues across the county; approximately 8,000 residential properties experience drainage problems following significant rainfall

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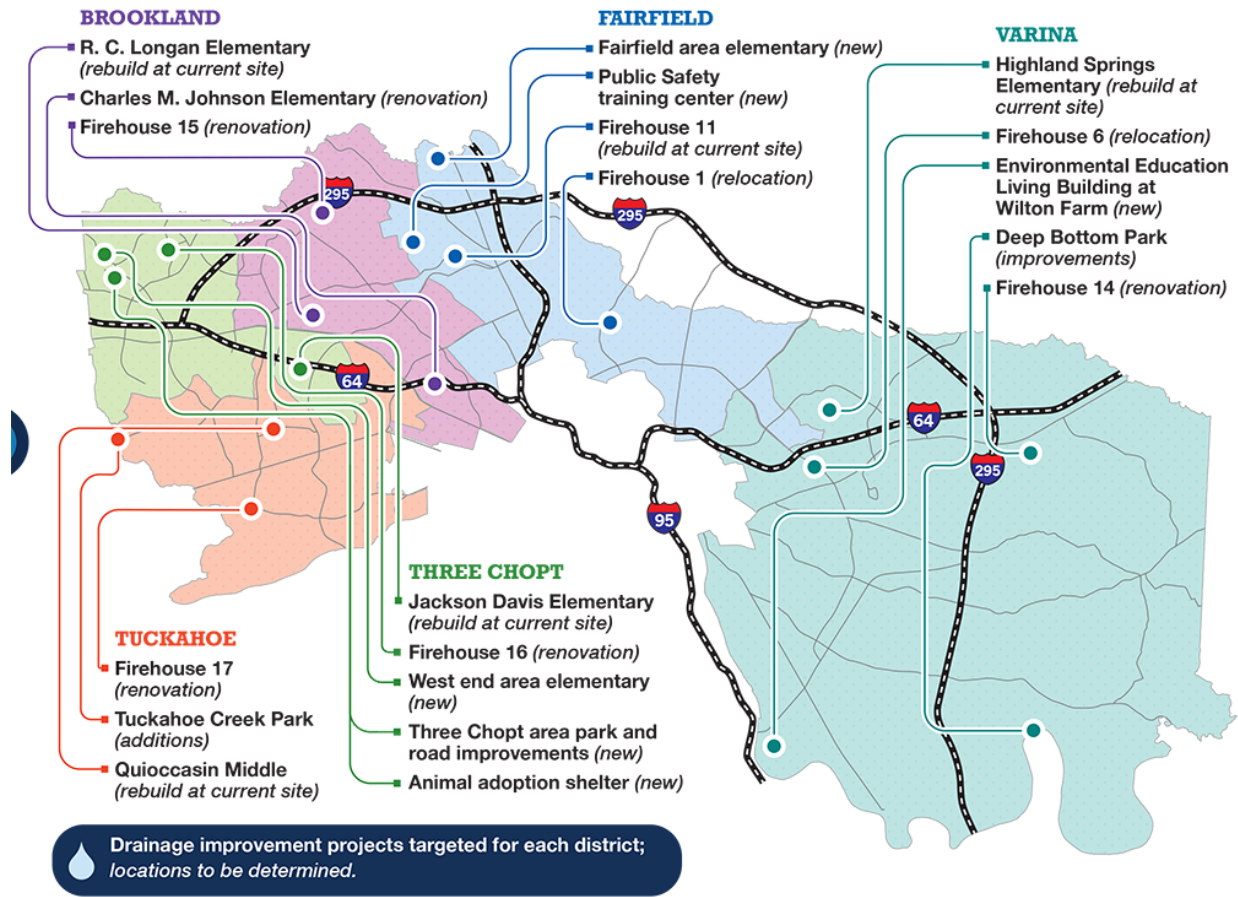
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BALLOT QUESTION

Shall Henrico County, Virginia, be authorized to contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$50,000,000 pursuant to the Public Finance Act of 1991 to finance the construction, renovation, remodeling, furnishing, and equipping of flood prevention facilities and stormwater drainage facilities, including the acquisition of land necessary for such facilities, in order to mitigate erosion, flooding, and other problems caused by stormwater in the County?

Bond Referendum Project Map



Sample Ballots with Questions

[Sample Ballot-1st Congressional District](#)

[Sample Ballot-4th Congressional District](#)

These four bond referendum questions will appear on the Nov. 8 ballot:

Shall Henrico County, Virginia, be authorized to contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$340,500,000 pursuant to the Public Finance Act of 1991 to finance school projects and the Henrico County School Board's Capital Improvement Program, including capital improvements to schools, furnishing and equipping of schools, acquisition of future school sites, and such other school construction, renovations and improvements as may be required by the actual educational needs in Henrico County?

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Questions and Answers

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What will be on the November 8 ballot?

In four questions, voters will be asked whether Henrico should be authorized to issue up to \$511.4 million in general obligation bonds to pay for improvements to public facilities. Voters will respond “yes” or “no” to each question. The proposed bond amounts are:

- \$340.5 million for [school projects](#)
- \$37 million for [recreation and parks projects](#)
- \$83.85 million for [fire station and public safety facilities projects](#)
- \$50 million for [flood prevention and stormwater drainage projects](#)

Will approval of the bond referendum increase tax rates?

No. The Henrico County Board of Supervisors reduced the real estate tax rate by 2 cents, to 85 cents per \$100 of assessed value, when it adopted the county’s fiscal year 2022-23 budget. Costs associated with the issuance of bond debt and the operation of new facilities can be supported by current county revenues.

What projects are planned?

[Various projects](#) have been identified after months of discussion by county officials, including the Board of Supervisors and School Board.

Why does Henrico need the approval of voters to pursue these projects?

Under Virginia law, counties are required to get voter approval through a referendum before issuing debt for capital projects. Cities do not have this requirement. Henrico has held several bond referendums in recent decades, including ones in [2016](#) and 2005.

What does it mean to issue general obligation bonds?

Just as a person might get a bank loan to buy a car or home, local governments go to the bond market to borrow money to build or renovate schools or to make other public facility improvements. The county issues, or sells, bonds to investors to get the funds needed. At the same time, it pledges to make repayments plus interest over a set number of years. General obligation bonds are common municipal bonds that are backed by general tax revenues.

If voters approve the bond referendum, would the projects get underway at the same time?

No, construction would be staged over several years. To limit its costs, Henrico would borrow money for a project only when it's ready to proceed.

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Category	Amount	Percentage
Schools	\$340,500,000	67%
Public Safety	\$83,850,000	16%
Drainage	\$50,000,000	10%
Recreation and Parks	\$37,000,000	7%

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Commonwealth of Virginia Official Ballot
County of Henrico
General and Special Elections
Tuesday, November 8, 2022

INSTRUCTIONS: To vote for a candidate, use a black highlighter pen to fill in the oval next to the name. To vote for a candidate who is not on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the "Other" oval next to that candidate's name only on the list. To vote on a question, fill in the oval next to Yes or No. If you want to change a vote or have made a mistake, ask an election official for another ballot. Do not make marks other than filling the oval.

Members House of Representatives
1st District
A. Donald McEckels - D
Lynn Benjamin - R

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SCHOOL PROJECTS
QUESTION: Shall Henrico County, Virginia, be authorized to purchase, lease, and lease to other agencies a principal amount of \$300,000,000, to be repaid by the Public Finance Act of 1974 to finance school projects and the Henrico County Special District Capital Improvement Program, providing capital improvements to existing, expanding and opening of schools, acquisition of future opportunities and such other school construction, renovation and improvements as they be required by the local education needs in Henrico County?
 Yes
 No

RECREATION AND PARK PROJECTS
QUESTION: Shall Henrico County, Virginia, be authorized to conduct a debt and issue the General Obligation Bonds to the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$20,000,000, to be repaid by the Public Finance Act of 1974 to finance the acquisition, improvement, renovation, landscaping, horticulture and lighting of recreational and park facilities, as well as other park and recreation projects necessary for such facilities?
 Yes
 No

FIRE STATION AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES PROJECTS
QUESTION: Shall Henrico County, Virginia, be authorized to create a debt and issue its general obligation bonds to the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$20,000,000, to be repaid by the Public Finance Act of 1974 to finance the acquisition, renovation, landscaping, horticulture and lighting of fire stations and other public safety facilities, and the acquisition of such necessary fire and public safety equipment as may be necessary for such facilities?
 Yes
 No

FLOOD PREVENTION AND STORMWATER DRAINAGE FACILITIES PROJECTS
QUESTION: Shall Henrico County, Virginia, be authorized to create a debt and issue its general obligation bonds to the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$100,000,000, to be repaid by the Public Finance Act of 1974 to finance the construction, renovation, landscaping, horticulture and lighting of flood prevention and stormwater drainage facilities, and the acquisition of such necessary flood prevention and stormwater drainage equipment as may be necessary for such facilities?
 Yes
 No

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This video thumbnail features a scene from a voting station. In the foreground, two white voting booths are visible, each with an American flag and the word "VOTE" printed on its side. A person in a dark blue shirt is partially visible behind the left booth, and another person in a light blue shirt is behind the right one. The background consists of light-colored wooden slat walls. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo for Henrico County, Virginia, and a text overlay that reads "HENRICO COUNTY 2022 BOND REFERENDUM". The main title "2022 Bond Referendum: Ballot Questions" is centered at the top. On the right side, there are icons for "Watch later" and "Share". A large red play button is centered over the image. At the bottom, a dark blue banner contains the text "Watch on **BALLOT QUESTIONS**".

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