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**JON LANFORD, ALLEGHANY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
(PICTURED WITH HIS TWO DAUGHTERS)**



Jon Lanford - Making Allegheny County A Better Place to Live

By Logan Smith

When governor Ralph Northam announced \$13.4 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to 14 Virginia counties, Allegheny County Administrator Jon Lanford was pleasantly surprised when \$1.4 million, the highest allocated amount, went toward the Wrightsville Revitalization Project for his County.

“The Community Development Block Grant program continues to be a vital resource for funding projects that help build strong regional economies throughout Virginia and address the most pressing needs in our communities,” said Governor Northam. “The localities receiving these

grant awards are making important investments in infrastructure, housing rehabilitation, and downtown revitalization that will enable them to deliver essential services to their citizens and attract new residents, businesses and visitors.”

Since 1982, the federally-funded CDBG program has been administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and Virginia receives approximately \$18.1 million annually for this grant program. CDBG grants are awarded through a competitive process. Most projects benefit low- and moderate-income persons, and many projects are

targeted for the prevention or elimination of dilapidated structures and blighted conditions.

“I was overwhelmed when we received word,” Lanford said of the transaction. “The community leaders deserve the credit for really bringing the community together.”

The Wrightsville Revitalization Project, set for completion in roughly 30 months, will improve housing and other facilities, increase access to water and sewer, and satisfy a multitude of other societal needs.



“We are excited to see the revitalization of such an important historic community,” Lanford said. “Additionally, Wrightsville serves as our front door as people exit off I-64 at the 16...A very important corridor for the Highlands.”

Prior to his nearly four-year tenure as County Administrator, Lanford served Allegheny County as Public Works Director, County Engineer, and Assistant County Administrator. He has also worked in local and State government and in private practice.

As a husband of 20 years and father of two teenage daughters, Lanford’s greatest obstacle is time management, particularly balancing his work and personal life. But his spirited character and appreciation for his community motivate his efforts.

“Local government has the ability to touch so many facets of a community,” Lanford said. “Helping people in our community solve real-life problems is probably the most satisfying aspect.”

As County Administrator, Lanford tackles a variety of obligations. According to Allegheny County’s Official Government Website (co.allegheny.va.us), Lanford coordinates the everyday procedures of the County government, serves as the chief advisor to the Board of Supervisors, and conducts County business in accordance with Board policy, among other responsibilities.

“I enjoy working on initiatives and projects that result in a direct benefit to the quality of life in the communities we serve,” Lanford said. “My desire to serve and an ultra-competitive personality drive me.”

Exercise, sports, and spending time with his family occupy Lanford’s free time. He said he is amazed, blessed, and lucky in his personal and work life, and hopes to continue accelerating success for his County.

Lanford thanked multiple people for their hard work and contributions in helping Allegheny County obtain the \$1.4 million grant, particularly the initiators at Hurt & Proffitt.

“Jessica Littlejohn from H&P went above and beyond the scope to help us pull this together,” Lanford said. “We very much appreciate what Hurt & Proffitt did.”



Celebrating Christmas... H&P Style

H&P has had a busy year. Our work load has been consistent and the projects abundant, and we count our blessings every day. So with all of the hard work our employees have been putting in, we've taken some time out of our busy schedules to kick back and enjoy the holidays and the camaraderie that goes along with working for this great company.



Merry Christmas from all of us at Hurt & Proffitt!

H&P Supports A Worthy Cause

Heart disease hits close to home for many. Jessica Littlejohn, from our Blacksburg office, wanted to make a difference to help fund research for new treatments and programs to help loved ones lower their risk.

Jessica led a fundraiser for the 2019 New River Valley Heart Walk and 5K Run for the American Heart Association on September 21, 2019 in Radford, Virginia. Along with her staff having a great time at the 5K run, she raised over \$500 for the American Heart Association.



Letter From the President



Holiday greetings to everyone. Thanksgiving and Christmas are favorite times of year for office parties, joyous celebrations, family get togethers, reflections on the past and optimism for the future.

As we here at Hurt & Proffitt reflect on this past year we are grateful to all of our clients, partners, staff, and friends who have made 2019 such a wonderful year. Like most companies in the AEC industry we have been blessed with plenty of work. That means our clients are continuing to be successful and thrive in their pursuits. Whether it's building a new neighborhood that will be home to growing families, a commercial develop where we will all enjoy eating a dinner out with a loved one or buying a special gift for someone, a water line project that will bring much needed water to a community that doesn't have good, clean water, or an upgrade to the power lines that bring us safe and reliable electricity to our homes and businesses, we know we touch the lives of everyone in our communities. Is it no wonder our clients' projects inspire us!

Our Leadership Team will have its last meeting of 2019 in December. We will be wrapping up our 2020 Vision for our firm, focusing on how we can better serve our clients. 2019 kept us all very busy and it's difficult at times to step away and work on the business when we are so busy working in the business. But we hope that you will notice some improvements along the way as we work on being better for you, our clients, partners and staff.

Merry Christmas!



H&P Invests in New Trailer for Pipeline Inspections

H&P recently upgraded the CCTV (Closed Circuit TV) equipment by replacing the trailer and mobile office for pipeline inspections. The new trailer has dual axles allowing H&P to inspect pipes over easements in a rougher terrain than the previous trailer could navigate. The office section is a comfortable, climate controlled, cubicle type environment, where the NASSCO trained inspector can perform the pipeline inspections. There is a monitor in the rear of the trailer so that the crew technician and contractor can see “real time” video of the inspection. The new winch within the trailer gives the crew

the flexibility to send the camera farther than ever before, up to 1,500 linear feet through storm and sanitary sewer lines.

H&P has performed TV inspections for municipal clients, developers, engineers, architects and general contractors since 2008. Our crews are certified by the National Association of Sewer Service Companies (NASSCO), the national standard in rating the condition of existing pipe. In addition to mainline inspections, we also inspect sewer service laterals, with the capability of locating the depth to either the main or the lateral.

H&P pipeline inspection cameras have traveled nearly 75,000 linear feet of pipeline in 2019.

We believe our inspection efforts are above the normal pipeline inspection due to our reporting methods. The inspections are managed and supervised by a professional engineer and our reports are given with CADD mapping that help our clients with accurate records at the time of inspection.

In addition to TV inspection work, we also have the ability to provide jetting and root cutting services to clean debris that may be found, and have been certified to seal chimneys in older brick manholes utilizing Flex Seal's Sealing System. Our work has also included inspecting interior building pipes for renovation work or prior to slabs being poured to ensure there isn't any debris or sags in the lines that would pose a costly fix after construction.

H&P cameras will have traveled nearly 75,000 linear feet of pipeline in 2019. Their work is vital to assessing the condition of existing and newly constructed pipes for our clients and the public safety.

If you have inspection needs or just want to learn more, call Joshua Justus, Manager of our Pipeline Inspection Division, at 434-444-6010. He can answer any questions you may have or schedule a visit to your site.





Blairs Fire & Rescue Presents Plaque to H&P

The Blairs Fire & Rescue Emergency Helicopter Landing Facility (EHLF) celebrated a dedication ceremony on August 24, 2019. As of this date, more than 20 patients have been transported to area hospitals for critical care. H&P provided the civil engineering design, inspection and testing services for the project.

It is an honor to provide services to all of our clients but because of the positive impact to health care in the Blairs community this one has been especially gratifying. Chief of Blairs Fire and Rescue, Dean Fowler, said the whole community has been helpful in making this happen. The new helipad will get patients care quicker and more efficiently. Prior to the Blairs Helipad, the closest helipad was Gretna. "Now, it won't be a trip to Gretna, it will be closer by, and it's going to expedite the patient getting to a level one trauma center and getting the care they need," Fowler said.



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