

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Mattaponi, Pamunkey and Upper Mattaponi American Indian tribes all call King William County home, and they have done so for thousands of years. All three of these tribes are descended from the Powhatan Confederacy that was once led by Chief Powhatan. In 1658, the General Assembly, which was then headquartered in Williamsburg, created the Mattaponi and Pamunkey reservations.

## KING WILLIAM COUNTY

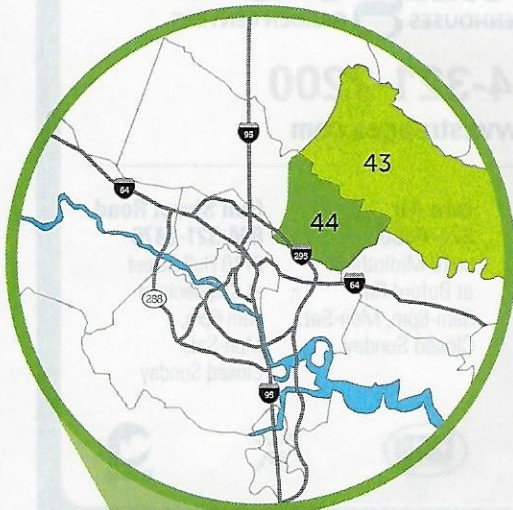
The western end of what's called Virginia's Middle Peninsula, King William County is about 33 miles northeast of the city of Richmond.

## EASTERN HANOVER

This zone is home to neighborhoods with large lots and excellent schools.

## LOOKING FORWARD

King William County officials have appointed a new county administrator. In late 2014, former administrator Trenton Funkhouser resigned from the role to pursue another opportunity and an interim administrator filled the position during the search for a replacement. K. Charles Griffin was appointed in April 2015. He comes to the county from North Carolina where he served as director of public utilities in Smithfield.



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### THE VIBE

With the exception of U.S. 360 bisecting Area 44 diagonally, the roads in this part of Hanover County are winding and meandering. Older, established neighborhoods crop up occasionally, primarily closer to I-295, and there is still plenty of farmland around to produce those flavorful Hanover tomatoes. Privacy and peace are easy to find in these parts. In the western end of the Middle Peninsula, King William County, Area 43, is just 33 miles northeast of Richmond, but it feels like it's a world away.

### ENTERTAINMENT

West Point is the home of many local festivals, including the West Point Crab Carnival and Christmas on the Town. The Crab Carnival, held each October, features a fun run/walk, a parade, and lots of seafood and vendors. Several times a year, the Pamunkey Indian Reservation and Mattaponi Reservation have events that draw visitors, and their museums are open to the public. The Pamunkey Indian Museum and Cultural Center, which resembles ancient Pamunkey homes, tells the story of the people from the Ice Age through today. The Mattaponi Indian Museum has a necklace in its collection that once belonged to Pocahontas. The Hanover Tomato Festival takes place in Pole Green Park in July, luring thousands of people who can't get enough tomatoes no



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matter how they slice 'em. Music, children's activities, pony rides, contests and bushels of tomatoes make everyone a winner. For educational entertainment, head to Cold Harbor Battlefield almost any day of the year — a park ranger is on duty most days. You'll see why Grant was never able to make it to Richmond from this approach. In June, the park hosts a living-history event featuring re-enactors, guides and a candlelight tour. Pole Green Park also hosts the area's best high-school runners every fall at several cross-country meets. The course allows several sightings of the racers, making the spectators almost as active as the participants.

**SHOPPING**

Antiquing along U.S. 301, especially near the Hanover courthouse complex, and along Mechanicsville Turnpike can be a fun way to spend the day. At the western edge of this area, Hanover Square and The Shoppes at Bell Creek offer sustenance stops and more shops.



**RECREATION**

Boat ramps on U.S. 301 provide public access to fishing and paddling on the Pamunkey River, where you might spy ledges of fossils if you take your eyes off the river. Hanover Courthouse Park has soccer fields and trails and a popular roller-hockey rink, where in-line skaters get their game on. Pole Green Park is 217 acres of action, with a skateboard park and an equestrian center, multiple fields, volleyball courts and wooded trails for runners. A river walk along the scenic Mattaponi River is worth a visit. The mixed-use trail is popular with cyclists and runs from Glass Island to downtown West Point.