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## **District 1 Update: November 2025**

### **OVERVIEW OF COUNTY-WIDE ISSUES**

#### **The Reason we Serve**

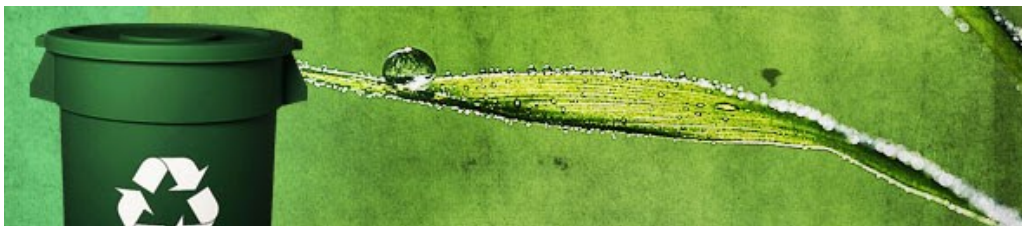
I'm proud to announce the birth of my first grandchild in October. Serving as an elected official, in my view, is all about improving life in this country for our children and our children's children.



**Dominik James Korab**

## **Curbside Recycling**

### **Recycling Services To Return**



I'm sure many of you have already seen the news, either through the county's social media pages or by direct email, informing York County residents that recycling service will resume in January. I want to help spread the word here in my newsletter and also share a few additional details to supplement the official announcement. Republic Services of Yorktown will provide recycling service for York County (same vendor currently collecting our trash).

This announcement marks the approval of a long-term contract for recycling services signed directly with York County rather than through VPPSA. Some of the other announcements you may have seen from neighboring localities involve short-term, interim agreements that will need to be renegotiated early next year. Fortunately, York County is now in a position where recycling services are secured for the next several years, independent of what the neighboring municipalities select.

The January start date was selected to:

- Allow sufficient time for the contract to be publicly reviewed, discussed, and approved.
- Provide an opportunity to replace the TFC-owned recycling bins with bins from the new vendor, Republic.
- Give the vendor and county staff time to finalize operational details such as routes, schedules, and collection procedures.
- Provide sufficient time for Republic to increase its truck fleet.

Additional information regarding the new recycling schedules and the types of materials accepted will be shared as we approach the program's launch. Stay tuned to the county's [Recycling Portal](#) for the latest information.

## **York County Donation to the Peninsula Foodbank**

In an effort to offset the food supply shortages to many families in this region, impacted by a combination of loss of SNAP benefits and Federal employees on furlough, York County is considering a donation to the Peninsula Foodbank, so that we can continue to assure a food supply to our many pantries serving the Historic Triangle.

## **DISTRICT 1 SPECIFIC ISSUES**

### **Queens Lake Dam, Spillway and Lake Funding**

A pre-construction meeting was held on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> in Queens Lake for official start of the dam and spillway restoration. Dam restoration project was awarded to Howard Brothers Contractor, Inc. A separate contract will be awarded to Environmental Quality Resources, LLC. for stream remediation of the five ravines in Queens Lake community following approval by the Board of Supervisors.

The County issued a letter to the Army Corps of Engineering regarding the federal CAP grant for remediation efforts towards Queens Lake. The grant request letter issued by York County was submitted June 4, 2025. There has been no update as of yet.

I continue to seek funding options for the restoration work at Queens Lake. With Queens Lake resident, Delegate Elect Dr. Mark Downey beginning his term in office in January, I will be reaching out to him on several legislative priorities.

### **Solar Farm**

CENERGY has made a proposal to the City of Williamsburg to build a solar energy farm on City owned land in York County. On November 10<sup>th</sup>, Williamsburg council heard the application, made by CENERGY for lease of land next to Waller Mill Park along Rochambeau Rd.

This land was set aside nearly 50 years ago, to protect the water supply into Waller Mill Lake under the Resource Conservation zoning. Of course, there are environmental questions associated with large solar farms, and we have yet to see a study that evaluates the impact on the reservoir.

Approval of the solar farm will require York County Board of Supervisors to approve a Special Use Permit (SUP) under the Resource Conservation zoning rules.

### **Waller Mill Heights Update**

I reported last month that Waller Mill Heights Development had received an Emergency Stop Work Order in response to a number of environmental violations at the construction site.

The issues continue to be worked on, meanwhile the Stop Work Order remains in effect, ensuring that the County's standards on environmental protection are maintained throughout construction.

### **New Businesses**

The number of new businesses in York County continues to grow, with 25 new businesses licensed in October, and 10 closed in the same month.

The latest business licenses to be approved in District 1 include one commercial business and five home-based businesses. They are as follows:

- James River Cardiology LLC., a professional medical clinic / Doctor located at 113 Bulifants Blvd.
- Lyrical Creations LLC, home based services located at 107 Ketch Court.
- Taste of Ghana LLC., a home retail merchant and food vendor located at 227 Lorraine Dr.
- Roots and Rites, a home based business offering Health and Beauty merchandise at 100 Kelsey Rd.
- Duct Pros, a home based repair, maintenance and installation service located at 413 Boltons Mill Parkway.

I value your input and am happy to address questions or concerns on these or any other topics for the district. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

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