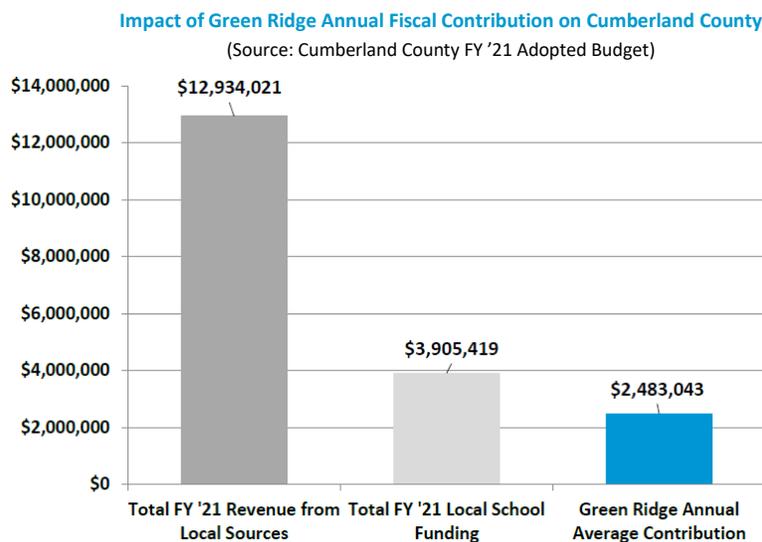


## Report Shows Green Ridge to Provide Economic Boost of \$74.5 Million to Cumberland County

**Cumberland County, VA** –Green Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility, LLC (Green Ridge), released the findings of a study which examined the economic and fiscal contributions of its project to Cumberland County and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Direct payments to Cumberland County will be approximately \$74.5 million over the 30-year life of the project, averaging nearly \$2.5 million each year. That represents approximately one-fifth of the county’s entire revenue from local sources and 64% of total local school funding.



The recycling and disposal facility would create jobs, generate significant income for employees and infuse millions of dollars into the economy. This project would reverse the current trend of the number of jobs steadily dropping over the past three years in Cumberland County. The largest number of new jobs will come in the construction sector, which experienced the largest drop in jobs in Cumberland County between 2018 and 2019.

The study was conducted by Mangum Economics, one of Virginia’s leading independent firms that specializes in objective economic analyses. Key findings of the report include:

### Fiscal Contributions to Cumberland County

- Green Ridge will **pay Cumberland County approximately \$74.5 million** over the 30-year life of the project, averaging approximately \$2,483,000 per year.
  - Green Ridge will **pay Cumberland \$68.1 million** over the 30-year life of the project in host fees – averaging \$2.27 million in host fees per year.
  - Green Ridge will **pay Heavy Machinery & Equipment taxes in excess of \$2.6 million** over the 30-year life of the project – averaging \$86,845 per year.
  - **Cumberland County will receive an additional \$3,750,000** (\$125,000 per year throughout the life of the project) for reimbursement for the landfill monitor employee (\$100,000/year) and funding a recycling education program (\$25,000/year) in Cumberland County Public Schools.

- The \$2.48 million per year would represent a **19% increase in local revenue for Cumberland County** and could allow the County to **increase its education budget from local revenue by 64%**.

#### Jobs

- During the initial phase of facility construction, Green Ridge will support **92 new jobs in Cumberland County** – 78 jobs directly associated with the construction and 14 jobs created by indirect and induced economic activity.
- During the initial phase of construction, Green Ridge will support **134 new jobs in Virginia** – 103 jobs directly associated with the construction and 31 jobs created by indirect and induced economic activity.
- Ongoing operations and cell expansion construction at Green Ridge will support **34 full-time employees** and support **17 jobs through indirect and induced economic activity in Cumberland County**, with an **additional 7 jobs indirect and induced jobs outside of Cumberland County**.

#### Employment Income

- During the initial phase of facility construction, Green Ridge will generate nearly **\$5 million in wages in Cumberland County** – with \$4,543,291 in wages from jobs directly tied to Green Ridge and \$432,672 in wages from indirect and induced jobs.
- During the initial phase of facility construction, Green Ridge will generate nearly **\$9 million in wages in Virginia** – with \$7,411,277 in wages from jobs directly tied to Green Ridge and \$1,460,163 in wages from indirect and induced jobs.
- Ongoing operations and cell expansion construction at Green Ridge will generate nearly **\$4 million in wages** – with \$3,121,139 in wages from jobs directly tied to Green Ridge and \$695,285 in wages from indirect and induced jobs.

#### Economic Output

- During the initial phase of construction, Green Ridge will have an **economic impact of \$21.38 million in Virginia**, with \$10.27 million of that economic output in Cumberland County.
- During the ongoing operations and cell expansion construction will have an **economic impact of \$11.73 million in Virginia**, with \$10.37 million of that economic output in Cumberland County.

“I’ve seen how a project like this can give a community the economic boost that it needs,” said Jerry Cifor, Manager of Green Ridge. “We are committed to Cumberland County and know that success for Green Ridge also means success for the County. The jobs created will be good-paying positions with benefits and will allow many to work in their home county rather than having to drive to Richmond or the surrounding area for employment.”

“The Green Ridge project will be a new revenue generator for Cumberland County and play a significant role in helping the County to keep its property tax rate low, while increasing funding for key county services, such as schools, police and fire services, streets, the library and other priorities of the County,” said Brian Stanley, Chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors.

This project coming to Cumberland County is critical to our future. For years we have struggled to create good paying jobs and fund key services and projects that our citizens desperately need,” said Eurika Tyree, Vice Chair of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors. “This will allow us to consider long-neglected priorities, and do so in a way that doesn’t increase the tax burden on county residents.”

Green Ridge and its parent company, County Waste, have been working for the past several years to gain a permit for a landfill in Virginia. Their efforts started by canvassing Central Virginia in search of a willing host for the landfill. After meeting with multiple localities across the state, County Waste determined the best locality for the landfill was Cumberland County. The location was selected for its accessibility to County Waste's service territory, its proximity to a state highway, the rural, sparsely populated nature of the county, and the geology and hydrology of the site. It is just two miles from a previously permitted (and since withdrawn permit) sanitary landfill and shares many characteristics with that previously vetted and approved site in terms of geology, hydrology, groundwater and traffic impact. Following the decision to locate the landfill in Cumberland County, Green Ridge successfully rezoned the proposed site, ratified a host agreement and gained a conditional use permit to operate a landfill by a vote from the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors. In January of 2020, Green Ridge filed its Part A Application for a solid waste landfill to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

The project will generate millions of dollars in annual revenues for Cumberland County as well as jobs and other economic opportunities for residents. The project is also vital to localities throughout Central and Southwest Virginia, as evidenced by the letters of support from localities, including the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Botetourt, Buckingham, Chesterfield, Culpeper, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Hanover, Madison, Prince Edward and Prince George, the City of Colonial Heights, the towns of Ashland and Culpeper, and the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board.

*For a copy of the full report and to learn more about the Green Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility, visit [GreenRidgeVA.com/news](http://GreenRidgeVA.com/news).*

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