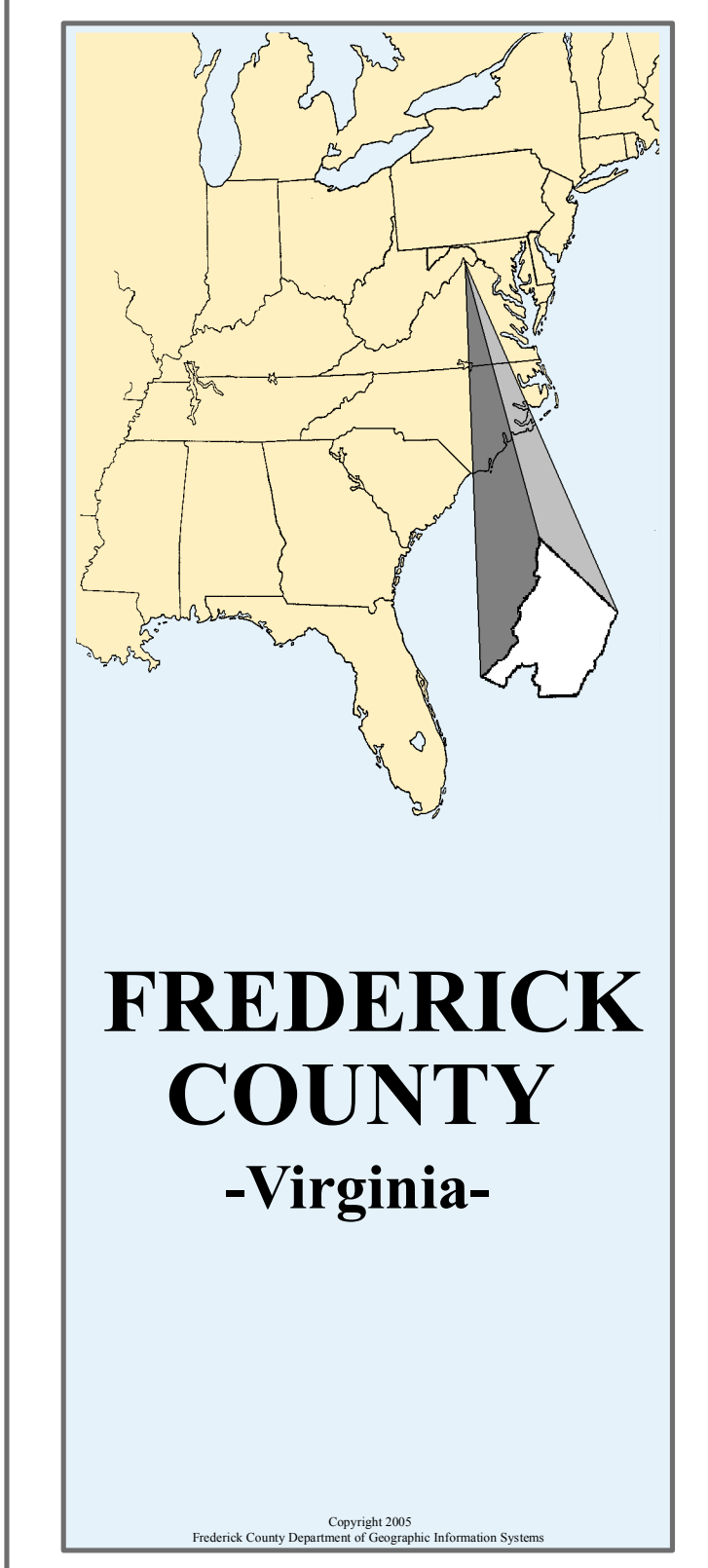


Who We Are:
 The Frederick County Department of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) became a county department in 2001.
 The current GIS Department has a core staff of four people. There are two other GIS personnel located in both the Planning and Development Department and the Commissioner of Revenue/Real Estate Department.

What We Do:
 The GIS Department is the designated agent for providing structure numbering for the County and maintaining the County's Road Naming System. Staff members handle requests for new road names and road name changes or removal. GIS staff are also responsible for assigning new structure numbers and resolving structure numbering issues.
 Staff members develop and produce geo-referenced data using digital mapping and database information from a variety of resources which include: state, federal, private industries, and in-house sources. Using geographic information systems, the data is integrated into a "thinking" relationship which allows the users to design, query, and display information. Other responsibilities include training and development of other department and agency end-users to the GIS environment. The current GIS group provides support to 18 other County departments, Citizens of Frederick County, and State and Federal agencies.
 In addition to generating and collecting data, the GIS department is responsible for the development and maintenance of the Internet based mapping site hosted on the County's web site. This service facilitates the sharing of information with the community and allows users to access the data at their own convenience.
 The GIS Department has a number of maps and datasets available for purchase through the department. Staff members produce digital and paper data upon request, so the data is current the day it is purchased. For more information about the GIS Department or products available for purchase, please contact our office or visit us on the web.

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Our Region
 Frederick County is located at the northern end of the Shenandoah Valley and Virginia. It covers about 415 square miles of scenic mountains and valleys. The current population is approximately 66,000 people.
 This region has a long human history, beginning with Native Americans who inhabited the Shenandoah Valley for nearly 12,000 years. In the early 1700s, Frederick County was settled by Pennsylvania Quakers. Several years later, George Washington came to the area to survey the lands of Lord Fairfax. For ten years he used the County as a political training ground, and at the age of 26 he was elected to his first public office as a county representative. During the Revolutionary War, George Washington and Daniel Morgan's Riflemen fought against the British, and war prisoners were housed in Winchester and the surrounding area.
 Frederick County played a significant role in the Civil War. During the 1860s the County was strategically important to both sides, and it changed hands many times throughout the course of the war. Frederick County was the scene of six of the 16 battles fought in the Shenandoah Valley.
 Frederick County remains an important area today. The area's rich history and attractions make it an exciting place to visit. Visitors may experience Civil War reenacting at the Battle of Cedar Creek in October, or choose to see one of many plays offered at Shenandoah University or the Wayside Theater in Middletown. A major tourist attraction is the Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival, a four day festival that features parades and other fun, family activities. An estimated 200,000 visitors come to the area to celebrate Apple Blossom every year.
 Frederick County is located just 70 miles east of the nation's capital, and it is easily accessible traveling north and south along Interstate 81.

