



Delivering new and renovated schools sooner than anticipated was one of the focuses of the [FY2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program](#), or CIP. It also continued to fund the Revenue Sharing program with the state, which provides \$20 million in annual transportation improvements. Chesterfield County has made it possible for anyone with access to the internet to [view any of the county's CIPs](#). In March, residents and businesses were able to download location-based data when 65 more data layers were added to [Open Geo-Space](#), a mobile-friendly companion site to GeoSpace, which is used to view and download for map creation and data analysis.

Beyond the role of being a good financial steward of the residents' tax dollars is the county's responsibility to engage in open dialogue and inform residents about county programs and services. One way of providing this engagement, and to provide better customer service, was through the county's first [Government Citizens Academy](#). For six weeks last spring, a group of citizens participated in the academy to learn more about their local government. They [met with local government leaders](#) at fire stations, libraries and school facilities, and toured other locations county-wide. They also offered valuable feedback about how the county is serving them and how to better allocate the county budget. The academy is offered twice each year, in the spring and fall.

Chesterfield remains a leader in providing strong, innovative services that strengthen communities. This year, it was recognized with [17 Achievement Awards](#) from the National Association of Counties. The Virginia Association of Counties also awarded Chesterfield [two Achievement Awards](#), one for Chesterfield County Public Libraries and one for Mental Health Support Services.

