

FY27 CIP SUBMISSION

Select if Revised	Animal Shelter Addition				Date: 10/6/2025		
Describe revision, if applicable					Year of First Submittal:	2025	
Project Overview:	Build an additional animal sheltering space that would allow the animal control officers to expand the services to the citizens of Gloucester County. The building would be approximately 2688 sf. The addition will consist of 12x12 secure room for humane euthanasia and to keep our medications secure and in compliance with DEA guidelines. A 10x12 isolation area for sick or diseased animals, which is required by state law. 20x12 cat room that will also serve as a small animal holding area. A public area that would serve as a meet and greet adoption area. The space would include a bathroom with a shower and dog washing area.						
Requesting Department	Animal Control	Est. Useful Life	20 Years				
Location (address)	6584 Beehive Drive	Start Year	2030				
Magisterial District	York	Est. Completion Year	2030				
Annual Recurring Cost	0	Category	Construction of New Facilities				
Number of Residents Served		Primary Board Priority	Infrastructure				
Expenditure Description	Total Project Request	5-Year CIP					
		Budget Year	Planning Years				Beyond 5 Years
		FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FYI only
Land Acquisition	\$ -						
A&E	-						
Construction	1,478,400				1,478,400		
Equipment	48,325				48,325		
Other	-						
Total Proposed Capital Costs	\$ 1,526,725	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,526,725	\$ -	\$ -
Source of Funding	Total Funding	FY 2027					
		FY 2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	Beyond 5 Years
Grant	\$ -						
Donations	-						
Fund Balance-Committed	-						
County Funds	1,526,725				1,526,725		
Total Capital Funding	\$ 1,526,725	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,526,725	\$ -	\$ -
Insert picture or map of Project		Describe Funding Sources (If Not County Funds)					
		Describe Annual Recurring Costs					

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Project Element	Total Project Request	5-Year CIP					
		Budget Year	Planning Years				Beyond 5 Years
		FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY1 only
Single story building 64' x 42' (2688sf) at \$550 sf	\$ 1,478,400				\$ 1,478,400		
11 Each 8'x16' dog runs, w/ gates & guillotines	20,000				20,000		
Stainless steal small animal caging for ISO room	3,500				3,500		
Stainless steal caging for small animal room	14,000				14,000		
Dog wash basin/tub, "Flying Pig 50 Inch"	1,400				1,400		
Animal weighing scale & furniture	2,475				2,475		
Wall mounted retractable water hose reel	450				450		
2 each food prep & laundry carts	300				300		
Shelves, storage & filing cabinets	2,500				2,500		
One refrigerator & one chest freezer	1,700				1,700		
Animal handling equipment	2,000				2,000		
Total Proposed Capital Costs	\$ 1,526,725	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,526,725	\$ -	\$ -

Describe project elements (if necessary)

Space below is available for any additional details not provided above:

In February 1999 Gloucester County opened up its new animal shelter with a total of 22 dog runs, that are split with guillotine doors for easy cleaning, and to have additional space if needed for large influxes of dogs. Since that time the County has grown and so has its animal population. Up until 2022 all dog adoptions in the County were done through the Gloucester-Mathews Humane Society, but unforeseen problems made it necessary for Animal Control to start its own adoption program. Since that time the number of dogs in our shelter has grown exponentially. There are several reasons for the large number of dogs in the shelter like; COVID dogs citizens got but now do not want and; the failing economy are the two leading ones that come to mind. Additionally due to the outstanding work of our Animal Control Officers and the volunteers, Gloucester County Animal Control for the past two years has been awarded with "No Kill" status. Again, our Animal Shelter is overcrowded and 99% of the dog run space is full. Furthermore, there is a Commonwealth mandate that covers Animal Shelters:

Commonwealth Law: § 3.2-6546. County or city public animal shelters; confinement and disposition of animals; affiliation with foster care providers; penalties; injunctive relief. (Note: This is not a complete copy of this law)

"B. The governing body of each county or city shall maintain or cause to be maintained a public animal shelter...

K. The governing body shall require that the public animal shelter be operated in accordance with regulations issued by the Board. If this chapter or such regulations are violated, the locality may be assessed a civil penalty by the Board or its designee in an amount that does not exceed \$1,000 per violation"...

The violations this law is referring to is the proper care of animals, such as proper space, shelter, and cleanliness. With the shelter always at maximum capacity and the requirement that Animal Control take in all stray dogs, decisions must be made, and perfectly healthy and adoptable dogs will need to be euthanized. This would weigh heavy on the hearts of our volunteers who put so much time and effort into finding our dogs forever homes. Additionally, the euthanasia of these dogs would not allow us to remain a "No Kill" shelter, and would not help with the Counties moto, "The land worth living".

Project Alternative:

The alternative to expanding the shelter would be deeply unfavorable — it could mean increased euthanasia, turning away animals, or leaving strays in the community where they pose safety and welfare risks. Without additional space, we risk overcrowding, disease spread, increased vet bills and the inability to provide adequate care for the animals we're responsible for. This would undermine our no-kill mission and damage public trust. Expansion is the only humane and sustainable solution to ensure both animal welfare and community safety.

Addition to Animal Shelter
Proposed Location on Beehive Drive





