



Situation Analysis Report



Brunswick County 2018

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Introduction

Brunswick County conducted a situation analysis this year, 2018. The situation analysis process was led by the Brunswick County Extension Leadership Council (BCELC) and involved an analysis of the Brunswick County Unit Profile. The unit profile included compiling Census Data, Comprehensive Plans of Brunswick County and the Town of Lawrenceville, along with the Demographic Data of the County. The unit profile also included gathering information from county residents on what they see is the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in the county. The BCELC members analyzed data from all of the aforementioned information identified.

The BCELC, including Extension Agents, met nine times during the situation analysis timeframe. At the first meeting in October of 2017, an overview of the situation analysis was covered. An initial situation analysis plan was developed that included tasks, subcommittees, and timelines for BCELC members and Extension Agents. Utilizing the Unit Profile information by Virginia Cooperative Extension, BCELC members and Extension Agents previewed and analyzed data sets and identified other resources that have potential information needed to get an accurate snapshot of Brunswick County. Issues were identified on initial perusal of information. Based on these issues, the BCELC determined in the interest of time the best way to garner additional information from residents of Brunswick County. The decision to do small group questionnaires via small group forums across the county was decided to be an effective and efficient use of time and information gathering.

Timelines and Activities

- Meetings of Brunswick County ELC for Situation Analysis Began: October 2017
- Review of Previous Situation Analysis, Discuss Strengths and Opportunities, and Resource and Reference Review: January 2018
- Summary Review of Resource and References, ELC Priority Discussion, and Discussion on the “Understanding and Utilizing Data Discussion: March 2018
- Review ELC Priorities – Economics, Education, Family Strengthening, Agriculture, and Recreation and Transportation, Demographics Review, Review of Early portions of Situation Analysis: May 2018
- Review of Survey, Discuss how to get surveys completed, and Assess the resources: August 2018
- Complete Resource discussion of what we will use, Surveys ready to get out by members of ELC Members, and review Situation Analysis to date: October 2018
- Return of Questionnaires and Summarize: December 2018
- Summary Results Final Review: January 2019
- Finish up Situation Analysis: February 2019

Unit Profile

Brunswick County

Brunswick County, founded in 1720, lies in south central Virginia north of the North Carolina border. Lawrenceville is the County Seat of Brunswick County, located 64 miles southwest of Richmond, VA and 75 miles Northeast of Raleigh, NC. Lawrenceville, Alberta, and Brodnax are the three incorporated towns in the county. The gently rolling and generally flat landscape of Brunswick County is home to farm and timber operations. There are several points of interest that include The Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail, Civil War Wilson-Kautz Raid Trail, The Tobacco Heritage Trail, three Nationally Recognized Trees, Scenic River – Meherrin River, and Lake Gaston. These attractions are likely to appeal to outdoor enthusiasts, history buffs, and nature lovers visiting or living in Brunswick County.

The Brunswick populations accordingly to the 2010 census there are 17,434 residents in Brunswick County. In 2017, the number of residents has dropped to 16,244, a -6.8% change in population. The racial breakdown of the county is 54.8% African American, 43.0% Caucasian, 2.4% Hispanic or Latino, 0.7% Asian, 0.3% American Indian and Native Alaskan, 0.1% Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islanders, and 1.2% two or more races.

Agriculture operations hold the prominent position of Brunswick County's economy. Tobacco has remained the number one cash crop in the county and in 2019; contracts have been cut and changed. Up until now the acreage of tobacco planted in the county have surpassed the acreage planted prior to the 2004 Buyout, with the number of producers declining significantly. Forests cover over two-thirds of the County's land mass. Brunswick County is one of the top producing county of timber and seems posed to remain in the top position of timber production in the Commonwealth.

Brunswick County Public Schools, the Community College, the private and public detention facilities, and the County Government remain the top employers in the County. In 2012, there were eight hundred sixty-eight total firms operated in Brunswick County. Of those, men own four hundred fifty-three with two hundred seventy-three owned by women, in conjunction there are two hundred forty-six minority owned, one hundred one veteran owned, and five hundred eighty-three owned by nonminority. There is still room for additional small businesses to be started and maintained in the county.

Construction is complete of the Dominion Energy Virginia Brunswick County Plant. These one thousand three hundred fifty-three megawatt natural gas-fired plant employees forty-three. This has been a positive in the workforce development in the county.

The 2012-2016 quick facts data pertaining to education report that the percent of person in the county over the age of twenty-five years and older who graduated high school or higher is seventy-seven point three percent. This is nine point seven percent below the state average. Residents of the same age range with Bachelor Degrees or higher are at twelve point four

percent, and this is seventeen point nine percent below the state average. In addition to the Brunswick County Public School System, there is Brunswick Academy the private school system, and Southside Virginia Community College – Alberta Campus. Southside Virginia Community College has not only a two-year degree program in varied disciplines, but work with the GED program, Dual Enrollment of high school students, and Old Dominion University Bachelor Degree programs.

Health issues plague Brunswick County residents at higher rates of other parts of the Commonwealth. The issues include heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. Adult obesity is a concern as well in Brunswick County; this contributes to health issues and can be linked to poor food choices and a sedentary lifestyle. Disabilities are prevalent in the county; in 2012-2016, there were thirteen point six percent of the population disabled, which is five percent above the Commonwealth. There is also thirteen point two percent of the population under the age of sixty-five without health insurance; this is a three point one percent increase over the Commonwealth average.

There is a significant number of children, approximately fifty-one percent, living in poverty and in single parent households, with many being raised by grandparents. In addition, there are four point five percent of children under five years of age and youth under eighteen is seventeen point four percent both are well below the Commonwealth average. The number of residents over the age of sixty-five is twenty point nine percent, which is higher than the Commonwealth average.

This is a snap shot of Brunswick County residents' opportunity for employment, health factors, education, and families.

Community and Resident Perspectives

The bulleted list below encompasses information is from the Brunswick County Extension Situational Analysis Survey by participants answering the following question. Each BCEL member was asked to get residents in their area of the county to fill out the survey. In addition to the below listed comments, the majority of residents were somewhat familiar, familiar, or very familiar with Virginia Cooperative Extension – Brunswick County. It was approximately half and half of those surveyed who had participated or not in an educational program offered by Virginia Cooperative Extension – Brunswick County.

How should the Brunswick County Extension Agents and Staff address priority issues?

- Offer/provide parenting skills classes
- Help create a produce auction (such as one in Southampton)
- Brunswick County Extension should continue their collaboration with Brunswick County residents and stakeholders. Getting information out now needs to be a community effort.
- Extension, Brunswick Co. Public Schools, & Board of Supervisors should work in unison to better the entirety of the education system. Offering more programs & classes will benefit the community now and for years to come. Brunswick should be re-built from its foundation up. Start with its youth.
- Survey number one should be address as an opportunity for the county. Work with whoever suggest the best idea and the county work together for success. Give everyone an opportunity, because youth have good ideas.
- First come, first serve.
- Offer educational, as well as, parenting classes.
- Child development – seminars, classes in the school, partner
- Start a community program involving the kids
- Nutrition is such a large problem within Brunswick County. Fruits and vegetable are overpriced in the grocery stores compared to other areas making it more difficult for people to purchase their foods. I understand that many people are not going to really be worried about their health in terms of obesity and nutrition, but this is where I believe extension could make a large impact. The office could look at the health statistics of individuals within the county. I believe that they could present the material to farmers and then potentially in other settings. They could also merge with the Massey Cancer Center in Lawrenceville to promote the health disparities.
- More information care for the senior citizens, Use church for contact.
- Community activities, parent meetings, schools, children programs
- Work with county leaders, churches, schools and get input from public through community meetings
- By helping people budget money

- Provides activities for youth outside of a school setting where youth can enjoy things that they like to do and build social skills and character.
- Teens should be asked to gather together to discuss how they can better themselves by working in/with the community.
- Have more programs where you “meet people where they are.” People do not come out for many events. Visit local churches to reach more people.
- Continue to create events targeting parents/kids involving health & wellness – promoting interaction with school and community. Need parent education – but promoted in a fun exciting way.
- Creating more afterschool and weekend programs for children to keep them out of trouble
- More educational programs for the younger children and their parents. Parents need to encourage their children to eat better and exercise more.
- To make sure land use if financial secure
- Health and wellness is being addressed, we need to have more classes
- Brunswick Cooperative Extension offers all sorts of activities but parent involvement needs to be addressed to allow their children to get involved.
- The parents in our area need to be educated. Perhaps Brunswick County Extension can work with our schools for family activities. There they can teach the parents about healthy eating and exercise
- Brunswick Cooperative Extension should conduct a needs assessment for children and their plan to meet the needs. They should continue to provide outreach opportunities for children.
- Explain to children where their food comes from
- Be more active in our community. I would like to see involvement like they have in Emporia/Greenville her eat home, instead of having to drive kids down there.
- More education and changing trends as it relates to health and wellness.

Priority Issues

The following information reported from the Brunswick County Extension Situational Analysis Survey Summary. The results were given to the BCLEC members are some of the headings were combined for ease of agent programming and reporting.

Strengthening Families and Aging Population

The majority of responses pertained to Health and Wellness, Parent Education, Child Development, and Dependent Care of the Aging Populations. Many of these responses include programming aspects of nutrition, exercise, cooking skills, healthy foods, and parenting skills.

Currently SNAP-Ed/Family Consumer Sciences Agent is working on training teachers and other volunteers to teach curriculum to youth in schools, after school, summer events, etc. These curriculums are Organ Wise Guys, Teen Cuisine, LEAP, and others. The Agent is currently working with the Brunswick Sweet Potato Day, Brunswick Health Ambassadors and Brunswick Farms to Families; these local committees are looking at health and nutrition. There is work, in conjunction with the Agriculture Agent, on Household Well Water Testing educational programs. The School Market Place and local food banks are an integral part of the program as well. Other partnerships include SHAB, CHAT (Community Health Action Team), RAM (Remote Area Medical), and others.

The BCELC is in agreement with the major headings of the top four priorities cited by the surveys. The members are very interested in the many educational opportunities and formal/informal programs to educate Youth and Volunteers.

The Agent will continue to do the current programming. There will be additional partnerships explored and established. One in the early stage is the Preschool/Head Start Programs and working with parents.

Youth Development

The majority of responses pertained to Parent Education, Child Development, Recreation, Youth Activities/Extra Curricular, and Youth Drug Use/Violence/School Drop Out. Many of these responses include programming aspects of healthy lifestyles, camp, demonstrations/presentations, STEAM, day camps, in school, after school, community clubs, project clubs, and volunteer/parenting skills.

Currently the 4-H Youth Development Agent is working to teach curriculum to youth in schools, after school, summer events, etc. The in school, after school, community clubs, project clubs etc. are a way to get the educational programming formally/informally to youth and adults.

These curriculums include health, nutrition, yoga, STEAM, and others. The Agent is currently working with the Brunswick Health Ambassadors and Brunswick Sweet Potato Day; these local committees are looking at health and nutrition. The School Market Place and local food banks are an integral part of the program as it is an opportunity to engage with school personnel, parents, and youth for various programs.

The BCELC is in agreement with the major headings of the top five priorities cited by the surveys. The members are very interested in the many educational opportunities and formal/informal programs to educate Youth and Volunteers.

The Agent will continue to do the current programming. There will be additional partnerships explored and established. Additional programs will include youth leadership development, additional life skills programs, youth to attend more district and state events.

Finances/Financial Management and Economic Development

The majority of the responses pertained to Small Businesses/Entrepreneurs and Land Leasing. Other responses included Estate Planning, Farm Transition, Budgeting, and the Economics centered on Wildlife. Wildlife could include bird watchers, wildlife photography, fishing and hunting.

Currently the Agriculture Agent has provided local workshops on land leasing and estate planning. In the past, these were not well attended. There has been previous work with VSU Mobile Computer Laboratory and the response has been mixed. The Agent is currently working with the area food safety agent on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for fruit and vegetable production. Networks being established and maintained with the Southern Virginia Food Hub, Brunswick County Economic Development, and Brunswick County Industrial Development Authority. One of the recent programs was the Brunswick County Agriculture and Timber Conference; the agriculture producers break out session included grain marketing, agriculture marketing programs, and hemp rules sessions. This was a means of helping producers explore additional marketing avenues for current and future agriculture crops on their operations.

The BCELC is in agreement with the major headings of the top two priorities cited by the surveys. The members are very interested in the many educational opportunities and formal/informal programs to educate Youth and Volunteers.

The Agent will continue to do the current programming. There will be additional partnerships explored and established. Additional programs will include grain marketing, estate planning, land leasing, and small business information for residents.

Agriculture and Wildlife

The majority of responses pertained to Land Use, Health/Nutrition/Obesity, and Public Awareness of Agriculture. Many of these responses include programming aspects of healthy lifestyles, agriculture programs for the producers, public, and youth, land use.

Currently the Agriculture Agent is working to provide educational programming formally/informally to youth and adults. These curriculums include animal health, livestock production, pesticide education, pond management, and best management programs including: Beef Quality Assurance, Pork Quality Assurance Plus, Transport Quality Assurance, and Youth for the Quality Care of Animals, etc. The Agent is currently working with the Brunswick Health Ambassadors and Brunswick Sweet Potato Day; these local committees are looking at health and nutrition. The School Market Place has become a staff program effort pertaining to health and nutrition. There is work, in conjunction with the SNAP-Ed/Family Consumer Sciences Agent, on Household Well Water Testing educational programs and RAM (Remote Area Medical). The Agent is working with Brunswick County Farm Bureau to educate the public, youth and adults, about where their food and fiber comes from.

The BCELC is in agreement with the major headings of the top three priorities cited by the surveys. The members are very interested in the many educational opportunities and formal/informal programs to educate agriculture producers, public, and youth.

The Agent will continue to do the current programming. There will be additional partnerships explored and established. Additional programs will include working with area agents on forestry and farm estate planning, value added agriculture products, etc. There will be additional networks strengthened to provide educational programs on marketing.

Appendices

The following are reference materials and examples of survey and summary of the data,

Reference Materials Utilized

2012 Census of Agriculture

2017 Quick Facts, Brunswick County, Virginia, United States, Census Data

Comprehensive Plan of Brunswick County, Virginia, 2037

Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Lawrenceville, Virginia, 2017-2037

Unit Profile, Demographic Summary, 2011

Survey and Summary

Survey

Brunswick County Extension Situational Analysis Survey

The Brunswick Extension Office completes a Situation Analysis every five years. A Situation Analysis assists us in discovering the issues that residents and stakeholders within Brunswick feel are most important. While educational programs offered through Extension always seek to address a local need, over time, those needs change or new ones emerge.

In the following survey, you will be asked to identify the five issues you feel are most critical to Brunswick County and how you feel those issues should be addressed.

The following list is provided for your reference only. There are headers for the priority issues, while some examples of each priority are listed below the header. Please feel free to choose from the list of priority issues and give examples from the list below or submit your own in the survey. Please list issues in the order of importance with 1 being the most importance and 5 being the least.

Agriculture

Agriculture Marketing
Agriculture Production/Profitability
Agriculture Sustainability/Preservation
Alternate Agriculture
Animals/Livestock
Invasive Species
Land Use
Local Food Systems
Natural Resource Production/Profitability
Pests/Pesticides
Public Awareness of Agriculture
Science and Technology
Food Preservation/Obesity
Health/Nutrition/Obesity
Water Quality/Quantity

Wildlife*

Hunting
Nuisance
Watching

Economic Development

Farm Transition
Small Business/Entrepreneurs
Wildlife

Family Strengthening

Health & Wellness
Parent education
Child development
Recreation

Youth

Teen Community Involvement
Teen Leadership/Life Skills/Decision Making
Parenting Education
Child Development
Youth Activities/Extra-Curricular
Youth Drug Use/Violence/School Drop Out
Recreation

Aging Population

Dependent Care
Health & Wellness

Finances/Financial Management

Budgeting
Estate Planning
Land leasing

Please rank issues in order of importance with one being the most important and five being the least important.

Priority Issue #1 _____

Priority Issue #2 _____

Priority Issue #3 _____

Priority Issue #4 _____

Priority Issue #5 _____

How should priority issue #1 be addressed by the Brunswick County Extension? Please explain.

How familiar are you with Virginia Cooperative Extension- Brunswick? (Ex. 4-H, Agriculture, Nutrition)

- a. Not Familiar
- b. Somewhat Familiar
- c. Familiar
- d. Very Familiar

Have you ever participated in an educational program offered by Virginia Cooperative Extension-Brunswick?

- e. Yes
- f. No

Would you like to be contacted by our office to discuss education programs that are available to you through

VCE- Brunswick? Yes No

If you answered Yes, please provide your name and preferred method of contact:

Any Additional Comments?

Thank you for your time!

Summary

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<u>Agriculture</u>	2
Agriculture Marketing	2
Agriculture Production/Profitability	2
Agriculture Sustainability/Preservation	2
Alternate Agriculture	0
Animals/Livestock	3
Invasive Species	3
Land Use	14
Local Food Systems	8
Natural Resource Production/Profitability	1
Pests/Pesticides	1
Public Awareness of Agriculture	10
Science and Technology	4
Food Preservation/Obesity	4
Health/Nutrition/Obesity	12
Water Quality/Quantity	0

<u>Wildlife*</u>	1
Hunting	2
Nuisance	3
Watching	1

<u>Economic Development</u>	2
Farm Transition	3
Small Business/Entrepreneurs	22
Wildlife	2

<u>Family Strengthening</u>	6
Health & Wellness	27
Parent education	26
Child development	18
Recreation	18

<u>Youth</u>	5
Teen Community Involvement	3
Teen Leadership/Life Skills/Decision Making	8
Parenting Education	24
Child Development	18
Youth Activities/Extra-Curricular	15
Youth Drug Use/Violence/School Drop Out	11
Recreation	18

<u>Aging Population</u>	6
Dependent Care	11
Health & Wellness	17

<u>Finances/Financial Management</u>	4
Budgeting	7
Estate Planning	5
Land leasing	14

Other Information

<i>No response</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Infrastructure</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Education</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Taxes</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Economics: Jobs</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>New Business: Restaurant, Animal Veterinarian on weekends</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Recreation for youth/adults2</i>	
<i>Training sites for skilled workers/laborers (vocational?)</i>	<i>1</i>

Please rank issues in order of importance with one being the most important and five being the least important.

Priority Issue #1 __Strengthening Families and Aging Population_(129 responses)_

Priority Issue #2 __Youth__(102) responses)_____

Priority Issue #3 _Finances/Financial Management and Economic Development (91 responses)_____

Priority Issue #4 _Agriculture and Wildlife__(75 responses)_____

Priority Issue #5 _____

How should priority issue #1 be addressed by the Brunswick County Extension? Please explain.

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- *Start a community program involving the kids*
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- *The parents in our area need to be educated. Perhaps Brunswick County Extension can work with our schools for family activities. There they can teach the parents about healthy eating and exercise*
- *Brunswick Cooperative Extension should conduct a needs assessment for children and their plan to meet the needs. They should continue to provide outreach opportunities for children.*
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Other Agencies and Organizations Information and possible networks or partnership

- *Getting more jobs to come to Brunswick County*
- *More activities, less plans, etc. in the school system, offer FFA to Students*
- *Work with the IDA to get JOBS in our community*
- *Youth recreation should be addressed by opening maybe a rec center that allows children the opportunity to play ball, tutor, etc.*
- *Having more options for day/child care would be helpful. Only having one licensed child care facility in this vast county, create a hardship for working parents.*
- *Having a YMCA in this area would help because they have activities that kids could participate in and gives them a place to go.*
- *There needs to be more opportunity for families to be able to spend down time together without going so far (Richmond/Colonial Heights)*

- *Plan to be put in place for possible future land use changes, taxes, and loss control of how tax payers use their property*
- *The county should support hunting with dogs. Also promote other types of hunting in county.*
- *The best way to address parent education is through a partnership with the local school system. Resources can be combined from both entities. I would suggest combining this (or an) educational opportunity with an activity in which parents with already be at the school such as a performance, meal, etc.*
- *People should be educated on how land should be used to benefit the community. They should also know what their taxes go towards*
- *Land is expensive and one acre of land is not necessary for residential building. To get a lot less than an acre is a tedious process.*
- *Move immediately to build a YNCA and Strengthen the 4-H and FFA Programs*
- *I feel as if the students and kids should be able to go to a place that is safe and secure to have fun afterschool and during our breaks to have lunch, learn, and play.*
- *Church forums, Family nights on the town square – courtyard, forums in the schools, home meetings?*
- *Inform public on land use tax. I feel current taxes and rates are fair but actions should be taken if sudden increases in tax rates or land value are proposed. I feel general county does not know what land use tax is.*

How familiar are you with Virginia Cooperative Extension- Brunswick? (Ex. 4-H, Agriculture, Nutrition)

- g. Not Familiar **4**
- h. Somewhat Familiar **23**
- i. Familiar **17**
- j. Very Familiar **14**
- No response **1**

Have you ever participated in an educational program offered by Virginia Cooperative Extension-Brunswick?

- k. Yes **31**
- l. No **26**
- No response **2**

Would you like to be contacted by our office to discuss education programs that are available to you through VCE- Brunswick? Yes **21** No **35** No response **3**

If you answered Yes, please provide your name and preferred method of contact:

Removed contact information

Any Additional Comments?

- *I think the extension office already does a fantastic job for Brunswick County. We look forward to a continued partnership with our schools.*
- *Mrs. Martin does a great job helping educate younger students.*
- *I feel Brunswick County Extension does the best it can for the children of Brunswick but the parents to contend with to get kids involved.*
- *Mrs. Martin is doing an awesome job with the Organ Wise Guys program my class looks forward to her visit!*
- *I have spoken to the local agent but not much luck with the leaders of the few programs they have*
- *I have gained much knowledge ad many experiences through the extension office over the years. I might consider partnering and working along beside you.*
- *People need to realize that farm and forestland does not cost the county anything and should be taxed accordingly. Not a problem now but could be in future.*