



COMMUNITY PROFILE

City of Hopewell, Virginia



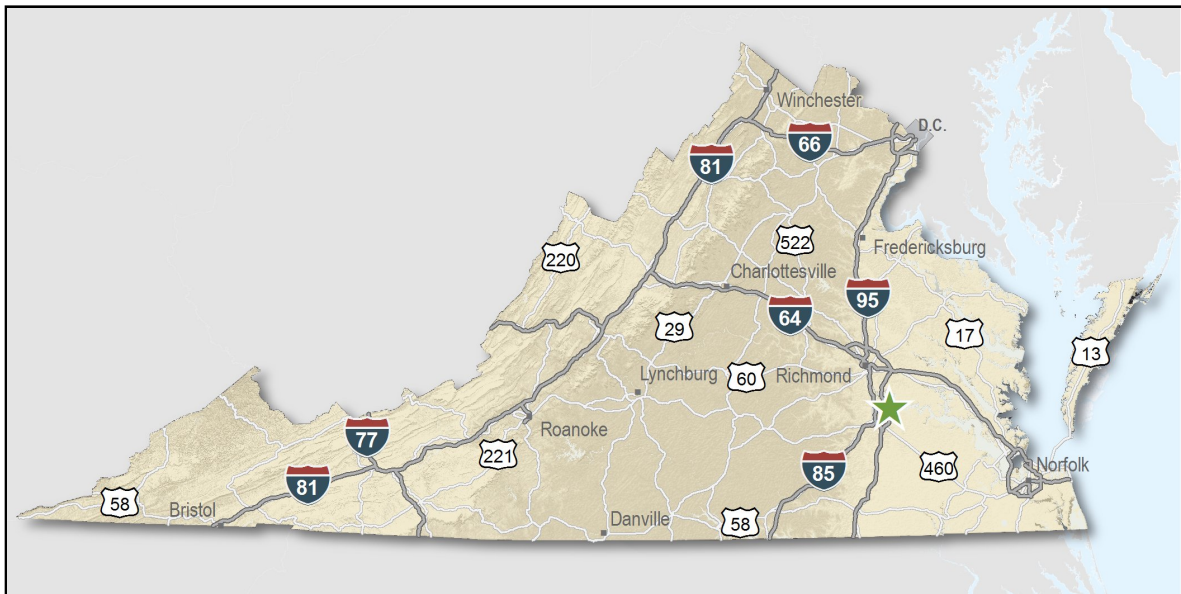
**VIRGINIA ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**
www.YesVirginia.org

State Map

Only a few locations can guarantee the right combination of resources that are crucial to your business's success. Virginia's premier location offers excellent domestic and international access. Centrally located on the U.S. East Coast, 40 percent of the U.S. population is within a day's drive, and our integrated transportation system of highways, railroads, airports and seaports ensures that you can reach every one of your markets efficiently. Close proximity to Washington, D.C. facilitates contact with policy makers and the federal government system.

Virginia continues to rank among America's leading states for business by CNBC and Forbes.com. Business-first values, easy access to markets, stable and competitive operating costs, and a talented workforce all drove Virginia to the top. This unique combination of assets has encouraged businesses to prosper here for more than 400 years. Like you, they searched the world over for that convergence of resources that would help ensure their prosperity. For them, their search ended here. Chances are yours will too.

- AAA bond rating- Virginia has maintained a AAA rating since 1938, longer than any other state.
- Right-to-work law allows individuals the right to work regardless of membership in a labor union or organization.
- Corporate income tax rate of 6% has not been increased since 1972.
- Headquarters to 37 Fortune 1000 firms.
- Headquarters to 52 firms each with annual revenue over \$1 billion.
- More than 17,300 high-tech establishments operate in Virginia.
- More than 700 internationally-owned businesses from 45 countries are located in Virginia.
- Ranks third among the 50 states as a recipient of federal R&D funds.
- Streamlined permitting process.
- Recruitment training programs to help new businesses become operational faster.
- Programs at little or no cost to help businesses increase international sales.



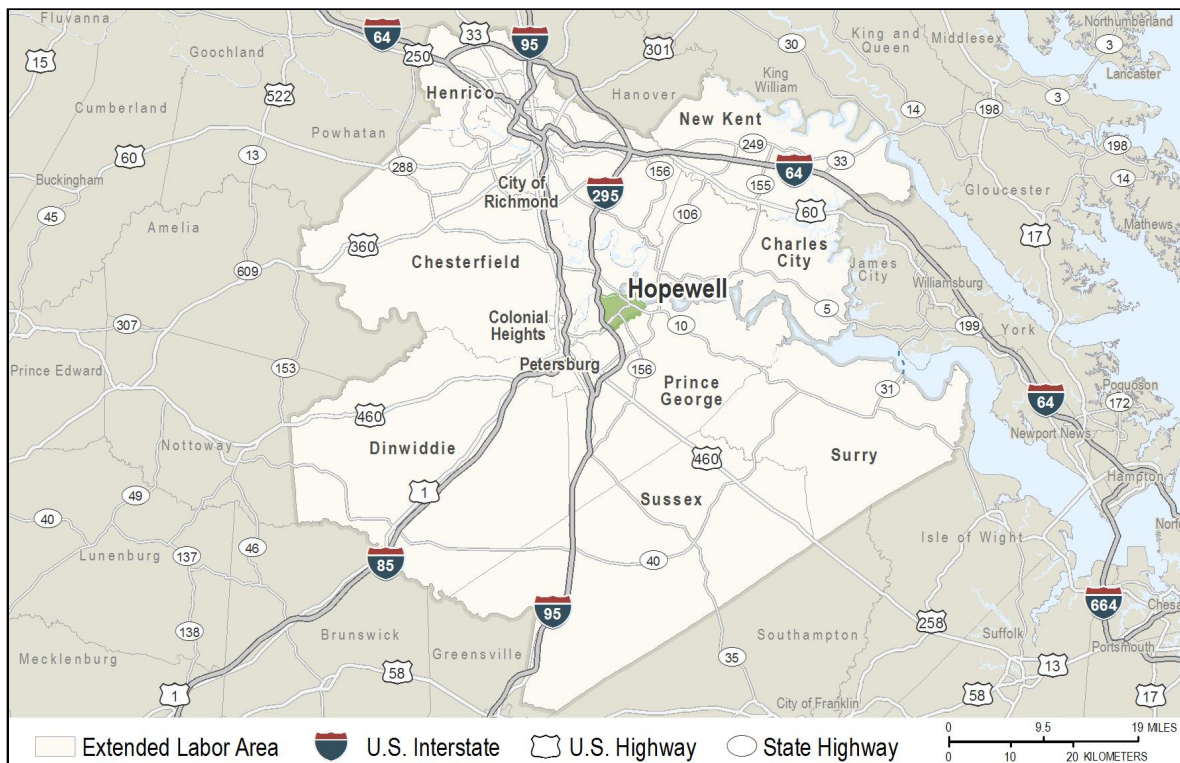
Location

The city of Hopewell is a dynamic riverfront community located at the confluence of the James and Appomattox Rivers. Hopewell has the charm of a small community with convenient access to the amenities of the Richmond metropolitan area. The city is located along Interstate 295 and is easily accessible to Interstates 64, 85, and 95, making it an excellent location to serve the markets of the East and Midwest.

Hopewell is approximately 25 miles southeast of the capital city of Richmond and accessible by both I-295 and I-95.

Hopewell is 25 miles southeast of Richmond and 120 miles south of Washington, D.C. The Port of Hampton Roads is 90 miles southeast. Ft. Lee, the home of the Combined Arms Support Command, is located along the city's western edge.

The city of Hopewell is located within the Richmond Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).



City of Hopewell

From small local businesses to Fortune 500 companies, Hopewell is home to a diverse economy and offers a pro-business climate, committed to economic development. The city is promoting development opportunities ranging from mixed-use sites in our historic downtown business district and along the riverfront to commercial/retail sites along Interstate 295 adjacent to a recently expanded major military installation to industrial sites that build on the city's strong industrial base. Hopewell stands posed at the confluence of two rivers ready to take advantage of new growth opportunities presented by the global economy. Visit us online at www.hopewellva.gov and allow us to introduce Hopewell to you.

At the Confluence

Labor Market

Population

Gender Distribution (2016)	Male	Female
City of Hopewell	46.5%	53.5%

Race/Ethnicity (2016)

Classification	Profile Area	Extended Labor Area
White	12,102	615,470
Black	9,348	354,362
Two or More	791	25,477
Asian	284	48,238
American Indian or Alaska Native	153	5,749
Pacific Islander	57	1,293
Hispanic (may be of any race)	1,757	19,327

Median Age (2016)	36 years	
--------------------------	----------	--

Civilian Labor Force (2016)

City of Hopewell	9,681
Extended Labor Market Area	546,425
Total	556,106

Labor Force Participation (2011-2015)

City of Hopewell	60.1%
Extended Labor Market Area	66.4%

Unemployment

Unemployment Rate (September 2017)

City of Hopewell	5.8%
Extended Labor Market Area	3.8%
Statewide	3.6%

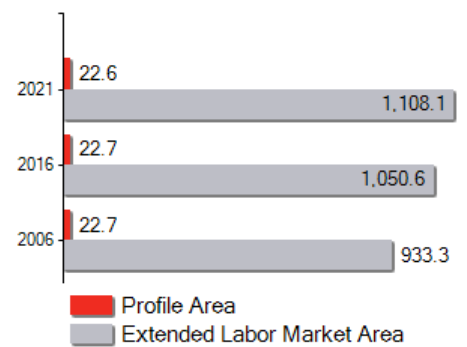
Unemployed (2016)

City of Hopewell	629
Extended Labor Market Area	22,776
Total	23,405

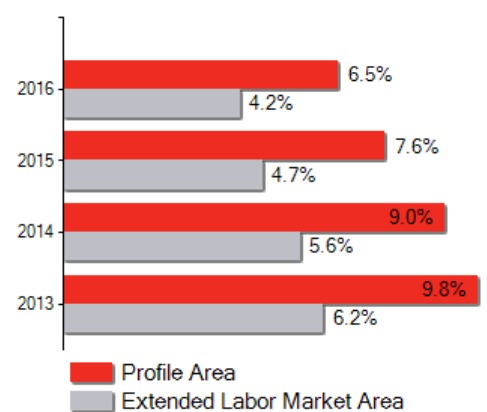
Underemployed (3rd Quarter 2017)

City of Hopewell	1,290
Extended Labor Market Area	72,927
Total	74,217

Population in Thousands



Unemployment Rates



Labor Market

Commuter Time (2011-2015)		
Worked from home	135	1.5%
Under 15 minutes	2,289	25.9%
15-24 minutes	3,597	40.7%
25-34 minutes	1,493	16.9%
35-44 minutes	495	5.6%
45-59 minutes	654	7.4%
Over 60 minutes	300	3.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)	22	

The Port of Richmond is located 19 miles northwest and the Ports of Hampton Roads are less than 100 miles southeast.

Additional Labor Resources	
High School Graduates Not Continuing (2015-2016)	74
Two-Year College Graduates (Spring 2016)	3,739
Two-Year College Enrollees (Fall 2016)	68,674
Other College and University Graduates (Spring 2016)	9,634
Total	82,121

Labor Market

Career Readiness Certificate (01/01/2016-08/31/2017)

Virginia's Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) assists employers by certifying that a recipient possesses core skills in applied math, reading for information, and locating information. The CRC certification is based on established Workeys® assessment tests. Virginia uses a three-tiered approach (bronze, silver, gold) to credentialing certificate holders that is based on the recipient's level of development skills.

City of Hopewell	214
Extended Labor Market Area	1,420
Total	1,634

The city's location within the Richmond metropolitan area provides easy access to the region's labor pool.

Educational Attainment

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2016)	85.1%
Percentage of City of Hopewell population age 25+ who are high school graduates (2011-2015)	80.9%
Percentage of City of Hopewell population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher (2011-2015)	12.3%

Labor Market

Employment by Sector* (1st Qtr. 2017)		
Agriculture Forestry Fishing and Hunting	N.D.	N.D.
Mining Quarrying and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0
Utilities	130	1.7%
Construction	320	4.2%
Manufacturing	2,169	28.4%
Wholesale Trade	116	1.5%
Retail Trade	601	7.9%
Transportation and Warehousing	16	0.2%
Information	N.D.	N.D.
Finance and Insurance	113	1.5%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	61	0.8%
Professional Scientific and Technical Services	193	2.5%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	N.D.	N.D.
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	258	3.4%
Educational Services	N.D.	N.D.
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,229	16.1%
Arts Entertainment and Recreation	25	0.3%
Accommodation and Food Services	784	10.2%
Other Services	205	2.7%
Total Government	1,373	17.9%
Federal Government	29	0.4%
State Government	40	0.5%
Local Government	1,304	17.0%
Unclassified	18	0.2%
Total	7,650	100.0%

N.D. - Not Disclosed

*By Business Establishment

The expansion of the U.S. Army Base at Ft. Lee offers numerous business opportunities in the city.

Labor Market

Major Employers

Manufacturing

<i>Company</i>	<i>Product/Service</i>
AdvanSix	Chemicals & fibers
Ashland Aqualon Functional Ingredients	Specialty chemical products
E. I. DuPont De Nemours & Co.	Chemicals
Evonik Industries	Chemicals
WestRock	Containerboard

NonManufacturing

<i>Company</i>	<i>Product/Service</i>
John Randolph Medical Center	Health care

Located in the Richmond Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), the region has a workforce of approximately one million people.

Labor Market

Union Activity (10/1/2015 - 10/1/2017)

Petitions filed for decertification	0
Petitions filed for representation	0
Petitions filed for raid	0
Elections won by union	0
Elections won by company	0

Labor Market

Estimated Earnings (May 2016)

<i>Occupation</i>	<i>Median Wage</i>	<i>Mean Wage</i>	<i>Median Salary</i>	<i>Mean Salary</i>
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$12.59	\$14.32	\$26,183.84	\$29,800.15
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	\$16.90	\$16.77	\$35,143.89	\$34,884.38
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$19.85	\$20.94	\$41,279.04	\$43,559.17
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$21.41	\$21.11	\$44,549.03	\$43,895.81
Team Assemblers	\$15.62	\$16.22	\$32,477.36	\$33,743.10
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$31.52	\$33.80	\$65,556.32	\$70,303.58
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$17.98	\$18.90	\$37,395.25	\$39,321.45
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$27.48	\$27.36	\$57,143.48	\$56,895.87
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$24.28	\$25.45	\$50,518.64	\$52,938.07
Office Clerks, General	\$14.72	\$15.32	\$30,635.88	\$31,858.12
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	\$15.77	\$17.23	\$32,790.38	\$35,825.07
Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$13.89	\$14.03	\$28,893.89	\$29,172.65
Customer Service Representatives	\$16.28	\$16.55	\$33,847.22	\$34,419.03
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	\$18.90	\$19.70	\$39,305.98	\$40,973.43
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$26.01	\$26.25	\$54,097.55	\$54,608.09
Telemarketers	\$10.65	\$11.11	\$22,161.00	\$23,110.00
Accountants and Auditors	\$35.42	\$39.73	\$73,678.71	\$82,637.01
Management Analysts	\$38.81	\$41.05	\$80,717.59	\$85,391.14
Human Resources Specialists	\$30.67	\$32.38	\$63,799.98	\$67,352.08
Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	\$35.00	\$34.79	\$72,799.10	\$72,355.22

Per Capita Personal Income (2015)

\$37,178

Median Family Income (2011-2015)

\$51,489

Education

Public School Enrollment (Fall 2016)		
<i>Level</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>
Preschool	1	298
Elementary	3	1,994
Middle	1	870
High School	1	1,130

John Tyler Community College provides workforce training for the entire region.

Student Teacher Ratio (FY 2016)	
Elementary	11:1
Secondary	12:1

Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2016)
\$10,359.00

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2016)
85.1%

High School Graduates Continuing Education (2015-2016)
73.6%

Advanced Programs (2016-2017)	
Governor's Schools	
Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts & Technology	
Governor's School Enrollment	26
Students taking 1 or more Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	107
Students taking 1 or more AP Exams	104
Students taking 1 or more Dual Enrollment Courses	180

Workforce Development Facilities	
<i>Facility</i>	<i>Type</i>
Virginia Workforce Center - Petersburg	Satellite Center
Virginia Workforce Center-Emporia/Greenville	Comprehensive Center
Virginia Workforce Center-Tri-Cities	Comprehensive Center

Education

Higher Education Facilities — Fall 2016

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>
Virginia Commonwealth University	31,218
ECPI University - Emerywood Campus	11,735 [‡]
ECPI University - Innsbrook Campus	11,735 [‡]
ECPI University - Moorefield Campus	11,735 [‡]
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College - Parham Road Campus	7,680
Strayer University - Chesterfield Campus	6,473 [‡] [◊]
John Tyler Community College - Midlothian Campus	6,398
John Tyler Community College - Chester Campus	5,268
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College - Downtown Campus	4,815
Virginia State University	4,584
University of Richmond	4,135
Richard Bland College	2,203
Virginia Union University	1,817
Bryant & Stratton College - Richmond Campus	488 [◊]
Union Presbyterian Seminary	184 [◊]
Centura College - Richmond Main Campus	144
Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond	67
Old Dominion University - Richmond Campus	*
Virginia Tech - Richmond Center	*
Central Texas College - Fort Lee Campus	†
Florida Institute of Technology - Fort Lee Campus	†
Central Michigan University - Fort Lee Center	†
Stratford University - Richmond Campus	†

* Enrollment figures are included in participating colleges and universities.

† Enrollment figures are not available.

‡ Enrollment figures are for all campuses.

◊ Fall 2015 Enrollment

Virginia Commonwealth University is the Commonwealth's largest university.

Transportation

Interstates	
Name	Distance
I-295	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-95	3.0 miles (4.8 km.)
I-85	4.2 miles (6.8 km.)
I-64	13.7 miles (22.0 km.)
I-195	18.7 miles (30.1 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

Highways			
Highway 10	Highway 156	Highway 36	

Commercial Air Service		
<i>Richmond International Airport, Sandston -- 21.0 miles (33.9 km.)</i>		
American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	Southwest Airlines
United Airlines	JetBlue Airways	Allegiant Air
OneJet		

Newport News-Williamsburg International Airport, Newport News -- 72.8 miles (117.2 km.)

American Airlines	Delta Air Lines	
-------------------	-----------------	--

Note: Within a 75-mile drive of the center of the locality.

Richmond International Airport is located 15 miles north of the city.

Transportation

General Aviation Service

<i>Name</i>	<i>Runway Length</i>
Chesterfield County Airport, Chesterfield	5,500 ft (1,676 m)

Freight Rail Service

CSX Transportation

Norfolk Southern Railway Company

Seaports

<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Port of Virginia (Richmond Marine Terminal)	19.0 miles (30.6 km)
Port of Virginia (Virginia International Gateway)	78.0 miles (125.5 km)
Port of Virginia (Norfolk International Terminals)	91.0 miles (146.5 km)
Port of Virginia (Portsmouth Marine Terminal)	92.0 miles (148.1 km)
Port of Virginia (Newport News Marine Terminals)	95.0 miles (152.9 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality to Port of Virginia and any other seaports within 100 miles.

Other Ports of Entry

<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Richmond-Petersburg	21.0 miles (33.9 km)
Newport News	72.8 miles (117.2 km)
Norfolk	99.4 miles (160.0 km)
Port of Washington - Dulles	136.6 miles (219.9 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality to Port of Washington - Dulles and any other port of entry within 100 miles.

Hopewell is conveniently located near several transportation assets, including Norfolk Southern & CSX rail service, Interstates 85, 95, & 294, and the Ports of Virginia, that provide excellent access to the nation's markets.

Utilities



Utilities	
Electric	Dominion Energy
Natural Gas	Columbia Gas of Virginia
Telecommunications	Verizon-Virginia
Water	Virginia American Water Company
Waste Water Treatment	Hopewell Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility
Solid Waste Disposal	Private Waste Haulers and Landfills

The city of Hopewell operates a wastewater treatment facility design to treat both industrial and domestic waste. The facility is a partnership between the city and local industry.

Financial Institutions

Financial Institutions — 4th Qtr 2016 Assets	
<i>Bank</i>	<i>Assets (millions)</i>
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	\$1,727,235.0
Bank of America, N.A.	\$1,677,490.0
Branch Banking and Trust Company	\$214,433.0
SunTrust Bank	\$200,557.6
Virginia Commonwealth Bank	\$319.0

The 5th District Federal Reserve is headquartered in the Richmond metropolitan area. Hopewell is served by several local, regional and national banking institutions.

Government and Taxes

Government

Hopewell has a City Manager and a seven-member City Council.

The city has a comprehensive plan and zoning and subdivision ordinances.

Cultural attractions can be found throughout the region including the Virginia Museum for Fine Arts.

Taxes

Localities in Virginia collect a 1% sales tax. They do not tax other items taxed at the State level.

Counties and cities in Virginia are separate taxing entities. Therefore, a company pays taxes to either a county or to a city.

If a company is located in a town, it pays town and county taxes except for utility taxes which are paid only to the town and the license tax which is paid only to the town unless town law permits the additional collection of a county tax.

Manufacturers pay real estate, machinery and tools, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes.

Nonmanufacturers pay real estate, tangible personal property, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes. They also may pay either a merchants' capital or a license tax.

Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Hopewell) [pdf](#)

Non-Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Hopewell) [pdf](#)

Community Facilities

Residents of Hopewell have easy access to the 147-bed John Randolph Medical Center, which offers a full range of medical services that include 24-hour emergency care, nuclear medicine, physical therapy, and respiratory care. John Randolph Medical Center was named one of the nation's top performers on key quality measures by the Joint Commission. Southside Regional Medical Center in Petersburg, a 468-bed acute care facility provides extensive facilities and services that include emergency care, surgery, intensive and coronary care, physical rehabilitation, and a school of nursing. There more than 3,500 physicans and 17 acute care and speciality hospitals with approximately 4,000-beds are located in the Richmond area, which has been designated as a prime medical center by the American Medical Association. The designation is giving only to areas where each type of medical care and surgery is provided.

Three long-term care nursing facilities with a total of 248-beds are located in Hopewell that offer rehabilitative and outpatient services. There are an additional twenty-three nursing care facilities located throughout the metropolitan area.

The Hopewell health department provides a wide range of public health care services that include family planning, obstetrics, immunizations and x-ray clinics.

Outdoor recreational activities abound including Minor League Baseball, NASCAR and two theme parks.

Community Facilities

(continued)

Hopewell is a part of the Appomattox Regional Library System. The main branch of the Appomattox Regional Library System is located in downtown Hopewell. This library system circulates 119,561 volumes. Area colleges and universities also open their library facilities to the public. These library facilities include the 64,105-volume collection at Richard Bland College, the 75,472-volume collection at John Tyler Community College, and the 768,818-volume collection at Virginia State University.

There are 35 churches representing the leading Protestant denominations located in Hopewell. Catholic churches and Jewish synagogues can be found in Petersburg and Richmond.

Numerous shopping opportunities are available throughout the metropolitan area. The city of Hopewell has two shopping centers that offer a broad retail mix of department and specialty stores. The newly revitalized downtown area of Hopewell also offers a variety of retail and service-related businesses. As part of the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area, city residents enjoy easy access to virtually unlimited shopping choices throughout the area.

The James and Appomattox rivers provide numerous water related activities for Hopewell residents.

Lifestyle

Hopewell and the metropolitan area provide numerous opportunities to pursue historical, cultural and recreational opportunities. Residents, as well as visitors, can enjoy the many homes and sites encountered on the Historic District Walking Tour. The area, first settled in the early 1600's, has played significant roles in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Appomattox Manor, a National Historic Landmark, was used as headquarters by Grant during the Civil War. Hopewell is also the gateway to the historic James River Plantations, which include Brandon, Berkeley, Shirley, Westover, and Evelynton.

The city operates a visitor's center for the convenience of the public.

Cultural attractions in the area include Weston Manor where drama, music and ballet performances are held on the outdoor stage; the Fort Lee Playhouse; and the Swift Creek Mill dinner theater.

Recreational opportunities are also plentiful in Hopewell. The James and Appomattox Rivers offer fishing, boating and swimming. The Hopewell Yacht Club holds several regattas during the year. Both the Yacht Club and Jordan Point Marina offer excellent docking facilities. Jordan Point Country Club has tennis courts, a swimming pool, and an 18-hole golf course. The club opens their golf course to the general public during weekdays.

Public recreational facilities include a full-service community center with competition-sized indoor swimming pool, gymnasium, exercise room, racquetball courts and tennis courts; ten additional tennis courts, seven softball/baseball fields, two community parks, six neighborhood parks, and two multi-purpose parks.

Hopewell's close proximity to Richmond enables residents to enjoy the numerous cultural, historical and entertainment attractions the area has to offer. These attractions include the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Virginia Science Museum, and performances by the Virginia Opera, the Richmond Ballet and Theater Virginia.

[Richmond MSA Profile](#)

[Virginia's Gateway Region Profile](#)

[Virginia's Gateway Region](#)

The mountains and Atlantic Ocean are both within a 90-mile drive of Hopewell.