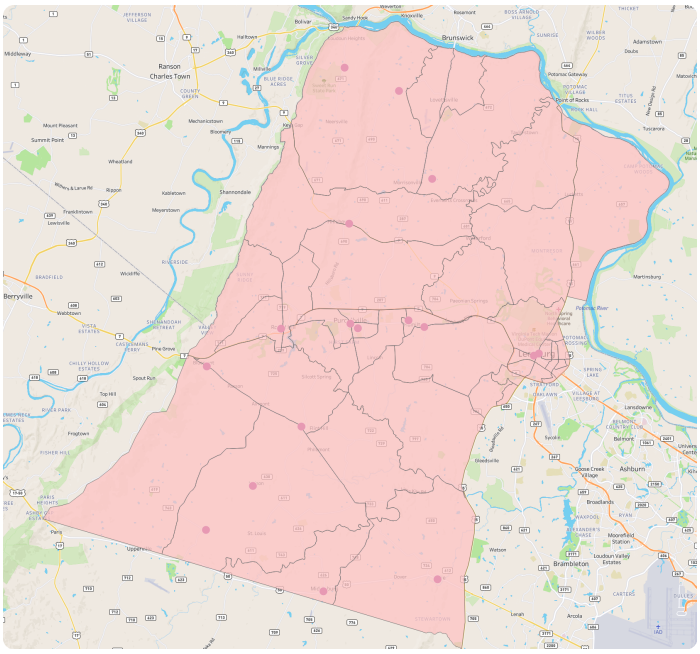
A MICRO-COMMUNITY PORTRAIT

Western Loudoun

The county's historic heart — rolling farmland, vineyards, and horse country anchored by Leesburg, and small-town character.



Micro-community shown with block group boundaries

94,533	17	558	13
residents in 2025 99,005 projected by 2030 (+4.7%)	UM churches	average in worship	appointed UM clergy

WE ALREADY KNOW MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS

558 average in worship × **150** Dunbar's Number* = **83,700** Number of people within the Micro-community we may already know

That is 89% of everyone who lives here.

It can seem daunting to reach a community of 94,533. Yet as neighbors we are already within meaningful relationship with about 83,700 of our neighbors.

***Dunbar's number (150)** the number of meaningful relationships a person can sustain, per anthropologist Robin Dunbar — a conservative gauge of a community's existing relational reach.

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WHERE WE CALL HOME

We are Loudoun County's countryside — the rolling farmland, vineyards, and horse country of the Blue Ridge foothills, anchored by historic Leesburg and dotted with small towns like Purcellville, Middleburg, Round Hill, Lovettsville, and Hamilton, and villages like Waterford and Bluemont. Where the eastern half of our county has filled with data centers and subdivisions, we have held onto open land, stone walls, and Main Streets you can walk end to end. This is the historic heart of Loudoun, and we mean to keep its character intact.

THE LIFE WE'VE BUILT

Life here moves at a slower pace, tied to the land, the seasons, and the town center. Many of us work locally — in farming, small business, education, or the wineries and horse farms that draw visitors — while others make the long commute east along Route 7 or the Greenway. Our towns are small enough that we know our neighbors, our children share the same schools, and a weekend means a farmers market, a festival, or a drive through the vineyards. We value space, scenery, and a way of life rooted in preservation.

CHALLENGES WE FACE

Our greatest challenge is holding the line against pressure from the east. As data centers and their power needs push outward, we have faced proposals to run high-voltage transmission lines across our farmland and through historic villages like Waterford, and a contested data-center project at Leesburg's gateway. Rising land and home prices strain the farmers and families who have long lived here. And even our success brings tension: as wineries and breweries grow into event destinations, we wrestle over how much traffic and noise our rural roads can bear.

THE FUTURE WE'RE BUILDING

We are choosing preservation on purpose. Conservation easements already shield some 85,000 acres of Loudoun land from development, and our county is rewriting its rural zoning rules to decide how farms, wineries, and events can grow without turning our countryside suburban. We expect our towns — Leesburg and Purcellville especially — to keep growing, and our wine, cider, and equestrian tourism to keep expanding as an economic engine. The work ahead is balance: welcoming visitors and new neighbors while protecting the farmland, viewsheds, and small-town life that make this place ours.

SIGNS OF PROGRESS AND HOPE

There is real strength in what we've protected and grown. Loudoun leads Virginia in eleven different agricultural industries, and our number of farms actually rose in recent years even as development pressed in. Our fields and cellars draw the whole region: Great Country Farms in Bluemont, the strawberry rows at Wegmeyer in Hamilton, Lovettsville's Oktoberfest in its thirtieth year, and Middleburg's film and equestrian events. And when transmission lines threatened our countryside, we organized — and pushed one proposed route away from our farms and villages.

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United Methodist Churches

17 congregations – our faithful presence within the micro-community

- **Agape UMC**
  441 S 12th St, Purcellville, 20134
  (540) 338-9398
- **Aldie UMC**
  39325 Little River Tpke, Aldie, -20105
  (703) 327-4377
- **Bethany UMC (Purcellville)**
  100 W Main St, Purcellville, 20132-3023
  (540) 338-7648
- **Bluemont UMC**
  33843 Snickersville Trpke, Bluemont, 20135
  (434) 414-6968
- **Ebenezer UMC**
  11592 Harpers Ferry Rd, Purcellville, 20132-1900
  HyunSikKang@vaumc.org
- **Harmony UMC (Hamilton)**
  380 E Colonial Hwy, Hamilton, 20158-9016
  (540) 338-2937
- **Hillsboro UMC**
  37216 Charles Town Pike, Hillsboro, 20132-2900
  HyunSikKang@vaumc.org
- **Leesburg UMC**
  107 W Market St, Leesburg, 20176-2902
  (703) 777-2056
- **Middleburg UMC**
  15 W. Washington Street, Middleburg, 20118
  (540) 687-6492
- **Mount Olivet UMC**
  11783 Mountain Road, Lovettsville, 20180
  (540) 822-9117
- **Mount Zion UMC (Hamilton)**
  250 W Virginia Ave, Hamilton, 20158-9728
  (540) 592-7201
- **Mount Zion UMC (Leesburg)**
  12 North St NE, Leesburg, 20176-2212
  (703) 638-2325
- **Rehobeth UMC**
  14085 Rehobeth Church Rd, Lovettsville, 20180-3215
  (540) 270-7873
- **Roszell Chapel UMC**
  37141 Snickersville Tpke, Philomont, 20131
  BruceLugn@vaumc.org
- **Round Hill UMC (Loudoun)**
  11 W Loudoun St, Round Hill, 20141-2430
  (540) 338-4445
- **Unison UMC**
  21142 Unison Rd, Middleburg, 20117-3808
  (540) 219-0449
- **Willisville Chapel UMC**
  34008 Welbourne Rd, Upperville, 20184-3120
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