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**PURCELLVILLE RECEIVES RECOGNITION FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. July 19, 2021** — The Town of Purcellville has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the Town's fiscal year 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. This marks the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the Town has received this prestigious award.

In addition, the Town's Finance Department received the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement for the preparation of the award-winning financial report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The Director of Finance, Elizabeth Krens, would like to recognize Paula Hicks for her outstanding contribution to the financial report and the award. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Town's Fiscal Year 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report can be found online at [www.purcellvilleva.gov/cafr](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov/cafr).

*Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources, and practical research for more than 21,000 members and the communities they serve.*

**The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 13<sup>th</sup> year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked "Safest City" in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiques, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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