

PIPE Project Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why isn't the government funding a solution to this issue?

Answer: The State of Virginia does provide funding for this issue via the Virginia Indoor Plumbing and Rehabilitation (IPR) Fund - <http://www.dhcd.vipnet.org/CD/IPR/default.htm>. However, the amount of dollars that can be used for each house in need of indoor plumbing are limited to approximately \$30,000. Housing Partnerships Inc has used this funding source to install indoor plumbing in many homes in the Historic Triangle. Most of the remaining homes that lack indoor plumbing have issues that require more funding than what Virginia's IPR funds provide per house. For example, an alternative septic system or the need to add a bathroom to a house can cost more than the allocated amount. The PIPE fund will provide that gap funds need to solve the indoor plumbing problem in these more difficult and more costly situations.

Additionally, the PIPE fund has requested dollars from each of the three Historic Triangle local governments - James City County, York County, and the City of Williamsburg.

2. How many homes lack indoor plumbing and where are they?

According to the 2000 US Census, the following number of houses lack indoor plumbing in the Historic Triangle:

US Census 2000	
	Housing units: Lacking complete plumbing facilities
James City County, Virginia	58 (23 of which are not occupied)
York County, Virginia	17
Williamsburg City, Virginia	7
Total	82

For privacy reasons, the US Census does not disclose the locations of these houses. However, Housing Partnerships Inc (our partnering agency) has knowledge of the location of these houses.