

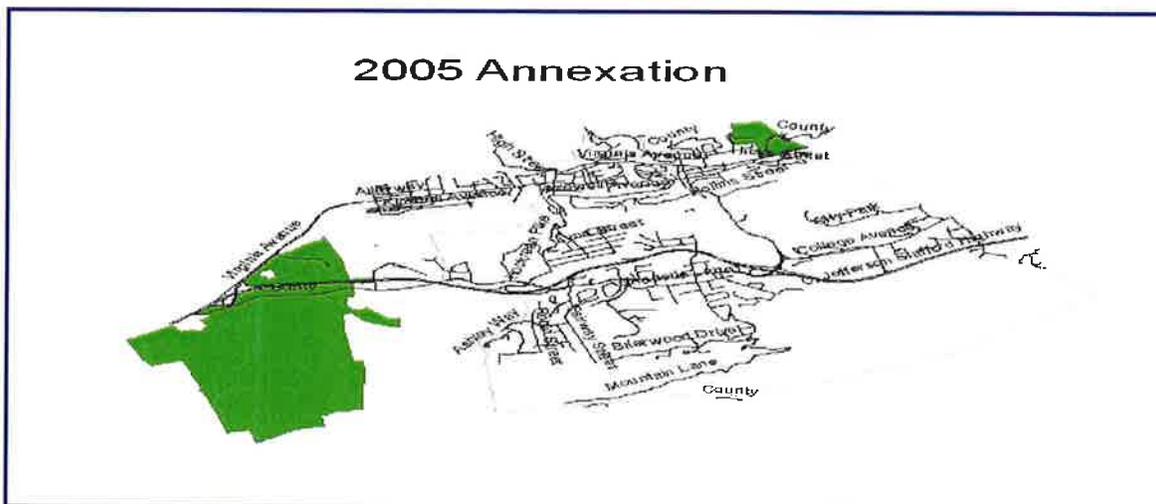


XIV. Annexation

Past Annexations

In 2005 the town conducted through a series of interviews, public meetings, and individual meetings with property owners and residents to accomplish a 100% “friendly” annexation. This process happened when the town gave people the opportunity to be annexed. The town worked closely with the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors to annex with a positive and friendly approach. The two major areas of which are being annexed is the St. Clair farms property, including Graham Recreation Park, and the area known as the “Northside”, or the area north of town on Stoney Ridge, extending from the West Virginia State Line, ending on the east side of Neel Street. The zoning for these newly annexed areas are A-5, R-1, R-3, and O-1.

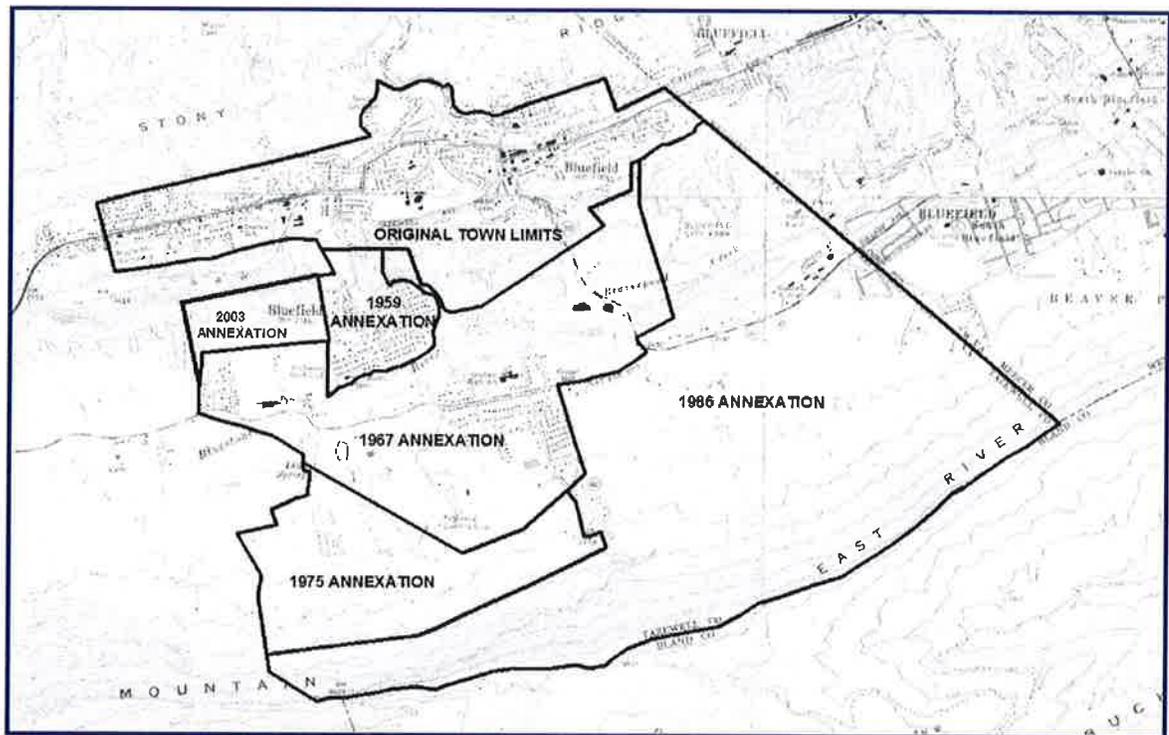
As the Town grows and annexation occurs, need for more expenditure becomes necessary. The Town will need more police officers, street equipment, and man power on the town crews. With an increase in population and area, so comes a higher demand placed on the Town and its staff.





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In 2003 the Town of Bluefield annexed property consisting of three parcels owned by Mr. Ervin Rich. The last major annexation project that occurred was in 1986. Along with this annexation came the attraction of numerous businesses, including Sam's Wholesale, Wal-Mart, Lowe's, and numerous restaurants and retail stores.





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Future Annexation

Within the upcoming years a proposal and action to annex all of the area comprised of the North side area of Bluefield lying between the corporate limits and across the top of Stony Ridge extending to Hales Bottom and Falls Mills, following the ridge line and town corporate limits into Wrights Valley and Pounding Mill Quarry, crossing 460 meeting with East River Mountain, and following the lower ridge line to meet the southern town limits consisting primarily of the area west of town.

As the Town of Bluefield continues to grow, further annexation will need to be investigated. Areas of interest will be the Industrial Park, Fincastle Farms, Virginia Avenue Extension, Deerfield Subdivision, the area North, West, and South of West Graham, and the extension of the North Side. (See Future Annexation Map below for exact location of the areas). Other areas will most likely be evaluated in time, as the Town of Bluefield continues to expand.

