

CRC'S JUNE ITEMS OF INTEREST

Grant Assistance:

- **Congratulations to Prince Edward County** on being awarded \$442,005 in Tobacco Commission funding to fund Engineering Design Services, Right-Of-Way Costs, and Utility Relocation Costs for the build out of an access road into the Heartland Innovative Technology Park (HIT).
- **Congratulations to Prince Edward County** on being awarded \$28,000 from the VDACS AFID Infrastructure Grant Program to support Prince Edward Cannery and Virginia Food Works' upgrade and modernization of essential food processing equipment within the shared-use facility.
- **DHCD, Regional Broadband Planning Grant:** CRC staff have been leading discussions with all seven of our member counties regarding a submission of a regional plan. All seven of our member counties have agreed to move forward with this application and Prince Edward County has agreed to serve as the lead applicant.
- **Dominion Fire Grant:** CRC staff assisted the Keysville Volunteer Fire Department with a grant application to purchase ladder belts and hoses.
- **VDCJS, Byrne Justice Assistance Grant:** CRC staff assisted Charlotte County Sheriff's Office with agency requested changes to the application. The application has been resubmitted for further review.

CRC Executive Director, Melody Foster, Retires



Melody Foster, the CRC Executive Director, retirement officially begins on Monday, July 1st. Melody has served the CRC for 38 years in a variety of different roles including Administrative Assistant, Planning Technician and Regional Planner before being promoted to the Executive Director position in 2017. Melody has provided impeccable leadership for the organization and the region including leading initiatives in establishing the CRC as an Economic Development District (EDD), assistance with standing up a new Regional Economic Development Organization (REDO), providing redistricting mapping services for our member localities, assisting with establishing the Central Virginia Poultry Cooperative (CVPC), leading regional discussions with regional stakeholders, and providing data research and grant writing services to our region's non-profit and member localities. After Melody's departure, Christin Jackson will serve as the Executive Director for the CRC.

CRC Affordable Workforce Housing Development Program



The Town of Blackstone and their housing partner, Southside Outreach, has completed two additional homes on South Dillard and East Broad Street in the Town of Blackstone. CRC staff completed a compliance review for both of these properties. A compliance review of the properties is required to be completed by Virginia Housing.

Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) Site Visit



CRC staff, Prince Edward County staff, and Kinex staff completed a site visit on June 17th in Prince Edward County. As of June 9th, a total of 6,781 passings (out of a target of 11,397 total passings) and 1,329 installs for new customers have been completed.



CRC's Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The CRC has been working on an update of the CRC's Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The updated plan will cover all seven (7) counties and eleven (11) towns within our planning district. All of our covered localities have adopted the Plan, and the CRC has received and submitted all adopted resolutions to FEMA. FEMA is in the process of sending final approval letters of the plan to each locality.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities:

VDACS AFID Planning Grant: Open; Rolling Basis

VDOF, Virginia Trees for Clean Water: Open - Rolling Basis

DHCD CBDG Planning Grant: Opens 6/15/24

NPS, History of Equal Rights: Closes on 8/20/24

VOF, Preservation Trust Fund: Closes on 8/8/24

VTC, Marketing Leverage Program: Opens 8/1/24

VTC, Microbusiness Marketing Leverage: Opens 7/16/24

VTC, Special Events and Festivals: Opens 7/16/24

The CRC provides free grant writing services for member localities and local 501C3 non-profits.