

CRC'S NOVEMBER 2024 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Grant Assistance:

- **VDACS, Planning Grant:** Congratulations to Cumberland County on being awarded \$20,000 in grant funds to conduct an Agricultural Economic Development Plan.
- **VDACS, AFID Infrastructure Grant:** The CRC assisted Cumberland County with a submitted grant application for Farmer's market amenities.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities:

- **VDACS AFID Planning Grant:** Open; Rolling Basis
- **VDOF, Virginia Trees for Clean Water:** Open - Rolling Basis
- **DHCD, Affordable and Special Needs Housing (ASNH):** Open
- **EDA, 2023 Disaster Supplemental:** Open; Rolling Basis
- **EDA, 2023 Public Works:** Open; Rolling Basis
- **Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG):** Open; Closes on 12/20/24
- **DHCD, BEAD:** LOI due on 11/30/24

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

Lunenburg/Victoria/Kenbridge Joint Comprehensive Plan Update

CRC staff attended a work session to review the draft sections of the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies & Demographics. CRC staff set up and attended a virtual meeting to discuss the final revisions to these sections. CRC staff are planning to present the draft sections of the Transportation and Community Resources at the next work session that will be held on December 5th.



DHCD, Broadband Affordability and Adoption Plan Update

The CRC is in the process of creating a regional broadband affordability and adoption plan. As part of developing this plan, the CRC staff developed a google form, flyer, and QR code for the survey. The staff and regional partners distributed these flyers throughout the region. The survey will close on November 30th.

CRC staff also set up and advertised community meeting locations in all seven counties. The CRC hosted a community meeting in each locality and one virtual meeting.

Buckingham County Comprehensive Plan Update

CRC staff attended a work session to review the draft sections of the Goals, Objectives, and Strategies. At the next work session, CRC staff plans to present the draft Implementation plan to the planning commission.



Crewe Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant



The Two Consultants (Hill Studio and Arnett Muldrow & Associates, Ltd.) working on this project held a three-day workshop on November 19th – 21st. These workshop sections included conceptional design for facades, public inputs sections, preliminary reports for the study, and a rebranding workshop. One draft concept for rebranding is located to the left. Community members, business owners, and other stakeholders throughout the community were invited to participate in the process.

Drakes Branch Building Acquisition Project

Asbestos Abatement Activities:

CRC staff has prepared and posted bid documents for asbestos abatement work to eVA and the Farmville Herald. The Bids closed on October 15th at 3pm. The CRC assisted the Town in hosting a public bid opening at Town Hall. CRC staff reviewed the bid documents and developed a bid tabulation of the results. After the review, the lowest bidder, A&A Environmental, was awarded the bid. CRC staff worked with Town staff to develop a contract for the awardee, which has been executed by both parties. Contractor is working to issue a 20-day notice with proper regulatory agencies prior to beginning asbestos abatement at these properties. The contractor hopes to begin asbestos abatement by December 16th.

Lead Abatement Activities:

CRC staff held a meeting with Hurt & Proffitt (one of our on-call consultants) to discuss lead TCLP testing of the participating properties and asbestos abatement clearance services. TCLP testing will be performed by Hurt & Proffitt to ensure proper disposal of lead within the participating buildings.

Amelia County Modified Comprehensive Plan Update

CRC staff attended a working section on November 14th. At this meeting, CRC staff reviewed the data revisions on the Agricultural section, the VDOT checklist for the Transportation section, the draft section coversheet and title page for the plan and provided an update on the surveys. As of November 26th, the CRC has received 144 survey responses. The survey will close on December 15th. At the next work section, the CRC staff will present the requested changes to the agriculture section and review the Transportation section of the plan.

