

CRC'S DECEMBER 2024 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Grant Assistance:

- **FEMA, Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG):** the CRC assisted Prince Edward County with a grant application to purchase a Mobile Breathing Air Trailer that allows firefighters to refill their air packs.
- **FEMA, Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG):** the CRC assisted Keysville Volunteer Fire Department with a grant application to purchase SCBA packs.
- **VDACS, VFAIF:** the CRC is assisting Prince Edward County and 5 Pillar Meats with a grant application to purchase equipment for the development of a meat processing facility.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities:

- **VDACS, AFID Planning Grant:** Open; Rolling Basis
- **VDOF, Virginia Trees for Clean Water:** Open - Rolling Basis
- **Virginia Housing, Workforce Housing Investment Program:** Open 2/1/25
- **VDACS, Food Access Investment Fund (VFAIF):** Pre-application closes on 12/31/24; Full application opens on 2/3/25
- **DEQ, Pay For Outcomes Funding:** Mandatory Pre-app. Conference 1/6/25; closes on 2/3/25
- **VDEM, VA Emergency Shelter Upgrade Assistance Grant Fund:** closes on 2/14/25

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

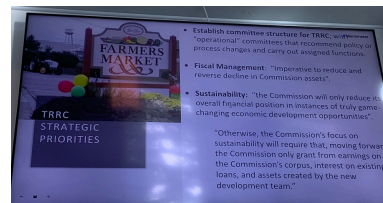
Lunenburg/Victoria/Kenbridge Joint Comprehensive Plan Update

CRC staff attended a work session to review the draft sections of the Transportation and Community Resources. CRC staff also 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 Introduction, Executive Summary, and Implementation plan at the next work session that will be held on January 2nd.

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 community input survey and worked with regional partners to distribute these flyers throughout the region. The survey closed on November 30th. CRC staff collected all completed paper surveys and are working to develop a survey summary report for the plan. The CRC received 210 surveys. CRC staff held seven in-person community meeting in each member locality and one virtual meeting.

Tobacco Commission Strategic Planning



Christin Jackson, CRC Executive Director, attended the Tobacco Commission Southern Virginia strategic planning session in Danville. During this process, the Tobacco Commission asked fundamental questions about the organization's purpose, future and operating structure.

Regional Talent Pathways Initiative (TPI)



Christin Jackson, CRC Executive Director, attended an employer breakfast to provide an overview of the initiative and encourage employer participation. At this meeting, Christin welcomed Jaimie Francis, Vice President of Policy and Programs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Jaimie provided an overview of the TPI model. Christin has partnered with the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) and serves on a four-member Implementation Team to assist with the outlined GO Virginia Region 3 initiatives.

Drakes Branch Building Acquisition Project

Asbestos Abatement Activities: The Contractor, A&A Environmental, began asbestos abatement on the participating buildings on December 9th. The Contractor issued a 20-day notice with the proper regulatory agencies prior to beginning asbestos abatement at these properties.

Lead Abatement Activities: CRC and Town staff reviewed Hurt & Proffitt (one of our on-call consultants) scope of services to complete 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 December 12th. At this meeting, CRC staff reviewed the revisions to the Agricultural section, the draft Transportation section, provided an update on the surveys, and reviewed maps in the natural resource section. At this meeting, the committee decided to expend the survey close date from December 15th to January 15th. As of December 20th, the CRC has received 473 survey responses. At the next work section, the CRC staff will present the requested changes to the Transportation section and review the draft of the natural resource section of the plan.

Buckingham County Comprehensive Plan Update

CRC staff attended a working section on December 16th. At this meeting, CRC staff reviewed the draft implementation plan, and the executive summary. At the next work section meeting in January, the CRC staff will present the requested changes to these sections and review the draft comprehensive plan in its entirety.

