

COMMONWEALTH REGIONAL COUNCIL

JANUARY 2025 ITEMS OF INTEREST

Grant Assistance:

- **UDOT, RAISE Grant:** CRC staff assisted Prince Edward County with the submission of a RAISE planning grant to complete an interchange study on 460.

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:** Opens on 2/1/25
- **VDACS, Food Access Investment Fund (VFAIF):** Pre-application closes on 12/31/24; Full application opens on 2/3/25
- **Rescue Squad Assistance Fund (RSAF):** Opens on 2/1/25
- **VDEM, VA Emergency Shelter Upgrade Assistance Grant Fund:** closes on 2/14/25
- **Virginia Housing, Regional Housing Program:** Open, closes on 3/3/25
- **VOF, Preservation Trust Fund:** Open, Closes on 3/18/25
- **TRRC, Southern Virginia Program:** Open, Closes on 3/6/25

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

DHCD, Broadband Affordability and Adoption Plan Update

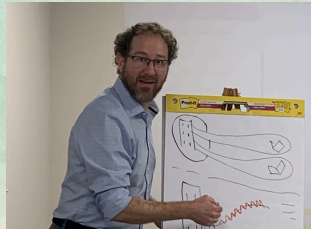
The CRC is in the process of creating a regional broadband affordability and adoption plan. As part of developing this plan, the CRC staff developed a summary report for the Community meetings and the survey input from 210 surveys. CRC staff presented the survey summary report to the Project Management Team for input. CRC staff has begun working on developing the plan.

Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI)



CRC, Lunenburg, and Cumberland County staff attended a site visit to view Planet Networks (previously known as Kinex) progress in Cumberland County. Planet Networks crews were laying middle mile fiber at the intersection of Cumberland Road and Raines Road.

Regional Cyber Security Training



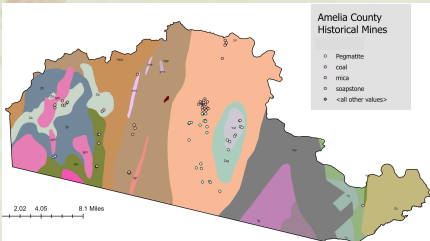
The CRC hosted a Regional Cyber Security workshop on January 27th. Bryant Harrison, CEO of Seventh Wall, provided a cyber security workshop on the five most important security safeguards. The workshop had twelve participants, including town and county staff.

VACo's Local Government Day



Christin Jackson, CRC Executive Director, attended VACo's Local Government Day at the General Assembly in Richmond. Local government day is intended for local government and regional agencies to advocate on behalf of their communities. Mike Hankins, CRC Chairman, also attended and gave a speech.

Amelia County Modified Comprehensive Plan Update



CRC staff attended a working session January 23rd. At this meeting, CRC staff reviewed the revisions to the Transportation section, provided an update on the surveys, and reviewed revised maps for the natural resource section. The survey closed, and the County has received 509 paper and online survey responses. At the next work session, the CRC staff will present the requested changes to the Transportation section, review the draft survey summary report, and review the draft of the natural resource section of the plan.

Buckingham County Comprehensive Plan Update

CRC staff attended a working session on January 27th. At this meeting, CRC staff reviewed the requested changes to these sections and reviewed the draft comprehensive plan in its entirety. CRC staff also discussed setting up the public hearing.

Lunenburg/Victoria/Kenbridge Joint Comprehensive Plan Update

CRC staff attended a work session to review the draft comprehensive plan in its entirety. The working committee did have a few requested changes, which CRC staff completed. CRC staff members are working on printing the draft plan in preparation for the public hearings that will begin in March.