

Commonwealth Regional Council

July 2025 Items of Interest

Staff Attends ESRI User Conference

CRC GIS Planner Matt Swartout attended the 2025 ESRI User Conference in San Diego, gaining insights on the latest GIS innovations including GeoAI, ArcGIS Dashboards, AI-powered Survey123 tools, and solutions for state and local governments. His participation in sessions like the AI Summit and Emerging GIS Applications ensures CRC remains at the forefront of spatial technology to support regional planning and data-driven decision-making.



Amelia County Comp Plan Meetings Engage Residents

CRC Staff hosted three public input meetings for the Amelia County Comprehensive Plan. Residents are sharing valuable feedback on local priorities, growth, infrastructure, and natural resources—helping shape a vision that reflects the county's evolving needs and values.



County Administrator Dan Witt Announces Retirement

After 34 years of dedicated public service, Charlotte County Administrator Dan Witt will retire on August 31, 2025. Regional leaders gathered on July 23 to celebrate his legacy, recognizing his impact in Charlotte County and prior roles in Altavista and Lynchburg. Witt was honored with a custom rocking chair engraved with the Charlotte County seal—a fitting tribute to his decades of leadership and service. CRC joins in wishing Dan all the best in retirement.



Upcoming Funding Opportunities:

- VTC VA250 Marketing Leverage Program
 - September 16 – October 23
- VTC Special Events & Festivals Program
 - July 22 – September 11
- VDOF Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program
 - July 1 - August 31
- VA Dept of Fire Programs - PPE Grant Program
 - July 1 - August 31

Grants Awarded:

- Virginia Housing - Regional Housing Study
- Opioid Abatement Act - VDH Piedmont Region & Piedmont Regional Jail for Opioid Programs
- Sentara - Charlotte County Meals on Wheels for Hot and Cold Food

Grant Writing Assistance:

- Victoria & Keysville – HMGP applications for backup generators
- Prince Edward Co. – TAP Sidewalk Projects (Zion Hill Rd Ph. I)
- SEID Applications:
 - Prince Edward – HIT Park Access Road
 - Cumberland – Small Area Plan
 - Blackstone – Raw Water Line
- TRRC Applications
 - Cumberland – Small Area Plan
 - Prince Edward – Trailblazing Signage
- VA Housing - Community Impact Planning Grant as a match for the TRRC BOOMS Grant

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