



TO: Southside PDC Commissioners
FROM: Deborah Gosney, Executive Director
DATE: July 15, 2024
SUBJECT: Meeting Overview

Happy July and a hot summer. Hope all of you are doing well and enjoying some vacation time.

The July meeting is a virtual meeting; however, we always encourage you to attend in person and enjoy lunch with us following the meeting.

Retired Senator Frank Ruff will be joining us to receive the VAPDC Lifetime Legislative Achievement Award. Senator Tammy Mulchi will also be present to share a few comments with the group. David Blount, Executive Director of VAPDC, plans to attend as well and share brief comments.

Chad Neese will provide an overview of the CEDS update followed by Board action to adopt.

We are excited to have Judge Cunningham who will provide us with a virtual presentation on the operation of the Halifax County Drug Court.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the 25th.

Southside Planning
District Commission
Meeting Packet
July 25, 2024



AGENDA: **PDC QUARTERLY VIRTUAL MEETING**
July 25, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m.
200 South Mecklenburg Avenue, South Hill, VA

ZOOM INFO: **JOIN BY PHONE: 1-646-931-3860** **PASSCODE: 202011**

ZOOM LINK: **<https://tinyurl.com/yfcekv9k>** **PASSCODE: 202011**
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1. **CALL ORDER** Chair Tanner
 - Roll Call and recognition of Guests..... Executive Director Gosney
 - Public Comment Period Chair Tanner
 - Approval/Modification of Agenda..... Chair Tanner
 - ~ Motion to Approve

 2. **PRESENTATION OF VAPDC AWARD** Kim Callis

 3. **HALIFAX COUNTY DRUG COURT PRESENTATION** Judge Cunningham

 4. **MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 25, 2024** Chair Tanner
 - ~ Motion to Approve

 5. **ELECTRONIC MEETING POLICY** Chair Tanner
 - ~ Motion to Adopt

 6. **TREASURER’S REPORT – MARCH 31, 2024** Treasurer Weddington
 - ~ Motion to Accept

 7. **CEDS UPDATE** Chad Neese, Sr. Planner/GIS specialist
 - ~ Motion to Adopt

 8. **SMART SCALE APPLICATION**..... Chad Neese, Sr. Planner/GIS specialist
 - ~ Adopt Resolution of Support

 9. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** Executive Director Gosney

 10. **OTHER BUSINESS** Chair Tanner

 11. **ADJOURNMENT** Chair Tanner

The Southside Planning District Commission will make reasonable accommodations and services necessary for sensory-impaired and citizens with disabilities to attend this meeting. Additionally, translation services may be offered upon request and availability. Persons requiring such accommodations/services should contact Chad Neese at least seven (7) business days in advance of the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to Southside Planning District Commission, ATTN: Chad Neese, 200 S. Mecklenburg Ave., South Hill, VA 23970. Comments may also be submitted by phone at 434-447-7101, extension 211, or email at cneese@southsidepdc.org.

MINUTES

SOUTHSIDE PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
Regular Quarterly Meeting
April 25, 2024

The Southside Planning District Commission (SPDC) held its regular quarterly in-person meeting on April 25, 2024, at the Commission's Conference Room, 200 South Mecklenburg Avenue, South Hill, Virginia.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tanner called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Director Gosney called the roll. A total of 12 Commissioners attended in person, and three (3) attended remotely. Explanations for remote participation include 1) Kirk Gravitt was absent due to a personal matter related to a work commitment, 2) William Claiborne was absent due to principal residence exceeding 60 miles, and 3) Dr. B. Jarrett-Harris was absent due to a personal matter related to a work commitment. A quorum was met for this meeting. The Roll Call is as follows:

Brunswick County	Present	Virtual	Absent
Dr. Alfonzo Seward	X		
Leslie Weddington -Treasurer	X		
Dr. Barbara Jarrett-Harris		X	
Halifax County			
Stanley Brandon			X
William Claiborne		X	
Jerry Lovelace	X		
Keith McDowell	X		
Scott Simpson	X		
Mecklenburg County			
Joe Cappaert	X		
Charlie Simmons	X		
Kirk Gravitt		X	
Claudia Lundy	X		
Tom Tanner - Chair	X		
South Boston			
Joseph Chandler	X		
George Leonard – Vice Chair	X		
South Hill			
Kim Callis	X		
Lillie Feggins-Boone			X
TOTAL	12	3	2

Staff in Attendance:

Deborah Gosney, Executive Director
Ashleigh Zincone, Senior Community Planner
Andy Wells, Director of Local Services
Sangi Cooper, Senior Community Planner
Chad Neese, Senior Planner/GIS Specialist
Erika Tanner, Community Planner II
Leslie Kubasek, Finance Director/HR
Magen Long, Administrative Assistant

Guests in Attendance:

No guests were in attendance.

Introduction of New Commissioner

Chair Tanner introduced and welcomed a new Commissioner, Joe Capparet, who will be representing Mecklenburg County.

Public Comment Period

Chair Tanner asked for public comments. Hearing none, the public comment period was closed.

Approval of Agenda

Chair Tanner asked for additions to the agenda. There being none, CLAUDIA LUNDY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY DR. ALFONSO SEWARD, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Committee Chair Scott Simpson reviewed the Nominating Committee recommendations to have Chair Tanner and Vice Chair Leonard remain as officers for the 2024-2026 term, effective May 1, 2024 to January 31, 2026. Simpson asked the Commission for any other nominations. There being none, A MOTION TO CLOSE THE FLOOR FOR NOMINATIONS WAS MADE BY DR. ALFONSO SEWARD, SECONDED BY JOSEPH CHANDLER; THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. KIM CALLIS MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE TOM TANNER AS CHAIR AND GEORGE LEONARD AS VICE CHAIR FOR THE 2024-2026 TERM; THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOSEPH CHANDLER AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Tanner reported that the January 25, 2024, minutes were previously dispensed by email to members for review and asked for any corrections. There being none, GEORGE LEONARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 25, 2024 MINUTES AS PRESENTED, SECONDED KEITH MCDOWELL, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Weddington presented the financial report as of March 31, 2024, as follows: assets, \$1,791,056.58; liabilities, \$1,435,198.95; Retained Earnings, \$211,777.38; and Net Balance, \$144,090.25. Expenditures to date totaled \$823,113.67, which is 69% of the annual budget. The expenditures are on target for FY24. UPON MOTION BY CLAUDIA LUNDY, SECONDED BY SCOTT SIMPSON, THE MARCH 31, 2024, TREASURER'S REPORT WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

FY25 BUDGET

Director Gosney presented the FY25 Budget. She noted that a 4.5% cost of living adjustment is being proposed. Health insurance premiums increased 8% and will be effective in the upcoming fiscal year. The two PDC vehicles provided to staff for travel are in good condition, thus, no vehicle purchase is expected in the upcoming year. The PDC is in good standing; FY25 proposed revenues total \$1,666,553, which exceeds FY24 revenues by \$391,975. FY25 expenditures total \$1,181,535.67, and FY25 revenues over expenses total \$485,017.33. Director Gosney noted that the Executive Committee met on April 11, 2024, to review the FY25 Budget and unanimously approved its recommendation to the full Commission for consideration. There being no additional comments, GEORGE LEONARD MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY25 BUDGET AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY JOSEPH CHANDLER, THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FY25 MANAGEMENT PLAN

Director Gosney referred Commissioners to the FY25 Management Plan. She provided a brief overview of each section and noted that it will serve as the SPDC WFY25 Work Program. UPON MOTION BY CLAUDIA LUNDY, SECONDED BY KEITH MCDOWELL, THE FY25 MANAGEMENT PLAN WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

VDOT RURAL TRANSPORTATION WORK PROGRAM

In FY25, each planning district commission/regional commission with rural areas in Virginia will receive \$58,000 from VDOT's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program, with a required local match of \$14,500 utilizing local government member dues, to conduct rural transportation planning activities. Senior Planner/GIS Specialist Chad Neese reviewed the list of activities in the proposed FY25 Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Work Program. Mr. Neese then asked for a Resolution to be passed approving the FY25 Work Program for Rural Transportation Planning and committing the PDC to provide matching funds of \$ 14,500. UPON MOTION BY JERRY LOVELACE, SECONDED BY DR. ALFONSO SEWARD, THE FY25 WORK PROGRAM AND RESOLUTION FOR RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WITH A COMMITMENT OF \$14,500 IN MATCHING FUNDS WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

CEDS UPDATE

Senior Planner/GIS Specialist Chad Neese provided an update on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Mr. Neese reminded the Commissioners that major updates to the CEDS occur every five years, with the next occurring in 2025; however, annually, staff performs a cursory review. The goals and objectives were reviewed and amended. A CEDS Committee meeting will be held in May/June to discuss proposed changes and to gather input followed by a mandatory 30-day public review period in June; any warranted revisions suggested will be presented to the CEDS Committee in July for review. The final updated CEDS will be presented at the July Quarterly Meeting for the Commission's approval.

CDBG REGIONAL PRIORITIES

Director Gosney stated that each year, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development requests that the PDC identify its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) priorities for the upcoming grant cycle. Director Gosney presented the proposed priorities to the Commission along with a list of proposed applications expected to be submitted. Priority 1 project types include Comprehensive Community Development, Housing Rehabilitation, and Public Infrastructure; Priority 2 project types include Economic Development-Business District Revitalization and Community Service Facility. Anticipated 2024 CDBG applications include: 1) Lawrenceville Park Street Community Improvement Project, 2) Brodnax Townwide/Scattered Site Housing Project, 3) Halifax Banister Town Housing Planning Project-Pse 2, and 4) Halifax County Riverdale Housing Rehab Project. Anticipated 2024 planning grants include: 1) Lawrenceville Park

Street Planning Project-Pse 2, 2) Halifax County Riverdale Housing Planning Project-Pse 2, 3) Brodnax Townwide/Scattered Housing Planning Project-Pse 2, and 4) Mecklenburg County Hwy 92 Targeted Housing Planning Project. UPON MOTION BY LESLIE WEDDINGTON, SECONDED BY JOE CAPPARET, THE PRIORITIES LIST FOR SUBMISSION TO DHCD WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

FY25 EDA PLANNING GRANT

Each year, in late May or early June, a planning grant application for \$70,000 is submitted to the U. S. Department of Commerce — Economic Development Administration, which funds the CEDS update and various economic/community initiatives provided by PDC staff throughout the region. The grant requires a dollar-for-dollar match, which is sourced from member per-capita dues. KIM CALLIS MADE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE EDA GRANT AWARD, PROVIDE THE REQUIRED MATCH, AND AUTHORIZE DIRECTOR GOSNEY TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO MANAGE THE GRANT; THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JERRY LOVELACE AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Wells reported that current local government services include GIS technical assistance to the three County 911 centers, tax parcel mapping, assistance with the Lake Gaston 911 Task Force dock numbering project, and management of the Tobacco Heritage Trail. Recent new services include planning and zoning assistance for the Town of South Hill, a comprehensive plan update for the Town of Lawrenceville, and providing contractual services for two lead water service line inventory projects.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Gosney reported on the following:

- Travel – Attended the 1) VACo/VML/VAPDC Local Government Day in Richmond and visited Tommy Wright and Tammy Mulchi's offices and attended the VAPDC Reception and Dinner that followed; and 2) Attended the NADO Washington Policy Conference held in Washington D.C. which included a visit with both Senator Kaine and Senator Warner's staff.
- Recent Project Activity – The Year-in-Review details PDC activity for FY24. A total of 26 project applications have been approved to date, totaling \$31,002,842: an additional nine (9) applications have been submitted that are pending review and approval. The Active Project List details the projects, plans, and technical assistance being managed/provided by PDC Staff; there are currently 49 active projects being managed by staff in the pipeline.
- Southside Regional Opioid Assessment—An Agreement has been executed with Virginia Tech to prepare the Opioid Needs Assessment. An MOU between Brunswick County (the project's fiscal agent) and Southside PDC has been executed for grant administrative activities. A Research Team has been developed that will begin reviewing data over the next month. The estimated completion date of the Assessment is December 2024.
- Next PDC Meeting - The next quarterly meeting is a virtual meeting scheduled for July 25, 2024 at Noon. Lunch will be provided for those wishing to attend in person.

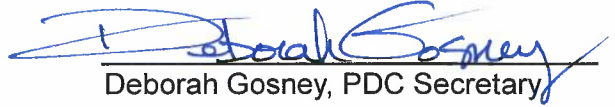
OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Tom Tanner, PDC Chair



Deborah Gosney, PDC Secretary

Electronic Meeting Policy



REMOTE ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION and ALL-VIRTUAL MEETING POLICY

This policy serves two primary objectives. The initial aim is to enable the Southside Planning District Commission (SPDC) members to participate in a Commission meeting via electronic communication from a remote location. The secondary objective is to facilitate the Commission's conducting entirely virtual meetings in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and as delineated in this policy.

POLICY:

It is the firm policy of the Southside Planning District Commission (SPDC) that all individual members, without exception, may engage in SPDC meetings through electronic communication as allowed by subsection B of § 2.2-3708.3 of the *Code of Virginia*. This policy, applied uniformly, regardless of the member's identity or the matters to be discussed or voted on at the meeting, ensures fairness and equal opportunity for all, reassuring every member.

In order for an individual member to participate from a remote location, a quorum of the Commission must be physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location. When such individual participation is due to a personal matter, set out in section A.4 below, such participation is limited to two (2) meetings per calendar year or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year, rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater.

Furthermore, the SPDC policy allows the Commission to hold all-virtual public meetings in accordance with subsection C of § 2.2-3708.3 of the *Code of Virginia*. These all-virtual public meetings are limited to two (2) per calendar year or 25 percent of the total meetings held per calendar year, whichever is greater. It's important to note that an all-virtual public meeting cannot be held immediately following another all-virtual public meeting.

This policy applies to the Commission and all committees created by or under the authority of the Southside Planning District Commission (SPDC). A commissioner who attends and participates electronically in a Commission meeting shall have access to any materials presented and available to Commissioners who are physically present at the meeting.

If a Commissioner fails to comply with this policy, the Commission may refuse to allow the Commissioner to participate by electronic means in Commission meetings.

Provisions of this policy will also apply to any committee, subcommittee, or other entity designated by the Commission to perform the organization's delegated functions.

REMOTE ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION BY COMMISSION MEMBERS:

"Remote participation" means participation by an individual member of a public body by means of electronic communication in a public meeting where a quorum of the public body is otherwise physically assembled.

"Electronic communication" means transmitting or receiving information using electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar technology.

A. Notification of Inability to Attend:

- **Disability, Medical Condition, Location, or Personal Matter**

In advance of the meeting at which remote participation is requested, the member shall notify the Chair, Executive Director, or Administrative Assistant that he or she is unable to attend.

- 1) Due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance.
- 2) A family member's medical condition requires the member to provide care for such a family member.
- 3) Member's principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location identified in the required notice for such meeting.
- 4) Due to a personal matter. The member must identify with specificity the nature of the individual matter and may not use remote participation due to personal matters more than two (2) meetings per calendar year, or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the following whole number, whichever is greater.

B. Quorum Physically Assembled, Approval of Remote Electronic Participation

A quorum of the Commission must be physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location. The Commissioners present must approve of the remote electronic participation for the member to participate remotely; however, the decision shall be based solely on the criteria in Section A, without regard to the member's identity or items that will be considered or voted on during the meeting.

C. Record of Action

The Commission shall record in its minutes the remote location from which a member participated. The minutes also shall reflect the specific nature of the personal matter, the disability or medical condition; the fact that a family member's medical condition that required the member to provide care for such family member, thereby preventing their physical attendance, or that that such member's principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location identified in the required notice for such meeting. If the absent member's remote participation is disapproved because participation would violate this policy, the disapproval shall be recorded in the Commission's minutes with specificity.

ALL-VIRTUAL MEETINGS:

"All-virtual public meeting" means a public meeting (i) conducted by a public body, other than those excepted pursuant to subsection C of § 2.2-3708.3, using electronic communication means, (ii) during which members of the Southside PDC Commissioning body who participate remotely rather than being assembled in one physical location, and (iii) to which public access is provided through electronic communication means or at primary location of the meeting.

1. An indication of whether the meeting will be an in-person or all-virtual public meeting is included in the required meeting notice along with a statement notifying the public that the method by which a public body chooses to meet shall not be changed unless the public body provides a new meeting notice in accordance with the provisions of § 2.2- 3707
2. Public access to the all-virtual public meeting is provided via electronic communication means
3. The electronic communication means used allows the public to hear all members of the public body participating in the all-virtual public meeting and, when audio-visual technology is available, to see the members of the public body as well
4. A phone number or other live contact information is provided to alert the public body if the audio or video transmission of the meeting provided by the public body fails, the public body monitors such designated means of communication during the meeting, and the public body takes a recess until public access is restored if the transmission fails for the public
5. A copy of the proposed agenda and all agenda packets and, unless exempt, all materials furnished to members of a public body for a meeting is made available to the public in electronic format simultaneously with when such materials are provided to members of the public body.
6. The public is afforded the opportunity to comment through electronic means, including by way of written comments, at those public meetings when public comment is customarily received
7. No more than two members of the public body are together in any one remote location unless that remote location is open to the public to access physically.
8. If a closed session is held during an all-virtual public meeting, the transmission of the meeting to the public resumes before the public body votes to certify the closed meeting.
9. The public body does not convene an all-virtual public meeting (i) more than two times per calendar year or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater, or (ii) consecutively with another all-virtual public meeting.
10. Minutes of all-virtual public meetings held by electronic communication means are taken as required by § 2.2-3707 and include the fact that the meeting was held by electronic communication means and the type of electronic communication means by which the meeting was held. If a member's participation from a remote location pursuant to this subsection is disapproved because such participation would violate this policy, such disapproval shall be recorded in the minutes with specificity.

Adopted this 25th day of July 2024 by the Southside Planning District Commission.

Tom Tanner, Chair

Deborah Gosney, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

**SOUTHSIDE PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETING
JULY 25, 2024**

TREASURER'S REPORT

THE JUNE 30, 2024 BALANCE SHEET DETAILS THE FOLLOWING:

ASSETS	\$1,827,521.71
LIABILITIES	\$1,443,092.84
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ 81,442.04
NET INCOME	\$ 189,320.64

YEAR TO DATE EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 TOTALED \$1,095,352.35 WHICH WAS 92% OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET. TOTAL EXPENDITURES WERE 8% LESS THAN THE PROJECTED FY24 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR.

**SOUTHSIDE PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 2024**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Current Assets		Liabilities	
Operating Account	\$ 69,994.09	Accounts Payable	\$ 919.12
Capital Reserve Account	209,905.45	Payroll Payable	10,923.22
VIP Investment Account	1,079,283.28	Accrued Annual Leave	54,979.68
Total Checking/Savings	1,359,182.82	Regional Opioid Study	92,931.75
Project Pass-Through Account	92,931.75	VHDA Seed Funds	7,500.00
Go Virginia Pass-Through Account	66,563.14	Go Virginia Escrow	66,563.14
Accounts Receivable	99,209.14	Deferred Revenue (Insurance Claim)	19,524.93
Total Current Assets	\$ 1,617,886.85	Net Pension Liability	1,078,861.00
		Deferred Inflows - VRS	110,890.00
		Total Liabilities	\$ 1,443,092.84
Other Assets		Fund Balance	
Deferred Outflows - VRS	\$ 110,810.00	Opening Balance	\$ 113,666.19
Equipment	71,515.47	Retained Earnings	81,442.04
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(57,091.44)	Net Income	189,320.64
Vehicles	42,950.00	Total Fund Balance	\$ 384,428.87
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(23,294.27)		
Leasehold Improvements	92,263.90		
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(27,518.80)		
Total Other Assets	\$ 209,634.86		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,827,521.71	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,827,521.71

SOUTHSIDE PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION
PROFIT AND LOSS
JUNE 2024

	FY24 AMENDED BUDGET	JUNE 24	YTD	BALANCE	MAY YTD	FUNDING AGENCY/SOURCE
REVENUE						
Federal Funding:						
SPDC EDA FY24 Planning Grant	70,000.00		70,000.00	-	70,000.00	DOC-EDA-PG
SPDC Hazards Mitigation Plan Update	12,600.00	3,077.05	3,077.05	9,522.95	-	FEMA
SPDC SCRC LDD Cooperative Agreement	29,000.00		-	29,000.00	-	SCRC-LDD
SPDC Regional Fiber Broadband Project Pse 1	52,000.00		29,500.00	22,500.00	29,500.00	DHCD-VATI
Total Federal Funding	163,600.00	3,077.05	102,577.05	61,022.95	99,500.00	
State Funding:						
SPDC GO VA - FY23 Allocation	50,000.00		50,000.00	-	50,000.00	DHCD-GO VA
SPDC GO VA - FY24 Allocation	30,000.00	6,662.68	27,669.08	2,330.92	21,006.40	DHCD-GO VA
SPDC GOVA-ExperienceWorks	5,000.00		5,376.50	(376.50)	5,376.50	DHCD-GO VA
SPDC GOVA-GO TEC Virginia 2025 Project	5,500.00	102.20	7,813.45	(2,313.45)	7,711.25	DHCD-GO VA
SPDC GOVA-Gupton Initiative Project	3,000.00		587.65	2,412.35	587.65	DHCD-GO VA
SDPC GOVA-P&HCC GO TEC Welding Instructor	1,000.00		1,061.35	(61.35)	1,061.35	DHCD-GO VA
SDPC GOVA-RISE Build to Scale Project	6,000.00	511.00	3,832.50	2,167.50	3,321.50	DHCD-GO VA
SPDC GOVA-Seed Innovation Hub Project	3,000.00	156.75	2,895.85	104.15	2,739.10	DHCD-GO VA
SPDC GOVA-SOVA Health Sciences Careers Planning Project	1,000.00		-	1,000.00	-	DHCD-GO VA
SPDC GOVA-SVCC GO TEC Mechatronics Instructor	1,000.00		689.85	310.15	689.85	DHCD-GO VA
SPDC GOVA-SVRA Regional Site Development Project	3,000.00		3,058.85	(58.85)	3,058.85	DHCD-GO VA
SPDCGOVA-VGA Refresh Project	2,000.00		821.05	1,178.95	821.05	DHCD-GO VA
SPDC GOVA-Amelia Site Suitability			204.40	(204.40)	204.40	DHCD-GO VA
SPDC GOVA-TPI Health Science			51.10	(51.10)	51.10	DHCD-GO VA
SPDC GOVA-VGA Site Development Project	2,500.00	817.60	4,956.70	(2,456.70)	4,139.10	DHCD-GO VA
SPDC DHCD FY24 Contract	89,971.00		89,971.25	(0.25)	89,971.25	DHCD
SPDC Regional Fiber Broadband Project Pse 2	60,000.00		26,000.00	34,000.00	26,000.00	DHCD-VATI
SPDC VDOT FY24 Rural Transportation Contract	58,000.00		42,426.94	15,573.06	42,426.94	VDOT
SPDC Hazards Mitigation Plan Update	1,400.00	341.89	341.89	1,058.11	-	VDEM
Total State Funding	322,371.00	8,592.12	267,758.41	54,612.59	259,166.29	
Private Funding						
SPDC Affordable Housing Development Program	50,000.00		19,522.57	30,477.43	19,522.57	VH
SPDC Program Income	(150.00)	5,444.20	5,159.20	-	(285.00)	Housing Loan Payments
Total Private Funding	49,850.00	5,444.20	24,681.77	30,477.43	19,237.57	
Local Fundig:						
Boydton WWTP Improvement Project	54,833.00		23,100.00	31,733.00	23,100.00	EDA-PW
Brodnax Lead Service Inventory Project	100,000.00		-	100,000.00	-	VDH
Brodnax Piney Pond Project	43,800.00		29,700.00	14,100.00	29,700.00	DHCD-CDBG
Brunswick County Chestnut Scattered Site Project	23,500.00	4,115.39	12,346.17	11,153.83	8,230.78	DHCD-CDBG
Brunswick County Township Road Project	43,000.00		23,900.00	19,100.00	23,900.00	DHCD-CDBG
Brunswick County Stonewall Industrial Park	5,000.00		-	5,000.00	-	TRRC
Brunswick County Sheriff's Office -911 GIS Contract	9,000.00		9,000.00	-	9,000.00	Local
Brunswick County-Online GIS Services (Bonus)			5,000.00	(5,000.00)	5,000.00	
Brunswick IDASledge & Barkley Disaster Assistance Project	23,500.00		26,000.00	(2,500.00)	26,000.00	DHR
Brunswick IDA Sledge & Barkley Planning Project	2,500.00		2,500.00	-	2,500.00	DHCD-IRF-PG
Brunswick IDA Sledge & Barkley Stabilization Project	9,750.00		9,750.00	-	9,750.00	VH
Brunswick IDA Sledge & Barkley Stabilization Project	2,500.00		2,500.00	-	2,500.00	TRRC
Brunswick IDA Produce Project	10,000.00		-	10,000.00	-	EDA-PW
Chase City B Street Project-Pse 1	45,000.00	5,178.00	30,810.00	14,190.00	25,632.00	DHCD-CDBG
Chase City B Street Planning Project - Pse2	30,750.00		30,750.00	-	30,750.00	DHCD-CDBG-PG
Chase City B Street Project - Pse 2	15,000.00		-	15,000.00	-	DHCD-CDBG
Chase City Lead Service Line Inventory	12,000.00		-	12,000.00	-	VDH
Chase City Lee Building Disaster Assistance	13,500.00		-	13,500.00	-	DHR
Chase City Town Wide Water Study Planning Project	2,500.00		-	2,500.00	-	VDH
Clarksville Burlington Site Assessment Project	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	-	VEDP/DEQ
Clarksville Cove Project	5,000.00	4,166.67	4,166.67	833.33	-	DCR
Clarksville Planters Warehouse Project	1,150.00		1,150.00	-	1,150.00	DHCD-IRF
Clarksville Sewer Improvement Project	40,000.00		14,146.00	25,854.00	14,146.00	RD
Halifax County - GIS Contract	23,000.00		23,000.00	-	23,000.00	Local
Halifax Town Banister Town Housing Project - Pse 1	28,000.00		27,167.61	832.39	27,167.61	DHCD-CDBG
Halifax Town Exxon Redevelopment Project	2,500.00		-	2,500.00	-	VEDP/DEQ
La Crosse Lead Service Inventory Project	125,000.00		-	125,000.00	-	VDH
La Crosse Pine Street Project - Pse 1	-		14,944.00	(14,944.00)	14,944.00	DHCD-CDBG
La Crosse Pine Street Project - Pse 2	25,750.00		5,750.00	20,000.00	5,750.00	DHCD-CDBG
Lake Country Development Corporation Staff Services	25,000.00	12,500.00	25,000.00	-	12,500.00	Local
Lake Gaston 911 Task Force Dock Sign Management	1,000.00		-	1,000.00	-	Private
Lawrenceville Comp Plan	-		20,000.00	(20,000.00)	20,000.00	Local
Lawrenceville Sharp Street Improvement Project	21,000.00		1,000.00	20,000.00	1,000.00	VDOT-MAP 21
Lawrenceville THT Connector Project	10,000.00		5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	VDOT-MAP 21
Lawrenceville Park St	-	26,210.00	26,210.00	(26,210.00)	-	VDOT-MAP 21
Lunenburg County - GIS Contract	2,400.00		3,900.00	(1,500.00)	3,900.00	Local
Mecklenburg County - GIS Contract	27,600.00		27,600.00	-	27,600.00	Local

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Mecklenburg County Civil Rights Trail Project	1,500.00		1,500.00	-	1,500.00	TRRC
Mecklenburg County - Regional Housing Market Assessment	14,240.00		7,943.00	6,297.00	7,943.00	VH
Mid Atlantic Broadband Middle Mile Project	18,000.00	8,250.00	12,800.00	5,200.00	4,550.00	EDA-PW & GOVA
RRRT Tobacco Heritage Trail Maintenance Amenities Project	7,500.00		6,000.00	1,500.00	6,000.00	DCR
RRRT Tobacco Heritage Trail Management Services	7,500.00	3,750.00	11,250.00	(3,750.00)	7,500.00	Local
South Boston Greene's Crossing Landing Project	1,500.00		1,500.00	-	1,500.00	DHR
South Boston North Main Street Project	17,600.00		20,199.97	(2,599.97)	20,199.97	DHCD-CDBG
South Boston Riverdale Acquisition Project	22,675.00	6,175.00	17,675.00	5,000.00	11,500.00	FEMA/VDEM
South Boston Westside Mobile Home Citizen Relocation	25,000.00		8,395.03	16,604.97	8,395.03	Local
South Boston Westside Mobile Home Planning Project	22,350.00		11,100.00	11,250.00	11,100.00	DHCD-CDBG-PG
South Boston Westside Mobile Home Redevelopment	15,000.00		1,200.00	13,800.00	1,200.00	DHCD-CDBG
South Hill Lead Service Line Inventory Project	10,000.00		-	10,000.00	-	VH
South Hill Nicks Lane Neighborhood Planning Project	41,550.00		41,550.00	-	41,550.00	DHCD-CDBG-PG
South Hill Nicks Lane Neighborhood Project	15,000.00		-	15,000.00	-	DHCD-CDBG
South Hill Sycamore & Howerton Sewer Extension Project	7,500.00		-	7,500.00	-	DEQ
SOVA Innovation Hub Campus Project	10,000.00		1,100.00	8,900.00	1,100.00	EDA-PW
SOVA Innovation Hub Campus Project	1,100.00		-	1,100.00	-	TRRC
SPDC Member Jurisdiction Dues	148,107.20		148,107.20	-	148,107.20	Local
The Old Brunswick Circuit Foundation - Dromgoole House	1,500.00		3,000.00	(1,500.00)	3,000.00	DHR
Total Local Funding	1,173,655.20	72,845.06	700,210.65	473,444.55	627,365.59	
Other Funding:						
Investment Income	53,868.00	5,310.57	57,888.28	(4,020.28)	52,577.71	
Misc Income	-		131,556.83	(131,556.83)	131,556.83	
Total Other Funding	53,868.00	5,310.57	189,445.11	(135,577.11)	184,134.54	
TOTAL REVENUE	1,763,344.20	95,269.00	1,284,672.99	483,980.41	7,414,103.76	
EXPENDITURES						
Direct Costs:						
Direct Chargeable Salaries	434,075.53	35,710.41	410,873.28	23,202.25	375,162.87	
Direct EE Benefits Applied	306,477.88	25,411.53	288,935.67	17,542.21	263,524.14	
Travel and Per Diem	-		-	-	-	
Direct Costs Federal	60,000.00		4,836.66	55,163.34	4,836.66	
Direct Costs Non-Federal	50,000.00	6,435.15	77,747.78	(27,747.78)	71,312.63	
Total Direct Costs	850,553.41	67,557.09	782,393.39	68,160.02	714,836.30	
Indirect Costs:						
Indirect Salaries	99,403.21	7,177.72	102,895.43	(3,492.22)	95,717.71	
Indirect EE Benefits Applied	73,140.94	5,107.67	73,759.22	(618.28)	68,651.55	
Auditing	8,500.00		7,800.00	700.00	7,800.00	
Office Supplies	7,000.00	94.29	6,240.19	759.81	6,145.90	
PDC Meeting Expenses	10,000.00		9,195.06	804.94	9,195.06	
Equipment Lease Payments	15,000.00	603.83	12,950.37	2,049.63	12,346.54	
Insurance and Bonding	7,000.00		6,864.00	136.00	6,864.00	
Officer's Expense/Stipend	500.00		500.00	-	500.00	
Membership Dues & Fees	5,000.00		4,998.00	2.00	4,998.00	
Publications/Subscriptions	500.00	34.99	543.88	(43.88)	508.89	
Professional Printing	2,500.00		177.04	2,322.96	177.04	
Building Upkeep	9,000.00	1,263.76	11,632.62	(2,632.62)	10,368.86	
Travel - Indirect Staff	500.00		258.96	241.04	258.96	
Conferences/Trainings	500.00		81.88	418.12	81.88	
Postage and Freight	2,500.00	520.99	558.89	1,941.11	379.00	
Utilities	18,500.00	1,249.39	15,085.99	3,414.01	13,836.60	
Office Expenses	40,000.00	1,521.81	43,624.72	(3,624.72)	42,102.91	
Auto Repairs/Maintenance/Gas	5,000.00	305.57	2,759.74	2,240.26	2,454.17	
Public Relations	1,000.00		810.63	189.37	810.63	
Depreciation	12,500.00		3,139.95	9,360.05	3,139.95	
Legal Fees	15,000.00		147.60	14,852.40	147.60	
Contractual Staff	7,500.00		-	7,500.00	-	
Total Indirect Costs	340,544.15	17,880.02	304,024.17	36,519.98	286,144.15	
Subtotal Expenditures	1,191,097.56	85,437.11	1,086,417.56	104,680.00	1,000,980.45	
Employee Benefits Adjusted		(2,814.86)	8,934.79		11,749.65	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,191,097.56	82,622.25	1,095,352.35	104,680.00	7,237,429.87	
NET BALANCE	572,246.64	12,646.75	189,320.64	379,300.41	176,673.89	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS						
Unemployment Tax	304.00		600.99	(296.99)	600.99	
FICA Taxes	46,885.70	3,467.91	42,193.63	4,692.07	38,725.72	
Holiday Pay	34,270.74	2,515.60	32,892.72	1,378.02	30,377.12	
Sick Leave Pay	24,479.10	453.31	20,538.30	3,940.80	20,084.99	
ER Deferred Comp	8,124.22	592.54	8,045.49	78.73	7,452.95	
ER Health Contribution	90,288.00	6,688.00	88,842.00	1,446.00	82,154.00	
Long Term Disability	2,640.84	248.80	2,653.95	(13.11)	2,405.15	
Vacation Leave Earned	44,228.05	3,637.54	47,157.45	(2,929.40)	43,519.91	

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VRS Retirement	125,735.00	10,100.64	128,705.15	(2,970.15)	118,604.51	
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	376,955.65	27,704.34	371,629.68	5,325.97	343,925.34	
Employee Benefits Applied	(379,618.82)	(30,519.20)	(362,694.89)		(332,175.69)	
Employee Benefits Adjusted	(2,663.17)	(2,814.86)	8,934.79		11,749.65	

CEDS UPDATE

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)



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STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Vision Statement

“A sustainable, diverse economy that promotes a skilled workforce for 21st Century employment sectors including advanced manufacturing, modern agriculture, healthcare, and entrepreneurship, while celebrating its natural heritage through tourism.”



The Region should be the location of choice for tourists, young families, trained workers, investors, advanced manufacturers, and entrepreneurs. The area stands out due to its natural beauty, friendly people, affordable cost of living, and access to two-thirds of the nation’s population within a day’s drive. In recent years, manufacturing activity has rebounded, and service-related industries have prospered. With vast woodlands, a plentiful water supply, and easy accessibility to metro areas in all directions, the Region offers extensive economic development opportunities. The current workforce consists seasoned, middle skilled workers with a potential labor pool of students eager for training and new opportunities. Economic development efforts should target commercial, technological, and industrial activities compatible with the surrounding communities.

Stepping away from its agrarian past, 21st Century industries are the focus of the Region’s economy. Today’s advanced manufacturing is safer, cleaner, and better paying than ever. Information Technology (IT) is a robust sector that can take advantage of the existing strong broadband infrastructure. High quality, innovative healthcare has been strengthened by affiliations with Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital and VCU Health Community Memorial Hospital. Finally, outdoor recreation and the tourism industry promote the area while imparting a positive impact to the quality of life of its residents.



Goals, Objectives, and Strategies

Planning efforts related to the local and regional economy have been undertaken across the Region for many years. Some plans have focused on specific subject matter, such as workforce development, while others have been more general in nature. Each plan brought together the public sector, subject matter experts, business stakeholders, and local officials to identify and develop potential solutions to economic challenges.

The CEDS document was created by the SPDC to assess, define, and accomplish the economic development goals of the Region. The CEDS outlines the goals, objectives, and actions needed to achieve a resilient, growing economy. This is accomplished through regional meetings, SWOT analysis, review of previous CEDS and other local/regional strategic plans, and one-on-one discussion with stakeholders.



Abbreviations and acronyms used for the purposes of this plan:

CRC	Commonwealth Regional Council	PDC	Roanoke River Service Authority
DCR	Department of Conservation & Recreation	SBDC	Small Business Development Center
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality	SPDC	Southside Planning District Commission
DHCD	Department of Housing & Community Development	SVCC	Southside Virginia Community College
DHR	Department of Historic Resources	SVHEC	Southern Virginia Higher Education Center
DOAV	Department of Aviation	SVRA	Southern Virginia Regional Alliance
DRBA	Dan River Basin Association	TRRC	Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission
DPRT	Department of Rail & Public Transportation	USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
EDA	U.S. Economic Development Administration	USDOT	U.S. Department of Transportation
EDDs	Economic Development Directors	VCC	Virginia Community Capital
ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute (GIS)	VCHR	Virginia Center for Housing Research
GOVA	GO Virginia	VDEM	Virginia Dept of Emergency Management
HCSA	Halifax County Service Authority	VDH	Virginia Department of Health
IDA	Industrial Development Authority	VEDP	Virginia Economic Development Partnership
LCDC	Lake Country Development Corporation	VGA	Virginia's Growth Alliance
NTIA	National Telecommunications & Information Administration	VOF	Virginia Outdoors Foundation
RRRT	Roanoke River Rails-to-Trails, Inc.	VPRA	Virginia Passenger Rail Authority
RRSA	Roanoke River Service Authority	VTC	Virginia Tourism Corporation



**GOAL 1:
BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, AND JOB CREATION**

“Create an economic environment that is conducive to supporting existing businesses, fostering the growth of new start-ups, and attracting new employers to the Region.”

1. Objective: Ensure a framework is established and maintained that provides for mass or targeted communications with businesses as conditions or opportunities may warrant.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 1.1	Maintain access to the SBDC regional business database and/or ESRI’s Community Analyst program	SBDC-Longwood, SPDC	SPDC maintains access to both resources	On-going

2. Objective: Promote the Enterprise and Opportunity Zones located throughout the Region.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 2.1	Support a regional workshop to educate local economic development officials on zones and incentives if requested	EDD, IDA, SPDC, DHCD, VCC, VGA	Provide assistance as needed	On-going
Strategy 2.2	Support Economic Developer directors with technical assistance as it relates to Enterprise/Opportunity Zones.	EDD, IDA, SPDC, DHCD, VGA, SVRA	SPDC has provided mapping assistance	On-going

3. Objective: Ensure that capital is made available for small businesses through microloans.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 3.1	Continue providing microloans to support small business expansions and start-ups	LCDC, SPDC, SBDC	LCDC loan funds available	On-going
Strategy 3.2	Market the availability of microloan opportunities	LCDC, SPDC, SBDC	SPDC website, SBDC provides info to clients	On-going

4. Objective: Ensure the Region is well positioned to accommodate future economic growth be it existing buildings or shovel ready sites.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 4.1	Support and help facilitate the creation of non-traditional office workspace	Local Govts, SPDC, SVCC, GOVA	SOVA Innovation Hub Campus Project - new building to include coworking space	1-2 Yrs.
Strategy 4.2	Develop shovel ready sites per VEDP guidelines	IDA, EDD, Local Govts, VEDP, VGA, GOVA, SPDC, SVRA	BRUN - Stonewall Industrial Park tier 4 up to tier 5; MECK - Kinderton Tech Campus tier 3/4; former PVMS will be upgraded to tier 3/4; Mecklenburg County IDA looking to finalize site selection and acquisition for future site development; HAL - SVTP tier 4/5; Day Site tier 4; Wilkins Site tier 2 to tier 4	On-going
Strategy 4.3	Identify underutilized buildings and create redevelopment plans	Local Govts, SPDC, DHCD	Numerous redevelopment projects: Sledge & Barkley, Halifax Exxon, John Randolph Hotel, Planter's Warehouse, SOVA Innovation Hub Campus	On-going

5. Objective: Promote and support direct entrepreneurship education, mentorship, and internship efforts.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 5.1	Support the utilization of speakers, leadership training, workshops, and other educational opportunities (i.e. HYPE, RISE Collaborative, Metropolitan Business League) for entrepreneurs	Community Stakeholders, SBDC-Longwood, Higher Ed. Institutions	Numerous workshops and speakers have been utilized across the region. (RISE & Shine, Lunch & Learn, Grapevine Monthly, InnovateHER Summit Women's Business Summit, etc.)	On-going

**GOAL 2:
INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORTATION**

“Improve and expand existing infrastructure, provide a safe and efficient transportation network, and promote reliable broadband access to encourage economic growth and expansion across the Region.”

1. Objective: Promote the continued improvement and development of critical infrastructure needed to support business and industry, such as water, sewer, natural gas, electric power, telecommunications, and broadband capability through partnerships with funding organizations.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 1.1	Support the deployment of fiber broadband across the Region	Local Govts, DHCD, SPDC, NTIA	Southside Regional Broadband Fiber Project - Funds secured for 19K passings, applied for additional 13K passings. Check status	3-5 Yrs.
Strategy 1.2	Maintain open Wi-Fi in underserved towns and promote existing free hotspot locations	Community Stakeholders, Local Govts	Wi-Fi remains open in Boydton, Clarksville, and Virgilina	On-going
Strategy 1.3	Solicit water/sewer grant funds to improve existing systems, including underserved communities for water/sewer expansions and install/replace generators at critical facilities	Local Govts, VDH, SPDC, Service Authorities, USDA, VDEM, EDA	Funding requests for over 68K LF W/S pipe, Improvements at 2 WWTPs, 1 Water System PER	On-going
Strategy 1.4	Ensure an adequate water supply is available to meet projected future demand	Local Govts, Service Authorities, DEQ, SPDC, EDDs	Update of Regional Water Supply Plan to start in 2024	3-5 Yrs.
Strategy 1.5	Improve cell phone coverage throughout the Region	Telecommunication Providers, Local Govts	T-Mobile and Verizon expanding coverage	3-5 Yrs.
Strategy 1.6	Plan for and ensure critical infrastructure has network redundancy at the local and regional levels	Local Govts, Service Authorities, Electric Providers, Telecommunications	Utilites are planning/creating system redundancies	5+ Yrs.

2. Objective: Support programs and policies that help ensure an efficient and safe transportation network.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 2.1	Update the SPDC’s 2045 Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan (RLRTP)	SPDC, VDOT, Local Govts	Data compiled, kickoff meeting held	1-2 Yrs.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 2.2	Update and consolidate two existing bike, pedestrian, and trail plans into one plan	SPDC, VDOT, Local Govts	Plan is complete, working on implementation.	On-going
Strategy 2.3	Implement transportation projects identified in state, regional, and local plans	Local Govts, SPDC, VDOT, USDOT	Numerous projects funded along US 58 and US 501.	On-going
Strategy 2.4	Encourage investment in railroads for freight and high-speed passenger service (including a stop in the Town of La Crosse)	VPRA, Local Govts, DRPT, SPDC	Provided input to VPRA for high-speed rail project (Richmond to Raleigh).	On-going
Strategy 2.5	Encourage investment in airports to improve facilities and service	Airport Commissions, DOAV, Local Govts, SPDC	Support local efforts and provide technical assistance as needed.	On-going
Strategy 2.6	Conduct downtown parking studies for interested localities	SPDC, VDOT, Local Govts	Funding secured through the SPDC's FY25 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program.	1-2 Yrs.
Strategy 2.7	Improve active transportation network connectivity between downtown, neighborhoods, businesses, and services	Local Govts, SPDC, VDOT, USDOT, VOF, DCR	RAISE planning grant application for THT; South Hill GAP grant; Lawrenceville (1) THT extension and ramp project and (2) Sharp St. improvements; Halifax pedestrian improvements along Main St. and Mtn. Rd.	On-going
Strategy 2.8	Improve access to demand responsive transportation options	Community Stakeholders, Local Govts, DRPT, SPDC	Support funding request by VT for study of autonomous transit in rural areas.	3-5 Yrs.

3. Objective: Provide GIS services to localities and community-based organizations.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 3.1	Support local economic development initiatives with GIS services	SPDC, Local Govts	Provide technical assistance when requested, mostly mapping and demographics	On-going

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 3.2	Provide GIS services that support local government and 911 operations	SPDC, Local Govts	SPDC provides GIS services to member counties and several towns	On-going
Strategy 3.3	Expand GIS services to localities currently underserved, including outside the SPDC footprint	SPDC, Local Govts, CRC	Took over online GIS for Lunenburg County	On-going

**GOAL 3:
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

“Promote community development and enhance quality of life by increasing the availability of affordable housing and childcare, improving living conditions, revitalizing downtowns, and preserving the Region’s historic and natural resources, while promoting tourism.”

1. Objective: Encourage and stimulate redevelopment, revitalization, and business retention in downtown areas, mixed-use developments, and projects that contribute to the locality’s unique “sense of place” should be prioritized.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 1.1	Establish facade enhancement programs to enhance downtown building exteriors	Local Govts, SPDC	South Boston, South Hill, and Clarksville have programs	On-going
Strategy 1.2	Pursue adaptive reuse funds for underutilized historic or architecturally significant buildings	Local Govts, SPDC, DHR, DHCD	Redevelopment of Sledge & Barkley, John Randolph Hotel	On-going
Strategy 1.3	Fill long-term vacant spaces in the downtowns	Local Govts, SPDC, Chambers	On-going efforts with numerous buildings	On-going
Strategy 1.4	Provide technical assistance to local farmers markets	Local Govts, SPDC, Community Stakeholders	Support local efforts and provide technical assistance as needed.	On-going
Strategy 1.5	Continue downtown revitalization efforts that activate the public realm and create a “sense of place”	Local Govts, SPDC, VDOT, VTC, Chambers	Lawrenceville Sharp St pedestrian improvements; murals in Halifax and Meck. Co. towns; facade enhancement programs	On-going

2. Objective: Support increased access to healthcare through the development of new facilities and expanded services.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 2.1	Support the establishment of healthcare clinics and expanded services	Health Care Providers	Regional opioid needs assessment funded; VCU Health to expand opioid and behavioral services and telehealth; new Pet/CT scanner at VCU; new PATHS facility in South Boston; Sentara planning new hospital in South Boston	On-going
Strategy 2.2	Continue creative staffing solutions that shares health expertise between urban and rural areas	Health Care Providers	VCU continues this practice within its health care system	On-going
Strategy 2.3	Implement physician residency training programs	Healthcare Providers	3 slots filed for VCU program, years 2 and 3 in South Hill	On-going
Strategy 2.4	Support initiatives to bring additional quality nursing home facilities to the Region	Healthcare Providers	VCU Health conducting needs assessment survey; Assisted living facility in South Boston closed due to fire in 2023.	3-5 Yrs.

3. Objective: Encourage the expansion of quality childcare and senior care opportunities.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 3.1	Increase access to quality childcare and senior care across the Region	Community Stakeholders	25 child care and 1 adult care facilities licensed in region; GOVA exploring planning grant	On-going

4. Objective: Support efforts to increase tourism and access to recreational opportunities throughout the Region.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 4.1	Create a regional tourism initiative for the Southern Virginia region	VTC, Local Govts, SPDC	Rollout in fall 2024 (Brunswick, Halifax, Henry, Mecklenburg, Pittsylvania, Danville, and Martinsville)	1-2 Yrs.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 4.2	Support initiatives to improve the Civil Rights in Education Heritage Trail, Virginia Civil War Trails, and other similar recreational opportunities	Local Govts, TRRC, VA Crossroads, SPDC	Project completed for Civil Rights Trail adding 12 new sites, new wayfinding signs, among other improvements	On-going
Strategy 4.3	Improve public access to area lakes and rivers and support initiatives of the Southern Virginia Blueway	Local Govts, DCR, DRBA, SPDC	New South Boston boat/canoe/kayak launch; Clarksville Cove project; Brunswick Co. Day Use site	On-going
Strategy 4.4	Encourage localities to improve the aesthetics of their gateways	Local Govts, VDOT, SPDC	More green space is being created in Riverdale area of South Boston	On-going
Strategy 4.5	Maintain GIS data on tourism assets	SPDC, Local Govts	SPDC needs to coordinate with Tourism directors	On-going
Strategy 4.6	Ensure the vitality of the Tobacco Heritage Trail and support future trail connectivity initiatives	RRRT, Local Govts, SPDC, TRRC, DCR, VOF, VDOT, USDOT	Priority Trail (\$4 million) in Boydton area; DCR funds (\$62K) secured; RAISE grant for planning funds in Lawrenceville area applied for	On-going
Strategy 4.7	Support and promote the Region's State and local parks and their initiatives, including International Dark Sky Parks	DCR, Local Govts, DRBA, SPDC	Review of local regulations found opportunities to help limit light pollution.	On-going

5. Objective: Encourage the preservation and protection of open space, waterways, and historically and culturally significant buildings.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 5.1	Support the development of a preservation plan for open space, historic sites, and key natural resources	Local Govts, DCR, DHR, VOF, SPDC	Preservation/conservation is a n area of focus in Mecklenburg County Comp. Plan update	5+ Yrs.
Strategy 5.2	Enhance and protect the water quality of rivers, streams, creeks, and lakes throughout the Region	Local Govts, DEQ, SPDC, HCSA, Community Stakeholders	78 total Mundus stormwater bags in Boydton, Chase City, and South Boston	On-going
Strategy 5.3	Promote organic solutions to protect the environment through various community initiatives	DCR, Community Stakeholders, Local Govts	Community clean up days, but more help is needed	On-going

6. Objective: Ensure the Region has a well maintained and diverse mix of housing options at all price points, including affordable housing.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 6.1	Conduct a regional housing study to determine housing stock needs, especially affordable housing	VCHR, SPDC, Local Govts, Housing Forward VA	Recommendations and strategies are being drafted for the SPDC Regional Housing Market Analysis	1-2 Yrs.
Strategy 6.2	Support the rehabilitation of LMI housing stock	Local Govts, DHCD, SPDC	14 current housing projects supporting 150 housing units	On-going
Strategy 6.3	Create a revolving loan fund for LMI housing maintenance/rehab needs that fall outside traditional funding programs	SPDC, Local Govts, Community Non-profits	Discussions to define and establish this initiative are underway	1-2 Yrs.
Strategy 6.4	Eliminate single-use residential districts to ensure a more diverse offering of housing options (styles and prices) are available	Local Govts, SPDC, Developers	SPDC to provide technical assistance to interested localities	1-2 Yrs.

7. Objective: Support localities in need of professional community development assistance.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 7.1	Provide planning and zoning assistance to localities	SPDC, Local Govts	SPDC is currently assisting with zoning revisions, Comprehensive Plan update, and assisting localities with zoning questions	On-going

**GOAL 4:
EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE TRAINING**

“Expand educational opportunities for the youth and provide a versatile workforce training network, including advanced technical skills certifications, to strengthen the Region’s overall workforce skillset and promote wage growth.”

1. Objective: Encourage investment in public school systems to improve learning environments and equip students with state-of-the-art programs to create a pool of skilled workers that can be employed and retained within the Region.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe/ Progress
Strategy 1.1	Construct new or renovate existing public-school facilities to ensure students are provided with a safe, well-maintained learning environment	Local Govts, School Boards	MECK - New high school and middle school, renovations to all 3 elementary schools planned or underway; HAL - New high school under construction; BRUNS - New elementary school planned.	On-going

2. Objective: Expand programs offered in technical/vocational training areas, such as healthcare, welding, electrical, machining, and other locally significant labor sectors.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 2.1	Increase engagement between educational institutions and employers to build upon existing training opportunities and create new ones when conditions warrant	Higher Ed Institutions, School Boards, Employers	Coordinate when needs align with educational institution capacity; Work Based Learning; Credential Programs	On-going
Strategy 2.2	Seek grant funding to establish new training programs and/or facilities	Higher Ed Institutions, School Boards	new HVAC lab; new Critical Environment training lab	On-going
Strategy 2.3	Establish lab school programs throughout the Region	Higher Ed Institutions, School Boards, Community Stakeholders	Southern Virginia Career Academy (Meck. Co. & SVCC) currently paused due to funding concerns	1-2 Yrs.

3. Objective: Encourage students to become appropriately educated equal to their desired career path.

Strategies		Strategic Partners (Lead Agency Listed 1st)	Current Status	Timeframe
Strategy 3.1	Develop marketing initiatives that promote the importance of being appropriately educated and ensure a diverse outreach effort to connect with different segments of the population	School Board, Higher Ed Institutions	Billboard program and other proven community outreach efforts continue	On-going
Strategy 3.2	Increase student access to career guidance and assistance in high school	School Board, Higher Ed, Comm. Stakeholders	All schools participate in GRASP	On-going



EVALUATION FRAMEWORK

Performance Measures: Metrics

Performance measures should be aimed at achieving clearly identified outcomes. Outcomes are not what the program does but are the end results of the program. Performance measures provide a mechanism for evaluating and updating the regional CEDS based on progress, challenges, or unanticipated circumstances. This table will be updated periodically as we proceed toward the five-year goal.

#	Data is for informational purposes only
#	Metrics moving in a positive performance direction when compared to 2019
#	Metrics moving in a negative performance direction when compared to 2019



Indicator	Data Source	SPDC 2019	SPDC 2020	SPDC 2021	SPDC 2022	SPDC 2023	SPDC 2024	Performance Goals
Labor Force	BLS	34,391	33,613	33,362	34,403	36,043		35,000
Employed	BLS	32,997	31,140	31,695	33,068	34,662		33,600
Unemployed	BLS	1,394	2,474	1,667	1,334	1,381		1,400
Unemployment Rate	BLS	4.1%	7.4%	5.0%	3.9%	3.8%		3.0%
New Startup Firms	VEC	105	125	113	119			125
Avg. Weekly Wage	BLS	\$709	\$754	\$803	\$862			\$800
Annual Taxable Sales	TAX	\$833,129,667	\$863,442,660	\$928,445,130	\$990,907,634			\$1B
Employers	BLS	2,800	2,684	2,692	2,997			3,000
Workers that Commute into Region	ACS	10,079	9,387	9,957				11,000
Workers that Commute out of Region	ACS	19,172	19,053	19,490				17,000
Mean Travel Time to Work in Minutes	ACS	26.2	26.6	26.1	26.9			25
Total Population	WCC/ CENSUS	81,353	80,190	79,604	78,901	78,345		85,000
Young Adult Age 18-24 Population	ACS	6,283	6,104	6,177	6,062			7,000
Population % < Age 18	ACS	19.1%	18.8%	19.0%	18.6%			20%
Population % Age 18-64	ACS	57.3%	57.0%	57.0%	56.6%			60%
Population % > Age 65	ACS	23.6%	24.2%	24.0%	24.8%			20%
Poverty Rate	ACS	17.0%	16.7%	16.7%	16.7%			15.0%
Per Capita Income	ACS	\$23,900	\$25,783	\$26,288	\$28,177			\$25,000
Median Household Income	ACS	\$43,201	\$46,630	\$46,796	\$50,655			\$50,000
Median Value Owner-Occupied House	ACS	\$121,544	\$129,055	\$129,564	\$141,833			\$150,000
Owner-Occupied Housing Rate	ACS	72.3%	73.8%	73.2%	72.1%			75%

Indicator	Data Source	SPDC 2019	SPDC 2020	SPDC 2021	SPDC 2022	SPDC 2023	SPDC 2024	Performance Goals
Housing Costs 30% or Higher of Household Income	ACS	24.7%	24.4%	24.7%	24.4%			20.0%
Tourism: Local Tax Receipts	VTC	\$5,654,043	\$4,843,875	\$6,121,876	\$6,413,472			\$7M
High School On-Time Graduation Rate	VDOE	89.9%	92.7%	90.8%	86.5%			90.0%
Population w/ Bachelors Degree or Higher Age 25+	ACS	16.8%	18.5%	18.6%	18.5%			20.0%
% of Households w/ Broadband	ACS	44.6%	48.3%	50.1%	51.6%			82.0%*

*Broadband data originally contained cellular data plans when the performance measure was calculated. That element has been removed and it now contains broadband obtained through cable, fiber, DSL or satellite service.



RESOLUTION

ADOPTION OF THE 2024 ANNUAL CEDS UPDATE

WHEREAS, as a designated Economic Development District (EDD) by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Southside Planning District Commission is responsible for the preparation of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region every five years to remain compliant with EDA assistance requirements under the Public Works and Economic Development Adjustment Assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, the CEDS analyzes a region's economy and serves as a guide for establishing regional goals and objectives, developing and implementing a regional plan of action, and identifying investment priorities and funding sources; and

WHEREAS, economic development planning through the CEDS serves as a means to engage community leaders, leverage the involvement of the private sector, and establish a blueprint for regional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Southside PDC voluntarily chooses to review and update the CEDS on an annual basis to better understand current conditions and track progress across the region on economic development related projects; and

WHEREAS, the CEDS Committee has conducted its annual review and update in compliance with all federal requirements of the EDA and voted on July 11th to recommend that the updated version of the CEDS be adopted by the Southside PDC; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southside PDC at its regular meeting held on July 25, 2024, voted to adopt the updated version of the CEDS.

Tom Tanner, Chairman

Deborah Gosney, Executive Director

Smart Scale



RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT SMART SCALE APPLICATIONS

WHEREAS, in the 2014 legislative session the Virginia General Assembly passed House Bill 2, now known as SMART SCALE, which provided for the development of a prioritization process for projects funded by the Commonwealth Transportation Board; and

WHEREAS, the projects submitted by localities within the Southside Planning District address specific needs identified in VTrans, Virginia's multimodal transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, all projects are specifically identified in regional plans, such as the Southside Planning District's 2045 Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan, the SPDC's Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) project list, and/or VDOT's U.S. 58 Arterial Preservation Plan for the counties of Brunswick and Mecklenburg; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southside Planning District Commission endorses the following projects located within its jurisdiction as candidates for the Commonwealth Transportation Board's SMART SCALE project prioritization process:

- Brunswick County – US 58/Freemans Cross Rd/Reedy Creek Rd Intersection Improvements
- Brunswick County – US 58/Brooks Crossing/Old Stage Rd Intersection Improvements
- Brunswick County – Tobacco Heritage Trail: Trailhead Ramp and Trail Extension
- Halifax County – Sinai Road Pedestrian Improvements
- Halifax County – US 501/Greens Folly Rd Improvements
- Halifax County – US 501/Sunshine Drive Realignment
- Halifax County – US 58/Rt 751 Intersection Improvements

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____ the Southside Planning District Commission adopted this Resolution of Support on July 25, 2024.

Tom Tanner, Chairman

Deborah Gosney, Executive Director

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT JULY 2024 QUARTERLY MEETING

Recent Project Activity - Southside PDC offers grant writing and administrative services to all 15 jurisdictions that are within the District's geographic footprint. A total of 30 project applications were approved in FY24 totaling \$35,069,339; an additional ten (10) applications have been submitted that are pending review and approval as listed below. Southside PDC Staff successfully managed a total of 67 projects, plans, and initiatives for FY24; these projects are listed on the Year-in-Review and the Active Projects List.

Regional Housing Study - The Study is nearing completion. A Housing Summit will be held to review the results and identify next steps. The Estes Center in Chase City has been selected as the venue for the event-stay tuned for the scheduled date.

Upcoming Grant Rounds - The Tobacco Commission has announced two funding rounds for FY25. The first-round deadline is July 31st and the second-round deadline is March 2025. The regional economic development grant program supports projects under four investment strategies - Agribusiness, Business Development, Sites & Infrastructure, and Tourism.

Travel - I will be attending the GO VA Retreat held in Danville early September. Andy and I plan to attend the NADO Annual Training Conference held in New Orleans the end of October and the Governor's Summit on Rural Prosperity held in Wytheville, VA also late October.

Next PDC Meeting - This year's annual dinner meeting, scheduled for Thursday, October 10th, is being jointly hosted by Mecklenburg County/South Hill. The meeting will be held at The Dogwood and Bill Leighty, Managing Partner with DecideSmart, will be the guest speaker. I hope each of you will make plans to attend.

Other Business