

News from the CSPDC Region

April 2026



Philippe Bone Selected for Virginia Rural Leadership Institute

We're proud to share that Philippe Bone has been selected as a 2026 participant in the Virginia Rural Leadership Institute (VRLI).

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Goshen Honors CSPDC Planning Director with Keys to the Town

During what Jeremy Crute expected to be a routine Monday morning staff meeting, two officials presented our Director of Planning with the keys to Goshen.

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Afton Express Sees Ridership Surge

The Afton Express recorded a 38% increase in ridership this February compared to February 2025, a milestone for BRITE Transit's commuter route connecting the Central Shenandoah Valley to Charlottesville and Albemarle County.

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Town of Goshen Awarded DOE Power CORE Grant for Solar-Powered Backup

The Town of Goshen was awarded a grant through the Virginia Department of Energy's Community-Oriented Resilient Energy (CORE) program to purchase and install two mobile solar-powered backup generators at its critical public facilities.

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Weigh in on the Future of the Shenandoah Valley Rail Trail Corridor - Survey Open Through May 13

CSPDC and our member jurisdictions along the corridor support a trail for the Shenandoah Valley's 49-mile corridor. As members of the [Shenandoah Rail Trail Exploratory Partnership](#), we see a dedicated trail as an economic driver and lasting public investment for the communities along the corridor — one that supports economic development, transportation, tourism and outdoor recreation for the long term.

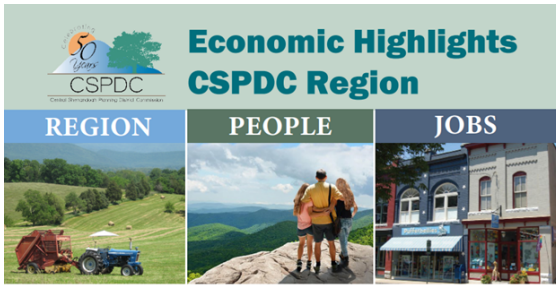
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Finding Funding for the Future: May Workshop Tackles Aviation and Affordable Housing

On May 13th, VAPDC is bringing together local government staff, economic developers, state agency partners, and EDA/IDA board members in Staunton for the first installment of Finding Funding for the Future.

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Hot Off the Press: New Socio-Economic Data Profiles

The [2025 Facts & Figures](#) brochures are now available on the CSPDC website.

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Virginia Breeze Launches Tidewater Current, Connecting the Valley to the Coast

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) is launching the Tidewater Current, a new Virginia Breeze intercity bus route that will begin service on April 20.

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