



News from the CSPDC Region

November 2020

2020 Census

Exceeding their 2010 Census response rate, the CSPDC localities of Augusta, Buena Vista, Rockingham, Staunton and Waynesboro recorded response rates of 70% or higher. However, Bath and Highland rank among the 10 lowest response rates in Virginia. Out of all responses collected in the CSPDC region, 50% of residents filled out the 2020 Census online.

CSPDC 2020 Census Data			
Response Rates as of October 6, 2020			
Locality	Response Rate Total 2020	Internet Response Rate 2020	Response Rate 2010
Virginia	71.2%	58.3%	69.0%
Augusta	74.2%	54.1%	67.2%
Bath	41.6%	18.6%	47.6%
Highland	47.1%	32.2%	46.7%
Rockbridge	67.1%	37.3%	64.8%
Rockingham	71.7%	49.0%	66.8%
Buena Vista	70.0%	54.9%	65.3%
Harrisonburg	65.8%	57.4%	65.1%
Lexington	66.9%	56.0%	66.5%
Staunton	71.1%	58.7%	69.3%
Waynesboro	72.6%	55.1%	71.3%



CARES Funding for Broadband

CTB Approves TAP & State of Good Repair Applications

On October 21, 2020, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) amended the FY 2020-2025 Six Year Improvement Program to include new projects in the CSPDC region. Eight localities applied for funding through...

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On October 8, Governor Northam announced a new, fast-track program to distribute \$30M in CARES Act funds, targeting rural broadband access across the Commonwealth. With a requirement that the funds be expended and service in place by December 25...

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COVID-19 Recovery Dashboard

Follow regional impacts of COVID-19 using the CSPDC Recovery Dashboard, scheduled to launch this November on the CSPDC website. The Recovery Dashboard will feature interactive graphs that display data on localities' unemployment rates, unemployment benefits claims, COVID-19 cases and tax revenues.

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Shenandoah Rail Trail Exploratory Partnership

CSPDC staff are members of the **Shenandoah Rail Trail Partnership**. The Partnership is a coalition of volunteers, local and PDC staff, advocacy groups, local and state elected officials who are working to build support for the project. CSPDC Executive Director Bonnie Riedesel serves as the Vice-Chair of the Rail Trail Partnership...

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Fields of Gold Members Join Maple Syrup Trail

This fall, Highland County, known for its award-winning maple syrup production, launched the **Virginia Maple Syrup Trail**. The trail includes a passport program and offers visitors the chance to experience eight participating Highland County sugar camps throughout the year. The Maple Syrup Trail was formed to...

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CSPDC Welcomes Nathan Garrison

The CSPDC is pleased to announce that Nathan Garrison has been hired as a CSPDC Regional Planner. Nathan, a native of McGaheysville, acquired his associate's degree from Blue Ridge Community College and transferred to James Madison University where he received his bachelor's degree in Public Administration.

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