



VAPDC TRAINING CONFERENCE

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 (12 pm – 4:30 pm)

Thursday, November 13, 2025 (8 am – 12 pm)

Virginia Housing Center, 4224 Cox Rd, Glen Allen

AGENDA

DAY ONE: Wednesday, November 12, 2025

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| 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Registration and Lunch |
| 1:00 – 1:15 pm | Welcome and Introductions |
| 1:15 – 2:30 pm | <i>From Vision to Action: Mobilizing Community Engagement and Support</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▽ Stephanie Heinatz, Founder/CEO of Consociate Media▽ Susan Gaston, Founder and President at The Gaston Group |
| 2:30 – 3:00 pm | Networking Break |
| 3:00 – 4:15 pm | <i>Getting Real on Artificial Intelligence</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▽ Jason Graham, Member, Fredericksburg City Council and Founder/CEO of Surava |
| 5:30 – 6:30 pm | Networking Reception/Meet for Drinks – Capital Ale House |
| 6:30 pm | Dinner on Your Own |

DAY TWO: Thursday, November 13, 2025

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| 8:00 – 9:00 am | Breakfast |
| 9:00 – 10:15 am | <i>Talking FOIA for You</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▽ Maria Everett, Former Executive Director, Va. Freedom of Information Advisory Council, and current Council member▽ Stephen Clough, Town Clerk and FOIA Officer, Town of Warrenton▽ Max Hlavin, Attorney, Sands Anderson |
| 10:15 – 10:30 am | Networking Break |
| 10:30 – 11:30 am | <i>Building a Better Budget</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▽ David Blount, Executive Director, Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) and Deputy Director/Director of Legislative Services, Thomas Jefferson PDC▽ Chip Boyles, Executive Director, George Washington Regional Commission▽ Paula Melester, Director of Transportation, Central Shenandoah PDC |
| 11:30 – 11:45 pm | Wrap-Up/Adjournment |