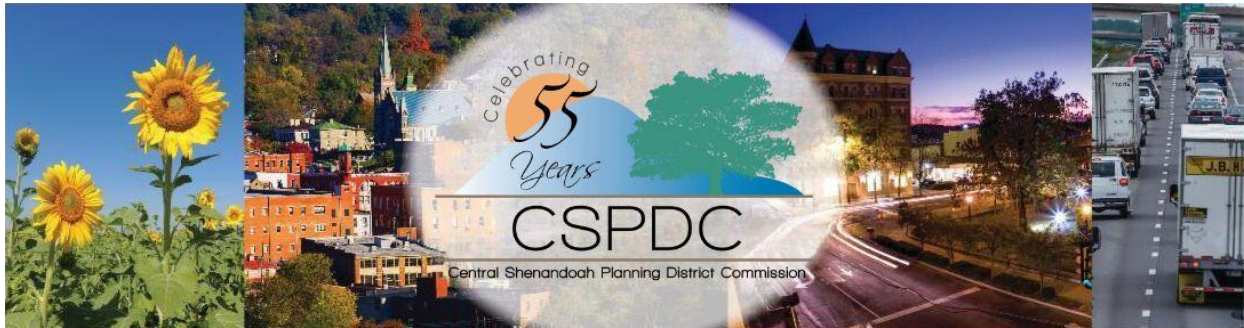




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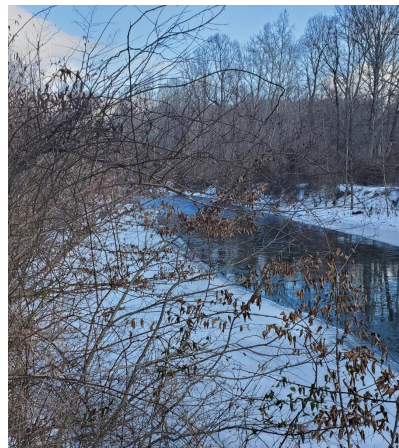
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## Senator Emmett Hanger Recognized for Outstanding Legislative Service

The Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) recently celebrated the far-reaching legislative impact of former Senator Emmett Hanger with the Lifetime Legislative Achievement Award on August 18th at the CSPDC's Board of Commissioners meeting. David Blount, VAPDC Executive Director and longtime colleague of Senator Hanger presented the award, noting "VAPDC is excited to present this Lifetime Legislative Achievement Award to Senator Hanger. Having worked with Senator Hanger during this time in the Senate, I saw firsthand his passion and leadership on so many issues important to localities and regions."

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## National Park Service Partners with Goshen to Transform Unused Land into Community Park

For over two decades, residents of the Town of Goshen have watched 42 acres of donated land sit empty, waiting for its promised purpose. Now, that wait is finally over.

In 2025, the NPS selected Goshen to receive technical assistance to support the planning and development of a new community park. The proposed park site is Town-owned, features scenic views of the surrounding Alleghany Mountains and has direct access to the Calfpasture River.

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## Executive Director Ann Cundy Featured on Shenandoah Valley Life Podcast

Executive Director Ann Cundy recently joined host Jay Langston on the Shenandoah Valley Life Podcast, sharing about her years in the region and CSPDC's role in supporting local communities. The Shenandoah Valley Partnership podcast showcases residents who are living, working and thriving in Virginia's iconic valley.

During their conversation, Ann discussed her lifelong connections to the Valley and explored how CSPDC's diverse programs work hand-in-hand with SVP's efforts to boost economic development and create jobs throughout the region. Since...

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## Grottoes Adopts New Comprehensive Plan, Launches Multimodal Transportation Study

After 18 months of collaborative planning, the Town of Grottoes has officially adopted its Comprehensive

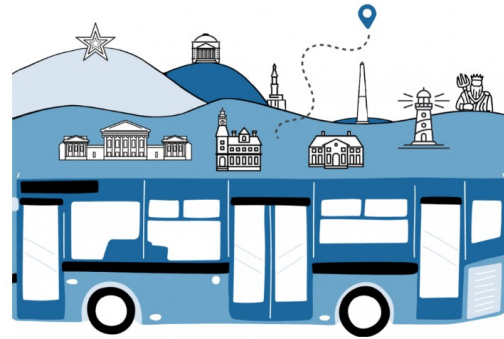


## I-81 Transformation Continues: Update to Corridor Study

Virginia continues efforts to transform the Interstate 81 corridor with a comprehensive new study. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), working alongside the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, is developing an updated Corridor Improvement Plan (CIP) for the entire 325-mile I-81 corridor within the Commonwealth. This latest initiative builds upon the success of...

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### VIRGINIA TRANSIT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



## Danielle Gannon Selected for Virginia Transit Leadership Institute

We are proud to announce that Danielle Gannon has been selected to join the Virginia Transit Association's (VTA) third cohort of the Virginia Transit Leadership Institute (VTLI).

The Virginia Transit Leadership Institute is a nine-month intensive program designed for mid-level professionals and future executives ready to see transit through a comprehensive, statewide lens. Through five immersive full-day sessions, participants will dive deep into leadership...

Plan 2025-2045, setting the stage for strategic growth and community improvements over the next two decades.

CSPDC staff led the comprehensive planning process with Grottoes, facilitating extensive community engagement through surveys and public input sessions. The CSPDC team conducted demographic analysis and developed strategic goals and objectives that will guide the town's future land use decisions.

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## Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Achieves Milestone

On August 8th, the CSPDC's Community and Economic Development team achieved a major milestone by hosting the final steering committee meeting for the new Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Nearly 40 representatives from local governments, regional organizations, and state agencies gathered at Augusta Community Care to collaborate on this critical planning initiative.

The steering committee finalized a set of regional goals and strategies that will guide the region's hazard mitigation efforts over the next five...

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