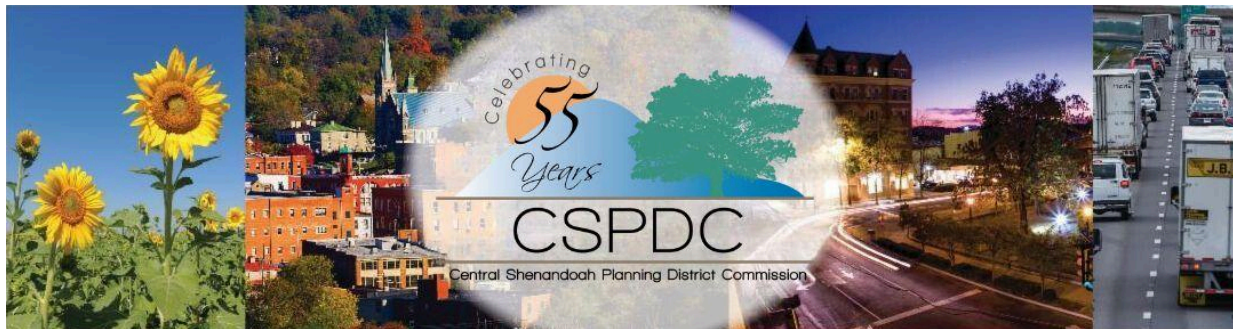




News from the CSPDC Region

May 2025



Former Executive Director Receives Public Service Award

Recently retired Executive Director Bonnie Riedesel received the JMU Career Achievement in Public Service Award on April 22, 2025. JMU has recognized individuals across the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia for their excellence in public service as part of the national Public Service Recognition Week. Honorees are nominated and selected by their peers and colleagues, facilitated by the JMU MPA program and are recognized at the annual Public Service Reception on the JMU campus.

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CSPDC and DEQ Kick Off Regional Water Supply Plans

On April 1, 2025, CSPDC staff, representatives from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and regional stakeholders gathered to kick-off the Shenandoah River 1 and Upper James River 1 Water Supply Plans. These plans are being developed in accordance with the Local and Regional Water Supply Planning Regulation (9VAC25-780), which requires their completion by 2029.

The Shenandoah River 1 regional planning unit includes Augusta and Rockingham counties, the cities of Harrisonburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro; and the towns of Bridgewater, Broadway...

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CSPDC Applies for Increased SPARC Allocation for First-Time Homebuyers' Program

In April 2025, the CSPDC applied for its third allocation of funds through Virginia Housing's Sponsoring Partnerships & Revitalizing Communities (SPARC) Program. Building on the success of its previous efforts, the CSPDC is seeking \$4.5 million in SPARC funding to support first-time homebuyers across the Central Shenandoah region.

The CSPDC first became a SPARC sponsor in 2023, with an initial \$1.7 million allocation. Due to strong demand for more SPARC funds...

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Lewis Street Transit Hub Recognized with National Civic Improvement Award

The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) is proud to announce that the Lewis Street Transit Hub has been honored with a [Civic Improvement Commendation](#) from the Garden Club of America. The award recognizes "outstanding efforts which enhance, protect, or restore the local environment and improve the community."

The [Augusta Garden Club](#), a local chapter affiliated with the Garden Club of Virginia, nominated the project for this national honor. The club praised the thoughtful transformation of the site..

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SAWMPO Completes Phase II of Long-Range Transportation Plan Update

The Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (SAWMPO) is updating the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), a comprehensive strategy designed to guide



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transportation investments across the region over the next 25 years. This plan aims to address the evolving mobility needs of the community, ensuring a more connected, safe, and efficient transportation network.

The LRTP is updated every five years through a multi-phase process emphasizing public involvement. The 2050 update kicked off in August 2024 and includes three phases of public...

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Waynesboro Traffic Playground Project Holds Ribbon Cutting

On May 3, 2025, the City of Waynesboro held a ribbon cutting for the new Rotary Traffic Playground at 101 Short Street. The facility features a small-scale road network with traffic signs, crosswalks and a roundabout. The Playground is designed for bicycle safety education and serves as a controlled environment where children or new riders can practice cycling skills before transitioning to public roads or the adjacent South River Greenway.

The Rotary Club of Waynesboro, the Waynesboro Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Central Shenandoah Valley Office on Youth partnered on the Playground. The Shenandoah...

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On April 29th, JMU's Office of Economic & Community Development hosted a discussion session on the CSPDC's Regional Housing Study. The session provided space for local housing planners, service providers, real estate, and finance partners to engage with the Housing Study's data and recommended solutions more deeply. Twenty community leaders collaboratively worked through two case studies with the goal of identifying...

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GO Virginia Region 8 Hosts Project Pipeline Brainstorming Sessions

GO Virginia Region 8 recently wrapped up a series of four Project Pipeline Brainstorming Sessions. Community members, employers, chamber representatives, economics developers, industry leaders, and other regional stakeholders came together to identify local needs, propose project ideas, and collaborate on solutions within GO Virginia's key focus areas: startup ecosystems, cluster scale-up, workforce development, and site/infrastructure development. The sessions...

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Executive Director Attends SERDI Annual Professional Development Conference

Ann Cundy attended the Southeast Regional Director's Institute (SERDI) Annual Professional Development Conference April 27th-April 30th in Jacksonville, FL. SERDI is a voluntary professional development association for regional council executive directors in the southeastern United States, and provides technical assistance to regional council directors, their councils and their state associations.

Seasoned and new executive directors gather each year to share knowledge and expertise in a...

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CSPDC & BRITE Bus Attend Staunton Senior Health Fair

CSPDC transit staff members Devon Thompson and Danielle Gannon attended the Staunton Park and Recreation's 3rd Annual "50 & Better" Senior Health Expo at Gypsy Hill Park on April 12th. Various community organizations were in attendance and set up booths that catered to older adults, with some providing complimentary health screenings and others information regarding a variety of wellness needs.

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