



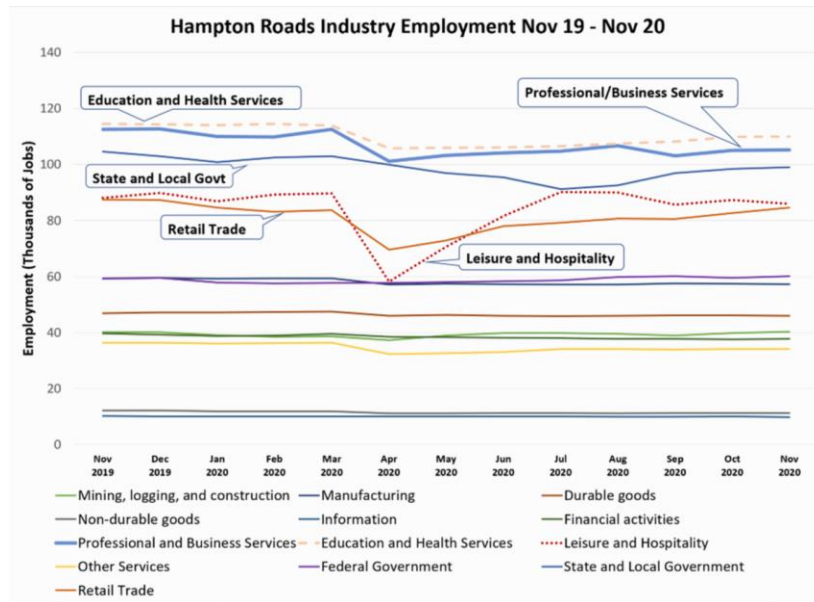
## Happy New Year



### ***Hampton Roads Economic Monthly: Not All Industries - Or Metro Areas - Are Created Equal***

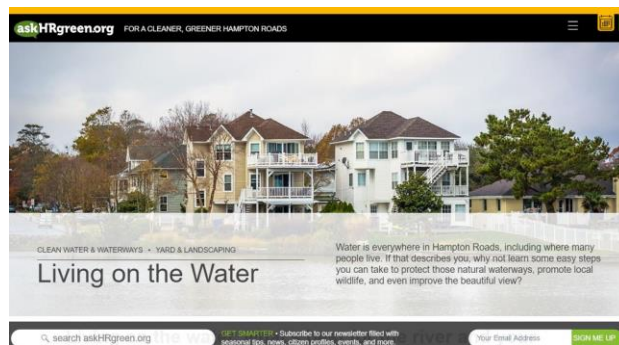
It is no surprise that different metro areas are well known for specific industries – Hampton Roads is recognized for its defense, tourism, and shipping industries, while Charlotte is known as a financial center, San Jose for its tech industry, Orlando and Las Vegas for their hospitality industries, and so on. As the coronavirus pandemic has spread

across the country, industry employment within metropolitan areas have had vastly different experiences.



## ***HRPDC Staff Share Homeowner Tools for Water Quality Protection with Realtors***

HRPDC staff presented a brief overview of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act (CBPA) and how the real estate community can help pave the way for smoother communications between local government staff and new waterfront homeowners who may not be aware of the CBPA requirements for home improvement projects.



## ***Regional Initiative Encourages Residents to "Start Smart, Recycle Right"***

askHRgreen.org and the region's 17 jurisdictions have come together to encourage residents in the 757 to recycle right in the new year. The new "Start Smart, Recycle Right" campaign includes three animated videos featured at <https://askhrgreen.org/start-smart/>. The video series takes viewers through the recycling journey, highlights what's recyclable in Hampton Roads, and how contamination can compromise the recycling process.



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## **HRPDC/HRTPO Welcome New Employees**



***Pavithra Parthasarathi,  
HRTPO Deputy Executive  
Director***



***Brandon Rogers,  
HRTPO Transportation  
Planner***



***John Harbin,  
HRPDC Senior Regional  
Planner***

Click on their names and title to learn more about our new team members.



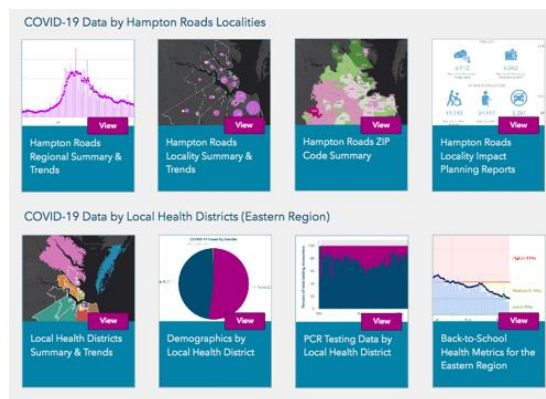
# Hampton Roads COVID Utility Relief

## [www.HRUtilityRelief.com](http://www.HRUtilityRelief.com)

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### ***Hampton Roads COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub***

Visit the COVID-19 Impact Planning Hub to get the latest information on COVID-19 in Hampton Roads.



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### **HRPDC/HRTPO In the News**

*U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Up to \$502.9 Million Loan for Infrastructure Projects in Hampton Roads, VA* (USDOT News Brief, December 12, 2019)

*Reck On the Road: Eco-Friendly Christmas (Hampton Roads Show, December 22, 2020)*

*Hampton Roads Planning District Commission offers relief funds for past-due utility bills (Virginia Gazette, December 21, 2020)*

*If COVID Has Caused Bills To Back Up, Here's Help From HRPDC (Hampton Roads Show, December 22, 2020)*

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## Upcoming Meetings



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