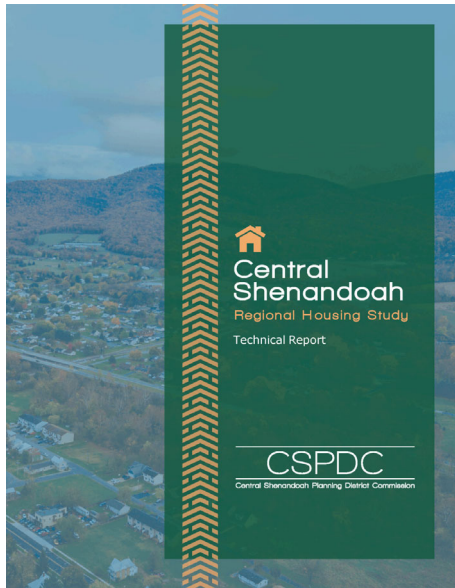


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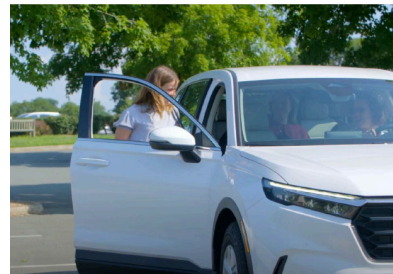
CSPDC Releases Regional Housing Study

The CSPDC recently published a housing study for its five-county region. The Regional Housing Study is the culmination of a major collaborative effort among CSPDC staff, local governments, housing stakeholders and consultants, and includes analysis of local and regional trends as well as solutions to the unique housing supply and affordability issues that its member localities are facing.

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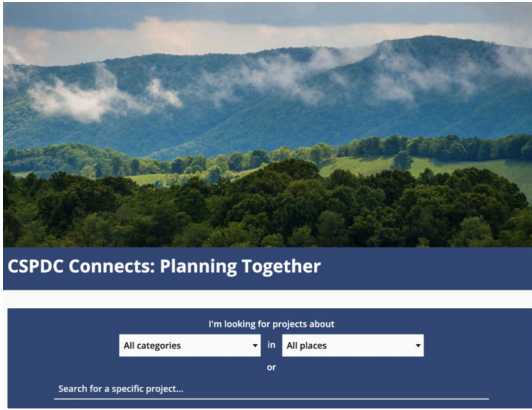
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Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan Adopted

CSPDC RideShare staff have completed the Commuter Assistance Program Strategic Plan (CAPSP) and the Board of Commissioners formally adopted the plan at their February 3 meeting. The CAPSP is a Department of Rail and Public Transportation requirement for all state-funded Commuter Assistance Programs and must be completed every five years.

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Planning Together with CSPDC Connect

CSPDC is excited to announce the launch of our new community engagement platform, [CSPDC Connect](#), which is designed to foster more meaningful and accessible public participation across the Central Shenandoah region.

This innovative digital platform will serve as our hub for community engagement, providing updates on projects, studies, and other CSPDC activities and making participation easy for community members.

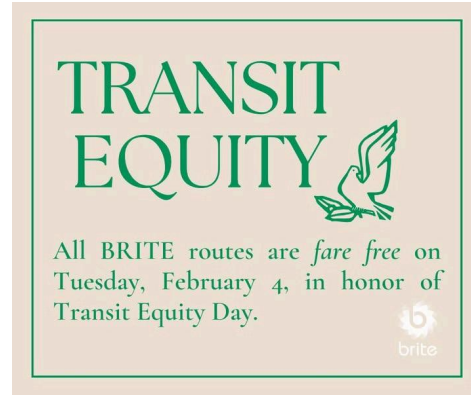
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CSPDC Submits Transit and Commuter Assistance Program Grant Applications

The CSPDC applied for eight grants to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT). Applications submitted included: urban and rural capital cost of contracting, urban and rural operating, capital assistance, technical assistance, and commuter assistance operating and project assistance.

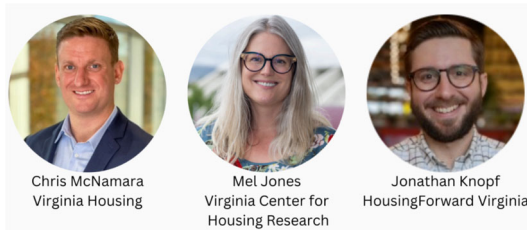
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BRITE Celebrates Transit Equity Day

The BRITE bus system celebrated Transit Equity Day on Tuesday, February 4. This day of action honors Civil Rights activist and icon, Rosa Parks, for her commitment to dismantling inequality and racism. Park's refusal to move to the back of the bus and subsequent arrest, helped spark the Montgomery bus boycotts in 1955, which then contributed to the 1956 Supreme Court decision decreeing bus segregation unconstitutional.

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Regional Housing Webinar Set for February 26

Join the CSPDC on February 26, 2025, at 11 AM for an insightful webinar on the newly released Regional Housing Study. Featuring expert speakers from Virginia Housing, the Virginia Center for Housing Research, and HousingForward Virginia, this session will explore key findings and proposed solutions to address housing challenges in our localities.

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Rachel Kinzer Earns Chesapeake Urban Stormwater Professional Certification

Regional Planner Rachel Kinzer recently earned a Chesapeake Urban Stormwater Professionals (CUSP) certificate from the Chesapeake Stormwater Network funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The certificate program covered essential topics in stormwater management and urban watershed restoration, from stormwater runoff impacts, implementing mitigation strategies, and improving local watershed management practices.

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Highland Inn Receives Virginia 250 Grant

Governor Youngkin announced last week that the Virginia Department of Historic Resources awarded the Blue Grass Resource Center a \$175 Million Virginia 250 Preservation Fund grant to support the renovation and reopening of the historic Highland Inn. The inn was one of 35 preservation projects in Virginia awarded in preparation for the 2026 anniversary of the America Revolution and the Declaration of Independence.

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Carrie Sensabaugh Joins CSPDC Staff

Carrie Sensabaugh joined the CSPDC as Administrative Assistant in November 2024. Carrie brings extensive public and private sector administrative experience, working closely with Office & HR Manager Kimberly Miller to support the planners and finance team and ensure smooth office operations.

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