



VAPDC TRAINING CONFERENCE

Thursday, October 22, 2026 (12 pm – 5 pm)

Friday, October 23, 2026 (8 am – 12 pm)

Virginia Housing Center, 4224 Cox Rd, Glen Allen

AGENDA

DAY ONE: Thursday, October 22, 2026

- 12:00 – 12:45 pm **Registration and Lunch**
- 12:45 – 1:00 pm **Welcome and Introductions**
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm ***PDCs 101 - Overview/ VAPDC /Core Work of PDCs***
▽ David Blount, Executive Director, VAPDC, and Deputy Director/Director of Legislative Services, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm ***PDC Case Studies***
▽ ***Transportation*** - Alec Brebner, Executive Director, Central Virginia Planning District Commission (CVPDC)
▽ ***Resiliency*** – Kit Friedman, Environment and Resilience Planner, Crater Planning District Commission
▽ ***Housing*** – Gavin Blevins, Planning Director, Mount Rogers Planning District Commission
 ○ ***Regional Housing Development Grant*** – Matt Bolster, Senior Strategic Housing Officer, Virginia Housing
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm **Networking Break**
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm ***Planning and Running Effective Meetings***
▽ Doug Jackson, Capacity Development Specialist, Department of Housing and Community Development
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm **Networking/Meet for Drinks – Tres Machos Cantina & Cocina, 4120 Cox Rd**
- 6:30 pm **Dinner on Your Own**

DAY TWO: Friday, October 23, 2026

- 8:00 – 9:00 am **Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 10:15 am ***Successful Communications Strategies***
▽ Katie Cullipher, Director of Communications, Hampton Roads PDC
▽ Tammy Sommer, Emergency Management Grants and Program Manager, Hampton Roads PDC
- 10:15 – 10:30 am **Networking Break**
- 10:30 – 11:30 am ***Examining the Energy Environment***
▽ Aaron Berryhill, Solar Program Manager, Virginia Energy
▽ Michael Zehner, Director of Planning and Community Development, Berkley Group
- 11:30 – 11:45 pm **Wrap-Up/Adjournment**