



VAPDC TRAINING CONFERENCE

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 (12 pm – 4:30 pm)

Thursday, November 13, 2025 (8 am – 11:45 am)

Virginia Housing Center, 4224 Cox Rd, Glen Allen

AGENDA

DAY ONE: Wednesday, November 12, 2025

- 12:00 – 1:00 pm **Registration and Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:15 pm **Welcome and Introductions**
- 1:15 – 2:30 pm ***From Vision to Action: Mobilizing Community Engagement and Support***
▽ Stephanie Heinatz, Founder/CEO of Consociate Media
▽ Susan Gaston, Founder and President at The Gaston Group
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm **Networking Break**
- 3:00 – 4:15 pm ***Getting Real on Artificial Intelligence***
▽ Jason Graham, Member, Fredericksburg City Council and Founder/CEO of Surava
- 5:30 – 6:30 pm **Networking Reception/Meet for Drinks – Capital Ale House**
- 6:30 pm **Dinner on Your Own**

DAY TWO: Thursday, November 13, 2025

- 8:00 – 9:00 am **Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 10:15 am ***Talking FOIA for You***
▽ Maria Everett, Former Executive Director, Va. Freedom of Information Advisory Council, and current Council member
▽ Stephen Clough, Town Clerk and FOIA Officer, Town of Warrenton
▽ Max Hlavin, Attorney, Sands Anderson
- 10:15 – 10:30 am **Networking Break**
- 10:30 – 11:30 am ***Building a Better Budget***
▽ David Blount, Executive Director, Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) and Deputy Director/Director of Legislative Services, Thomas Jefferson PDC
▽ Chip Boyles, Executive Director, George Washington Regional Commission
▽ Paula Melester, Director of Transportation, Central Shenandoah PDC
- 11:30 – 11:45 pm **Wrap-Up/Adjournment**