



VAPDC 2022 Summer Conference & Annual Meeting
Speaker Profiles



Allen Kimball "Kim" Callis
President, VAPDC
Southside Planning District Commission

Allen Kimball "Kim" Callis has served as Town Manager for the Town of South Hill, VA since 2007. Prior to that he served as the Director of Finance and Parks for the Town. Kim is the former Director of State and Local Taxes for Caroline Power & Light Company in Raleigh, NC, a role in which he served for 16 years. He also is a former Leader of KPMG National Utilities Property Tax Practice.

Kim has served as the President, South Hill Chamber of Commerce and President, South Hill Community Association. He is the current Chairman of the Southside Planning District Commission and President of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions.

He earned a Bachelor's Degree from James Madison University and a Master's Degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. In his spare time, Kim enjoys hiking and cycling.



Carolyn Dull
Commissioner/Staunton City Council Member
Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

Councilor Carolyn Dull is an almost native Stauntonian. A graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, she went on to become a Certified Public Accountant after continuing her education at the College of William and Mary, Blue Ridge Community College and Eastern Mennonite University, earning an Associates in Accounting and a Bachelor's degree in Management and Organizational Development.

Councilor Dull retired from the Augusta Correctional Center where she was the business manager. Previously, she served as Chief Financial Officer for the Valley Community Services Board, business manager for the Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind, and accountant for the former King's Daughters' Hospital. She's also a member of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Councilor Dull has served on Staunton City Council since 2006 and was elected Vice Mayor in 2012 and Mayor in 2014. She represents Council on several boards and commissions, including the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (past chair). She is the recipient of the 1997 Distinguished Achievement Award from Eastern Mennonite University, and has further served her community as a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity; past treasurer for Valley Area Community Support, Inc. and past board member and vice chair of Blue Ridge Disability Services Board. She has served on the Commonwealth's Criminal Justice Services Board for 8 years. Councilor Dull also currently volunteers with the Gypsy Express, driving the train in Gypsy Hill Park.

Some of her proudest accomplishments are her family and her music. She has one daughter, Suzie, a son-in-law, Mike and a most handsome grandson, Jacob. Councilor Dull is an avid musician, a singer and a lover of music. She's the founding member of the country-rock band Whiskey Creek.



The Honorable G. John Avoli
20th District
Virginia House of Delegates
Commonwealth of Virginia

Delegate John Avoli represents the Counties of Augusta (part), Highland, and Nelson (part) as well as the Cities of Staunton and Waynesboro. He has been a member of the Virginia House of Delegates since 2020. His General Assembly Committee assignments include Education (Vice-Chair); Transportation, Counties Cities and Towns; Subcommittee #1 under Counties Cities and Towns; and the Early Childhood/Innovation Subcommittee. Delegate Avoli also serves on the Behavioral Health Commission and the Virginia Commission on Coal and Energy.

Born in Trivigliano, Italy, Delegate Avoli received a BA degree in English from the University of Richmond and a Master's Degree from the University of Virginia. He served on Staunton City Council from 1990 until 2006 and Mayor from 1992 until 2006.

The Delegate has received Governor Allen's Regional Economic Development Council Award; a House of Delegates Commendation; a Staunton City Council Commendation; and a Vietnam Veterans Commendation.



The Honorable Margaret "Lyn" McDermid
Secretary of Administration
Commonwealth of Virginia

Lyn McDermid brings vast knowledge and experience to the administration. At a young age, Lyn was the first woman accepted to the Apprentice School at Newport News Shipbuilding. She received a B.A. from Mary Baldwin College and an MBA from the University of Richmond.

From 2013-2020, Lyn worked at the Federal Reserve System as Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Director of Federal Reserve Information Technology (FRIT). There, she oversaw the Federal Reserve System IT strategy, IT investment and spending, and enterprise cyber security. She also directed the management of national IT operations, project services, and enterprise architecture and standards. Prior to joining the Federal Reserve, she served as senior vice president and chief information officer at Richmond-based Fortune 500 Company.

Lyn has served on several boards including Chair of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Mary Baldwin College, Chair of the Board of the Greater Richmond Technology Council, and currently Chair of the ChildFund International Board.

Her commitment to education is reflected in long-standing support of Reynolds Community College, University of Richmond and Virginia Commonwealth University. She also serves on the IT visiting committee for Harvard University.

Lyn was named to the Computerworld's list of Premier 100 IT Leaders for 2004, received the 2008 Executive Women in Business Achievement Award, was recognized as one of the Richmond YWCA's 2010 Outstanding Women, and was honored with the RichTech Chairman's Award in 2013. She co-founded the Richmond Women in Technology group and is honored with the naming of their annual recognition of women technologists as the Margaret "Lyn" McDermid awards.



Scotty Wampler
Executive Director
Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission

Scotty Wampler is Executive Director of the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission. He has worked to advance numerous economic and community development initiatives at the local and regional levels in Southwest Virginia, including new industry recruitment, business retention and expansion, economic diversification, asset-based development and broadband expansion, among other efforts.

Before joining CPPDC in 2020 as its Economic Recovery Coordinator, Wampler worked in economic development and tourism marketing roles for the County of Buchanan in Virginia. He has a prior background in communications and journalism, having worked as a newsroom editor for 17 years.

A graduate of the Oklahoma University Economic Development Institute, Wampler currently serves on the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority Board of Directors as well as the GO Virginia Region 1 Council. He is also a past chairman of the Heart of Appalachia Tourism Authority



Steve Galyean
Director of Planning and Partnerships
Virginia Tourism Corporation

Steve Galyean is the Virginia Tourism Corporation's (VTC) Planning & Partnerships Director. Steve works to forge new relationships among Virginia's tourism industry partners, and to connect those partners to resources to help grow their businesses.

Steve directs the dynamic VTC Destination Development Team, which assists Virginia communities to grow their tourism products, and enhance their community viability. Steve also leads the VTC Grants Team that administers the VTC cooperative marketing grant programs which have leveraged \$24 million in VTC funds with \$82 million in partner dollars resulting in \$106 million marketing dollars to promote Virginia as a travel destination.

Prior to joining the VTC team in 2005, Steve served eleven years as the Director of Tourism for the Abingdon Convention & Visitors Bureau in Abingdon, VA. Preceding his move to Abingdon, he was Executive Director of the Galax-Carroll-Grayson Chamber of Commerce in Galax, VA.

Steve Galyean is a native of Galax, Virginia, and a graduate of Emory & Henry College, Emory, VA.



Jessica B. Williams
Sales & Marketing Manager
Staunton Convention and Visitors Bureau

Jessica Williams is a native of the Shenandoah Valley region. After graduating high school, she attended George Mason University and received her Bachelor of Arts in Government & International Politics. Jessica began her career at Travesky & Associates, Ltd, a public involvement firm in Fairfax, VA where she served as the Marketing Coordinator for seven years. In 2014, she started her journey in the travel and tourism industry as the Marketing & Social Media Specialist for the City of Harrisonburg's tourism department. Now she is stepping into the role as Sales & Marketing Manager

for Staunton Convention and Visitors Bureau. And just celebrated her one-year anniversary with Staunton!



Martha Heeter
Executive Director
PlanRVA
VAPDC 2nd Vice President

Martha Heeter serves as the Executive Director of the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, known commonly as PlanRVA, where she is responsible for directing the agency's general operations, strategic planning, project development, and program performance. PlanRVA is an intergovernmental agency that facilitates collaboration among the nine local jurisdictions in the Richmond region, which includes the Town of Ashland, the City of Richmond, and the Counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, and Powhatan. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Partnership for Housing Affordability, Grow Capital Jobs' GO Virginia Regional Council, Thrive Birth to Five early childhood coalition and Virginia Repertory Theater. She is an alumnus of Lead Virginia (class of 2018) and the Richmond Memorial Health Foundation's 2017 Equity + Health Fellowship program.

Having served more than 18 years in the public sector, her career has included local and regional government leadership positions in the Northern Shenandoah Valley and Richmond Regions. Martha previously served as the Executive Director for the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission and before that, she served as the Neighborhood Revitalization Director for the City of Winchester. In 2013, she received the Garland Thayer Award from People Incorporated, which recognizes the contributions of community leaders who embody the non-profit's work to help economically disadvantaged people. She was also named as one of Virginia's *Top 40 Under 40 in Housing* by the Virginia Housing Development Authority and Virginia Housing Coalition in 2012.



Mike Grundmann
Senior Vice President, Talent Solutions
Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP)

Mike Grundmann serves as Senior Vice President of the Virginia Talent Accelerator Program, leading a team of experts who develop and deliver fully customized recruitment and training services to eligible projects as an incentive for job creation.

Before joining VEDP in April 2019, Grundmann served as the Director of Manufacturing for the Georgia Department of Economic Development. Prior to GDEcD, Mike worked in executive education for Georgia Tech, and served in a variety of positions spanning a 20-year career at Georgia Quick Start, including Director of Marketing and Director of Operations. In the operations role, Mike led a team of project managers and instructional designers responsible for analyzing processes, assessing skill requirements, and designing highly customized training programs for major manufacturing and distribution operations.

Mike graduated from Indiana University earning a B.S. in Business Administration/Marketing and Advertising. He also received a M.S. degree in Information Systems Management from Keller Graduate School of Management.



Tony Fung
Vice President of Intelligent Automation
ImpactMakers

Anthony Fung is the VP of Intelligent Automation at Impact Makers, a company that provides transformation services including robotic process automation and artificial intelligence solutions.

Anthony Fung served as Deputy Secretary of Technology for the Commonwealth of Virginia. In this capacity, Anthony served as a senior advisor to the Commonwealth on technology matters including data analytics, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, innovation and entrepreneurship, and oversaw Virginia's technology agency which supports technology governance and needs for over one

hundred thousand commonwealth employees.

Anthony is a proven executive with over 25 years of experience in information technology management, strategic planning, and operations management. Before joining the Governor's Cabinet, Anthony was the CEO of a professional consulting firm, which serviced Federal focused clients such as DoD, HHS, DHS, and GSA. Anthony also served as a SCORE counselor, providing advice to small businesses on start-up best practices, business operations, and strategy.

Anthony has been recognized as one of Washington's top business leaders, recipient of Washington Business Journal's Award, SmartCEO Top 100 CEOs, and named Top 40 Under 40 Business Leader.



Melody Foster
Executive Director
Commonwealth Regional Council

Melody Foster is the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Regional Council. She has been with the Planning District for 36 years. Ms. Foster began with the Planning District as the Administrative Assistant and in subsequent years served as a Planning Technician and Regional Planner before being promoted to the Executive Director position in 2017.

Melody has been happily married for 34 years, has two children, one granddaughter and another grandchild on the way. She has lived in rural Charlotte County her entire life in her great-grand parents remodeled family home and enjoys time with family and country living. If you follow her on social media, you will see how much she enjoys posting the beautiful sunsets from her backyard.



Megan Parra
Lead Intelligence Analyst
Cyber Intelligence Team
Virginia Fusion Center

Megan Parra currently serves as the Lead Analyst for the Virginia Fusion Center's Cyber Intelligence Team. Prior to this role she was an inaugural member of the Cyber Intelligence Team, joining it in 2016 as a Senior Intelligence analyst. As the Lead Analyst of the Cyber Intelligence Team, Megan is tasked with maintaining a high level of cybersecurity incident response coordination while also guiding a skilled team in developing cyber intelligence about current or future cyber threats that could impact the Commonwealth of Virginia. Prior to her work in the Cyber Intelligence Team Megan worked as a Fingerprint Technician for the Virginia State Police for two years. She graduated from James Madison University in 2012 with a BA in Justice Studies. Megan also holds two GIAC certifications issued by the SANS Institute. Megan is a native Virginian and enjoys spending time with her family and their rescue beagle when she is not working to protect the Commonwealth from cyber threats.



Steve Rawlings
Director of Operations
VAcorp

Steve Rawlings is the Director of Operations at VAcorp and is responsible for Claims and Risk Control Operations. VAcorp is the largest group self-insurance risk pool for public sector entities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. With over 500 members including counties, cities, towns, school divisions, regional jails, and local governmental authorities, VAcorp provides more coverage to Virginia public entities than any other provider.

With 19 years of experience in self-insurance working with public entities, Steve understands the risk management needs of counties, municipalities, and authorities who are tasked with serving their communities in safe, effective ways.

Steve has an English degree from Longwood University and is a graduate of the West Virginia State Police Academy. He utilizes his experience in public education and law enforcement to ensure VAcorp Claims and Risk Control staff meet members' needs and provide strong service. Steve lives in Christiansburg, VA, with his wife and two teenage sons.



Thomas Bullock
Director of Education and Training
Virginia Risk Sharing Association

Thomas Bullock currently serves as director of education and training for the Virginia Risk Sharing Association (VRSA) He joined VRSA in 2006 as a law enforcement specialist, after working for 14 years as a police officer. As an officer, Bullock worked in narcotics, community policing, and patrol.

Bullock holds an associate degree of applied science in police science, a bachelor's degree in the administration of justice, and a master's degree in administration-human resources administration.

Bullock holds the Associate in Risk Management – Enterprise Risk Management designation.



Kevin Byrd, AICP
Executive Director
New River Valley Regional Commission
VAPDC Secretary/Treasurer

Kevin began working for the Commission in 2005 as a Regional Planner and was appointed Executive Director in October 2009. He has over 15 years of community development experience in the public sector at the town, county and regional levels of government along with private sector consulting experience. He has a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Tech and a Bachelor of Science degree from Appalachian State University.

He is currently serving as the Immediate Past President of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO); Secretary/Treasurer of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions, and is on the Board of Directors for Carilion Clinic-NRV; Live, Work, Eat, Grow, Inc.; and the Southeast Regional Directors Institute.

He has received the Distinguished Business Leader of the Year Award from the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and the President's Award from the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions.

When not working, you can often find Kevin running the roads and trails around the region or wetting a line in search of fish.



Joseph Guthrie
Commissioner
Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Joseph W. “Joe” Guthrie was raised on a beef cattle and dairy farm in Pulaski County, which has belonged to his family since 1795. As a youth, he was active in 4-H and FFA. He graduated from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics and went on to earn a Master’s degree in Agricultural Economics and International Trade from Massey University in New Zealand where he studied as a Fulbright Scholar. In 2007, Joe received the Eisenhower Fellowship in Agriculture to study international trade of beef from Australia and New Zealand.

Joe built a highly successful and environmentally sustainable beef cattle farm business before beginning a fifteen-year career on the faculty of the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences at Virginia Tech in the Agricultural Technology Program.

Joe has always been active in agricultural organizations including serving as President of both the Pulaski County Farm Bureau and the Virginia Cattlemen’s Association. His community service includes ten years as an elected official including four years on the Pulaski County School Board and six years on the Pulaski County Board of Supervisors, including the final two as Chair.

As Commissioner of VDACS Joe will help fulfill the agency’s mission to promote the economic growth and development of Virginia agriculture, provide consumer protection, and encourage environmental stewardship.

Joe and his wife Carol have three adult children and divide their time between Richmond and their home on the farm near Dublin, Virginia.



Chip Boyles
Executive Director
George Washington Regional Commission

Chip Boyles is Executive Director of the George Washington Regional Commission in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He oversees a regional government agency that includes providing planning and local government assistance in the areas of transportation planning, grant management, environmental and water quality services, affordable housing and homeless management and community development. The GWRC also administers the multi-regional GO

Virginia economic development initiative. The GWRC represents the City of Fredericksburg and the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford with the GO Virginia program extending into the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula Planning District Regions. Chip came to the GWRC after serving as Interim City Manager for the City of Charlottesville and with 7 years as the Executive Director of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission in Charlottesville. Before moving to Virginia in 2014, Chip served five years working in the Mayor’s Office in Baton Rouge, Louisiana managing the urban development for a City-Parish of approximately 400,000 people. Prior to moving to Baton Rouge, he worked as City Manager and Assistant Manager in 3 cities from Maryland to South Carolina and served as the founding director of the International Town & Gown Association.

Chip has spoken to groups across the country that include the International Town & Gown Association, International City County Managers Association, National League of Cities, South Carolina Municipal Association, and Illinois City Managers Association.

Born in Savannah, Georgia and growing up on the coast of South Carolina, Chip is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and Clemson University in the areas of Political Science and Public Administration. His major experience includes working within college town communities having spent over twenty years living and working in college towns.

Chip is sharing time between Fredericksburg and Charlottesville and is married with two children at home attending Charlottesville High School and Louisiana State University. His wife Jori is a professor with the School of Architecture at James Madison University where the two have been lucky enough to work on several joint community design projects for roadways, streetscapes, community design and housing in Clemson, Baton Rouge and New Orleans and now working with coastal environment design in Virginia.



Tracy Tynan
Director, Virginia Unmanned Systems Center
Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPC)

Tracy Tynan is the Director for the Virginia Unmanned Systems Center at VIPC with the goal of growing unmanned systems economic activity and benefit in the Commonwealth. She had been a consistent producer within Virginia's economic development community for over 15 years. Her initial position was as an International Project Manager at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, where she focused on the rapidly developing investments coming from Japan and other Asian countries. She then joined the regional team at The Greater Richmond Partnership and served as a Vice President for Business Investment. In that capacity, she worked to promote the City of Richmond, Hanover, Henrico and Chesterfield counties. Returning to VEDP in 2011, Ms. Tynan worked highly visible corporate headquarters relocation and expansion projects while also pursuing opportunities for growth within the aerospace and unmanned systems sectors. She forged numerous strategic relationships within the aero community and gained firsthand understanding of the issues and challenges of growing this important industry in Virginia.

Prior to her economic development experience, Ms. Tynan held several positions within commercial airlines. She was hired by Japan's All Nippon Airways after their inaugural USA flight service from Tokyo to Washington DC, as their Senior Sales and Marketing Manager. Her background also includes more entrepreneurial experience as she was part of the start-up teams at People Express, Presidential and Jet Aspen airlines.

A graduate of the University of Virginia, Tracy earned her B.S. in Education while being the University's top competitive diver and multiple record holder on the Swimming and Diving Team.

Nick Sabo
Executive Director
Winchester Regional Airport Authority

Nick Sabo serves as Executive Director of the Winchester Regional Airport Authority. In this role, Nick oversees strategy, policy, and daily operations at the Winchester Regional Airport, a general aviation facility located in Winchester, VA.

Previously, Nick was commissioned in the US Air Force as an Airfield Operations Officer, during which he managed operations at two stateside locations, completed two deployments, and obtained a Control Tower Operator certificate through the Federal Aviation Administration.

After military service, Nick served as Assistant Manager at the Frederick Municipal Airport and adjunct faculty at the Community College of Baltimore County. Nick holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Purdue University and a Master of Aeronautical Science degree from Embry-Riddle University.

Nick is a private pilot and is recognized as an Accredited Airport Executive (A.A.E.) by the American Association of Airport Executives.

In his spare time, he enjoys music, travel, and spending time with his lovely wife Mary and sons Henry and Jack.



John Eberhardt
Chief Technology Officer
Advanced Technology Applications (ATA)

Mr. Eberhardt is the Chief Technology Officer ATA, LLC. Mr. Eberhardt has over 25 years of experience in Solution Architecture, Systems Engineering, Data Science, and Analytics, managing teams of scientists and engineers to rapidly create customer-centered solutions in the Aviation, Defense, Healthcare, Security, and Biotechnology sectors.

Mr. Eberhardt has delivered data sharing systems in federal agencies, streaming data processing systems in commercial aviation, clinical decision support systems for cancer treatment, and logistics analysis systems, including award winning healthcare quality applications. Mr. Eberhardt is one of the founders of the Virginia Flight Information Exchange and led ATA's efforts to become an FAA onboarded LAANC UAS Service Supplier.

With three patents, five patent applications, and over 50 publications and invited speaking engagements, John is a thought leader in advanced analytics with experience in machine learning, statistical algorithms, and user interface design for decision support in Aviation, Healthcare, Defense, and Logistics



Chris Sadler
Director of Public Safety Innovation Center
Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPC)

Chris Sadler retired as the Deputy Chief/Deputy Director of the York County (VA) Department of Fire and Life Safety after a distinguished 35-year career. In 2015, he co-founded the York County Public Safety UAS team, which includes members of the fire department and Sheriff's Office and is considered one of the most respected teams in the country.

He is now the Director of the Public Safety Innovation Center for the Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPC). The VIPC is the non-profit arm of the Virginia Innovation Partnership Authority. In this position, he works with technology developers and public safety entities in Virginia, the U.S.

Department of Homeland Security, and other local, state and federal partners to develop and integrate the latest and most advantageous technology resources into the response capabilities of first responders.

Chris is a graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program, a Nationally Registered Paramedic, a Hazmat Specialist, and former Safety Officer with FEMA Urban Search and Rescue - Virginia Task Force 2. He is very involved in the Public Safety use and integration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems to include being the Subject Matter Expert for the International Association of Fire Chiefs and is their representative on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 2400 Standards Committee on sUAS Used for Public Safety Operations, the Fire Service representative to the Virginia Governors' Secure Commonwealth Sub-panel for UAS, serves on the ASTM/NFPA Joint Working Group for Public Safety UAS, a member of the ANSI UAS Standardization Collaborative, the Advisory Board for DroneResponders, collaborator with the NIST for the Standard Test Methods for sUAS, and advisor to the Virginia Unmanned Systems Center. Chris teaches and presents at many national level conferences and training events such as the Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC), AUVSI, FAA UAS Symposium, DJI AirWorks, National Public Safety UAS Conference, and many others.

He has, and continues to assist public safety and government agencies around the Country with the establishment of their UAS team, FAA Certificate of Authorization applications and waivers, and standard operating procedures development. He is commonly referred by FAA UAS staff to public safety and other UAS entities from around the country to provide expertise and assistance with their programs.



Rese Cleaver
Director, Product Management
DroneUp

Rese Cleaver is a leader of DroneUp's aviation technology organization, directing strategy and execution of its UTM, airspace and drone services platforms. With over 12 years of experience in the technology industry, Rese has deep experience in successfully bringing leading edge technology solutions to market at scale in global markets.

Prior to joining DroneUp, Rese served in product management leadership roles, overseeing SaaS platforms servicing large-scale government and Fortune 500 clients. Rese also has a consistent track record of closing the "say-do gap" to solve operational challenges through leading edge tech

including NASA LRC, DoD and NATO.

Other areas of aptitude include system integrations for decision support and data integrity; assessment and validation of built-in quality and compliance; improved compliance through technology.

Rese serves on local and national councils which drive innovation, best practices and skill development in unmanned aerial vehicle operations, and is also an FAA Part 107 Certified Remote Pilot.



Nick Devereux
Manager of Policy & Government Affairs
Wing

Nick Devereux joined Wing in 2019 as Manager of Policy & Government Affairs, where he focuses on U.S. policy on the federal, state and local levels. He leads Wing's work on congressional relations and advocacy, and coordinates Wing policy and government relations work across numerous states. Upon initially joining Wing, Nick led state, local and community engagement efforts leading up to Wing's launch of service in Christiansburg, Virginia - the first on-demand residential drone package delivery service in the U.S.

Prior to Wing, Nick spent ten years on Capitol Hill, serving as Legislative Counsel and senior policy advisor to U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner. In that capacity, Nick covered a broad portfolio of issues including judiciary, labor, transportation/infrastructure, and NASA policy, and developed major legislative initiatives ranging from infrastructure financing to accelerating drone/UAS integration to reestablishing American leadership in aeronautics research.

Nick received a B.A. from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD as well as a J.D. from Washington and Lee University School of Law in Lexington, VA.



Bonnie Riedesel
Executive Director
Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

Bonnie Riedesel has worked as a planner for the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) since 1994 and was appointed Executive Director in 2008. Her work with the CSPDC includes community development, affordable housing, hazard mitigation, and transportation and greenway planning.

Bonnie has extensive experience working with communities across the Valley on flood mitigation projects and has established a nationally recognized flood mitigation program that has brought in over \$8M dollars to the region and removed hundreds of people from harm's way. She has also been instrumental in developing a regional bicycle and pedestrian program known as Bike the Valley that has identified and mapped over 40 bicycle routes that link key destinations throughout the region and promotes activities that make communities and neighborhoods more bicycle and pedestrian-friendly. She spearheaded the region's award-winning Fields of Gold Farm Trail to promote the Shenandoah Valley as an agritourism destination for visitors and create jobs both on and off the farm.

Bonnie and her agency also serve as the administrators of the public transit system known as BRITE that operates in the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro area and the Afton Express commuter bus that connects the Shenandoah Valley with Charlottesville.

Bonnie grew up in Charleston, South Carolina and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina. She moved to Virginia with her family after surviving Hurricane Hugo in 1989



Andy Alden
Program Leader-Demonstration & Deployment Research
Virginia Tech Transportation Institute
Executive Director, I-81 Coalition

Andy is the Executive Director of the I-81 Corridor Coalition and leader of the Demonstration and Deployment Research Group at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute's Division of Freight, Transit, & Heavy Vehicle Safety. Andy's current work focuses on: highway freight automation, safety, and efficiency, low-speed autonomous vehicles, road weather safety, animal-vehicle conflict mitigation, adverse road salt environmental impacts and unmanned aircraft system (i.e., drone)

applications in support of ground transportation.



Alleyn Harned
Executive Director
Virginia Clean Cities

Alleyn Harned is the Executive Director of Virginia Clean Cities (VCC), a member of the U.S. Department of Energy-affiliated Clean Cities Coalitions program.

Alleyn joined Clean Cities in 2009, the same year Virginia Clean Cities, Inc., formed a partnership with James Madison University. That partnership allows Clean Cities and the university in Harrisonburg, Va., to work together to leverage resources, support alternative fuel initiatives and pursue opportunities to decrease pollution and reduce dependence on foreign oil.

Prior to be named Executive Director, Alleyn served as the VCC 's Business Development Director. He served as the Virginia representative to the nine-state Southeast Natural Gas Vehicle Corridor Committee, and was coordinator for Virginia's initial 2010 electric vehicle readiness effort. Harned an appointee to Virginia's Energy Commission in 2014 and the State Advisory Board on Air Pollution in 2013. Harned serves as the President of the Transportation Energy Partners Board of Directors and has served twice as the Mid-Atlantic representative to the Clean Cities Coordinator Council. Harned led coalition through the completion of the 1200 vehicle Southeast Propane Autogas Development Project under the Recovery Act.

Alleyn has worked on transportation and energy related issues in Virginia since 2006. Before joining the VCC staff, Alleyn served as the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Trade for the Commonwealth of Virginia where he assisted in drafting Virginia's initial Energy Plan, and participated in the Virginia Commission on Climate Change and Governor's Energy Policy Advisory Council. Harned is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, and has his Masters degree in Public Administration from James Madison University with a focus on community economic development.

With Virginia Clean Cities, Harned leads the Virginia Clean Cities coalition's collaborative effort to assist stakeholders and the Commonwealth in programs to improve air quality, and increase American energy security and economic opportunity through the increased use of alternative fuels and vehicles. Operating since 1996, Virginia Clean Cities has successfully managed tens of millions of dollars of federal, state, and stakeholder vehicle and infrastructure programs from offices on the James Madison campus in Harrisonburg VA. Examples of past projects were the nation's largest propane autogas vehicle deployment project, which covered 13 states, the Richmond Electric Vehicle initiative, which facilitated vehicles, and a Virginia DC and Maryland ethanol deployment project which installed the first ethanol stations in the mid-Atlantic region. Alleyn's theory of change involves incremental collaborative team leadership and drafted the nation's only successful dual-state station deployment project for the 2015 USDA Biofuels Implementation Partnership.