



News from the CSPDC Region

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UVA Partners with CSPDC to Make Afton Express Free for Employees and Students

Beginning September 23, riders affiliated with the University of Virginia (UVA) will be able to ride the Afton Express fare-free. This benefit is provided by UVA Parking and Transportation's new program WHAOO COMMUTE! Riders with UVA identification will simply show the driver their ID when boarding and will not need to pay a fare.

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Lewis Street Hub Ribbon Cutting

On Thursday, August 29, 2024, the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC), with their BRITE partners, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the Lewis Street Transit Hub Rehabilitation Project. Ann Cundy, CSPDC Executive Director; Zach Trogdon, Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) Acting Director/Chief of Transit; and Mayor Stephen Claffey, City of Staunton made remarks.

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Central Shenandoah Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Survey Now Available

The CSPDC is updating its Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan in collaboration with our local government appointees and community partners. Hazard mitigation is the effort to reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters before they happen. Some examples of hazards and threats to consider include flooding, drought, wildfires, extreme temperatures, and critical infrastructure failure.

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HRMPO Launches Port Republic Road, Peach Grove, Neff Ave. Study

The Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO) is set to embark on its Fiscal Year 2025 small area study focusing on the Port Republic Road, Peach Grove Avenue, and Neff Avenue corridor. This comprehensive analysis, scheduled to begin in September 2024, aims to create a forward-thinking framework for managing growth, improving multimodal transportation options, and enhancing safety in this vital area of Harrisonburg. The study area, covering approximately three square miles, centers on the intersection of Port Republic Road, Peach Grove Avenue, and Neff Avenue.

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CSPDC Celebrates 55 Years of Service to the Region!

The CSPDC was chartered by the Virginia General Assembly in September 1969 to provide high-quality planning, technical assistance, and facilitation services to its five counties, five cities, and eleven towns. For the past 55 years, the CSPDC has assisted its localities with a variety of economic and community development programs that improve the economic vitality of the region and the quality of life of its citizens.



Waynesboro South River Preserve Tree Planting Set for Fall Planting

The CSPDC Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) program, which is administered through the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), is funding a tree and native vegetation planting project for the City of

Signature programs and projects over the years include Project Impact, Fields of Gold, BRITE Bus, Afton Express, Bike the Valley, and many, many more.

Waynesboro's South River Preserve Project. The funding will be used to replace five acres of former industrial land and an impervious surface along the South River with native trees and plant species to establish a floodplain, forest, and meadow.

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CSPDC Welcomes New Staff



Rich Sagui and Danielle Gannon have been hired to fill open positions at the CSPDC.

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