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**REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY  
UNDER DEVELOPMENT**

Five jurisdictions are working together to create a regional authority to provide solid waste disposal services.

Studies indicate that the creation of a Regional Authority to manage landfills will save over \$2 million annually in lower operating costs, transportation and tipping fees.

Amherst, Campbell and Nelson Counties and the Cities of Lynchburg and Bedford will vote on creating an Authority in June.

The Authority will purchase the assets of the landfills from the Lynchburg, Campbell and Amherst and assume responsibility for landfill liabilities. The Authority would operate the Lynchburg and Amherst landfills initially and place the Campbell County landfill into an interim closure status. Waste from Campbell County, Lynchburg and the City of Bedford would be directed to the Lynchburg landfill. Waste from Nelson and Amherst Counties would be directed to the Amherst County landfill.

Under the plan, the Lynchburg landfill would operate until about 2014. The Campbell landfill would then be put into service and operate until about 2023. The Amherst landfill would operate until about 2020.

**CDBG  
PROJECTS  
CONTINUE IN  
THE REGION**

Amherst County, Brookneal and Pamplin continue to use Community Development Block Grant funding to run water and sewer lines and rehabilitate or replace dilapidated houses.

The three projects are combining to bring public water to over 100 new customers, 39 renovated or new homes, and a new public sewer system in Pamplin.

Last month the Local Government Council worked with Altavista and Brookneal to submit 2007 CDBG applications for downtown revitalization projects.

**APPOMATTOX HERITAGE AND RECREATIONAL TRAIL**

Appomattox County and Town and the Appomattox Court House National Historical Park are working together to develop a master plan to design a Heritage and Recreation Trail that will connect the Town, the County's park and the National Park Service's

Surrender site. Kelly Hitchcock of the LGC staff has provided the staff support to the Appomattox Heritage and Recreational Trail Planning team. Assisting in the plan development of connectivity master plan are the National Park

Service's Rivers and Trail Program, a national program to provide technical assistance to develop natural resource protection initiatives, and pro bono assistance provided by Design Forum, a design and landscape architecture firm of Richmond.

## **APPOMATTOX STATION HISTORIC BATTLEFIELD ASSESSMENT**

Appomattox Town is working with historic resources firm of Thomason and Associates of Nashville, TN to examine the potential development of the Appomattox Station Battlefield which could become an important tourist attraction to compliment the Surrender site.

The feasibility study will assess the historic assets that still exist and compile material that can be used to solicit funding from Civil War foundations to secure and convert the site into an interpretive tourist attraction.

The next public meeting to get an update and hear how the consultant architects and historians are doing with their research will be on Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The funding for the project came from a grant to the National Park Service's Battlefield Protection Program which was prepared by the Local Government Council and was one of eleven selected in national competition in 2006.

## **TOBACCO COMMISSION AND VIRGINIA FOUNDATION FOR THE HUMANITIES GRANTS**

The LGC helped Appomattox County secure a \$250,000 grant from the Tobacco Commission for improvements to the Carver Price School building to house the Central Virginia Community College. That work is underway and Appomattox High School Students will be able to take specialized classes to better position them to get jobs especially in the nuclear industry without having to leave Appomattox.

We also helped the Carver Price Alumni Association receive a small grant from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities for an oral history project in Appomattox to help document African-American history and the history of the school facility.

## **LYNCHBURG CLEAN WATER PROJECT - TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD – PUBLIC MEETING MAY 3RD**

Over the past year, Virginia agencies have been working to identify sources of bacteria contamination in stream segments from the James River watershed in Central Virginia. Engineering Concepts of Fincastle is coordinating a study of the following seven streams, with length and impairment listed, to determine the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDLs) for each stream. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. The stream segments TMDLs are being developed are: 18.43 miles of James River, 5.37 miles of Ivy Creek, 5.9 miles of Tomahawk Creek, 3.47 miles of Burton Creek, 10.55 miles of Judith Creek, 5.45 miles of Fishing Creek, and 10.24 miles of Blackwater Creek.

Findings from the TMDL study, an overview of the TMDL development and process for comment, as well as an overview of local and regional water initiatives will be presented Thursday, May 3, 2007 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Lynchburg Public Library, 2315 Memorial Avenue in Lynchburg.

Funding for this project comes from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

## **BEDFORD TRANSIT STUDY UNDERWAY**

The Department of Rail and Public Transportation has provided funding in Bedford for an analysis of opportunities for public transportation.

## **LAND USE/TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

The Local Government Council has held a series of meetings with local planning officials over the past year to examine how we can better link transportation and land use planning.

Five initiatives to integrate long-range comprehensive planning with local land use comprehensive plans have been suggested as a result of those meetings. These initiatives call on more involvement by local, regional and state planning and closer ties between development and adequate transportation.

These initiatives will be considered by local planning commissions and elected officials over the next several months. The project website is available at [www.centralvirginiafuture.com](http://www.centralvirginiafuture.com)

## **AMBRIER PLANNING PROJECT**

LGC Senior Planner Cayce Dagenhart has led a corridor study of the Ambrier area of the Town of Amherst to help the Planning Commission and the Town plan and manage business and residential growth.

Ambrier encompasses the southern portion of the Town where the new bypass connects with Route 29. It is an area likely to see significant development in the coming years.

VDOT provided build out scenarios and worked with the Planning Commission on access management techniques that can be used when considering new development projects.

The Town's Planning Commission and the Council will soon consider changes to the Town code to implement some of the outcomes study.

## **APPOMATTOX ROUTE 460 WEST CORRIDOR STUDY**

Transportation consultants from URS, Inc. have been working with Appomattox County planners and Local Government Council staff developing a corridor study along Route 460 from the Town of Appomattox to the Campbell County line. This corridor study will help the County better plan its development on the western end of the county and at the Town's western borders. The Town/County Planning Commission held a public work session this past Monday, April 16, to continue working on the study.

## **RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

Senior Planner Cayce Dagenhart is also coordinating the research underway to develop a regional rural transportation plan for the non-MPO areas of Region 2000.

It's likely to be a four year project with VDOT's target completion date of 2010. 2008 is expected to be spent identifying road capacity, safety and access issues in the rural areas of our region.

## **TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM WORKSHOP – JUNE 7**

Learn about the 2007 application process for Transportation Enhancement Grants at VDOT's Enhancement Grant workshop, June 7, 10 a.m., Amherst Learning Center, 590 Union Hill Road, Amherst

The Local Government Council assists localities with preparing Transportation Enhancement Grants upon request. In 2006 the Local Government Council prepared four applications for projects in the region. The Local Government Council is also administering Enhancement Grants in the Towns of Amherst and Altavista.

Enhancement Grants are due November 1, 2007

## GET A UVA ENGINEERING DEGREE HERE IN LYNCHBURG

CVCC has introduced a new program allowing students to spend two years at CVCC and then two more years at CVCC enrolled in UVA's School of Engineering and get an engineering degree without leaving Lynchburg. Enrollment is now for classes starting in the fall.

Stan Shoun at CVCC is guiding this important program and he can be reached at 832-7610.

## REGION 2000 TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL TECH FAIR, MAY 11TH

300 of the regions top technology focused high school students will participate in the Technology Council's and CVCC's Tech Fair on May 11 at CVCC from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Competitions include models, bridge building, CAD Architectural and Mechanical, Wooden Water Pump, bridge testing, concrete Frisbee, team and math challenges, and EMT 20 employers will be on hand to tell students about employment opportunities in Region 2000. For more information contact Jonathan Whitt at the Technology Council at 847-1447.

## NEXT WIRED WEDNESDAY - MAY 9, 2007 - MICROSOFT VISTA AND OFFICE 2007 - SHOULD YOU UPGRADE?

Come get a front row seat to see the latest changes made to the entirely new Office 2007 and Windows Vista operating system. Find out the productivity features that will assist your business that are new in the Office suite and operating system platform!

Join us for a presentation by Corinne Hoisington, full-time Professor at

Central Virginia Community College. Corinne Hoisington is a full time professor of Information Systems Technology at Central Virginia Community College in Lynchburg, VA with over 20 years of teaching experience. Corinne also travels over 150,000 miles a year speaking to college & university professors and K12 venues all over the country for such custom-

as the Microsoft Corporation, Thomson Course Technology, and many other universities and businesses.

Central Virginia Community College, Merritt Hall, Room 5146, Noon to 1:30 p.m. \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Contact Jonathan Whitt at 847-1447 for reservations.

## TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL 2007 AWARDS BANQUET- THURSDAY, MAY 22

Joint the Technology Council at the Kirkley Hotel, Lynchburg. Mr. George Dawson, CEO of Centra Health is the evening's keynote speaker. Contact Jonathan Whitt at 847-1447 for registration and information.

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD IS LOOKING FOR PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS

Region 2000 Career Center has had 3,557 basic service customers (22,357 since opening), providing training for 83 currently (409 since opening in 2003) and assisted 251 employers.

Each year the Workforce Investment Board seeks new private sector members to help make policies for workforce training and to help manage the almost \$1.5 million in federal and state funds. Representation from the

counties is very important.

The Career Center located in the lower level of the Plaza Shopping Center and serves the entire Region 2000 area. Career Center staff helps job seekers, employers displaced employees who have lost their jobs due to plant closures or layoffs.

Contact Danny Inge, Workforce Investment Board Executive Director at 845-1932 for more information.

## UTILITY AND PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING

The Local Government Council has identified the Blue Ridge Safety Association as a provider of safety training services for member jurisdictions.

Training on confined space procedures, lockout/tagout, and safety work zones is now available to localities either at the jurisdiction or in a regional classroom environment, depending on the program.

Blue Ridge Safety Association is a non-profit organization out of the Harrisonburg area whose instructors who have both state and federal certifications.

## **PARTNERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS MOVING TO THE 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR OF THE BANK OF THE JAMES**

In mid-May the multiple Partnership organizations will be moving to a single, one stop location. We'll take the entire 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Bank of the James building. Phone numbers for the Partnership will be the same, or you can reach any of the Partners at 845-2000. The Partnership Strategic Plan is available on the Local Government Council Website <http://region2000.org/lgc/r2kPartnership.php>

### **TRACI BLIDO HIRED AS THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**

Traci Blido has joined the Region 2000 Partnership as the new Communications Officer. She brings significant experience to the roll from her most recent position as Director of Communications at Ericsson Inc., both in Lynchburg and later in Plano, Texas.

Traci will be working with the Economic Development Council and the other Partner organizations to better promote the message of our work and mission.

### **BOB BAILEY HAS JOINED THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED ENGINEERING AND RESEARCH AS THE NEW DIRECTOR**

Bob Bailey has joined the Center for Advanced Engineering and Research as the new Director.

The CAER helps industries in the region achieve advances in technology through specialized research and engineering

State funding is in place to underwrite it's first five research projects. "One of those [projects] is already complete, two we're about to sign agreements on, and de-

details of two others are being finalized," he reports. "All of them will be complete by the end of June and we're already working on identifying next fiscal year's projects."

Next year's projects will likely see the Center's focus broaden. "Our initial funding concentrates on the nuclear cluster, but we also have initiatives moving forward in the wireless industry, as well," Bailey says.

Bailey notes that the Center also recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Virginia Tech that will enable Tech resources to be employed on the Center's projects. "Liason professors (from Tech) will be meeting with area companies, identifying and prioritizing projects, and connecting those projects with personnel and facilities at Tech, as well as with national labs and other academic partners."

With the CAER's momentum building, Bailey faces the task of finding a more permanent home for the Center. "I'll be working out of the Region 2000 Partnership office initially while we look for a permanent facility for the CAER. We've done some very preliminary planning for space requirements, floor plan ideas, and site criteria, but now it's time to look for funding and locations."

### **JAMIE QUETGLEZ HIRED AS DIRECTOR OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

The Young Professionals of Central Virginia now have a Director working to retain and recruit young professionals to Region 2000. Funded by the Economic Development Council, the Workforce Investment Board and the Young Profess-

ionals group, the Director will provide ongoing continuity to the region's efforts to be attractive to young professionals.

One of Mrs. Quetglez's first projects will be to Develop marketing materials for local businesses

when recruiting young professionals. It is also expected that the Young Professionals organization will develop an ambassadors program which will make available one of their members to meet with Prospective young professional

employees to share a first hand view of the Lynchburg area and Region 2000.

The Young Professionals of Central Virginia was recently accepted as the fifth partner in the Region 2000 Partnership.

## Workforce Development and the Workforce Investment Board

A major emphasis of the Economic Development Council and the Workforce Investment Board is a focus on workforce training.



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## Workforce Investment Board 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Fair, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Over 100 prospective employers and over 500 prospective workers are expected to attend this year. The Fair will be on May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the former Heironimus Building, at the Plaza Shopping Center from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

## Workforce Investment Board Youth Works Program

Youth Works is a component of the Region 2000 Career Center and serves low income at risk youth ages 14-21. We provide the ten program elements required by WIA. We have unique partnerships with local schools, businesses and service providers. For example:

- **Tutoring services** - Huntington Learning Center and Sylvan Ace It program. We also work with area adult learning centers
- **Work readiness training** - conducted by youth works staff. We have training at a local alternative school and also do smaller workshops throughout the year.
- **Summer employment/Work experiences** - We have worksite agreements with local daycare providers and a local plumber where youth are gaining work experience. Over the summer we had agreements with the city of Lynchburg and other various employers.
- **Mentoring-** We have partnered with the Bonner Leadership Program through Lynchburg College in the development and delivery of a youth mentoring program.
- **Supportive Services** - We provide help with child care and transportation for youth involved in advance training.
- **Trainings** – We have youth involved in CDA, CNA and online medical assistance training.

Youth Works serves all of Region 2000 including surrounding counties to provide tutoring and work keys assessments leading to a participant receiving the Virginia Work Readiness Certificate.

We are pleased to have received additional funding to open a youth employment center that will provide non-WIA youth the opportunity to come and receive basic job search and resume preparation services. These services can be provided to any young person regardless of income or other qualifications.

Youth Works staff is also in the process of developing work readiness training and additional tutoring services in Bedford, Appomattox and Campbell county schools through non-WIA funds.

Most of the Workforce Investment Act funded services go to youth that meet certain income and eligibility requirements. Youth Works recently added an enrollment specialist to handle the eligibility process for new clients which gives our case managers more opportunity to work one-on-one with young clients to help them identify and follow through on career paths and training opportunities.