



Economic Development e-News

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*Greetings from the Accomack-Northampton
Planning District Commission Economic
Development Office.*

Building Collaborative Communities Grant Awarded

Governor McAuliffe made the announcement of funding at the Governor's Summit on Rural Prosperity – Connecting Rural Virginia to the Global Economy. A-NPDC's Director of Planning Curtis Smith was on hand to acknowledge the award of **\$48,000** in funding. The planning effort is based on establishing a workforce center focused on aquatic resources and will examine the reuse of the Machipongo School for this purpose.

[Click Here to Read the Announcement](#)

A-NPDC Welcomes New Economic Development Coordinator

Caroline Bott joined the A-NPDC staff on October 18. Caroline has over 20 years work experience for nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies with a focus on project coordination, management, event planning, and development. Most recently, Caroline served as the Director of Development for Broadwater Academy. "Caroline will assist with coordinating the regional activities of the Economic Development Committee and guiding the implementation and maintenance of our regional economic development plans. We are extremely pleased to have her join our team," says Curtis Smith, A-NPDC Director of Planning.

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Accomack-Northampton Economic Development Committee to Reconvene

The Committee will reconvene in the near future to consider organizational changes that will allow for expanded capabilities for maintaining and implementing the new Stronger Economies Together Regional Economic Development Plan and existing Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. A-NPDC staff will send out meeting notices and updates prior to the meeting.

Entrepreneurship Option Workshop

Join Jim Flowers, Executive Director of VT Knowledge Works, a subsidiary of the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, for an interactive entrepreneurship workshop.



The workshop will help identify what it takes and what it means to be a true entrepreneur instead of an employee, with focus on fundamental factors that govern startup success, powerful habits used by good managers, and MOXIE and why it matters.

When: Thursday, October 27, 2016, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Eastern Shore Community College Workforce Development Building, Melfa, VA

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Although the deadline to register has passed, limited space is available. Please contact the Planning District Commission Economic Development Office (cbott@a-npdc.org or 757.787.2936 x111) if you would like to attend.

Entrepreneurship and Small Business Training Forum

Are you looking for a resources or training to help you realize your dream of starting or growing your small business or farm operation? If so, then this forum is just for you! Participants will receive practical real-world advice and timely seminars on what it takes to start and succeed in business.

When: November 11, 2016

Where: University of Maryland Eastern Shore Student Services Center, Princess Anne, MD

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13th Annual Small Farm Conference

The purpose of this two-day educational event is to provide a venue for farmers, landowners, and supporters of agriculture to come together to network and learn about new opportunities and strategies that promote farm profitability and sustainability.

When: November 11 - 12, 2016

Where: University of Maryland Eastern Shore Student Services Center, Princess Anne, MD

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Foodshed Field School Small Farm, Big Market Panel and Discussion

Come join Future Harvest CASA and the Eastern Shore RC&D to learn the ins and outs of selling farm products on the wholesale market. Representatives from Chesapeake Harvest Food Hub, Coastal Sunbelt Produce, Buy Fresh Buy Local and others will share how they source produce and what they are looking to buy from small farms. Farmers will have a chance to ask questions and also share their experiences selling to larger markets.



When: November 15, 2016

Where: Turtle Pace Farm, 17432 Killmontown Road, Melfa, VA

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Virginia Resource Authority Biennial Governor's Infrastructure Financing Conference

The conference will emphasize funding opportunities available through government and private sources for local infrastructure projects that advance the health and safety of residents, expand economic and community development efforts and improve quality of life. The **Virginia Resources Authority** provides innovative, cost-effective and sustainable financial solutions to build *vibrant* and *healthy* Virginia communities.



When: December 14-16, 2016

Where: Williamsburg, VA

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Resources

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