

Exploring the intersectionality of critically important issues affecting the region.



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# Writing a recipe for our region



Sarah Stewart, PlanRVA

## Meet the Chef - PlanRVA

- Regional Cooperation Act
- 12 duties of Planning District Commissions





# What is a Regional Strategic Plan?



Required in the Regional Cooperation Act



Guide the district on matters that are of importance to more than one locality



Subject to public review & performance indicators

# Looking back

What has been used in the past?





# Looking forward

# Time to change our approach



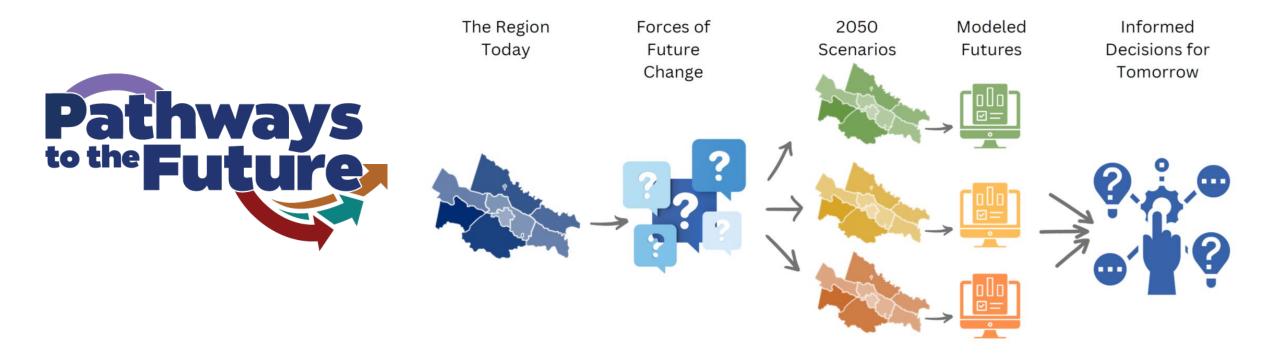
Increasing spirit of regional cooperation



Growing portfolio of plans and programs at PlanRVA

# Pathways to the Future – Scenario Planning

- Opportunity for program leads and planners to think differently
- Interdisciplinary connections

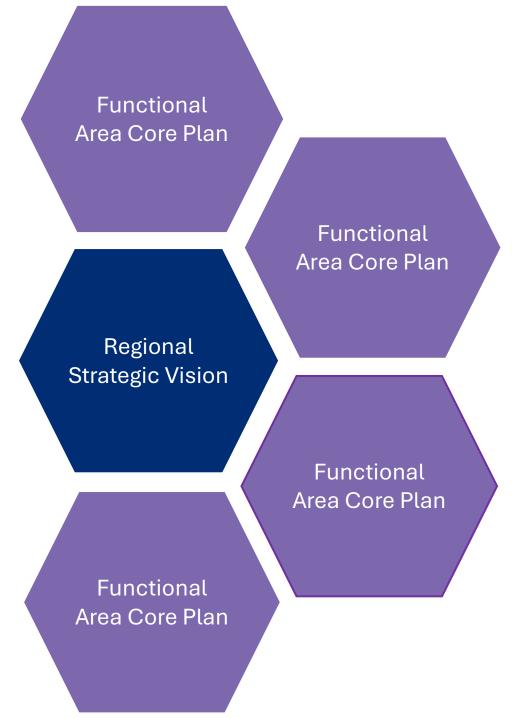


# A new model recipe

Coordinated regional vision and goals.

• Indicates the role and responsibilities of PlanRVA in serving the region.

 Contextualizes the relationship, content, processes for functional area plans.



# Foundational Ingredient: A Regional Vision

**5 Interconnected Themes. A Region With:** 



**Strategic and Resilient Infrastructure:** infrastructure and systems designed and maintained to protect and enhance individual and community health and well-being



A Healthy Environment: thriving ecosystems - healthy watersheds, clean air, fruitful working lands, flourishing habitats, and communities that are located and planned in ways that recognize the connections between environmental health and human health and well-being.

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**Attainable Housing:** diverse housing stock that makes housing attainable for everyone, is safe, comfortable, resource-efficient, and built in coordination with available or planned infrastructure and services.



A Strong Economy: a diverse and resilient economic base, an educated and skilled workforce, employment that enables workers to meet their family needs, and communities with the physical, structural and social conditions to support and attract employers, workers and visitors.

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Equitable Opportunity and Choice for Everyone: that engages and collaborates with all voices and creates pathways to success through equitable access to jobs, housing, infrastructure and services, quality education, a healthy environment, and other elements that allow individuals and families to thrive.

# A Pathways Pie









# What it means in practice

- Each year we will:
  - Review and adopt updated versions of the core plans developed by PlanRVA.
  - Review the status of each plan.
  - Review progress on and guide upcoming regional planning and programmatic activities.
  - Develop/update metrics pertinent to the vision's elements
  - Review the data results for these metrics.



# A Recipe with Shared Ingredients & Benefits

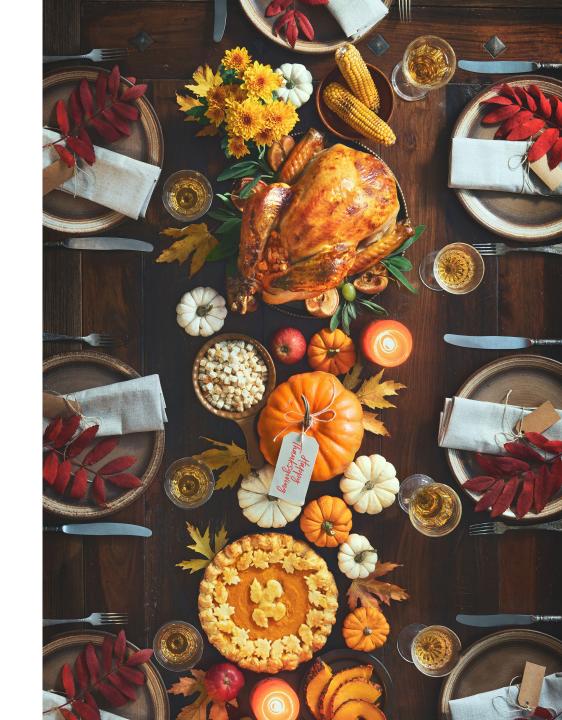
- Plan & data integration
- Efficiency
- Improved context to talk to the public about long range planning



# Today is an invitation to join us!

- Help us chart a course for the direction of our region.
- We look forward to working with you to plan and implement it!

Thank you & enjoy some pie!





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Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050

Holly Gordon Senior Community Engagement Manager



# Vision

The transportation system in the Richmond Region will reliably and safely connect people, prioritize more equitable opportunities for all to thrive and live healthy lives, promote a strong economy, and respect environmental stewardship.

# How do we plan for 2050?



Transportation Issues



Review Vision, Goals & Objectives



Universe of Projects



Scoring, ranking & prioritizing



Cost-possible plan



Evaluation & improvement

Timeline: 2024 - 2026

# Why does it matter?







Roadmap for Future Investments

Opportunity to Think Regionally

Required for Federal Funding

# Who Implements?







VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation)



VA DRPT (Department of Rail & Public Transportation) AND GRTC (Greater Richmond Transit Company)

# Revisiting

3 Big Engagement Times				
NOW-June 2025	Vision and Identifying Needs	What matters most & what are the issues to solve?		
January 2026-March 2026	Prioritizing Investments: \$\$	How can we realistically get there?		
June 2026-August 2026	Presenting the Plan	How do you feel about the way forward?		

# How can you participate?

1

2

3

**Share your ideas** in our survey & map activity

**Connect us** with your community

Share the Toolkit with your networks



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# **Our Public Engagement Site**

### **Engage PlanRVA**

The place to give your input on how to shape the region.



I'm looking for projects about All categories

▼ in All places

▼ or Search for a specific project...

### **Open Projects**

These projects are currently collecting input



### Transportation 2050 (LRTP)

Last updated: 19 Feb, 2025

The update to the Richmond region's long-range transportation plan (LRTP).





#### **Natural Resources**

Last updated: 13 Feb, 2025

Identifying the region's natural resource features, opportunities, and risks.





### **Economic Development** Strategy (CEDS)

Last updated: 13 Feb, 2025

A Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Richmond Region

Learn more

# **The Survey Tool**



#### Answer a few basic transportation questions

#### 1. What is most important to you in planning for transportation improvements? Required

Drag your choices to the right so that the top is most important and bottom is least. On mobile, click to number your choices.

Congestion/Predictability (can plan trips without unexpected delays like traffic or crowding)	:::
Interconnectivity (can get where you need to go however you'd like to get there)	:::
Equity (ensuring transportation works fairly for all)	:::
Infrastructure (how well maintained the existing things are)	:::
Safety (you can travel without being harmed)	:::

2. How safe do	you feel TRAVELING in the region? Required	
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#### Visioning

What matters most for the future of the region?

October 2024-May 2025

Presenting opportunities for the public to help shape strategic goals and objectives of the plan.



#### **Identifying Needs**

What are the transportation issues to address?

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Engaging the public to identify needs in the Richmond region with a special emphasis on equity.

See more

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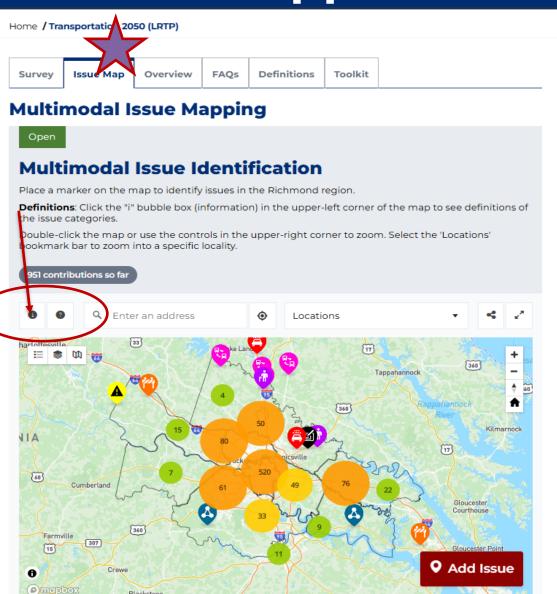
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# Interactive Issue Mapper



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# Categories



Safety



Congestion/Traffic



Interconnectivity



Accessibility



Design



Predictability



Infrastructure



Travel Options

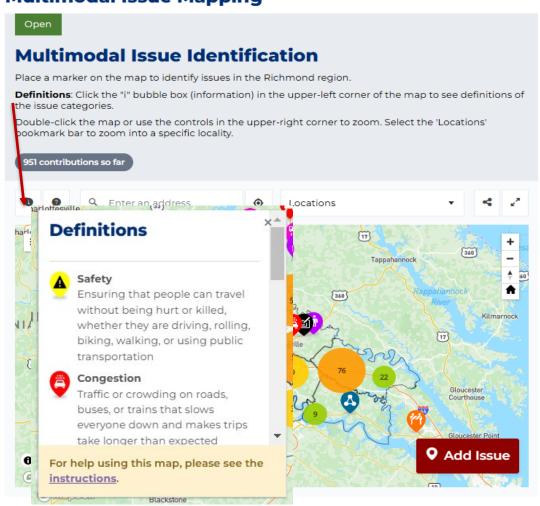


Equity

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### **Multimodal Issue Mapping**



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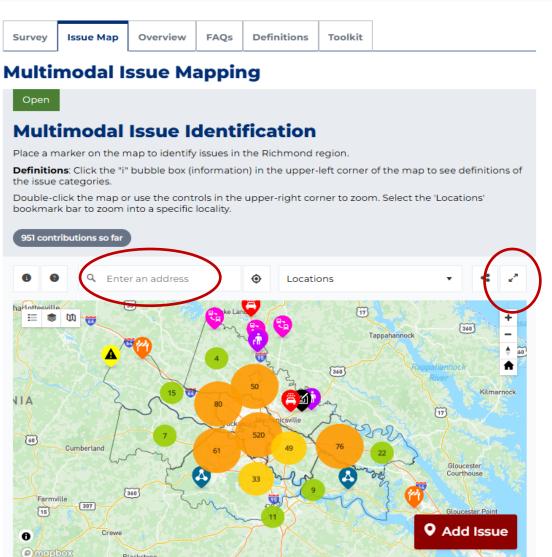
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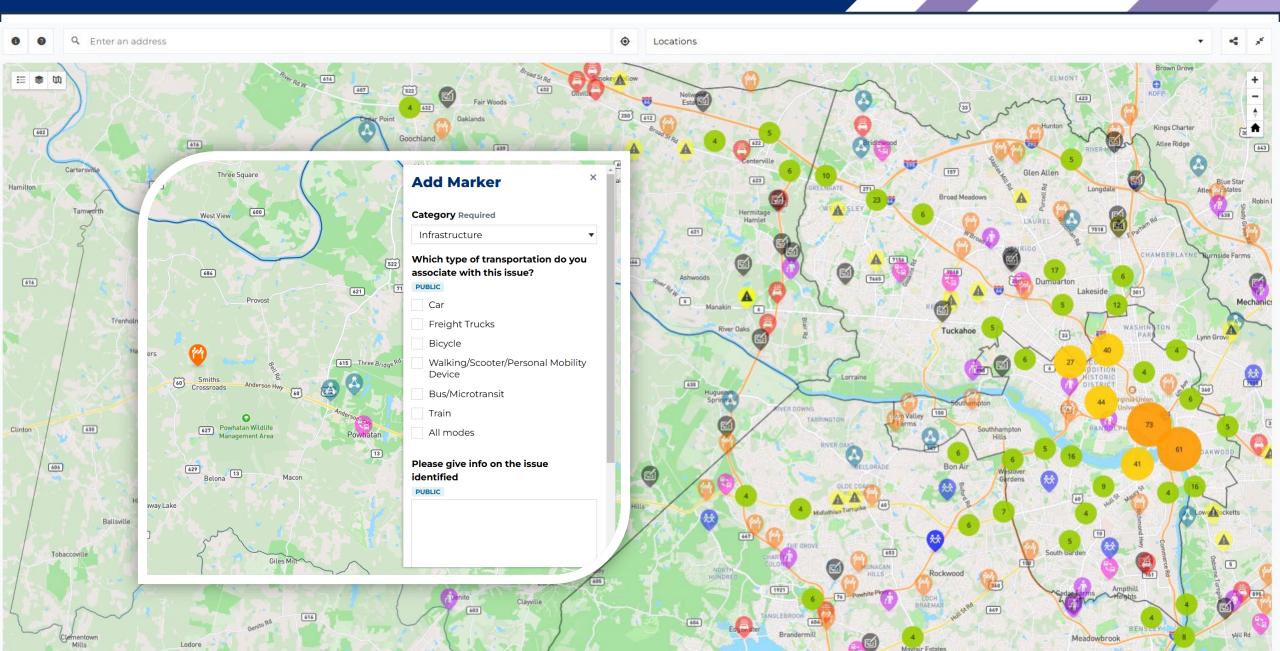
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### Extend the Screen



# **Add Marker**



# **Sharing Toolkit & Resources**



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### **Transportation 2050 (LRTP)**

Updating the long-range transportation plan for the Richmond region

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Home / Transportation 2050 (LRTP)

Survey

Issue Map

Overview FAQs

Definitions

Toolkit

#### Download items needed to share about this effort

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Actualización del plan de transporte a largo plazo para la región de Richmond

+ Seguir



Hogar / Transportation 2050 (LRTP)

Encuesta

Mapa de problemas

Descripción general

Preguntas frecuentes

Definiciones

### Kit de herramientas ma del proyecto

#### Visualización

¿Qué es lo más importante para el futuro de la región?

Octubre 2024-mayo 2025

Presentar oportunidades para que el público ayude a dar forma a las metas y objetivos estratégicos del

#### Identificación de necesidades

¿Cuáles son los problemas de transporte que hay que abordar?

Octubre 2024-mayo 2025

Involucrar al público para identificar las necesidades en la región de Richmond con un énfasis especial en la equidad.

Ver más

### **Eventos publicos**

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### Descargue los elementos necesarios para compartir sobre este esfuerzo

Nos encantaría que nos ayudaras a difundir la información para que se escuchen más voces. ¿Lo compartirías con tu asociación de vecinos, tu iglesia, tu escuela o tu grupo comunitario?

- · Imprime un volante para colgar en el espacio de tu grupo.
- Publica en tus redes sociales y etiqueta a @planrva
- · Pídele a tu gente que complete la encuesta y el mapa de problemas



Volante

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# **Upcoming Events**

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#### **ChamberRVA Mix**

() Feb 25, 2025 5:00 PM - Feb 25, 2025 6:30 PM

Virginia Crossings Hotel, 1000 Virginia Center Pkwy, Glen Allen, VA 23059, USA

NEW DATE: FEB 25. PlanRVA will be attending.

### **Nutzy's Block Party @The** Diamond

() Mar 1, 2025 10:00 AM - Mar 1, 2025 1:00 PM

The Diamond, 3001 N Arthur Ashe Blvd. Richmond, VA 23230

The Richmond Flying Squirrels will host Nutzy's Block Party on Saturday, March 1st from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Blue Lot at The Diamond. OUTDOOR EVE...

### **SAARA Community Resource** Fair

(S) Mar 6, 2025 10:00 AM

Diversity Richmond, 1407 Sherwood Ave, Richmond, VA 23220, USA

Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery Alliance of Virginia (SAARA)'s mission is to transform Virginia communities through hope, education, and advoc...

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### **Riders + Advocates Connect**

() Mar 25, 2025 5:30 PM - Mar 25, 2025 7:00 PM

PlanRVA, 424 Hull Street suite 300, Richmond, VA, USA

RVA Rapid Transit hosts their semi regular event with bus riders and advocates. Over a shared meal, we build relationships, discuss transit news & opp...

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10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Department of Aging and Rehabilitative **Rooms 101-103** 

8004 Franklin Farms Dr. Richmond, VA 23229









PlanRVA Interactive Map & Feedback Activity

Morning **Refreshments Served** 



**Provided** 

Hosted by VDDHH RSVP Required bit.ly/TransportationTownHallRVA





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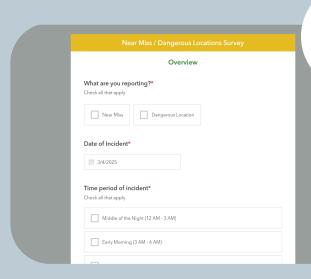
**Launching the Near Miss Dashboard** 

Elizabeth Greenwell

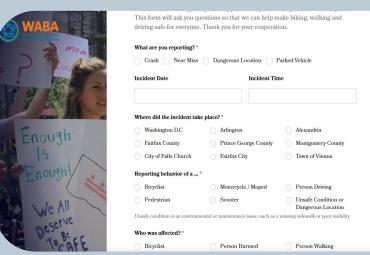
# What is a Near Miss?



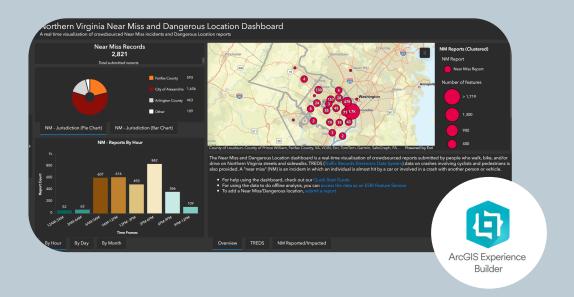
#### Examples















## What types of events might be reported?

- -Poor road/path conditions
- -Traveling in wrong direction
- -View obstructed
- -Trash or debris in path
- -Failure to obey yellow light
- -Failure to obey red light
- -Turning through active crosswalk or bike lane
- -Opening door in bike lane
- -Parked in bike lane
- -Speeding
- -Crossing mid-block
- -Not enough time at crosswalk
- -Poor visibility/sight lines

What do we hope to learn?











#### ...and place a pin



#### Fill out the form...

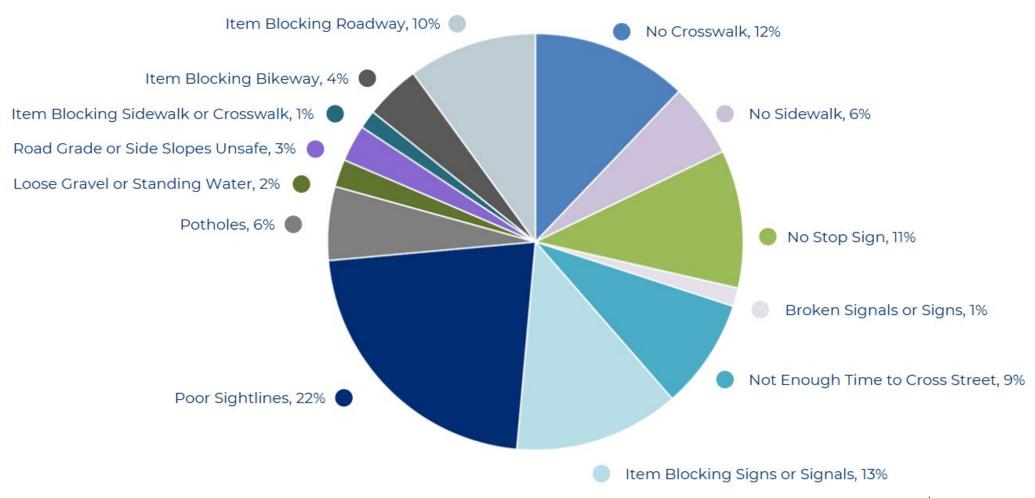


#### ...see submissions



#### **Initial Findings\***

What unsafe conditions were present?



#### Test with us!

**Contact me:** 

nearmiss@planrva.org



#### **Activity-Your choice (30 min)**

Sticker Map	4 corners of room
Submit a Near Miss	nearmiss.planrva.org
Brainstorm and Share At Your Table Sheets	Where will you spread the word or connect us to a community?
Complete survey & map	engage.planrva.org/LRTP







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## A journey of progress for Greater Richmond.

Making our home a place where everyone can thrive.



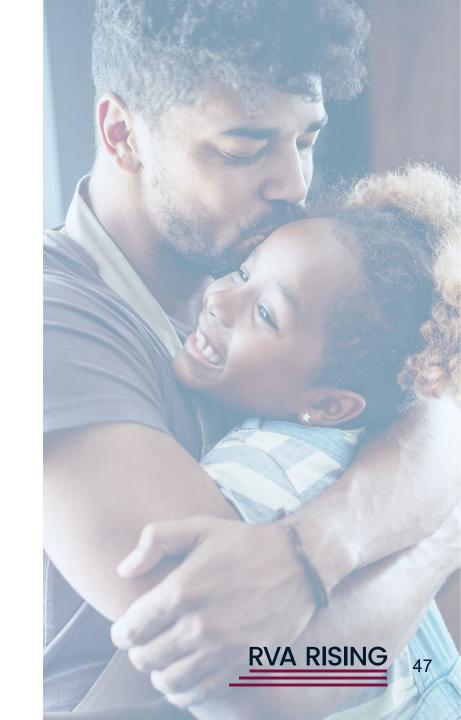
#### What is RVA Rising?

RVA Rising is a long-term, collaborative effort to ensure everyone in the Richmond region can thrive here. Driven by data and community input, RVA Rising brings people and institutions together to pursue strategies that will create systems change and increase economic mobility for all.

## We know opportunities are not equal across our region.

In many ways, RVA is thriving. But this growth and success isn't the reality for everyone. It's time to recognize that underneath the surface, we face many challenges that still need to be overcome.

Everyone – regardless of race, gender or zip code – deserves an equal chance to prosper. RVA should be a region where everyone feels welcome.



### RVA Rising Leadership Team



Sherrie Armstrong
President & CEO
Community Foundation



Brian Anderson
President & CEO
ChamberRVA



Barbara Couto Sipe President & CEO United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg



Martha Shickle Executive Director PlanRVA



Moses Foster President & CEO West Cary Group



Laura Lafayette
CEO
Richmond Association
of Realtors



Renee Haltom
VP & Regional Executive
Federal Reserve Bank of
Richmond



Reginald Gordon
President & CEO
Richmond Memorial
Health Foundation



John W. Martin President & CEO SIR



Veronica Fleming
Community
Engagement
Consultant

## **Guiding principles** that reflect our strong ongoing commitment.



**Collaborative leadership** with intentional diversity



**Action-oriented approach** to leverage collective time and resource investments



**Community engagement** at every level, embedded throughout the process



**National peers and partners** to inform, develop and sustain data-driven strategies



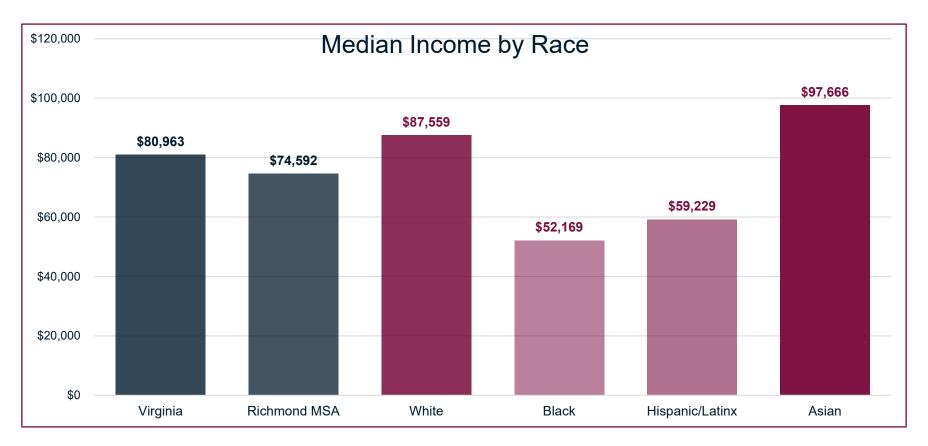
**Long-term commitment** to sustain efforts over 10-20 year period

#### Local research that reflects your voice, your reality.

We've talked to so many people across different RVA communities to make sure that our focus is exactly where it needs to be – on what's important to you.

Priorities	Central (RVA)	Eastern	Northern	Piedmont	Western
Education 48%	53%	48%	46%	48%	52%
Health & Well-Being 47%	50%	43%	48%	49%	54%
Housing 40%	39%	39% 40%		50%	50%
Public Safety 38%	35%	41%	39%	34%	26%
Economic Security 36%	36%	35%	37%	39%	40%
Civil & Human Rights 25%	30%	23%	24%	25%	18%
Democracy 13%	13%	11%	15%	11%	9%

## People of color are still earning less in our region. It's time to close the gap.

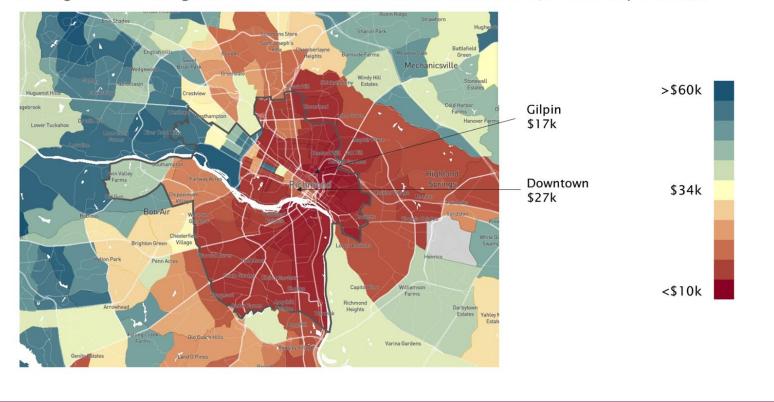


Zip codes should not determine your ability to succeed.

#### The geography of upward mobility in Richmond shows racial disparities.

Kids who grow up in underprivileged neighborhoods will earn even less than their parents did when they reach adulthood.

Average Income at Age 35 for Children whose Parents Earned \$27,000 (25th percentile)



Source: Increasing Upward Mobility in Richmond New Insights from Big Data, Raj Chetty, Harvard University, 2018.



## We know that closing opportunity gaps is the key to achieving upward economic mobility.

When a person has adequate income and assets to support them and their family's material well-being.



When a person has control over their life, can make choices, and influence larger policies and actions that affect their future.

When a person feels the respect, dignity, and sense of belonging that comes from contributing to and being appreciated by people in their community.

#### Where we need to focus to make positive change.



Opportunity
Rich &
Inclusive
Neighborhoods



High-Quality Education



Rewarding Work

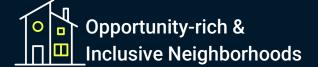


Healthy
Environment &
Access to Good
Health Care



Responsive & Just Governance

#### Let's take a look at the five areas of focus.



- Housing stability
- Economic inclusion
- Racial diversity
- Social capital
- Transportation access



#### High-Quality Education

- Access to preschool
- Effective public education
- School economic diversity
- Preparation for college
- Digital access



#### Rewarding Work

- Employment opportunities
- Jobs paying living wages
- Opportunities for income
- Financial security
- Wealth-building opportunities



#### Healthy Environment and Access to Good Health Care

- Access to health services
- Neonatal health
- Environmental quality
- Safety from trauma



#### Responsive and Just Governance

- Political participation
- Descriptive representation
- Safety from crime
- Just policing

#### Where is RVA Rising now?

Community Engagement is embedded throughout and is essential to long-term success.

We are taking a Collective Impact approach that includes the following key components:

Our Common Agenda?

Upward economic mobility for all.

What are our Mutually Reinforced Activities?

Co-create strategies | Set policy agenda | Co-invest in anchors and scalable initiatives

How will we Align Data?

Regional indicators | Monitoring Data | Shared Narrative

How will we Communicate?

Community engagement | Regional website | Storytelling & Reports | Events

Who are the **Backbone Organizations?** 

Core Leadership | Pillar Leads | Work Groups | Coalitions



#### It's a new day.

We are getting rid of the status quo in favor of new and unrestricted thinking that moves past previous barriers.

Put politics and misperceptions aside

Work through past grievances

Build a positive and inclusive vision

Create more opportunity

Open new doors

Reduce racism and historical prejudices

Break uncomfortable silences

Foster a sense of love and compassion

## RISING THRIVE. HERE.

#### Join Us.

RVA is counting on you.

Here are three things you can do now to support this important collaboration:

- 1. **LEARN** about key issue areas
- 2. ENGAGE in conversation & spread the word
- **3. INVEST** by sharing your ideas, time and voice

Stay updated at rvarising.org.



#### **SAVE THE DATE**

THE SYMPOSIUM

Hosted by the YMCA OF GREATER RICHMOND

#### **RISING TOGETHER**

STORIES OF ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND THRIVING COMMUNITIES

**SEPTEMBER 26 8:30 A.M.-4 P.M.** 

ALTRIA THEATER 6 N LAUREL ST, RICHMOND, VA



SIGN UP NOW TO STAY CONNECTED WITH ALL SYMPOSIUM UPDATES



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#### What is a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?



Data driven opportunity to look back to plan forward



Identify strengths and opportunities to explore emerging trends



Creation of a comprehensive resource to guide strategic decision making



Justification for funding of projects and programs



Aspirational vision for the future



Space for collaboration of local, regional, philanthropic, and citizen participants

# How does the CEDS fit in with other regional planning efforts?

#### **Data**

- Socioeconomic Data 2017-2050
- Pathways to the Future-Scenario Plan
- Upward Mobility Framework

#### **Plans**

- Target Industry Cluster Analysis (GRP)
- PHA Regional Housing Framework
- GoVA Growth and Diversification Plan
- Long Range Transportation Plan 2050

#### **Performance**

RVA Rising—Performance Metrics

#### **Implementation**

- Transportation & infrastructure funds
- EDA and other support
- Locality CIP & funding

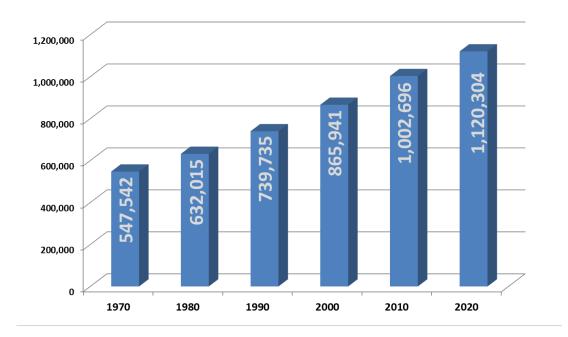
#### Key Components of CEDS

Demographics
Regional Economy
Education
Workforce Development
Community Infrastructure
Housing
Resiliency

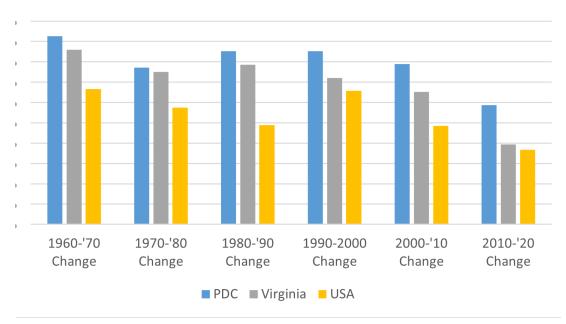
#### **Timeline**

#### 60 years of growth

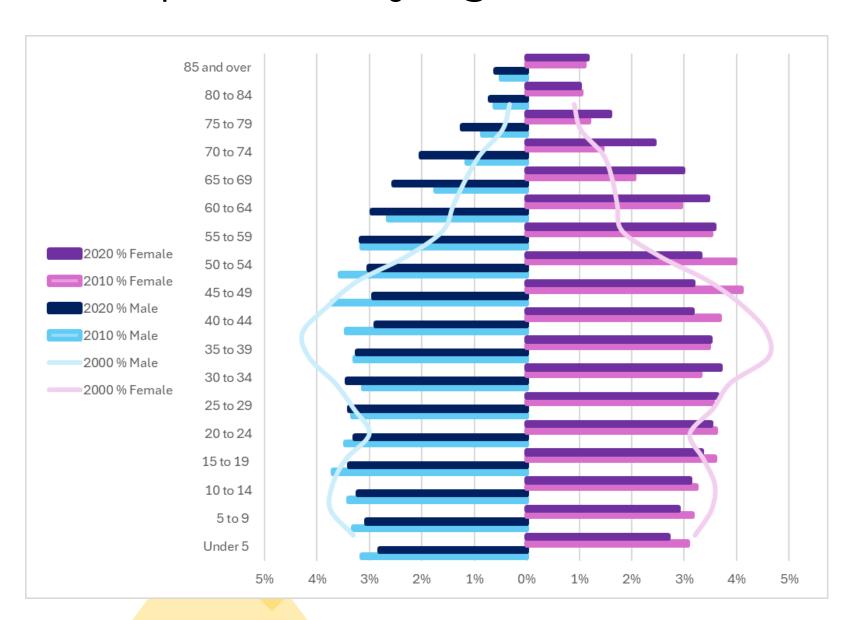
- 1960-1990: Explosive growth: 1-1/2 X
- 1990-2020: Slowing of growth: 50% increase
- Chesterfield largest growth in **numbers**almost 5X
- New Kent largest percentage growth



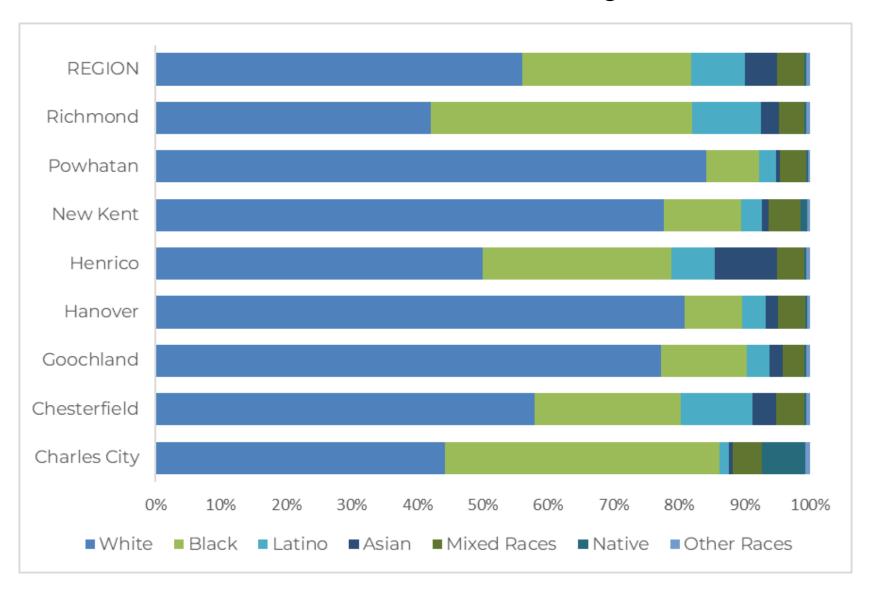
Population Growth Rate, 1960-2020



#### Population by Age from 2000-2020

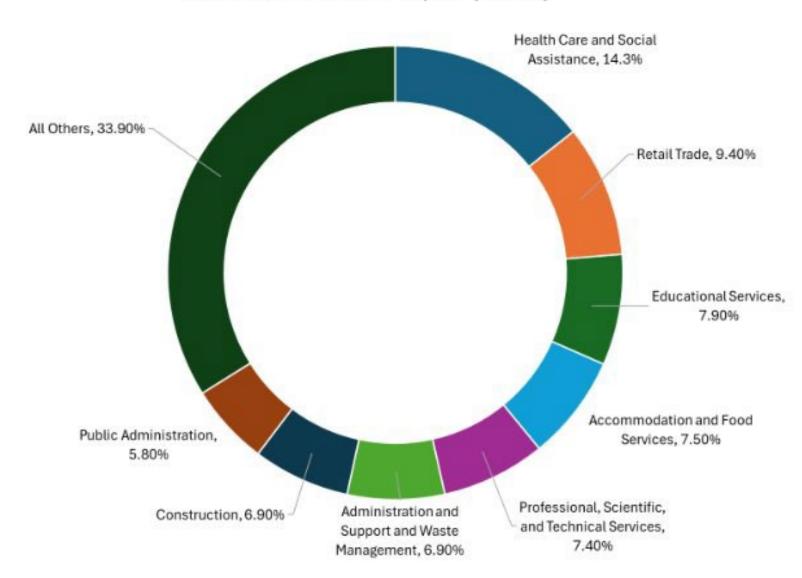


#### Race & Ethnicity

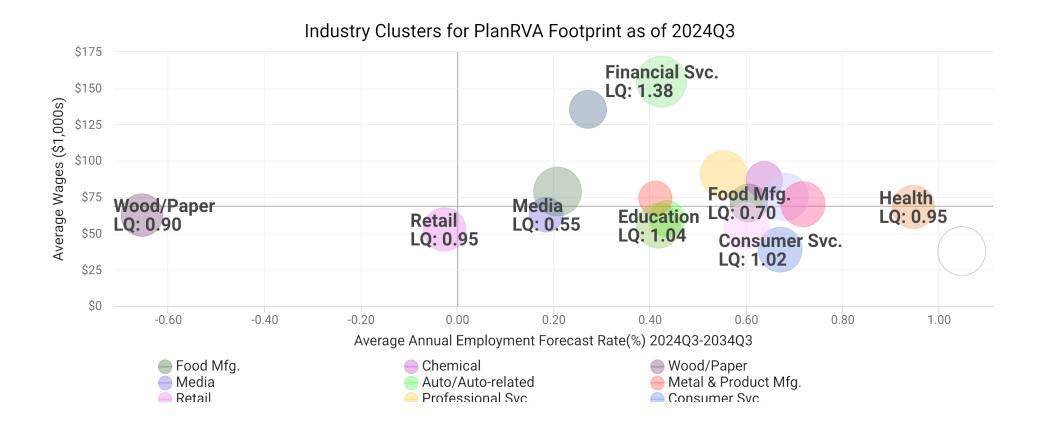


#### Diverse Economy

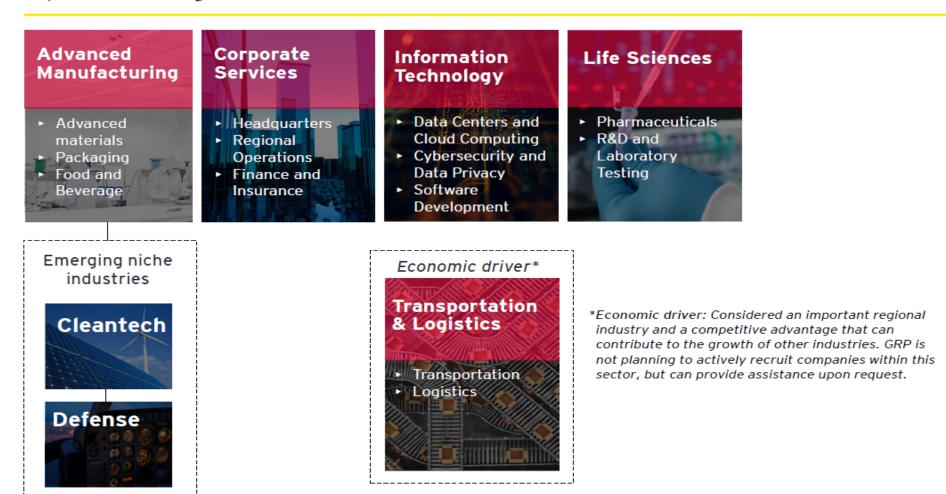
Total Workers for PlanRVA Footprint by Industry



#### Workforce



#### Updated target industries

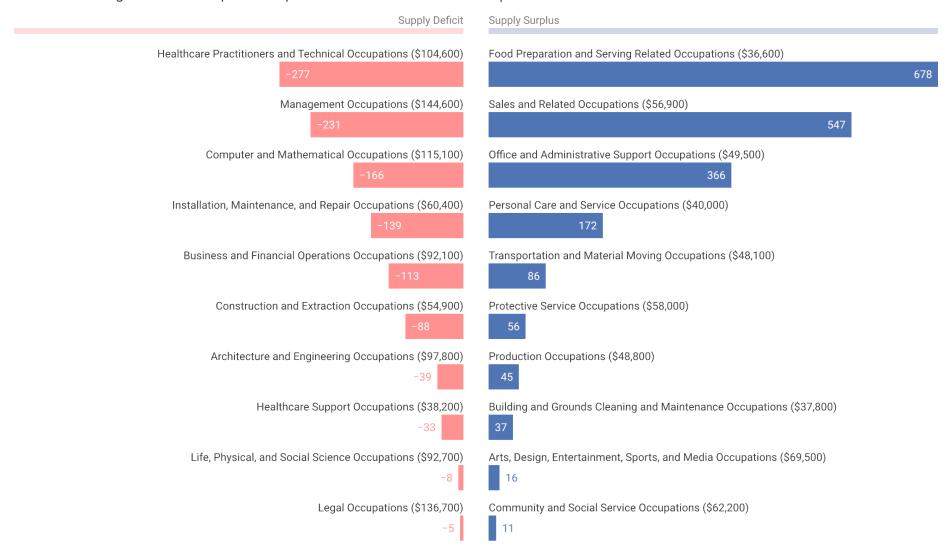


Source: GRP Greater Richmond Target Industry Cluster Analysis, February 2025

## Occupation Gaps 2024 Projected Annual Demand by Occupation

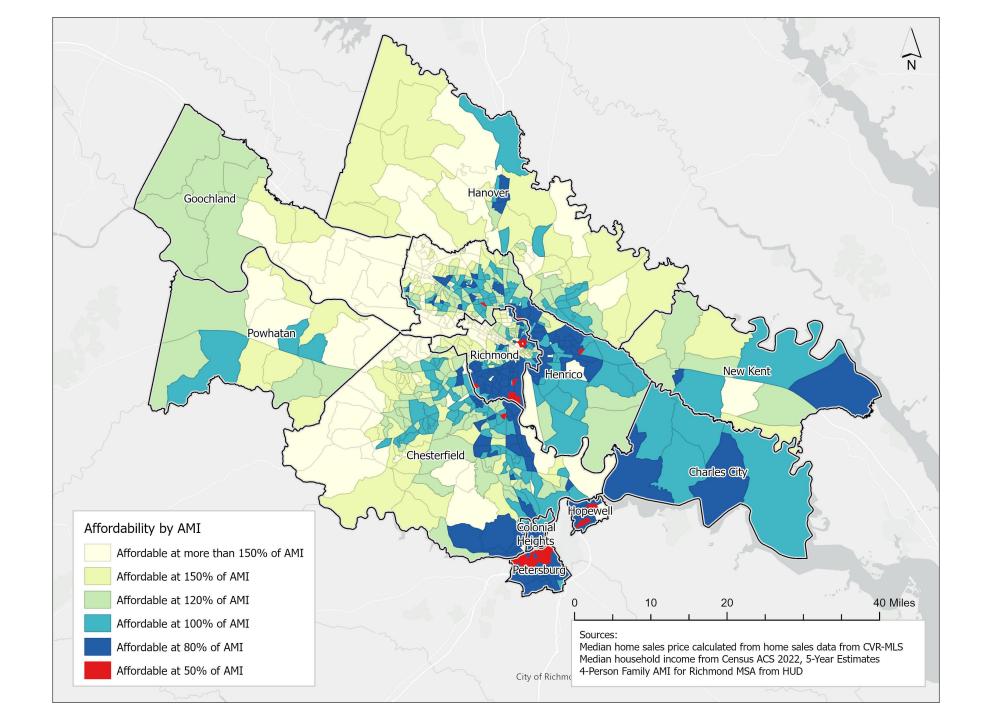
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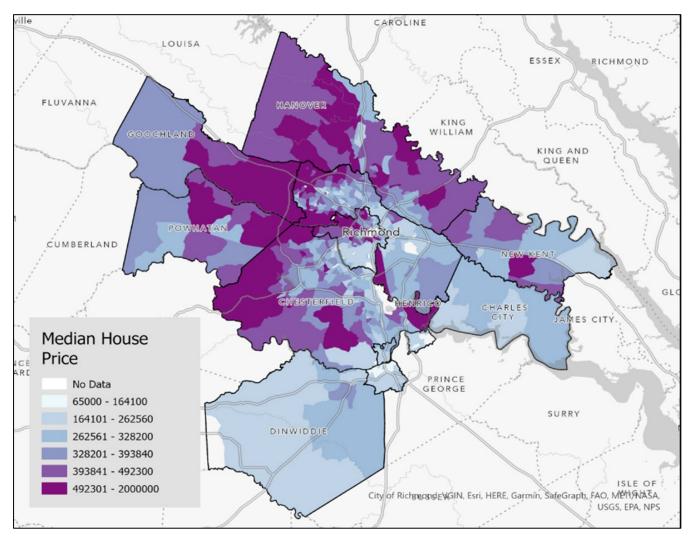
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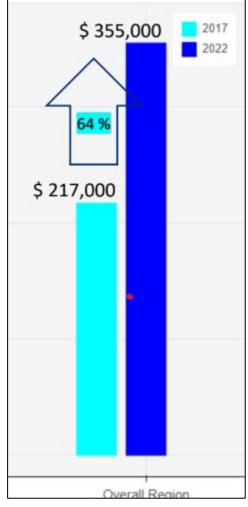
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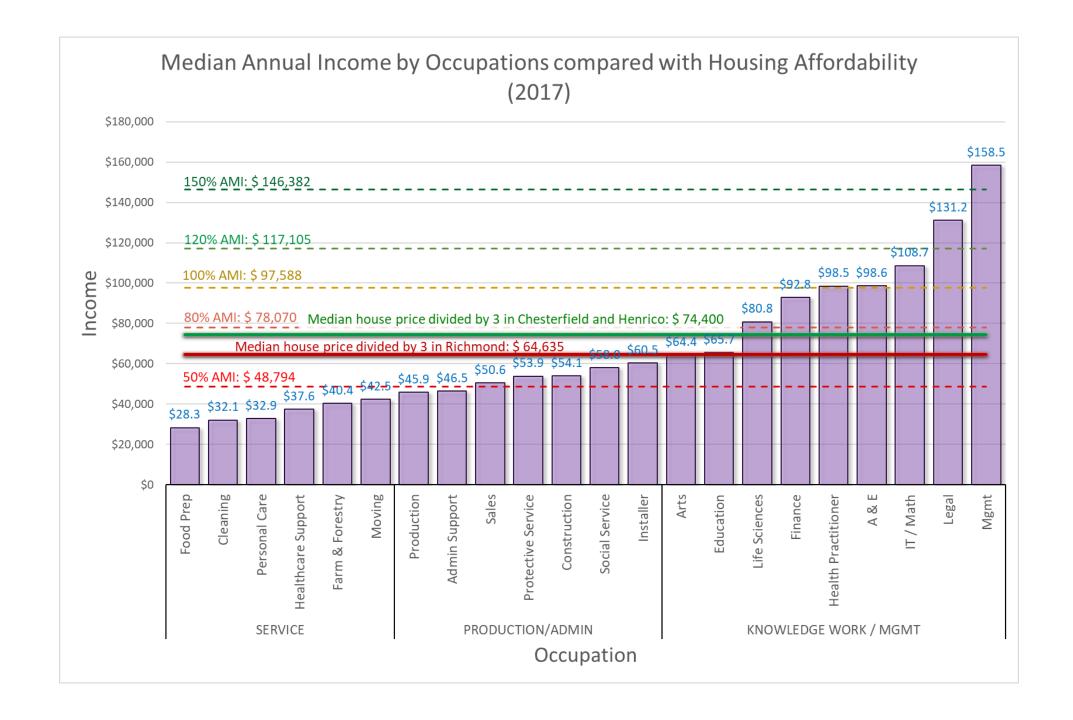
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	Enrollment	Graduation	# Dual	% Dual		
Jurisdiction	'22	Rate	Enrollment	Enrollment	# CTE	% CTE
Charles City	562	82.8%	6	3.8%	42	14.6%
Chesterfield	63,962	88.6%	2,197	10.7%	7,026	19.9%
Goochland	2,643	95.7%	204	22.9%	-	-
Hanover	17,066	93.5%	323	5.7%	1,972	20.7%
Henrico	50,389	87.1%	520	3.2%	4,456	16.1%
New Kent	3,436	90.4%	118	10.5%	280	14.8%
Powhatan	4,251	90.6%	67	4.8%	393	16.6%
Richmond	21,705	70.0%	64	1.1%	1,409	14.0%
Region	164,014	86.8%	3,499	6.8%	15,578	17.6%
Virginia	1,263,367	88.8%	38,732	9.7%	117,932	17.3%

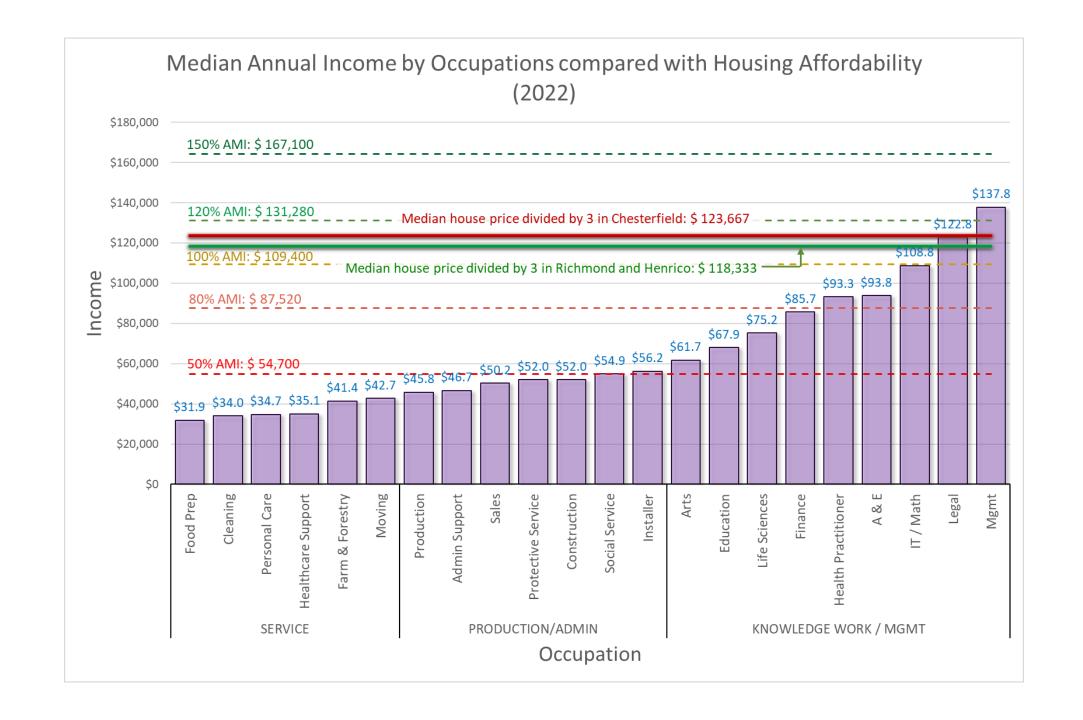


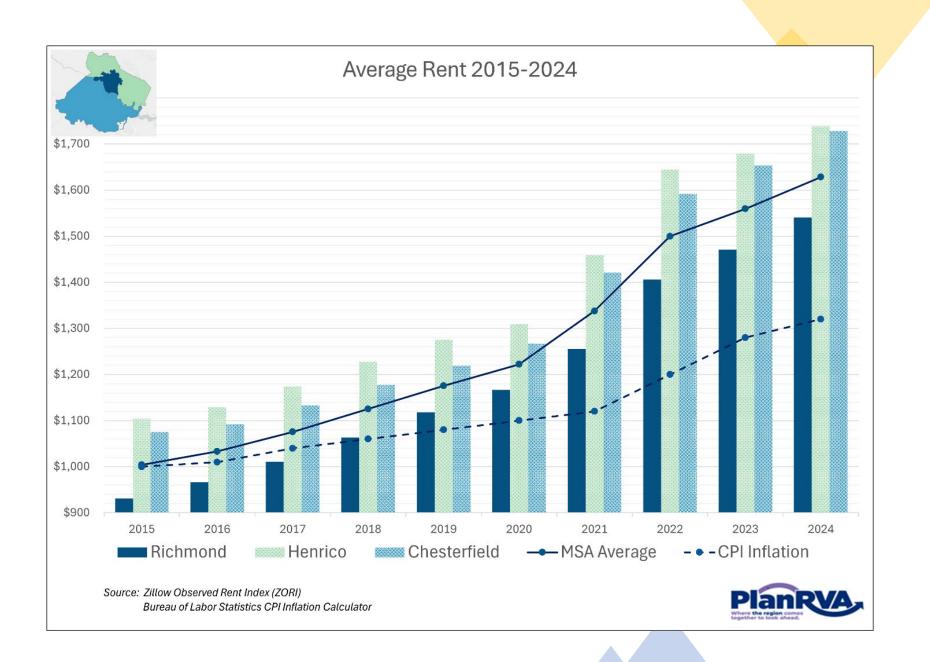


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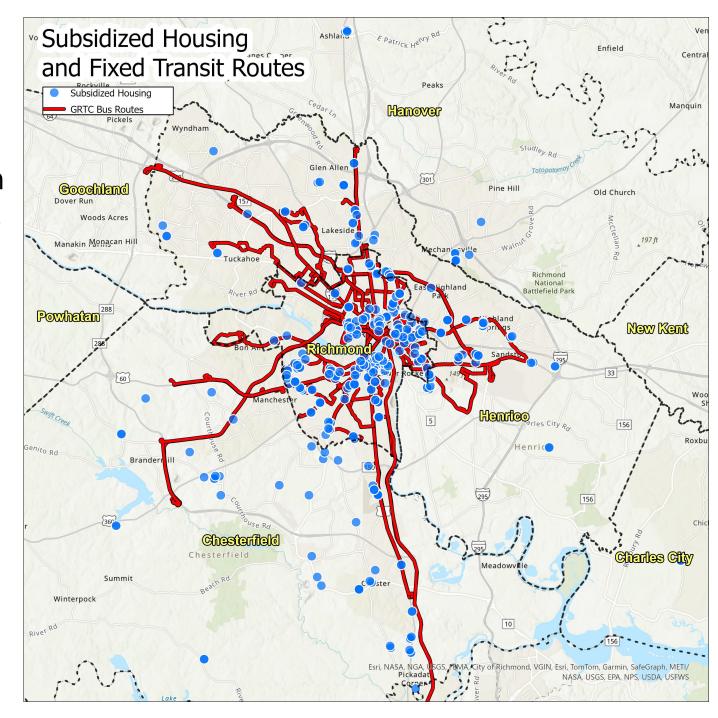








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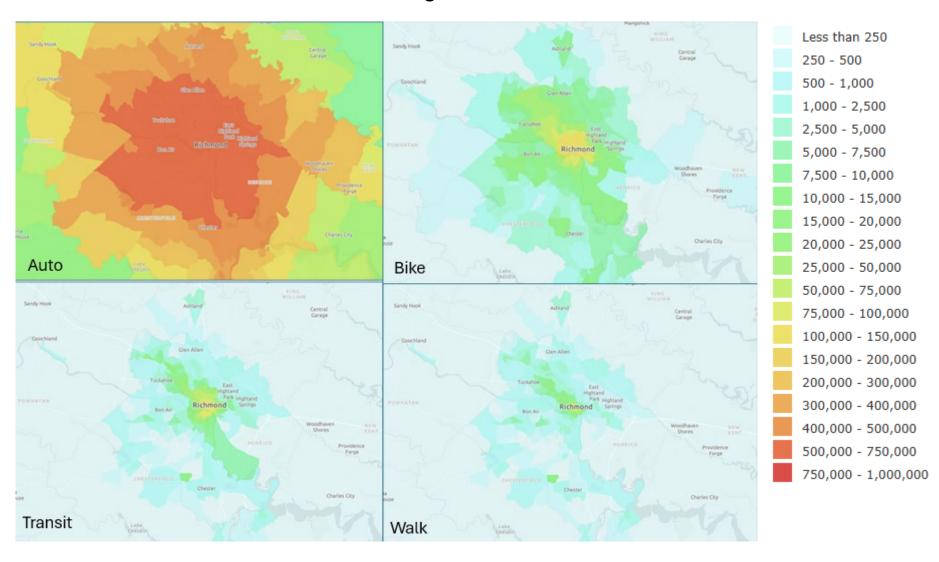


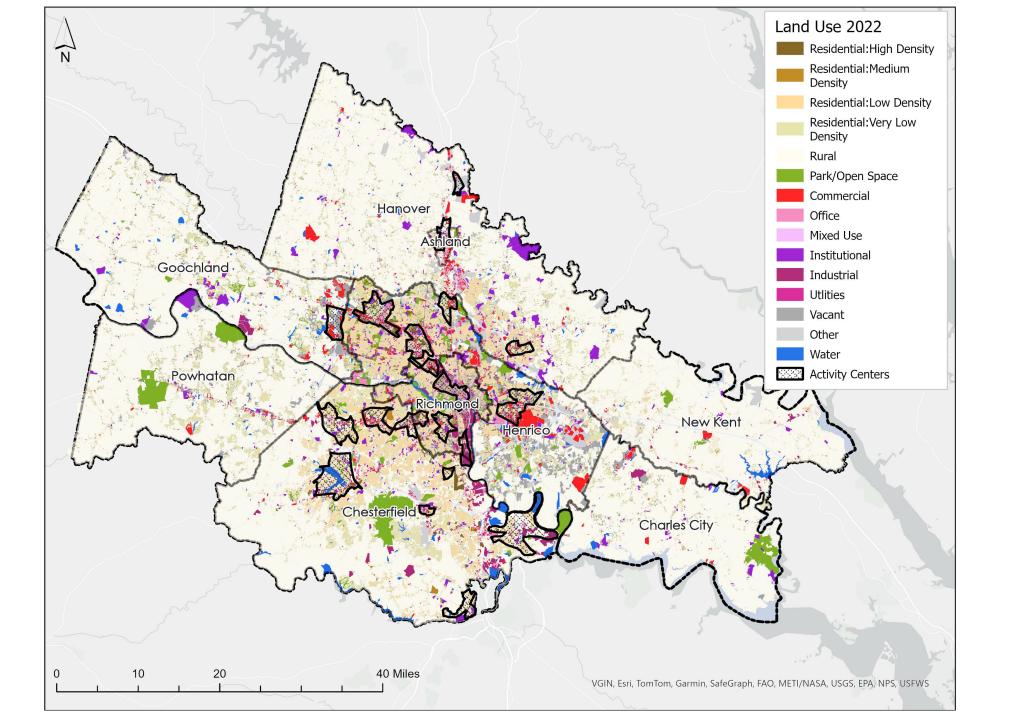
### Commuting Patterns

#### **Key Take-Aways**

- The region is a net importer of employment: Employed/Living Ratio of 1.12 which is about the same as a decade ago
- 86,000 people worked from home in 2022 which is 4 times the number as in 2014
- Goochland has seen the greatest increase in employment share; Henrico and the City remain the commuter destinations
- · The mean commute to work time is 28.5 minutes
- 80 percent of the region's workforce lives and works in the region

# Employment reachable within 30 minutes by mode share







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## **Neighbor Talk**





- Question Prompts
- Jot down ideas or themes.





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