

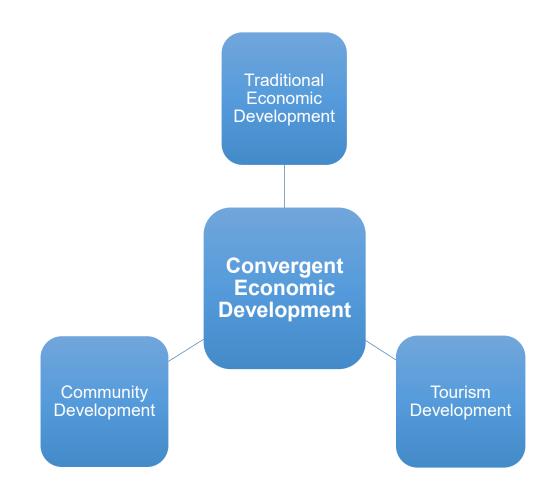


# Shenandoah Valley Partnership Annual Meeting July 25, 2025

# SVP Operating Plan

SVP is leading a refocused direction through **convergent economic development** by combining traditional economic development activities with community development and tourism development initiatives.

Through this shared, long-term vision and a region-wide commitment, we are seeing measurable results including the announcement of over \$2 billion in new capital investments and over 3,100 new jobs throughout the region over the last five years.



# Forward2028 Priority Areas



Talent Attraction & Retention

Business Retention, Expansion & Attraction

Sites & Infrastructure







### Measures Toward Goal | Forward 2028

#### **Talent Attraction & Retention**

- Continued Digital Marketing campaign to build awareness of career and quality of life opportunities in the Shenandoah Valley by driving traffic to our Shenandoah Valley Living website
  - Targeted populations include regional alumni, current students, Millennials, Gen Z, veterans and remote workers
  - Advertising channels include LinkedIn, Google, JMU Sports Properties
- Created a Fostering Talent podcast series showcasing workforce assets across the region from three perspectives: community-based, university-based and community-college/technical center based



# **Fostering Talent**

A Workforce Assets Podcast Series



# Measures Toward Goal | Forward 2028

### Business Retention, Expansion & Attraction

- Implemented additional sector-specific roundtables that foster direct and candid feedback to SVP, our partner VEDP and local economic developers
- Evolved the SVP Virtual Cooking Show into the At The Table forum
- Initiated and participated in numerous outreach activities, completing 10 marketing missions in FY24-25
- Continued the reinstated I-81 Corridor Partners
   Program with coordinated efforts for sponsorship of consultant events and a site selector trip





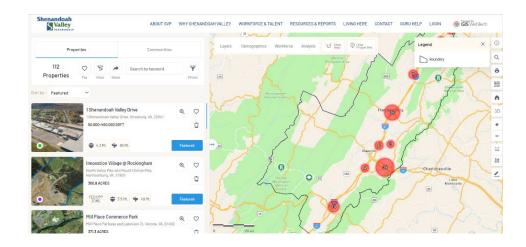


### Measures Toward Goal | Forward 2028

### Site Development & Infrastructure

- Completed the second GO Virginia grant for a feasibility study on the Blue Mountain site in Weyers Cave to explore a 500-acre regional business park. The study outcome was positive, have held numerous meetings to discuss the regional park.
- Received a third GO Virginia grant to complete the due diligence on the balance of the site (288 acres) and create a grading plan for Phase A of the property to advance the regional park concept.
- Exploring a grant to perform a robust analysis of land parcels in the Shenandoah Valley Partnership footprint.





### SVP Foundation

#### **SVP Foundation**

• Created a 501(c)3 corporation to address issues that are typically beyond the scope of SVP:

### **Housing Transportation | Transportation | Child Care**

Received a Virginia Housing grant to discern development best practices

### **Key Findings**

- Extremely low housing inventory is pushing prices up drastically, 60% since 2017
- Public-private partnerships recommended

# Key Industries & Target Sectors











### Traditional Economic Development Programs

Manufacturing
Includes all facets,
regardless of subsector

Logistics & Transportation

Business & Professional Services, IT

Agribusiness Food & Beverage

Consultants
Brokers
Others

### Non-Traditional Economic Development Initiatives

Talent
Attraction &
Retention

Workforce

Sites & Buildings

Destination Project Attraction

Int'l Trade & Int'l Markets

**Supply Chain** 

Adventure Tourism Mfg.

Economic Gardening

### SVP Sector Wins 2019-2025

SECTOR	NUMBER IN SECTOR	INVESTMENT (MILLIONS)	JOBS
AG	1	\$14	79
ELECTRONICS	2	\$201	381
FOOD & BEVERAGE	16	\$610	1,002
LOGISTICS	3	\$121	237
MATERIALS	2	\$33	45
MANUFACTURED COMPONENT MFG.	15	\$90	802
PHARMACEUTICALS	1	\$1,000	152
POLYMERS	6	\$36	205
PRINTING	2	\$7	5
SERVICES	2	\$48	227

# Agribusiness Impact

### Agribusiness in the Shenandoah Valley

- Employment: 3,300 direct
- Agriculture output: **\$2 billion**, 4 of 5 top producers
  - Rockingham \$1.2 billion
  - Augusta \$448 million
  - Shenandoah \$225 million
  - Page \$205 million
- Virginia farmers: \$5.5 billion
- 11,800 work in the Food & Beverage sector with average wages of \$75,900

# **Economic Impact** of Farming

- \$500+ million in earning
- 3,000 additional jobs supported by sector



# SVP Activity Update

#### **Pipeline Stats:** (as of June 2025)

Year to date leads: 23

Total active leads in pipeline: 35

Total pipeline Capex: \$25 billion

### **Sector Representation:**

- Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA)
- Construction Material Manufacturing
- Food & Beverage
- Agriculture
- Pharmaceuticals
- Energy
- Chemical Manufacturing
- Data Centers
- R&D
- Polymers

#### **24-25 Marketing & Outreach Trips:**

Trip	Location	
Site Selectors Guild Regional Roundtable	Virtual	
Virginia Maritime International Trade Symposium	Norfolk, VA	
Consultant Connect ECONOMIX	Salt Lake City, UT	
Area Development Consultants Forum	Coral Gables, FL	
I-81 Corridor Site Selector Visit	Atlanta, GA	
RILA Link 2025: The Retail Supply Chain Conference	Kissimmee, FL	
VCCS Skilled Trades Summit	Roanoke, VA	
Toronto Call Trip with VEDP	Toronto, Canada	
Virginia Consultants Forum	Tysons Corner, VA	
Summer Fancy Food Conference	New York, NY	

# SVP Activity Update

#### **SVP Investor Engagement & Outreach**

- Connect Networking Events quarterly
- Virtual Cooking Show/At the Table Forum quarterly
- Sector Roundtables quarterly
- In-person Investor Forums semi-annually

# VEDP Food & Beverage Trail & Real Estate Solutions Team Tour

SVP, along with VEDP, hosted an inaugural Shenandoah Valley Food & Beverage trail with seven food & beverage industry leaders—including executives, real estate experts, and site consultants—to highlight the Shenandoah Valley's advantages for F+B companies.

SVP hosted the VEDP Real Estate Solutions Team (RES) for a 4-day tour of more than 50 sites across our region.







### SVP Outreach: Non-Traditional Initiatives

# Site Selector Virtual Cooking Show Evolves to *At The Table* Forum

- Debuted in 2021 to highlight our strong food and beverage sector to the site selector community
- Registrants of the show receive a goodie box for each episode that includes local items relevant to the theme
- Transitioned to a new format in January 2025 to keep the outreach topical and fresh

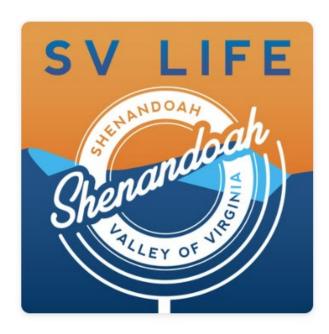




### SVP Outreach: Non-Traditional Initiatives

### Shenandoah Valley Life Podcast

- The SV Life Podcast tells the unique stories of people living, working and serving in the Shenandoah Valley.
- Began in 2021 and recorded more than 50 episodes at end of FY 24-25.





# Looking ahead...



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