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## Chesapeake Alliance to Host “Understanding Data Centers” Educational Breakfast



**Chesapeake, VA** — As data center development continues to expand across Virginia, the Chesapeake Alliance will host **“Understanding Data Centers: Infrastructure, Economic Opportunity & Community Considerations,”** a public educational breakfast designed to provide community members, business leaders, elected officials, and stakeholders with a balanced, fact-based discussion about one of the region’s most important emerging topics.

The event will be held **Tuesday, June 2, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Chesapeake Conference Center.**

Data centers are increasingly shaping conversations around economic development, energy infrastructure, water resources, land use, and community planning. This event will bring together experts representing economic development, utility infrastructure, environmental stewardship, construction, local government, and data center operations to help attendees better understand the opportunities and considerations associated with responsible data center development.

### Featured Speakers

Featured speakers include representatives from:

- Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP)
- Dominion Energy
- HRSD
- Digital Realty
- McGuireWoods Consulting
- Hourigan
- Mecklenburg County, Virginia
- National Parks Conservation Association

“Data centers are one of the most talked-about and least understood topics impacting communities across Virginia,” said David Ropp, Chairman of the Chesapeake Alliance. “Our goal is to create an opportunity for thoughtful dialogue grounded in facts, diverse perspectives, and informed discussion.”

## Topics

Topics will include:

- What data centers are and why they matter
- Economic development opportunities and tax base considerations
- Energy demand and infrastructure planning
- Water use, wastewater, and environmental stewardship
- Site selection and construction considerations
- Community planning, policy, and responsible growth
- Lessons learned from other Virginia communities

Attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions for panel discussion, with additional information and follow-up resources to be shared after the event.

The Chesapeake Alliance is a nonprofit civic organization committed to education, advocacy, and fostering informed community dialogue around issues that shape Chesapeake and the surrounding region.

**Members of the media planning to attend are asked to register in advance to ensure proper accommodations.**

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## About the Chesapeake Alliance

The Chesapeake Alliance serves as a collaborative forum for business and civic leaders to exchange ideas, share information, and engage constructively on issues affecting Chesapeake and the broader Hampton Roads region.