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Understanding Data Centers

Infrastructure, Economic Opportunity & Community Considerations

The Chesapeake Alliance is pleased to convene this educational discussion to provide a balanced overview of data center development, including infrastructure considerations, economic opportunities, environmental stewardship, and community planning perspectives.



● 8:00 - Event Kick-Off

● 8:05 - Data Center 101

Chris Lloyd | McGuireWoods Consulting



Chris Lloyd is Senior Vice President and Director of Infrastructure & Economic Development at McGuireWoods Consulting, where he advises clients nationwide on site selection, economic development, and infrastructure strategy. With experience supporting dozens of hyperscale and colocation data center projects, Chris is a recognized voice on responsible data center development, best practices, incentives, infrastructure readiness, and balancing economic opportunity with community priorities.



● 8:35 - Critical Ingredients for Data Center Development

➔ **Barrett Stork** | Moderator - Chesapeake Alliance

Vince Barnett | Virginia Economic Development Partnership



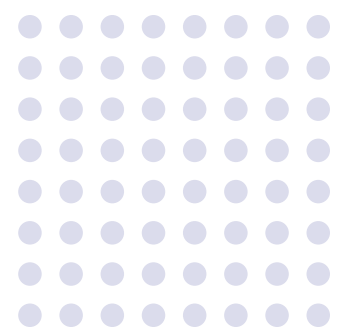
Vince Barnett serves as Vice President of Business Investment at the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, where he helps recruit and support major business expansions across the Commonwealth. With significant experience in data center attraction and site development, Vince works with hyperscale and enterprise clients on site selection, infrastructure readiness, incentives, and project execution. His expertise includes balancing economic growth with strategic planning, utility coordination, and responsible development practices.



Jake Wiseman | Dominion Energy



Jake Wiseman is an Economic Development Market Specialist in Dominion Energy's Data Center Practice, supporting one of the fastest-growing sectors in the economy. With experience in large-load utility design and data center infrastructure, he advises customers through the energization process, coordinating with developers, hyperscale clients, local governments, and internal teams to advance complex projects. His expertise includes utility readiness, infrastructure planning, stakeholder coordination, and supporting scalable data center growth.



Amos Jenkins | Digital Realty



Amos Jenkins is a Market Technical Manager at Digital Realty, a leading global provider of data center, colocation, and interconnection solutions. Based in Northern Virginia, he oversees technical operations and infrastructure performance across multiple data center sites. With expertise in critical facility systems, automation, and operational excellence, Amos leads initiatives that enhance reliability, efficiency, compliance, and performance in complex, mission-critical digital infrastructure environments.



● **9:15 - Community Collaboration**

➔ **Lacy Shirey** | Moderator - Chesapeake Alliance

Alex Gottschalk | Mecklenburg County



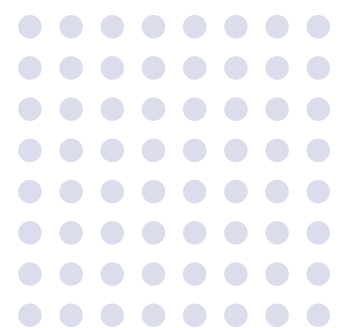
Alex Gottschalk is Chief Administrative Officer of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, where he oversees county operations, infrastructure planning, and economic development in one of Virginia's emerging rural data center markets. Elevated to the role in 2024, Alex has shared insights on data center development and community planning with audiences across Virginia and neighboring states. A former City of Virginia Beach official, he brings a Hampton Roads perspective to conversations about balancing economic opportunity, infrastructure readiness, and responsible growth.



Mike Martin | Hampton Roads Sanitation District



Mike Martin is Director of HRSD's Pretreatment & Pollution Prevention (P3) Department, where he oversees commercial and industrial discharges to regional wastewater treatment facilities, including support for HRSD's SWIFT indirect potable reuse program. With more than 25 years of experience in water quality, regulatory compliance, and environmental infrastructure, Mike brings valuable expertise on water stewardship, utility capacity, and the considerations associated with high-demand industrial users, including emerging technologies such as data centers.



Kyle Hart | National Parks Conservation Association



Kyle Hart is the Virginia Program Manager for the National Parks Conservation Association, where he works on environmental and land-use issues across the Commonwealth. Since 2021, he has focused extensively on data center development and its impacts on natural resources, energy use, and community planning. In 2023, Kyle helped found the Virginia Data Center Reform Coalition, a statewide effort advocating for responsible, sustainable data center policies at both the local and state levels.



Michael Henley | Hourigan



Michael Henley is a senior leader at Hourigan, a full-service construction and development firm specializing in complex, high-performance facilities, including advanced manufacturing, mission-critical, and data center projects. He works with owners and partners to deliver strategic development solutions across Virginia. With experience in large-scale infrastructure and mission-critical environments, Michael brings valuable insight into the planning, construction, and delivery of modern data center facilities.



● **9:55 - Closing Remarks**

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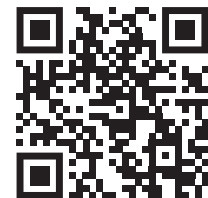
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