PARTNERSHIP FOR Petersburg
The Honorable Sam Parham
Mayor of Petersburg
Dr. Rosa Atkins

Chief Diversity, Opportunity, and Inclusion Officer for Virginia
The Honorable Glenn Youngkin
74th Governor of Virginia
BUILDING COMPREHENSIVE
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THROUGH A
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Prepare Petersburg Students for Life

Improve Access to Health Care

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Winsome Earle-Sears
Lieutenant Governor of Virginia
The Honorable Aimee Guidera
Secretary of Education

Prepare Petersburg Students for Life
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State Partners

Petersburg Partners

Nonprofit Partners

Petersburg City Public Schools

Richard Bland College of William & Mary

Urban League of Greater Richmond

Urban League of Hampton Roads, Inc.
Petersburg students face an average of 23 weeks of learning loss in math and 21 weeks of learning loss in reading due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The average chronic absenteeism rate for Petersburg students is 2.5x higher than the statewide average.
--- Prepare Petersburg Students for Life ---

1. Petersburg Lab Schools

2. Recover Learning Loss in Reading and Math through Tutoring and Mentoring Corps

3. Provide Comprehensive Student Supports and Establish Petersburg Schools as Community Hubs
Petersburg Lab Schools
Presented by Virginia State University President Makola Abdullah and Richard Bland College President Debbie Sydow

**Initiative Summary:**
Virginia State University and Richard Bland College plan to launch a lab school in partnership with Petersburg schools, community organizations, and employers.
Recover Learning Loss in Reading and Math through Tutoring and Mentoring Corps
Presented by Secretary of Education Aimee Guidera

**Initiative Summary:**

The Urban League and Virginia State University will launch a partnership to provide Petersburg high school students with tutoring and mentorship from Virginia State University students.
Establish Petersburg Schools as Community Hubs
Presented by President of Communities in Schools
Petersburg Wanda Stewart

Initiative Summary:
Communities in Schools, YMCA, and Boys and Girls Club will expand offerings across all Petersburg schools to provide robust enrichment and academic programs before, during, and after school all year.
The City of Petersburg, including the city council and school board, and the Commonwealth of Virginia will partner to ensure all children have access to a quality education that meets their needs and prepares them for success in life. Together, we will empower students, parents and teachers with the opportunity to be part of a high-quality, innovative lab school launched by the Petersburg community.

We will help students catch up on the dramatic learning loss of the past two years and meet high expectations through tutoring and peer mentorship.

We will provide engaging enrichment programs and important health and social support services in our school buildings so that they are a vibrant and safe community hub for all Petersburg residents.
The Honorable John Littel
Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Improve Access to Healthcare
Peterburg residents have barriers that are preventing them from accessing health care; these barriers have an alarming impact on their health.

- Citizens of Petersburg live 12.9 years less than the average Virginian.
- Cancer rates are 42% above the State average.
- Sexually Transmitted Infections almost 3x the State average.
- Over 50% of the community cited health education being a top cause of poor health.
- Violent crime is 344% higher than state average. Injury deaths are 259% higher. Homicides are 900% higher.

2022 County Health Rankings National Findings Report; Bon Secours 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment Survey.
--- Improve Access to Health Care ---

Child mortality is 180% higher than the state average; infant mortality is 83% higher; teen births is 333% higher; low birthweight is 38% higher
### Improve Access to Health Care

#### State Partners
- VDH (Virginia Department of Health)
- DMAS (Virginia’s Medicaid Program)
- DEQ (Virginia Department of Environmental Quality)
- Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

#### External Partners
- VSI
- Bon Secours
- Aetna
- Anthem HealthKeepers Plus (Offered by HealthKeepers, Inc.)
- Molina Complete Care
- Optima Health
- United Healthcare
- Virginia Premier

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--- Improve Access to Health Care ---

1. Expanding Health Department Clinic Hours
2. Providing Mobile Health Care Clinics
3. Establishing Community-Based Health Literacy "Hubs"
4. Poor Creek Water Improvement
Initiative Summary:
Expand access to the Petersburg Health Department to expand the services for the citizens of Petersburg.

To address the specific health needs of the citizens, services and hours for screenings are being expanded to ensure that needed critical preventive and screening services are offered.
Initiative Summary:
Provide mobile health care clinics to improve access to critical health screenings and preventive care.

Mobile care clinics will serve as a vital link between the community and existing community partners and existing health providers, while also offering more tailored and consistent access to health care services for Petersburg residents.
Establishing Community-Based Health Literacy "Hubs"

Initiative Summary:
Collaborate with community partners (Central Virginia Health Services, Bon Secours Southside Regional, and DMAS' Managed Care Organizations) to establish health literacy “hubs.”

Leveraging community partners to foster greater health literacy will increase awareness, utilization of primary care services, prenatal care services and will reduce health disparities.
Poor Creek Water Improvement

**Initiative Summary:**
Collaborate with Dept. of Environmental Quality, Virginia Department of Health and local leadership to facilitate the swift upgrades for water and wastewater infrastructure at Poor Creek Pump Station.

These improvements will provide improved, reliable service to current customers and support future residential and commercial development in the Poor Creek area.
The Commonwealth of Virginia and community partners will work together to improve the health of Petersburg residents by expanding access to screenings, promoting awareness of primary care and prenatal care, and addressing health disparities by connecting Petersburg residents with medical and social services.
The Honorable Jason Miyares

Attorney General of Virginia
The Honorable Robert Mosier
Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

Keep Our Communities Safe
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Current State of Affairs

- Police Department Has Less than Half of Officers Needed
- Witnesses Afraid to Testify in Violent Gun Crime Cases
- Prosecutors Overloaded with Cases
- Juveniles with Firearms Diverted (Released Automatically) Upon Arrest
--- Keep Our Communities Safe ---

**State Partners**

- Attorney General
- Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security
- Virginia State Police
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Department of Criminal Justice Services

**Petersburg Partners**

- Commonwealth Attorney
  Tiffany Buckner
- Police Chief Travis Christian
- Sheriff Vanessa Crawford
- Virginia State University
- Crater Criminal Justice Academy
--- Keep Our Communities Safe ---

1. Additional US Office of the Attorney General Prosecutors

2. Hiring a Group Violence Intervention Coordinator to hold gangs and crime crews accountable.

3. Department of Juvenile Justice Accountability for Youth with Firearms

4. Virginia State University, Petersburg Police, Crater Criminal Justice, and Department of Criminal Justice Services Partnership

5. Virginia State Police Surge
--- Keep Our Communities Safe ---

Early Impact Underway

- Shootings down 12%
- Aggravated Assaults nearly cut in half – decreased 48%
- Murders reduced by more than half – decreased 56%
- 24 juveniles detained for crimes involving firearms

VSP Data: Crimes compared to the two months prior to the law enforcement surge
The City of Petersburg and the Commonwealth of Virginia will work to increase law enforcement presence. Through the Ceasefire Program, we will be bringing Group Violence Intervention Coordinators to the region, and more federal prosecutors for the Eastern District of Virginia in order to hold criminals accountable.
The Honorable Sheppard Miller III
Secretary of Transportation

Keep Petersburg Moving
The Transportation Needs of Our Community

Lack of parking downtown to access commuter bus and transit

Ambulances being used for non-emergencies

Limited efficient passenger rail options in and out of the current dilapidated train station

Potentially less than optimal entrances and exits to Petersburg from I-95 and I-85
--- Keep Petersburg Moving ---

State Partners

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
VIRGINIA PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY
VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

External Partner

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--- Keep Petersburg Moving ---

1. New Multimodal Center
2. Enhanced Non-Emergency Medical Transportation
3. Modernization of Petersburg Ettrick Train Station
4. Additional Passenger Rail Service
5. Advance the Richmond-to-Raleigh Train Corridor through Petersburg
6. Ensure Petersburg has Safe Entrances and Exits along the I-95 and I-85 Corridors
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Commitments Made to Date:

- **$8 million** to construct the Multimodal Center
- **$10 million** to make Petersburg Station platform improvements and address ADA and state-of-good-repair deficiencies
- **$58 million** to NC and VA to improve rail travel between Richmond and Raleigh, including Petersburg

*These investments along with the study of the I-95 and I-85 exits including Washington and Wythe Streets and transit improvements open the door for future infrastructure investment in Petersburg*
New Multimodal Center

**Initiative Summary:**
The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) has worked with Petersburg on the delivery of their Multimodal Center which will serve as a transit hub for the community.
Initiative Summary:
The Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) will work with Petersburg and the private sector on ways to innovate non-emergency medical transportation in the area to free up capacity on the emergency response vehicles.
Modernization of Petersburg Ettrick Train Station

**Initiative Summary:**
The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority is modernizing the Petersburg Ettrick Train Station to bring the station into ADA-compliance, address state-of-good-repair issues and improve rider amenities.
Additional Passenger Rail Service

**Initiative Summary:**
We are launching a third roundtrip train from Washington DC to Norfolk which will add additional trains through Petersburg to provide high-quality multimodal options for Petersburg residents to access economic hubs within the Commonwealth and along the East Coast.
Advance the Richmond-to-Raleigh Train Corridor through Petersburg

**Initiative Summary:**
North Carolina and Virginia recently won $58 million to advance rail improvements between Richmond and Raleigh which, when the project is complete, will make train travel competitive with car travel between the two economic hubs. This will directly benefit Petersburg with additional train options and faster trip times.
Initiative Summary:
The Virginia Department of Transportation will assess appropriate infrastructure improvements in Petersburg in areas along the I-95 and I-85 corridors including Exit 52, Washington and Wythe Streets and make recommendations for safety and operational improvements.
The City of Petersburg and the Commonwealth of Virginia will work together to ensure that Petersburg has high-quality, multi-modal transportation solutions to spur economic growth and community development. We will make sure these projects are delivered on-time and on-budget and providing services that meet the mobility needs of Petersburg residents.
The Honorable Kim Taylor

Virginia House of Delegates
District 63
The Honorable Joe Morrissey
Virginia Senate
District 16
The Honorable Caren Merrick
Secretary of Commerce and Trade
Foster Business and Economic Growth
To remain competitive in an ever-changing economy, the Citizens of Petersburg deserve a vibrant community that provides opportunities for quality education and training, high paying jobs, reliable housing options and attracts business investment.
--- Foster Business & Economic Growth ---

**State Partners**

- Virginia DHCD
- Virginia Department of SBSD
- VIPC Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation

**External & Petersburg Partners**

- Activation Capital
- Phlow
- VCU
- VSU Center for Entrepreneurship
- Division of Research & Economic Development
- medicines for all institute
- VGR Virginia's Gateway Region
- Alliance for Building Better Medicine
- MBL Metropolitan Business League
- America's SBDC Virginia Longwood University
- Community College Workforce Alliance
- AMPAC Fine Chemicals
- Walmart
- SOVA Virginia Beach Regional Chamber
Foster Business & Economic Growth

1. Revitalize Petersburg's Assets
2. Foster an Entrepreneurial Culture
3. Advance the Pharma Cluster
4. Expand Access to Housing Options
5. Increase Access to Broadband
6. Engage Petersburg's Employers
The City of Petersburg and the Commonwealth of Virginia will partner on innovative solutions with the engagement of community leaders that will redevelop blighted properties like the Ramada Inn, create new job opportunities in leading industries, and expand access to housing options for those who call Petersburg home.
The Honorable Kay Coles James
Secretary of the Commonwealth

Build Relationships with Community and Faith Leaders
Initiatives

1. Identify and eliminate barriers that impede the full participation of community groups and faith participants.

2. Educate faith and community groups on opportunities while increasing accessibility of resources and local, state, and federal funding.

3. Maximize public and private partnerships for addressing community challenges by inventorying services, funding, and finding solutions for needs gaps.

4. Host community summits to encourage collaboration, networking, and identification and implementation of best practices.
The City of Petersburg and the Commonwealth of Virginia will work together to equip and empower faith and community organizations to execute their unique and critical role in revitalizing the Petersburg community. Congregations and civic organizations have always been and continue to be essential to thriving communities.

We will maximize access, education, and collaboration with community partners to ensure success.
The Honorable Glenn Youngkin

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