



2019 Hampton Roads

Business Resource Guide

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A Short Letter from Larry



Your business can't grow in a vacuum.

You already know that success isn't a solo effort. You understand that the growth of any enterprise depends on relationships. Business, by definition, is a transaction between two parties and a company won't last long without customers.

But if we want our economy to grow and the Hampton Roads region to thrive, we need to focus on more than just the exchange of goods and services for money.

We need to build a business community.

If you're wondering why an Economic Development Director from Currituck County, North Carolina would create a guide showing off the business resources of Hampton Roads, here are the two biggest reasons:

1. Currituck County, North Carolina is part of the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). We're one of two NC counties that combine with 14 Virginia cities and counties to make up the MSA.

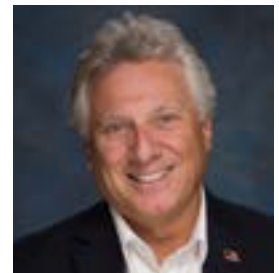
2. I'm a huge fan of connection and collaboration. After decades in the business world, I've learned that everything depends on making contacts and building relationships. Putting everything together in one place with links, emails, addresses and phone numbers makes that just a little bit easier.

I hope you find these pages helpful and I wish you success throughout 2019!

Sincerely,

Larry Lombardi

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Getting the Most from this Guide



1. Follow the Links

Your guide is an interactive document. Most of the blue text is a hyperlink that will take you to another website. Click away and explore! Navigation Tip: You might find it helpful to rightclick the links and select “Open in New Tab.”

2. Send Feedback

This is a work in progress. Technology gives us the luxury of editing on demand, so this guide comes to you inspired by the idea that “perfect is the enemy of good.” If you have any suggestions, corrections, additions or criticisms... please feel free to [contact me directly!](#)



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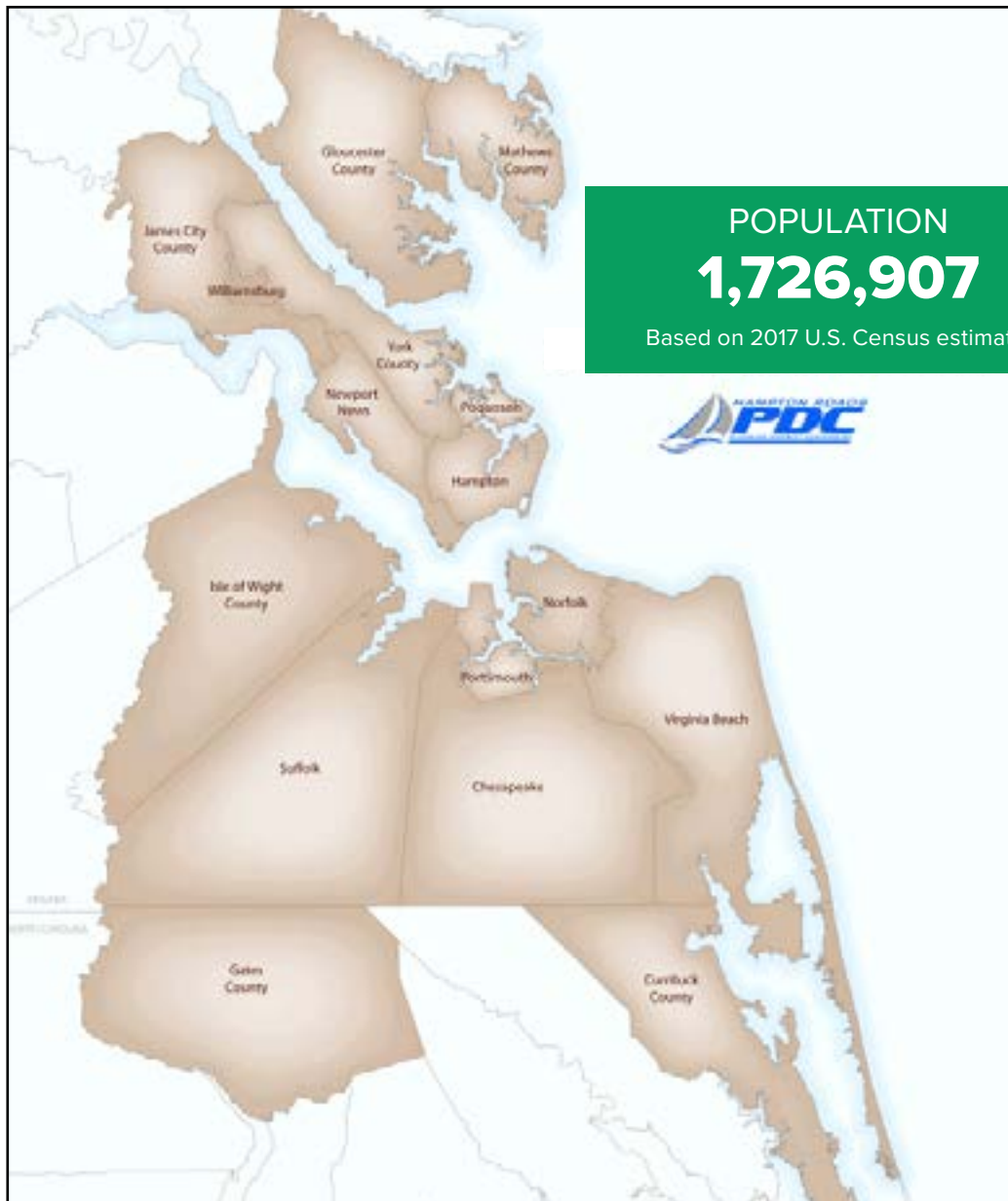
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The Hampton Roads MSA

The Hampton Roads Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)



The Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News VA-NC MSA:

Principal Cities

Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Newport News, Hampton, Portsmouth

Poquoson, York County, Gloucester County

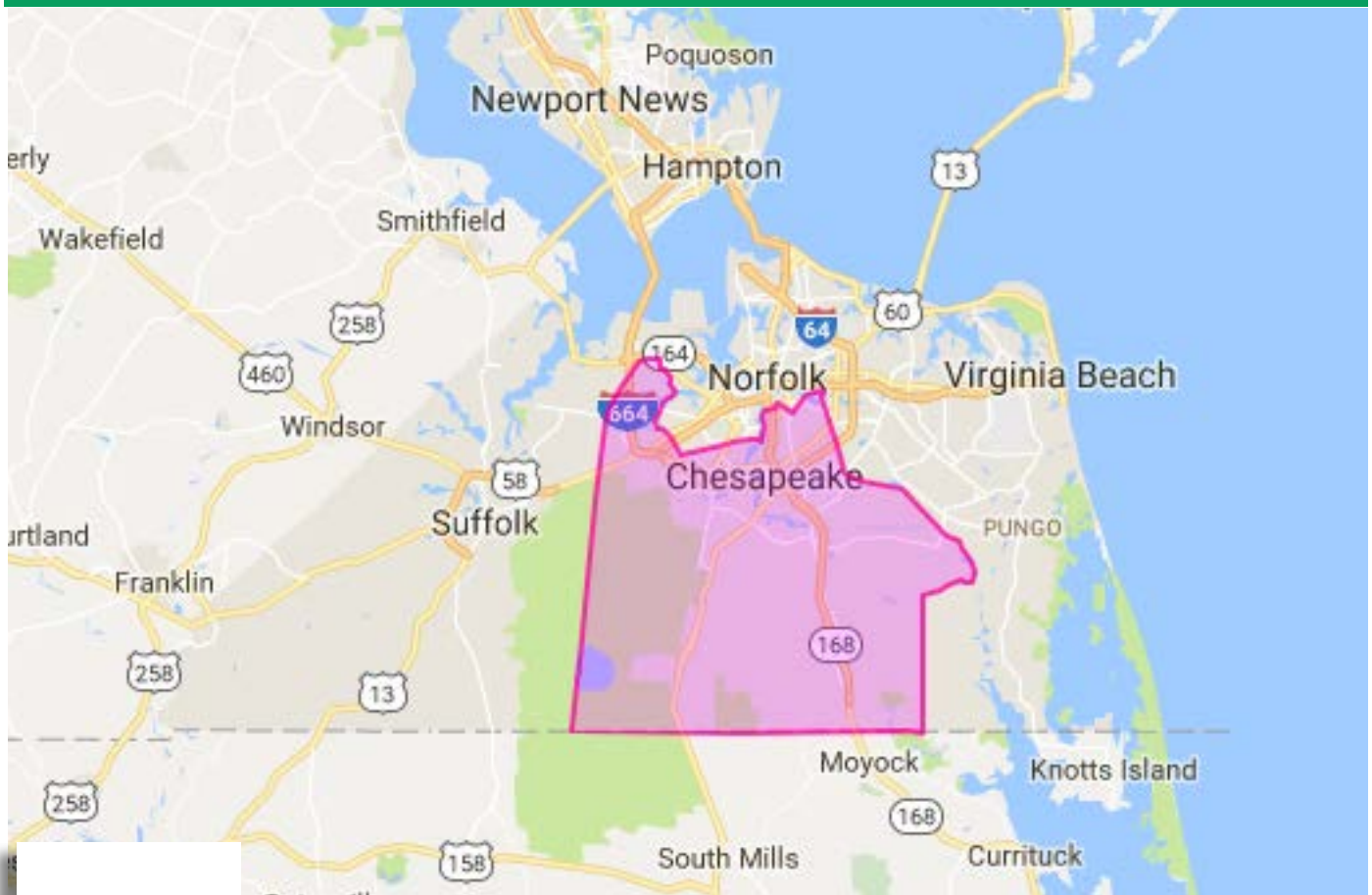
Central Counties (includes Independent Cities)

Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Newport News, Hampton, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk,

Outlying Counties (includes Independent Cities)

Isle of Wight County, Mathews County, James City County, Williamsburg, Currituck County (NC), Gates County (NC)

City of Chesapeake



Population: 235,429

Area: 351 square miles

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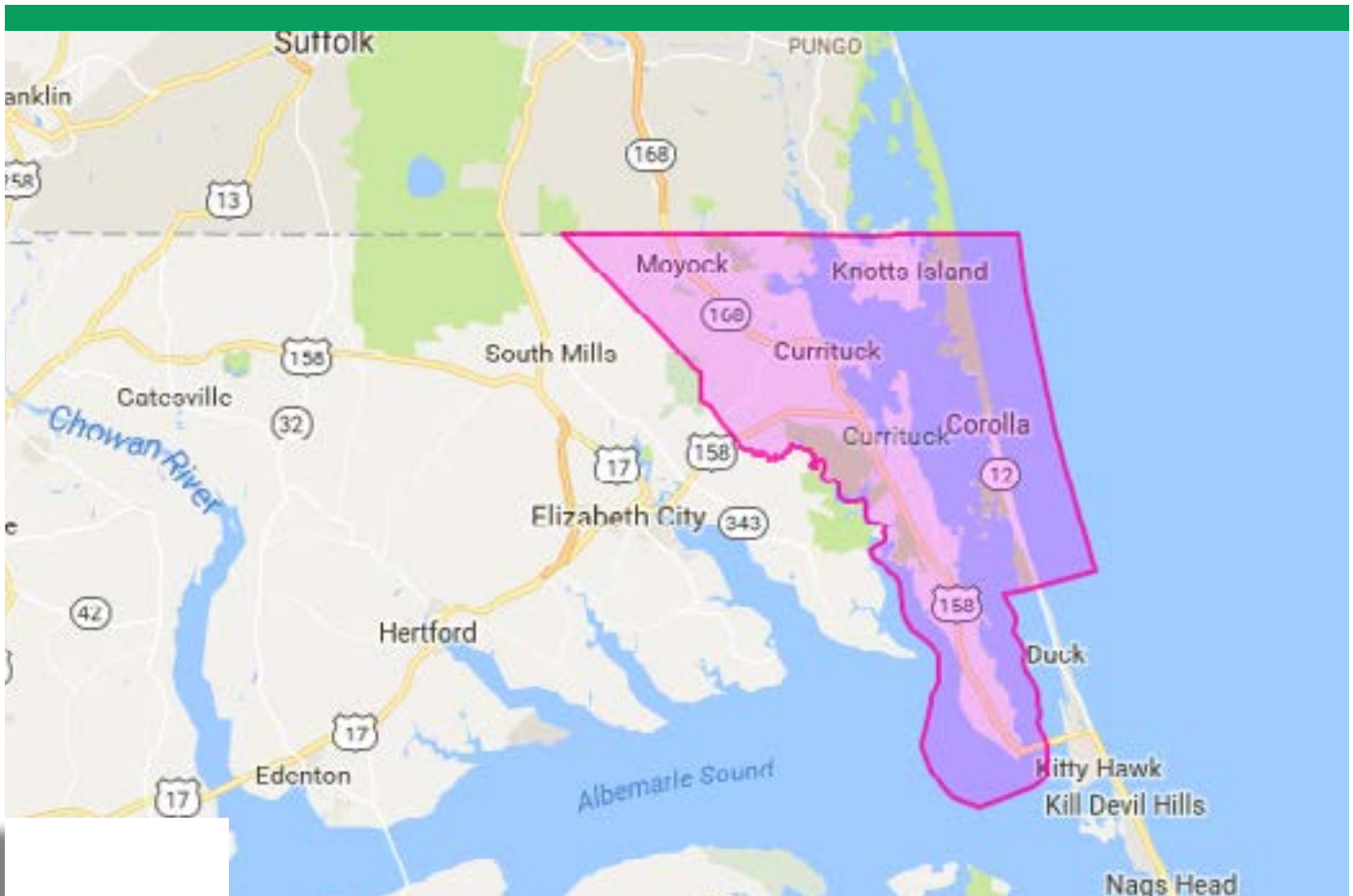
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Currituck County, NC



Population: 23, 547

Area: 527 square miles

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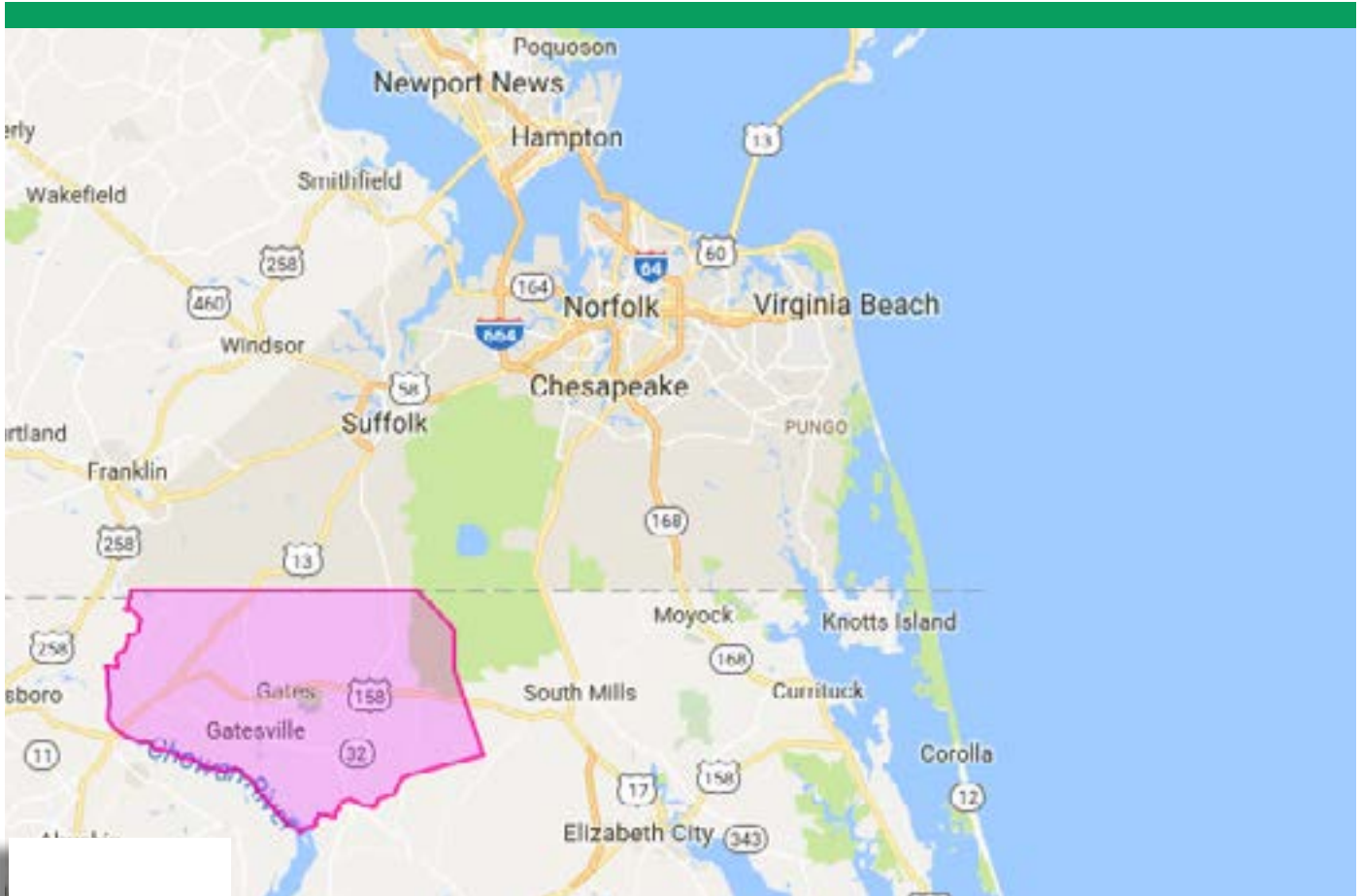
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Gates County, NC



Population: 11,431

Area: 346 square miles

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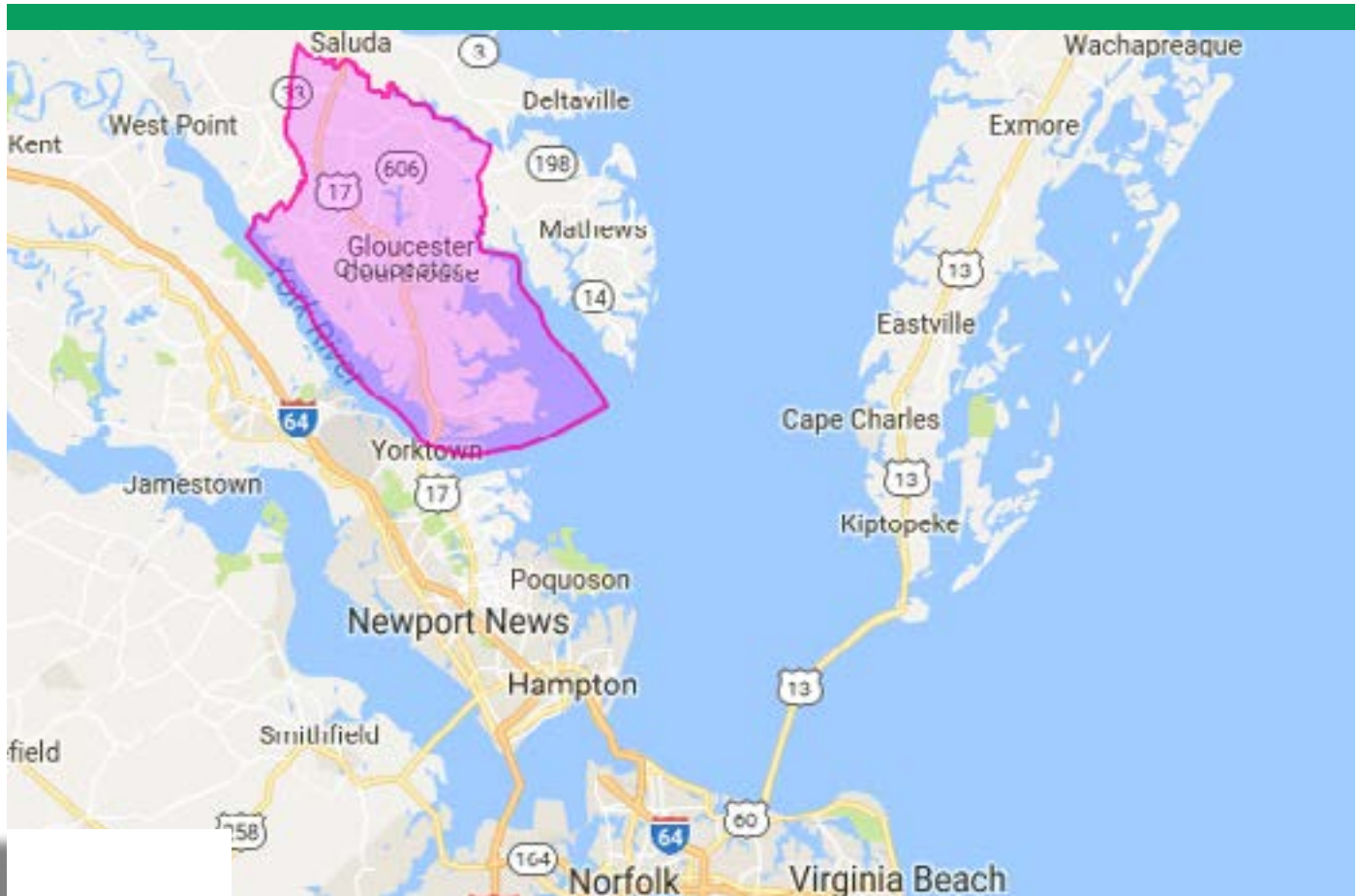
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200 Court Street
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Gloucester County



Population: 37,143

Area: 288 square miles

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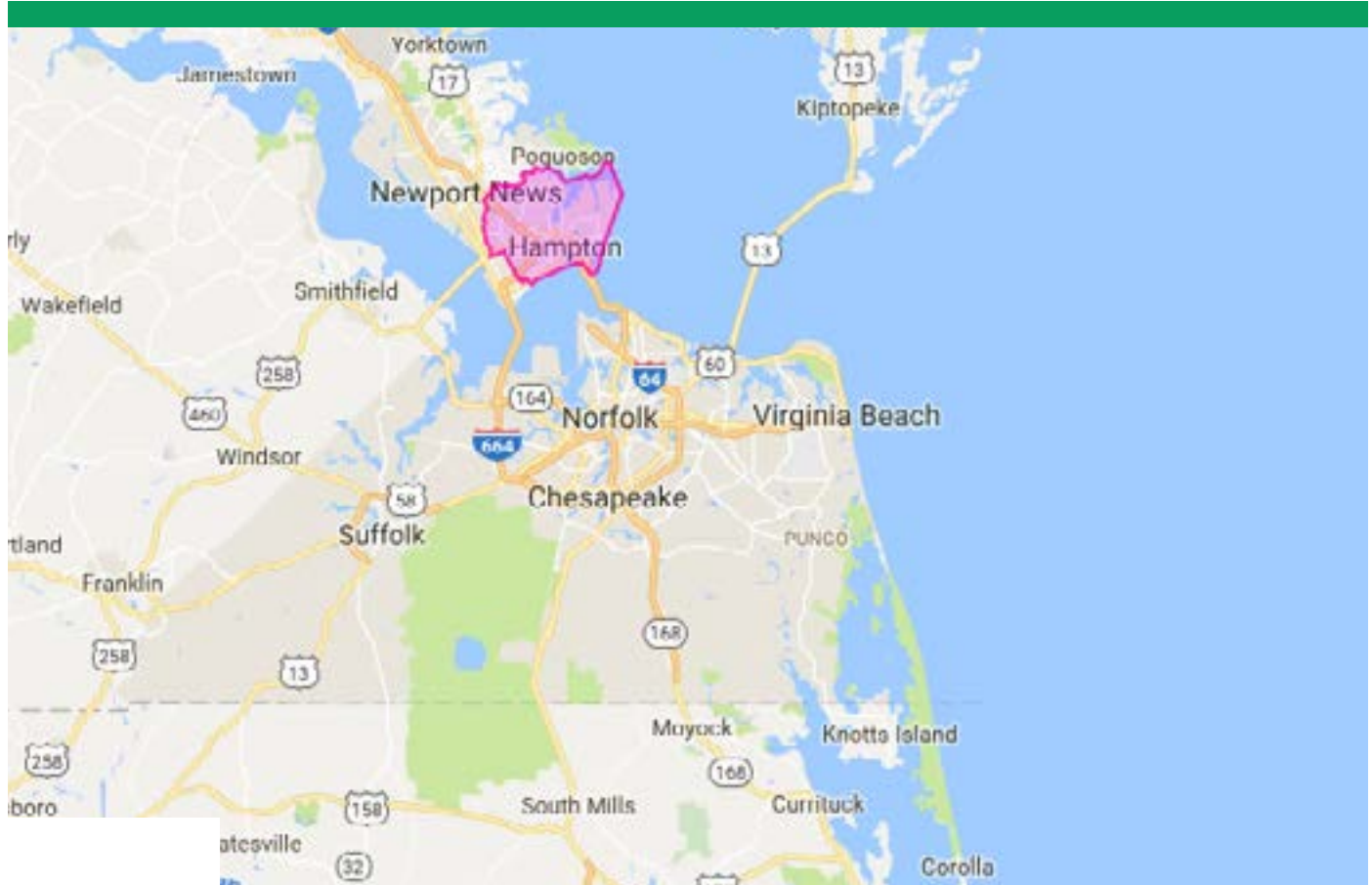
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City of Hampton



Population: 136,454

Area: 136 square miles

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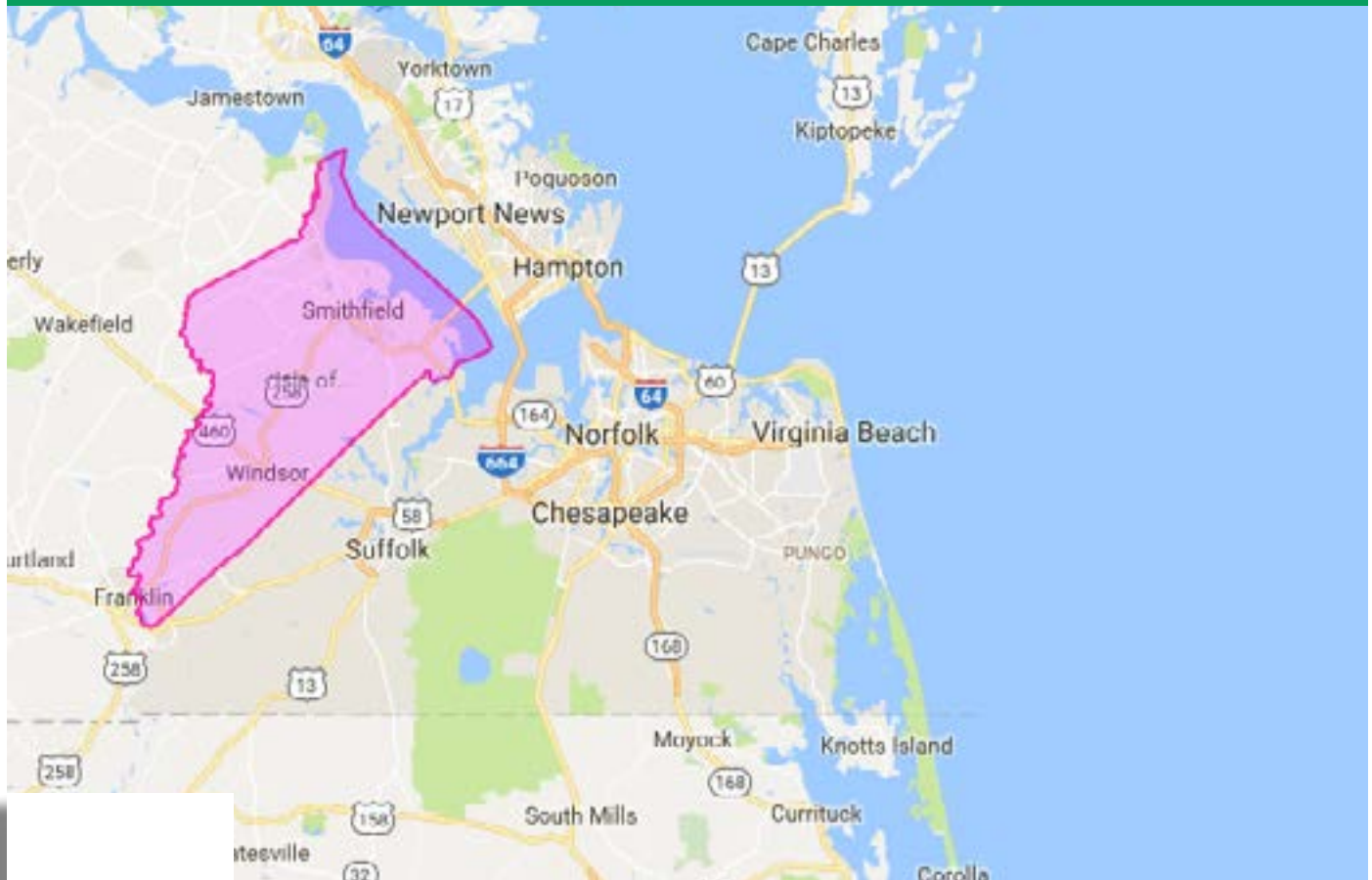
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Isle of Wight County



Population: 136,454
Area: 136 square miles

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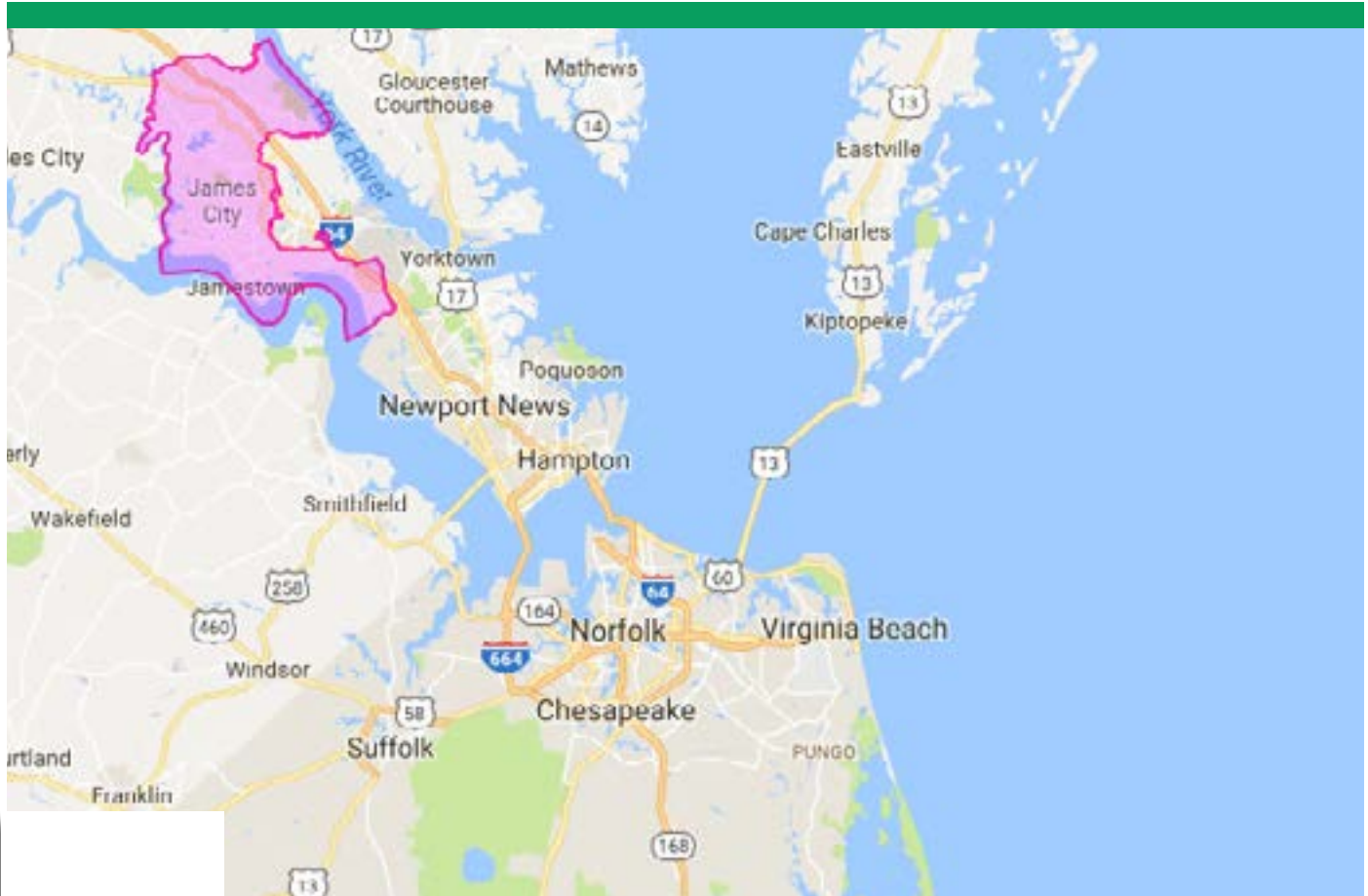
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James City County



Population: 73,147
Area: 142 square miles

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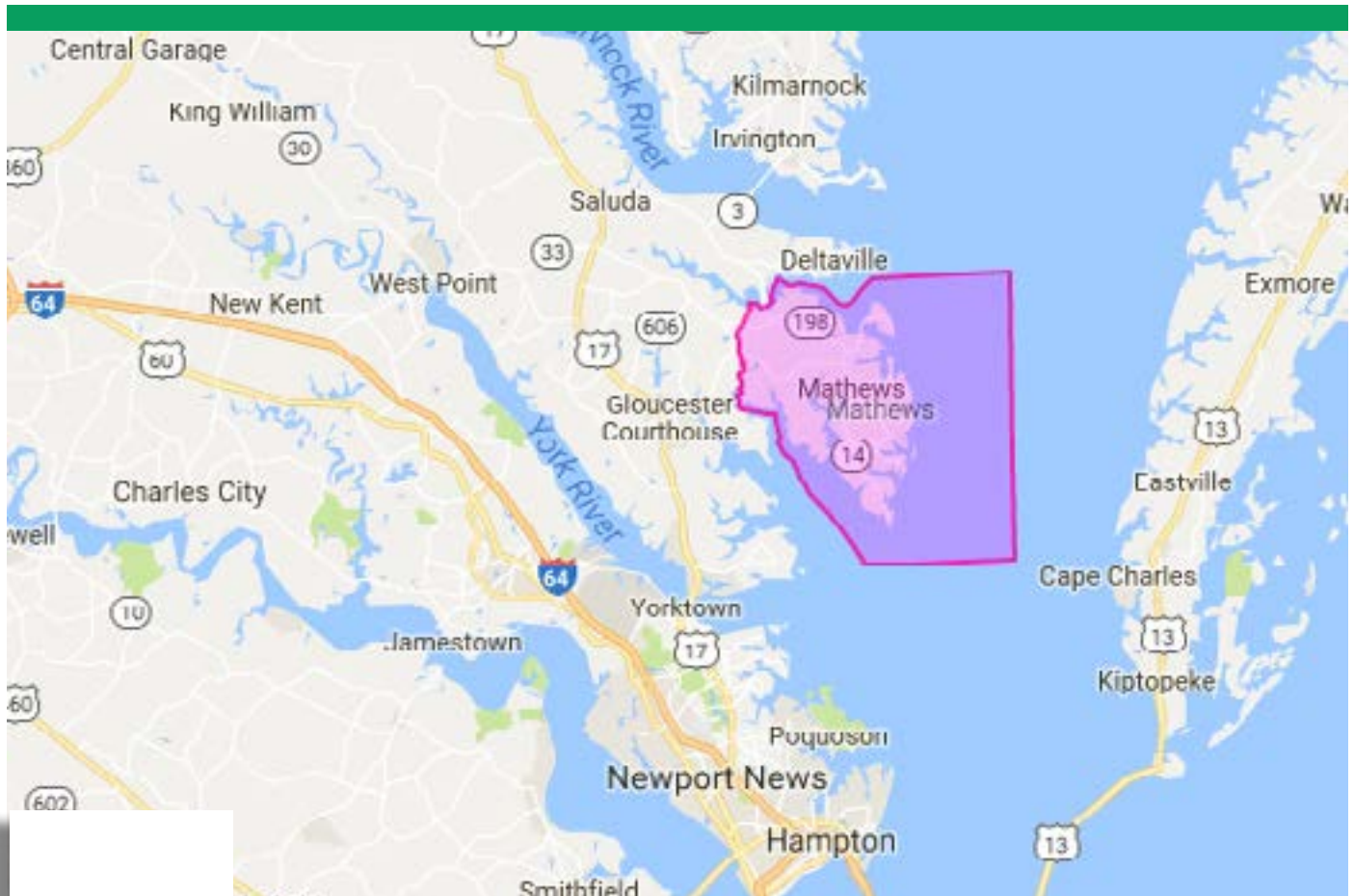
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Mathews County



Population: 8,862

Area: 86 square miles

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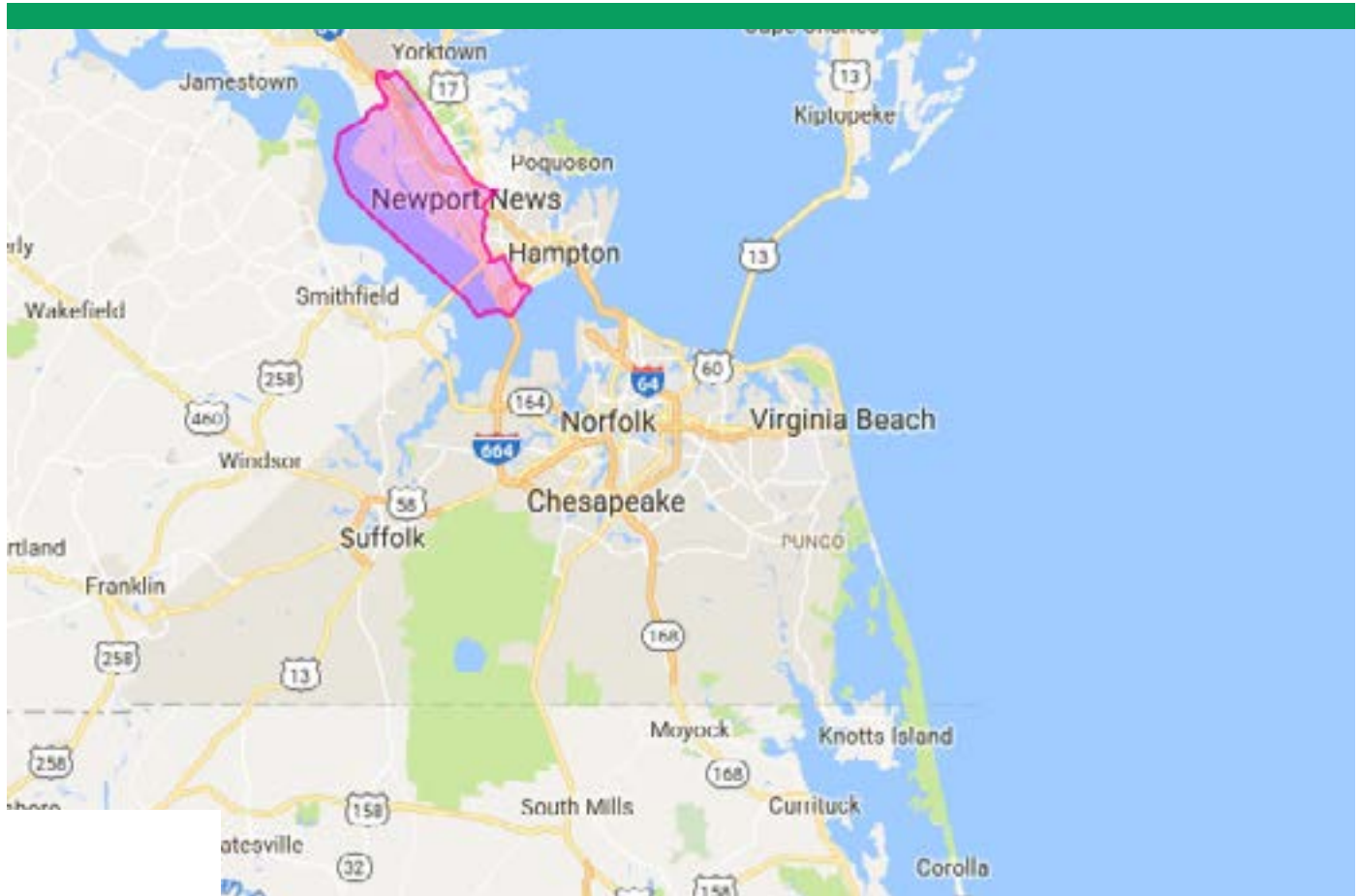
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Liberty Square Government Complex
10644 Buckley Hall Road
Mathews, VA 23109

City of Newport News



Population: 182,385
Area: 120 square miles

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City of Norfolk



Population: 245,428
Area: 96 square miles

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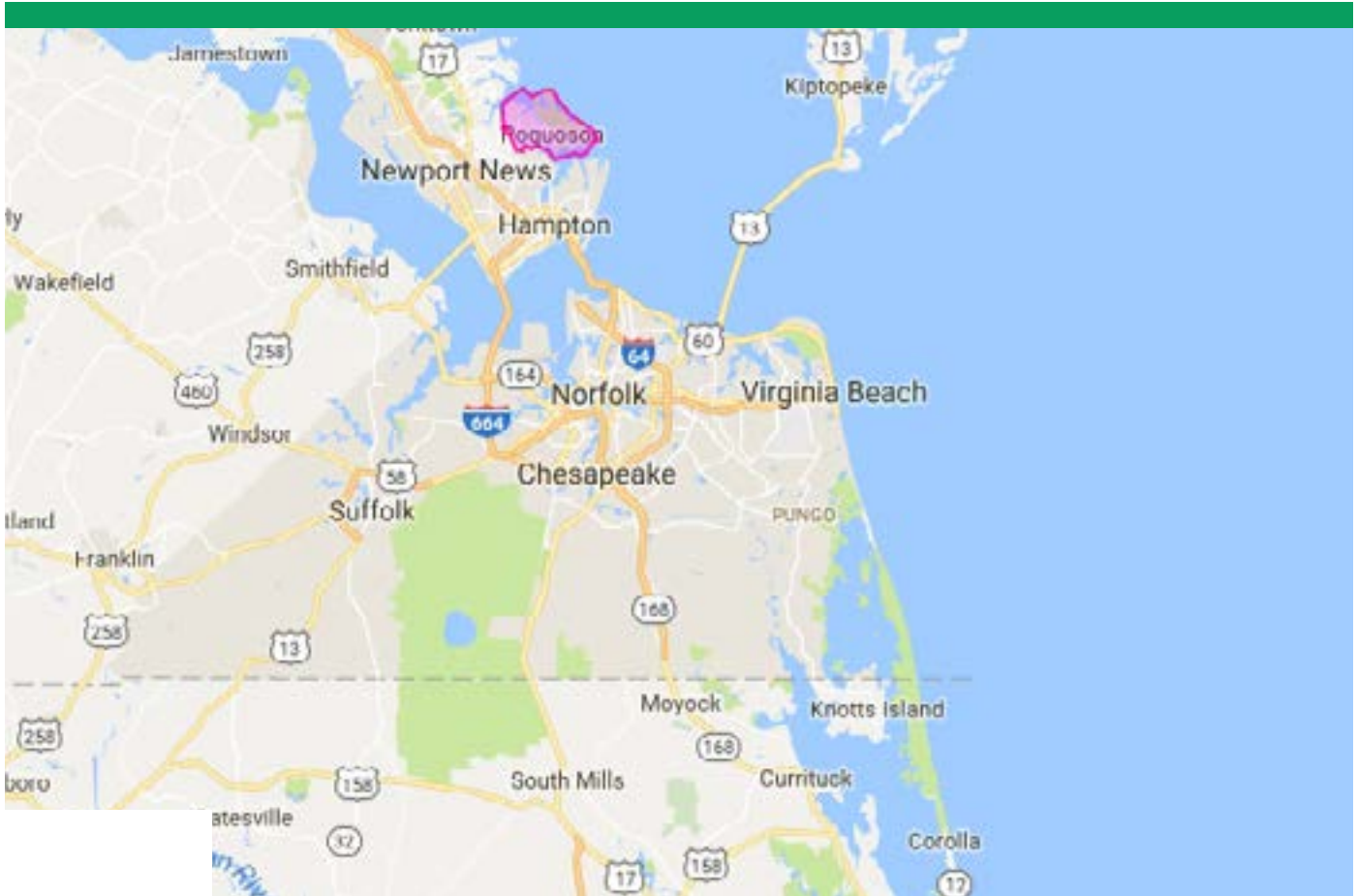
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City of Poquoson



Population: 12,059

Area: 79 square miles

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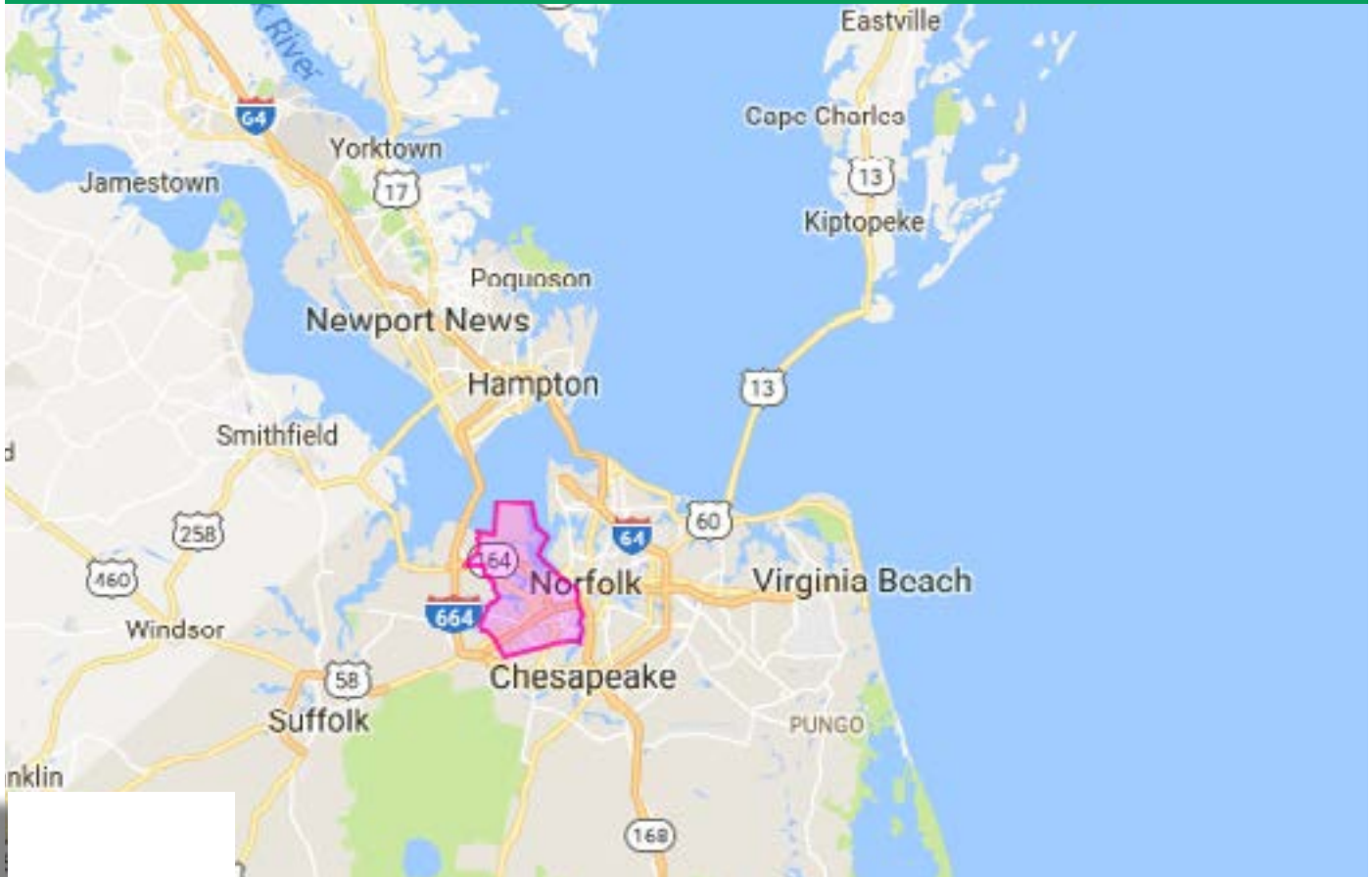
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City of Portsmouth



Population: 96,201

Area: 47 square miles

Economic Development

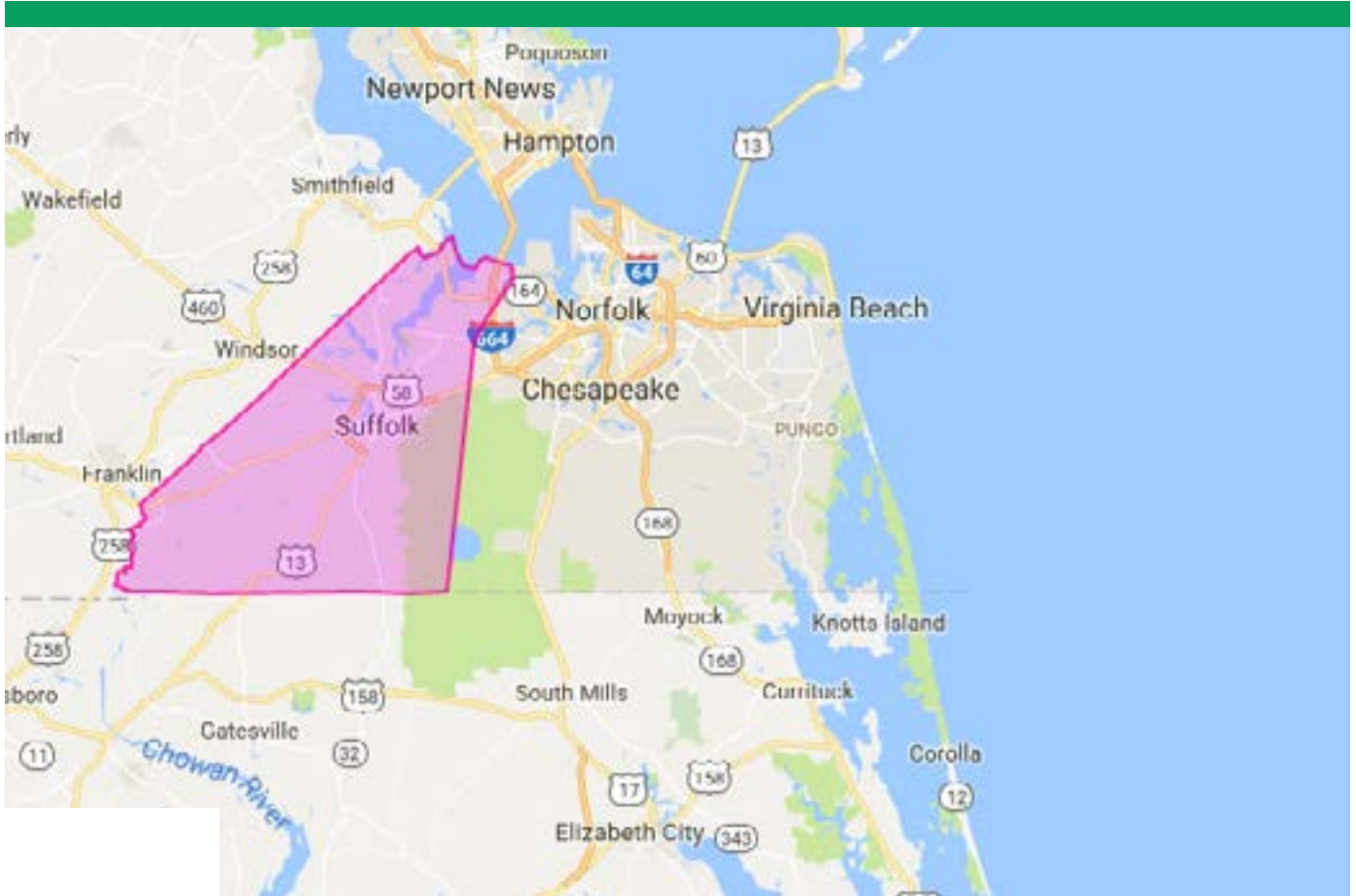
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City of Suffolk



Population: 88,161

Area: 429 square miles

Economic Development

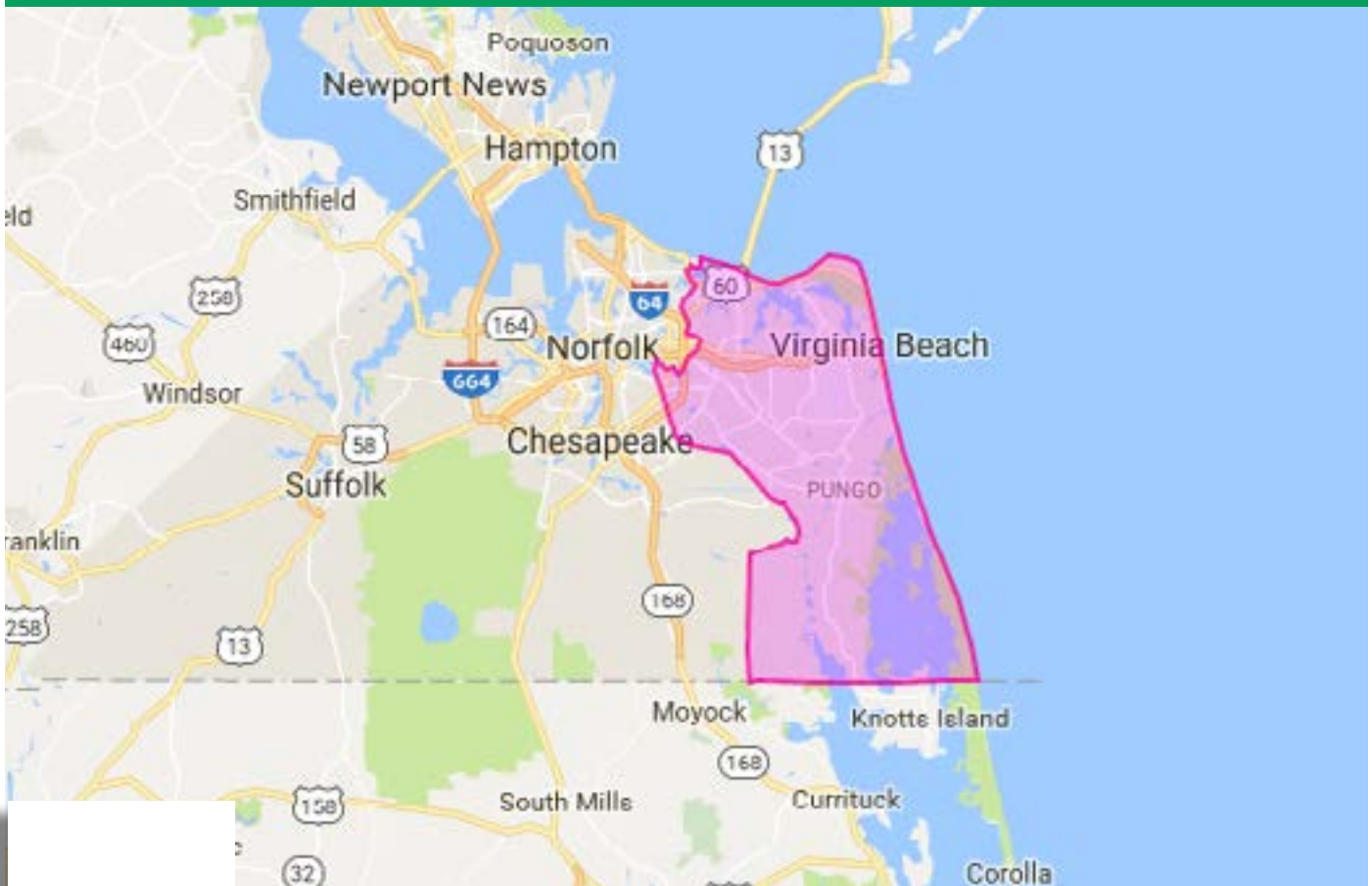
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City of Virginia Beach



Population: 452,745
Area: 497 square miles

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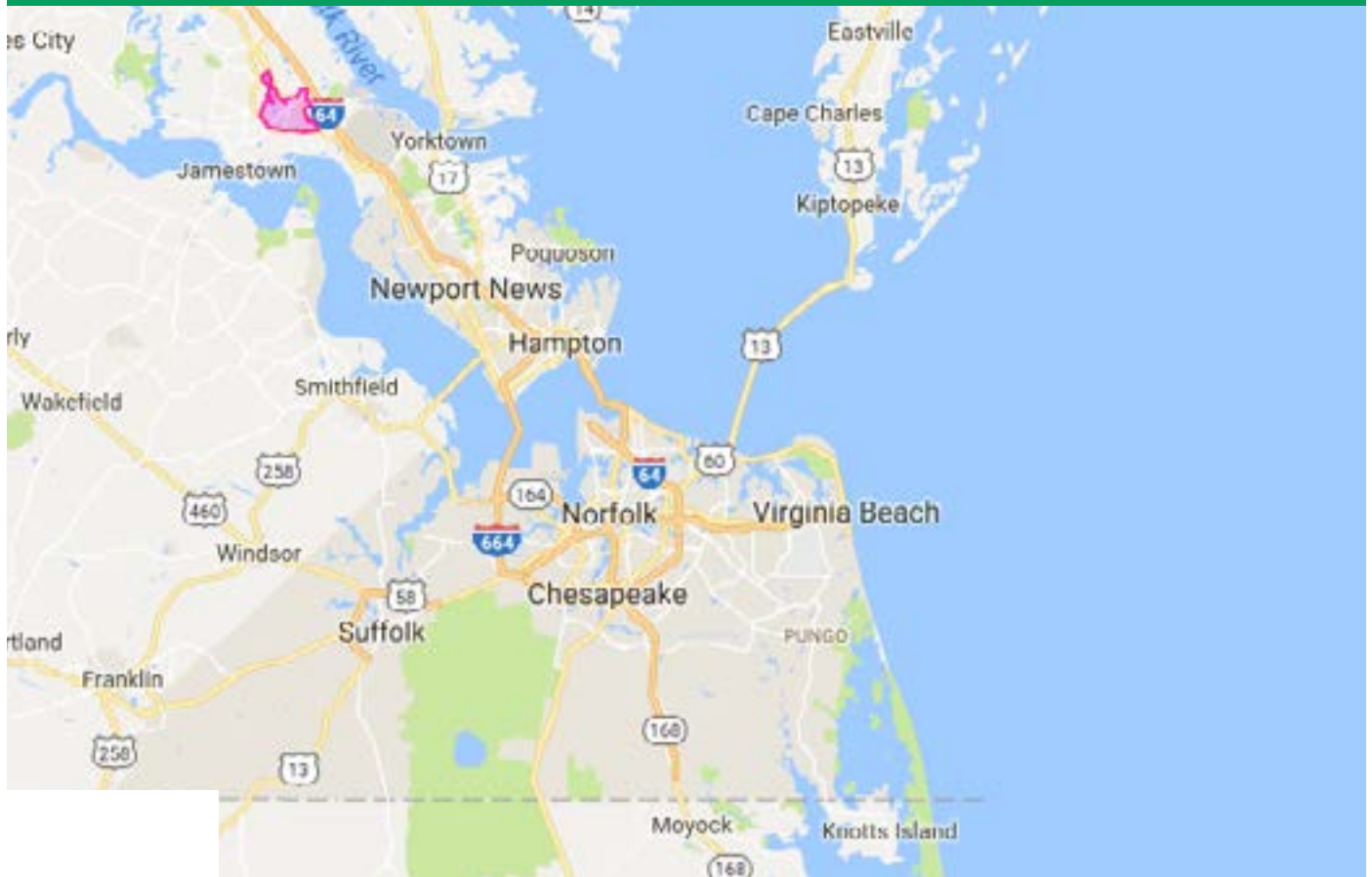
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City of Williamsburg



Population: 15,052
Area: 9.1 square miles

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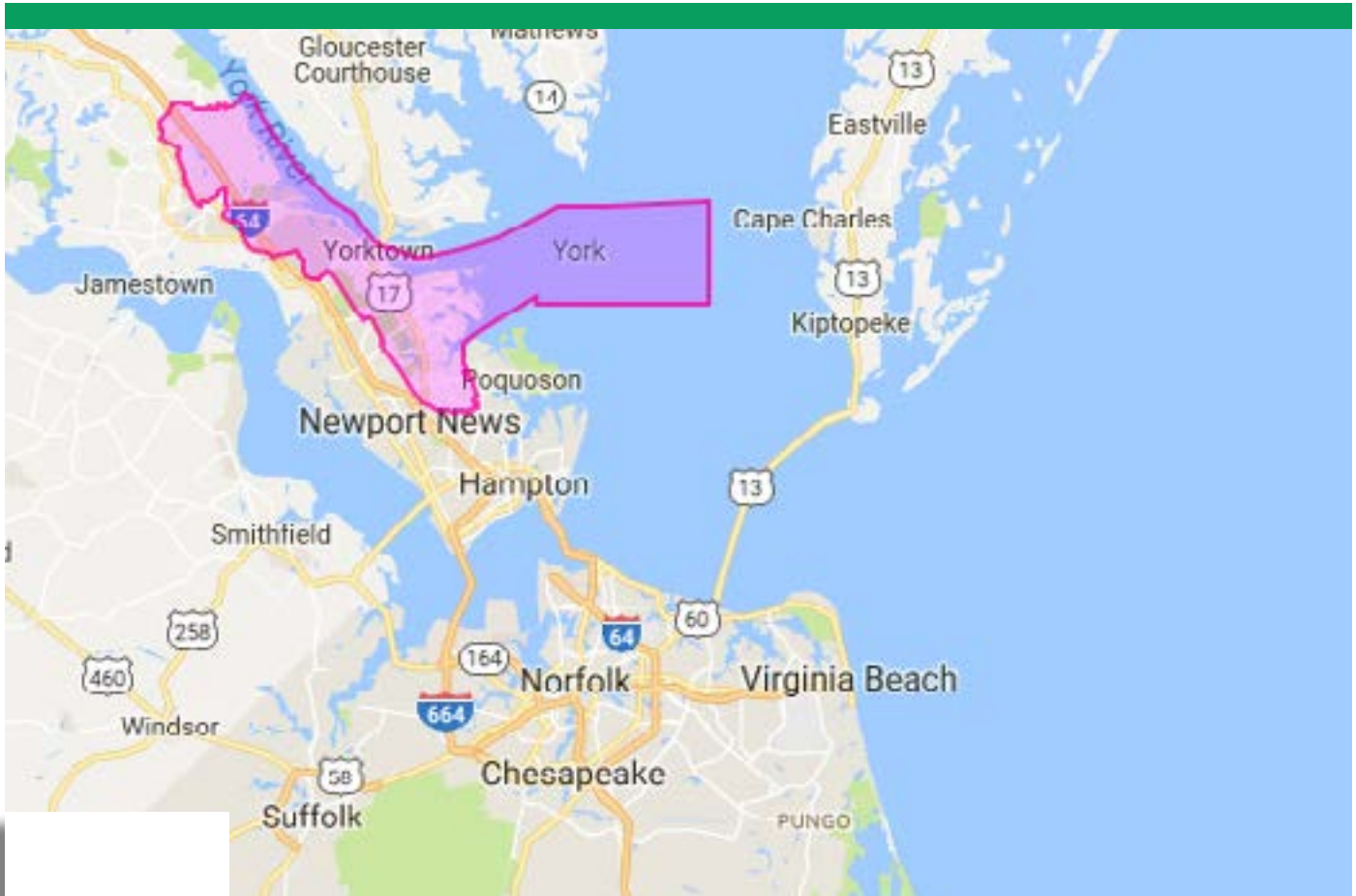
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York County



Population: 67,837

Area: 105 square miles

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Hampton Roads Organizations

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Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

The Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (VPCC) serves the Cities of Newport News, Hampton and Poquoson; and James City County and York County.

Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance

Assists international and domestic companies with investment projects, expansion and relocation.

Retail Alliance

Non-profit trade association serving the interests of local retailers in greater Hampton Roads.

Reinvent Hampton Roads

Community leadership initiative focused on improving the region's economic performance and profile.

Hampton Roads Chamber

Pro-business organization serving as “an Impactful Advocate, Powerful Economic Partner, and Inspiring Ignitor in order to set the conditions for businesses to succeed.”

Hampton Roads Small Business Development Center

Provides both existing and prospective small business owners tools, information and resources to help them better operate and manage their small business.

Lead Hampton Roads

Through varied programs and events, connects and inspires a wide range of leaders who work together to build a better Hampton Roads.

Future of Hampton Roads Inc.

Advocate for initiatives that transform the region.



The Chamber offers networking opportunities, educational programs, cost-saving employee benefit programs, marketing tools and other services.
PHOTO: www.hamptonroadschamber.com



Scene from the 2018 Retailer of the Year event, organized by The Retail Alliance.
PHOTO: www.retailalliance.com

Hampton Roads Organizations

Volunteer Peninsula

Connects to volunteer opportunities on the Peninsula.

Volunteer Hampton Roads

Connects businesses and individuals with opportunities to create a positive impact on their community.

Greater Norfolk Corporation

Group with a mission to “participate in the Economic revitalization and development of the City of Norfolk by marshaling the resources of the private sector in support of the City and its agencies.”

American Marketing Association - Hampton Roads

Connects local marketing community with essential tools, educational information and networking opportunities.

CIVIC Leadership Institute

Connects executive leaders through service to improve life in Hampton Roads. “We’re looking for exceptional candidates who are professionally accomplished, civic minded and willing to step up to the challenging work of making the Hampton Roads region the best it can be.”

Hampton Roads Business Outreach

Virginia’s first LGBT Chamber of Commerce; empowering and supporting member businesses and professionals to provide our community an inclusive and welcoming environment to live, work, and grow.

Black Brand

(Business Research Analytics Networking and Development) Black Brand’s mission is to promote group economics through professional development and community empowerment

Asian Indians of Hampton Roads

Promotes the cultural heritage of the people of Asian-Indian origin in the Hampton roads area

Asian Business Association of Hampton Roads

Mission is to strengthen the Asian communities of Hampton Roads through cultural, economic, and social empowerment.

Christian Business Coalition of Hampton Roads

Encourage, equip, and develop Christian business leaders to fulfill their God-given purpose through business.

Hampton Roads Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Principal resource and advocate for the joint promotion of Hispanic businesses, consumers and organizations.



The CIVIC Leadership program runs from October to May of each year. Each month, class participants gather at major points of interest around Hampton Roads, learning about the region from people who are involved in its government, economy, defense, education, transportation, industry, not-for-profit, arts and other aspects of business and life in Hampton Roads.

Hampton Roads Organizations

Central Business District Association

Supports the growth and development of the business community within the Pembroke Strategic Growth Area in Virginia Beach.

Better Business Bureau of Greater Hampton Roads

Organization that sets the standards for marketplace trust and best practices between consumers and businesses.

Ghent Business Association

Non-profit organization promotes understanding and relationships among all businesses in the Ghent neighborhood of Norfolk.

tHRive

A platform to empower young professionals (21-39), give them a voice, and invest in the future of our region. Free membership. Events promote professional development and get young professionals engaged.

Junior Achievement of Hampton Roads

Gives young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their futures, and make smart academic and economic choices.

Hampton Roads Franchise Portal

Great starting point for learning more about the franchise business model.

Hampton Roads Partnership

Public-private nonprofit committed to pursuing regional competitiveness for Hampton Roads in a dynamic global economy.

The Bridge

Educational series that offers a variety of professional development experiences to Young Professionals under 40 on the Peninsula.



The Ghent Business Association sponsors the Heart of Ghent 10K Race.



Scene from a tHRive Happy Hour event. tHRive is the center of collaboration where professionals are able to network and connect. The program prides itself in connecting local professionals across the region to engage in ways that were not previously available.



Virginia Resources

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Commonwealth of VA - Business Info

Great starting point for information about starting or running a business in the state of Virginia.

Business One Stop

A quick source for information related to business in VA.

SBA VA Resource Guide for Small Businesses

2018-2019 guide from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Virginia Economic Development Partnership

Focuses on cultivating new business investment, fostering international trade growth and encouraging the expansion of existing Virginia businesses.

Guide to Establishing a Business 2017-2018

From the Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

Virginia Guide to Business Incentives 2017-2018

From the Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

Steps to Starting a Business in Virginia

Handy graphic from VAStartup.org

Connect VA

A one-stop communication network linking individuals with the ideas, information and resources that help the nonprofit community stay informed and work together.



Norfolk Virginia is a city of some 247,000 residents and encompasses 66 square miles. It has seven miles of Chesapeake Bay beachfront and a total of 144 miles of shoreline along our lakes, rivers, and the Bay. Much of this land is located in residential neighborhoods.

Virginia Resources

Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (DSBSD)

The Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD) has four Divisions including: Business Certifications; Business Development and Outreach Services; Virginia Small Business Financing Authority; SBSBD Agency Administration

Virginia Employment Commission

Official web site.

Virginia Startup

Offers training programs to help new and existing entrepreneurs build the skills, access local, state and federal resources, and network with other business owners to ensure success.

Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Non-partisan business advocacy organization that works in the legislative, regulatory, civic and judicial arenas at the state and federal level to be a force for long-term economic growth in the Commonwealth.

GO Virginia

A bipartisan, business-led economic development initiative that is changing the way Virginia's diverse regions collaborate on economic and workforce development activities.

Virginia Municipal League

A statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan association of city, town and county governments established to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services.

Virginia Small Business Financing-Authority (VSBFA)

The Commonwealth of Virginia's business and economic development financing arm.

Virginia Innovators Network

Not for profit, educational organization that supports innovative Virginians who are pursuing bringing their unique products and services to market.

Virginia Business Incubation Association

Promotes small business development in the Commonwealth by providing greater public awareness of the economic benefits of business incubation.

Carolinas-Virginia Minority Supplier Development Council

Promotes and facilitates business relationships between the public/private sector and certified minority-owned businesses.

Virginia eProcurement Portal

Web-based vendor registration and purchasing system allows state agencies, colleges, universities and local governments to conduct all purchasing and sourcing activities for goods and services.



Virginia Beach is the most populous city in Virginia and the 39th largest city in the United States, with approximately 450,000 residents.



North Carolina Resources

North Carolina Resources

Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina

Focused on recruiting new businesses to the state, supporting the needs of existing businesses, connecting exporters with customers around the globe, helping small business owners get their start, and attracting tourists and visitors from all over the world.

NC State University Industrial Extension Service

Engineering-based, solutions-driven, client-focused extension unit of NC State's College of Engineering.

Business Alliance of North Carolina

Business programs, events and networking.

ACCESSNC

NC Department of Commerce, Labor & Economic Analysis

NC Department of Commerce

The state's lead agency for economic, community and workforce development.

NC Rural Databank

North Carolina's leading source of information on rural people, communities and the rural economy.

Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC)

Management counseling and educational services to small and mid-sized businesses.



Located at the top of North Carolina's barrier islands, the Currituck Outer Banks divides the Atlantic Ocean from the Currituck Sound.

Check out our listing of available commercial property and buildings in Currituck County, NC.

North Carolina Resources

Business Link North Carolina (BLNC)

Free service for anyone seeking to start a small business in North Carolina. Offered in partnership with the N.C. Department of Commerce. One-on-one phone consultations to people interested in starting a business, small business owners in need of general support, and entrepreneurs interested in moving to North Carolina.

North Carolina Chamber

The North Carolina Chamber is the state's largest, broad-based business advocacy organization with 35,000 members that employ 1.26 million workers in North Carolina. Our mission is to be a nonpartisan business advocacy organization that works in the legislative, regulatory and political arenas to proactively drive positive change to ensure that North Carolina is a leading place in the world to do business

NC Biotechnology Center

Connects the company and university researchers; the funders and the small companies; the job seekers and job providers. A private, non-profit with headquarters in Research Triangle Park and offices in Asheville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greenville and Wilmington.

REACH NC

A portal that enables users to search, browse and find thousands of experts and assets within University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

North Carolina

Veteran's Business Association
Assists veterans, veteran professionals, and veteran business owners.

NC East Alliance

Regional, private, not-for-profit, economic de-

velopment agency that provides community capacity building and assists companies with site location and expansion decisions.

North Carolina City & County Management Association

Professional association for city and county managers and assistant managers from counties and municipalities throughout the State of North Carolina.

NC State Data Center

A consortium of agencies cooperating with the US Bureau of the Census to provide the public with data about the state and its component geographic areas.

NC State Demographics

Develops estimates of the population of counties using uniform procedures largely standardized for data input and methodology.



Raleigh, NC is #2 in The 10 Best Big Cities to Live in Right Now - Money, November 2018



Entrepreneur + Startup Resources

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757 Accelerate

757 Accelerate is a non-profit startup accelerator program. Our mission is to provide startups with the customized resources and capital they need to grow. We boost promising startups towards customer traction and revenue using our a network of mentors, investors, support services, working space, and a lean startup education.

The Arsenal

For new ventures and companies that want to grow fast and validate their assumptions, including technology-enabled companies founded by veterans, military families, women, and minorities. Primary industries of focus are healthcare, environment, infrastructure/logistics, and education startups. (757) 606-0757

START! Peninsula

A multi-city competition that starts as entrepreneurs pitch their business ideas to judges on Friday night. Individuals with the top ten pitches are given needed resources to refine and develop their ideas over the weekend-long event, culminating in a Sunday pitch for a chance to win three top prizes of cash and continued business incubation.

Launchpad - Greater Williamsburg Business Incubator

Provides entrepreneurs and startups with the amenities, counseling, and services necessary to grow a successful business. 4345 New Town Avenue Suite 200 Williamsburg, VA (757) 565-4373

Hampton Roads Innovation Collaborative

Helps organize a regional entrepreneurial and innovation-based support ecosystem. Delivers mentoring, experience learning sessions, growth modeling and access to capital. (757) 373-6517

Ignition Center

Business accelerator by entrepreneurs, for entrepreneurs. Our goal is to actively help serious clients, and to encourage the curious. 1006 Richmond Rd, Williamsburg, VA



The Ignition Center hosts several startup events, education sessions, and competitions throughout the year. PHOTO: ignitioncenter.com

Here in Hampton Roads, people LOVE to talk about entrepreneurs and innovation and how startups and small businesses are going to single-handedly save the local economy. **Don't believe the hype.** Even though I'm a die-hard supporter of local entrepreneurs, there's just no "single-handedly" about it. If we want to boost the local economy, we've got to...

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Entrepreneur + Startup Resources

Franklin Business Center & Incubator

Assists businesses during their first few years of operation and also provides hands-on management assistance, access to equipment and exposure to critical business and technical support services. [601 North Mechanic Street Franklin, VA 23851](#) 757-562-1958

Peninsula Technology Incubator

Offers 3D printers, a wet chemistry lab, drone testing facilities and more. Provides startups with the resources they need to position themselves as they implement their business plan and work towards raising capital. Funded by the City of Hampton. [1100 Exploration Way, Suite 300, Hampton, VA](#) The National Institute of Aerospace (757) 869-6634

Hampton University Business Incubator

Provides space and nurturing services to new and small businesses during their critical early existence. Office space, advice, technical assistance, counseling and other services on-site. [6 W County Street in Hampton, VA](#) (757) 722-9283

Alan B. Miller Entrepreneurship Center

Educates, inspires, and supports William & Mary students in developing the skills and mindset of an entrepreneur. Raymond A. Mason School of Business [College of William & Mary Williamsburg, VA](#)

Hampton Roads SCORE

Mentors provide free face-to-face meetings and low-cost workshops and events designed to enable entrepreneurs succeed and thrive in today's challenging business climate. [838 Granby Street, Norfolk](#) [4525 Main Street, Suite 700, Virginia Beach](#) (757) 455-9338

Portsmouth Partnership Starting Block

Provides incubation space for young companies that will eventually move on to seek their own space as they grow their payroll and revenue. [200 High Street, Suite 201 Portsmouth, VA 23704](#) 757-397-8473



"The Alan B. Miller Entrepreneurship Center aims to educate, inspire and support students in developing the skills and mindset of an entrepreneur."



Advice for surfers works just as well for startups. Whether you're launching a new business or perfecting your technique in between swells, [here are six solid lessons worth learning...](#)

Entrepreneur + Startup Resources

Old Dominion University

Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship

A business-friendly entry point to engage the intellectual capital, innovative technologies and world-class infrastructure of Old Dominion University. Includes the programs listed below:

Strome Entrepreneurial Center

The Strome Entrepreneurial Center helps students, faculty and staff collaborate to develop innovative and creative thinking to launch ideas and businesses.

ODU Innovation Center

A hub for entrepreneurial activity. Provides space and programming to startups and service providers within the Hampton Roads ecosystem. Supported by, and in partnership with, Old Dominion University and the City of Norfolk. [501B Boush Street, Norfolk, VA \(757\) 683-7600](#)

TempO

TempO is a program providing Business Creation, Incubation & Acceleration services. Your business idea lives or dies by your ability to get to market.

HRPAC

The Hampton Roads Procurement Assistance Center (HRPAC) assists area businesses in establishing themselves to bid competitively on federal, state, and local government contracts

TAC

The Technology Applications Center (TAC) provides engineering and technical expertise to local businesses and organizations who seek to innovate, grow, and achieve performance excellence.

VBOC

The Hampton Roads Veterans Business Outreach Center (HRVBOC) is designed to provide entrepreneurial development services such as business training, counseling and mentoring, and referrals for eligible veterans owning or considering starting a small business.

Women's Business Center

Helps elevate women to business success through education, counseling, networking resources and entrepreneurial training.

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[4111 Monarch Way, Norfolk, VA](#)
[\(757\) 683-3729](#)



The ODU Innovation Center is the result of a partnership between the ODU Center for Enterprise Innovation (CEI) and the City of Norfolk. It is both a coworking space and a startup program designed to build and grow a community of high-growth, high-impact entrepreneurial businesses.

Entrepreneur + Startup Resources

PROPEL Mentor – Protégé Programs

Seven-week business boot camp where participants attend half-day training programs to refresh their business knowledge. Upon completion of the bootcamp, Protégé are introduced to their mentors and a two-year mentoring program begins. [Small Business Development Ctr of Hampton Roads](#) 600 Butler Farm Road, Hampton, VA (757) 664-2595

757 Makerspace

Community workshop and prototyping center that serves entrepreneurs and creators in need of 3D printing, laser cutters/engravers/cutters, CNC's, welding and related equipment & services. [421 W. 22nd Street, Norfolk, VA](#)

1000 Four

1000 Four is a community first platform developed with the modern entrepreneurial experience in mind. The combination of real interactions with other entrepreneurs and an on-demand ready-to-use educational library gives entrepreneurs actionable solutions to their growth problems.

Institute for Rural Entrepreneurship

Supports the development of micro, small and medium-size enterprises in rural North Carolina. [North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center](#) 4021 Cary Drive in Raleigh, NC (919) 250-4314

Small Business and Technology Development Center

The business and technology extension service of The University of North Carolina. Offers entrepreneur-focused programs and online training resources. [Elizabeth City State University](#) HL Trigg Bldg, Rm 102, 1704 Weeksville Rd Elizabeth City, NC

Council for Entrepreneurial Development

Identifies, enables and promotes high-growth, high-impact companies to accelerate the entrepreneurial culture of the Research Triangle and North Carolina. [334 Blackwell Street, Suite B012, Durham, NC](#) (919) 549-7500

EntreDot

EntreDot was established to help entrepreneurs create, launch and operate their businesses by providing professional mentoring and business education programs that maximize the opportunity for success, resulting in incremental economic growth in revenue and jobs. [800 Park Offices Dr, 3rd Fl Research Triangle Park NC](#) (919) 522-0722



757 Makerspace offers hands-on classes, workshops, one-on-one tutorials, and consulting. They've been called a "gym for innovators," with the equipment, space, and knowhow to work out your maker muscles.



Defense + Government Contracting

Defense + Government Contracting

Department of Defense Office of Small Business Programs

Advises the Secretary of Defense on all matters related to small business and committed to maximizing the contributions of small business in DoD acquisitions.

Virginia Procurement Technical Assistance Program

Provides matching funds through state and local government and non-profit organizations to establish Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) regionally dedicated to free and low cost assistance to businesses who want to participate in the government procurement process, whether federal, state, or local.

Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance

Established to collectively focus area efforts on preserving and growing Federal capabilities within Hampton Roads.

National Association of Minority Government Contractors (NAMGC)

Dedicated to enhancing diversification of the workplace. An outreach mechanism to reach individuals with diverse backgrounds, ample experience and exceptional skills.

Office of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization

Mission is to enable veterans to gain access to economic opportunity by leveraging the federal procurement system and expanding participation of procurement-ready small businesses.



Naval Station Norfolk is the world's largest naval station, supporting 75 ships and 134 aircraft alongside 14 piers and 11 aircraft hangars. The base houses the largest concentration of U.S. Navy forces. Air Operations conducts an average of 275 flights per day or one every six minutes. It is the hub for Navy logistics going to the European and Central Command theaters of operations, and to the Caribbean.



The total Department of Defense population, including active duty and civilian personnel is approximately 150,000 in an area with a total population of 1.6 million. Each year, roughly 13,000 military personnel leave their respective branches of service and enter the private sector, offering businesses in the region an abundance of skilled, experienced, and highly disciplined workers.



Tourism + Lodging

Tourism + Lodging

VIRGINIA

Virginia Tourism Corporation

Promotes and develops the tourism and motion picture industries to stimulate Virginia's economy and enhance the quality of life of all Virginians.

Virginia is for Lovers

Official tourism website of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Coastal Virginia Tourism Alliance

A group of destination marketing professionals that represent one voice for tourism in the region.

Virginia Beach Hotel Association

A representative trade association serving the Virginia Beach hotel industry.

Virginia Restaurant, Lodging and Travel Association

Official website.



Tourism is a \$2.45 billion industry in Virginia Beach, the city welcomes nearly 10.1 million overnight visitors each year.

NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Tourism

Official tourism website of the state of North Carolina.

The Outer Banks of North Carolina

Official tourism website of the Outer Banks.

NC Restaurant & Lodging Association

Official website.



The barrier islands that stretch for more than 100 miles along the North Carolina coastline have lured vacationers for decades. On the northern beaches of Currituck County you'll find some of the most captivating coastline on the Outer Banks.



Port + Maritime

Port + Maritime

ODU Maritime Institute

Provides world quality maritime, ports and logistics management education, training and research to meet regional, national and international needs.

Virginia Marine Resources Commission

Stewards of the Commonwealth's marine and aquatic resources, and protectors of its tidal waters and homelands, for present and future generations.

Virginia Ship Repair Association

A regional trade association representing companies engaged in, or supporting, the ship repair industry in Virginia and the Mid-Atlantic region.

Propeller Club Port of Norfolk

A grassroots, non-profit organization, dedicated to the enhancement and well-being of all interests of the maritime community.

The Port of Virginia

The Port of Virginia is a hub port. Nearly 30 international shipping lines offer direct, dedicated service to and from VA, with connections to 200+ countries around the world.

Virginia Maritime Association

To promote, protect and encourage international and domestic commerce through the ports of Virginia.



The Port of Virginia's deep water harbor is the deepest on the US East Coast and also boasts the sixth largest containerized cargo complex in the United States.



Newport News Shipbuilding is the sole designer, builder and refueler of U.S. Navy aircraft carriers and one of two providers of U.S. Navy submarines. With approximately \$4 billion in revenues and more than 20,000 employees, we are the largest industrial employer in Virginia and the largest shipbuilding company in the United States.



Banking + Financing

Banking + Financing: Banks



Towne Bank

Headquarters: Suffolk, VA

Wells Fargo

Headquarters: San Francisco, CA

SunTrust

Headquarters: Atlanta, GA

BB&T

Headquarters: Winston-Salem, NC

Bank of America

Headquarters: Charlotte, NC

Old Point National Bank

Headquarters: Hampton, VA

Southern Bank

Headquarters: Mount Olive, NC

PNC

Headquarters: Pittsburgh, PA

Chesapeake Bank

Headquarters: Kilmarnock, VA,

Farmers Bank

Headquarters: Windsor, VA

Xenith Bank

Headquarters: Richmond, VA

C&F Bank

Headquarters: West Point, VA

Fulton Bank

Headquarters: Lancaster, PA

Union Bank & Trust

Headquarters: Richmond, VA

First National Bank

Headquarters: Pittsburgh, PA

Virginia Commonwealth Bank

Headquarters: Petersburg, VA



TowneBank is one of the largest banks headquartered in Virginia and ranks as the largest in Hampton Roads.

Banking + Financing: Credit Unions

Langley Federal

Headquarters: Newport News, VA

Chartway Federal

Headquarters: Virginia Beach, VA

Bayport

Headquarters: Newport News, VA

1st Advantage

Headquarters: Yorktown, VA

ABNB Federal

Headquarters: Chesapeake, VA

Bronco Federal

Headquarters: Franklin, VA

Beach Municipal Federal

Headquarters: Virginia Beach, VA

NAE Federal

Headquarters: Chesapeake, VA

Navy Federal Credit Union

Headquarters: Vienna, VA

Virginia Beach Schools Federal

Headquarters: Virginia Beach, VA

Northern Star

Headquarters: Portsmouth, VA

Virginia Educators

Headquarters: Newport News, VA

NMA Federal

Headquarters: Virginia Beach, VA

State Employees Federal (NC)

Headquarters: Raleigh, NC

PortAlliance Federal

Headquarters: Norfolk



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Banking + Financing: Financing Organizations

Tidewater Business Financing Corporation

Non-profit that promotes commercial and industrial growth throughout Virginia and Eastern North Carolina. A resource for small businesses in need of permanent financing to acquire fixed assets.

Virginia Community Capital

Partners with organizations and individuals to provide financial resources and advisory services for projects designed to have a positive impact in their community.

HR Small Biz Loans

A service by public, private and nonprofit lending institutions to provide a place where entrepreneurs and small business owners in Hampton Roads can get all the information they need to get a loan, a line of credit or other financing options.

757 Angels

Angel group in Hampton Roads created to address the capital gap between “Friends & Family” and “Venture Capital” rounds. [Executive Director Monique Adams \(757\) 513-1343](#)

Capital Opportunities for Small Business

Information about financial resources available to small businesses in North Carolina.

SBA-Financing

Complete guide to SBA financing options.

Virginia Small Business Financing Authority (VSBFA)

Offers programs to provide businesses, not-for-profits, and economic development authorities with the financing needed for economic growth and expansion.



7 Ways to Finance Your New Business

Most entrepreneurs will tell you that the most difficult part of building a business is raising money. Fortunately, there are now more options than ever for small businesses to seek outside resources.

1. CROWDFUNDING

Crowdfunding is an excellent new way for small businesses to finance their activities. These platforms use information technology to match entrepreneurs with just the right investors. Crowdfunding can save you time and effort because you effectively create one business pitch for all prospective investors through your profile.

The most popular crowdfunding platforms are Kickstarter and Indiegogo, as well as a large variety of platforms for different niches. Keep in mind that...

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Commercial Real Estate

Commercial Real Estate: Organizations

Hampton Roads Association for Commercial Real Estate (HRACRE)

Serves the commercial real estate community on both the Peninsula and Southside areas of Hampton Roads.

Urban Land Institute - Virginia

Provides responsible leadership, research, and programs in the planning and development of land in Virginia with the objective to enhance the quality of life while accommodating the growth in population.

Hampton Roads REALTORS Association

Mission is to enhance the ability of REALTORS® throughout Eastern Virginia to achieve business success in an ethical and professional manner, and to protect and preserve private property rights.

Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW)

Association of members from various disciplines engaged in the professional practice of commercial real estate in the Hampton Roads MSA. CREW Hampton Road's Mission Statement: Influencing the success of the commercial real estate industry by advancing the achievements of women.

Old Dominion University Center for Real Estate and Economic Development

The E.V. Williams Center for Real Estate strives to connect those engaged or interested in real estate and economic development to the research, curriculum and students at Old Dominion University (ODU).

Downtown Norfolk Council

Dedicated to promoting and enhancing business, cultural, retail and residential initiatives in Downtown Norfolk.



Downtown Norfolk, VA has 3.6 million square feet of office space, all within quick access to parking, restaurants and retail and a downtown workforce of approximately 30,000 employees.



In the heart of the Peninsula, City Center at Oyster Point is the gathering place for businesses. The mid and high-rise buildings offer a prime business location surrounded by an 8-acre Fountain Park.

Commercial Real Estate Firms: Virginia

CBRE

150 West Main Street Suite 1100 - Norfolk

Divaris Real Estate

4525 Main Street, Suite 900 - Virginia Beach

Cushman & Wakefield | Thalhimer

One BayPort Way Suite 100 - Newport News
222 Central Park Avenue, Suite 1820 - Virginia Beach

Harvey Lindsay Commercial Real Estate

999 Waterside Drive Suite 1400 - Norfolk
701 Town Center Drive Suite 100 - Newport News

JLL

101 West Main Street Suite 7770 - Norfolk

S.L. Nusbaum Realty Co.

1700 Wells Fargo Center 440 Monticello Avenue - Norfolk

Pembroke Commercial Realty LLC

4460 Corporation Lane, Suite 300 - Virginia Beach

Olympia Development Corp.

272 Bendix Road, Suite 120 - Virginia Beach

The Morgan Real Estate Group

223 E. City Hall Avenue, Suite 214 - Norfolk

Hamner Development Co.

703 Thimble Shoals Blvd, Suite A-1 - Newport News

Riddle Associates Inc.

530 Woodlake Circle, Ste. 100 - Chesapeake

Harbor Group International

999 Waterside Drive, Suite 2300 - Norfolk

The Runnymede Corp.

600 22nd St, Suite 400 - Virginia Beach

Robert Brown & Associates LLC

41 Old Oyster Point Road, Suite A - Newport News



The Town Center of Virginia Beach is the thriving heart of Virginia Beach's Central Business District. With approximately 1 million square feet of Class A office space.



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Commercial Real Estate Firms: Coastal NC

Harrell & Associates

6701 S. Croatan Highway - Nags Head

Red Sky Realty Group

223 E. City Hall Ave

Sun Realty Sales

1135 Ocean Trail P.O. Box 580 - Corolla

Twiddy & Co Real Estate Sales

1140 Ocean Trail - Corolla

OBX Realty Group

Southern Shores

Jim Perry & Company

3118 N Croatan Highway Suite 103 - Kill Devil Hills

Eastern Carolinas Commercial Real Estate, Inc

432 Landmark Drive Suite 4 - Wilmington

Soles Realty OBX

337 Soundview Drive - Kill Devil Hills

Elan Real Estate Sales

8648 Caratoke Highway - Powells Point

Southern Shores Realty

5 Ocean Boulevard - Southern Shores

Coldwell Banker Seaside Realty

918-C Halstead Blvd., Halstead Plaza - Elizabeth City

Rich Company

204 S Poindexter Street - Elizabeth City



Corolla, NC's Timbuck II shopping center features over 60 shops, restaurants and recreation spots overlooking the Currituck Sound on the Northern Outer Banks.



By 2035, the population of Currituck County is expected to grow by 42.5%. That's an additional 10,877 people (net migration) who will call this county home. That means, over the next two decades, we'll need to add another 4,148 year-round homes at the rate of about 208 new dwellings per year.

Take that projected population growth, add a surplus of space and clusters of major development, and you get a perfect storm of commercial real estate opportunity.



Labor + Workforce

Labor + Workforce: Virginia

Hampton Roads Workforce Council

The Hampton Roads Workforce Council is responsible for developing workforce policy and administering workforce development initiatives in Virginia's Workforce Investment Area 16, which includes these localities: Chesapeake, Franklin, Isle of Wight, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Southampton, Suffolk and Virginia Beach. Formerly Opportunity Inc., The Hampton Roads Workforce Council oversees federally funded workforce development programs, which assist businesses in accessing qualified workers and jobseekers in finding suitable job openings and bolstering their earning power through training.

Peninsula Council for Workforce Development / Peninsula Work

Identifies the workforce needs of Peninsula-based employers, job seekers and youth.

Goodwill of Central & Coastal Virginia

Provides job seeker services and job skills training programs for individuals with challenges to work.

The Apprentice School

The preeminent apprenticeship program in the nation and offers four-, five-, and eight-year apprenticeships in nineteen shipbuilding disciplines and eight advanced programs of study.

TCC Center for Workforce Solutions

South Hampton Roads' most comprehensive workforce training resource for businesses and individuals.

Virginia Employment Commission

Online source to connect with potential employers, search for jobs, find training opportunities, and research wage data along with industry and occupational trends.

New Horizons Regional Education Centers

New Horizons Regional Education Center (NHREC) is operated by the six Peninsula School Divisions to provide educational services that are most efficient to implement through a regional partnership.

Paul D. Camp Community College Workforce Development

Paul D. Camp Community College's Division of Workforce Development can provide customized training to keep your company on the cutting edge. Our programs can be customized to meet your specific objectives and classes can be held to match your schedule and at your location or at our Regional Workforce Development Center.

Thomas Nelson Community College - Workforce Development

Short-term career training for individuals. Customized training and solutions for local employers and businesses.



Community colleges are a main hub for Virginia's Workforce System. Each of Virginia's Community Colleges has a dedicated Workforce Development Services Office to help both individuals and businesses through training and programs.

Labor + Workforce: North Carolina

NC Works

Helps companies find and develop a strong workforce, by better aligning state and local services and resources to meet that goal.

Northeastern Workforce Development Board

Committed to growing and retaining employment and job opportunities for Northeastern North Carolina.

N.C. Department of Labor

In addition to labor rules and regulations, the department offers a variety of free training resources on safety and health.



North Carolinians of all types—such as veterans, young adults and those reentering the workforce—can better prepare for employment through the extensive career services that NC Works, a statewide workforce program, provides.

We can train a guy to be a welder,

but we also want to train him to be able to be the manager of the shop, or something else so that he's more than just a skilled laborer.

We want him to be able to do something a little better down the road... because the chances are good that in 15 years, there's going to be a robot doing the welding instead of him.



Dr. Robert Wynegar
President
College of the Albemarle

**Community College Drives
Change as a Workforce
Development Partner**

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Transportation + Infrastructure

Transportation + Infrastructure: Organizations

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

Responsible for building, maintaining and operating the state's roads, bridges and tunnels.

North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)

Responsible for maintaining approximately 80,000 miles of roadways and 18,000 bridges and culverts across North Carolina, as well as regulating and implementing programs to support rail, aviation, ferry, public transit and bicycle and pedestrian transportation.

Hampton Roads Transit

Transit organization that serves six cities: Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach.

Hampton Roads Public Transportation Alliance

Established to educate citizens of Hampton Roads about the importance of public transportation and to secure a dedicated funding source for the maintenance and enhancement of local transportation projects.

Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization

Created by the Hampton Roads localities and appropriate state and federal agencies to perform the duties of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to conduct a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process.

Hampton Roads Transportation Accountability Commission

Manages the Hampton Roads Transportation

Fund (HRTF) revenues for the Hampton Roads region. Comprised of locally elected officials, the commission has the organizational structure and leadership in place to determine how new regional money, approximately \$200 million annually, will be invested in transportation projects.

Virginia Roads

Open data portal for interactive mapping applications and publications.

511 Virginia Traffic Info

Real-time traffic information.



VDOT maintains a 58,000-mile network of highways and bridges, which is the third largest state-maintained highway system in the country, behind North Carolina and Texas.

Transportation + Infrastructure: Airports

Virginia

Norfolk International Airport

The major airport serving coastal Virginia and northeast North Carolina. Allegiant, American, Delta, Southwest and United offer convenient daily access to hundreds of cities worldwide

Newport News/Williamsburg Airport

Nonstop flights to Atlanta, Charlotte and Philadelphia on American Airlines and Delta with connections to destinations worldwide.

North Carolina

Currituck County Regional Airport

A publicly owned, business and general aviation airport located 40 miles south of Norfolk, VA and 30 miles located 40 miles south of Norfolk, VA and 30 miles Carolina.



The Currituck Regional Airport is a publicly owned General Aviation airport that is open to the public located approximately 46 miles south of Hampton Roads

GUIDE TO Northeastern North Carolina Airports



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Transportation + Infrastructure: Rail

CSX

A leading supplier of rail-based freight transportation in North America.

Norfolk Southern

A Class I railroad that operates 19,500 route miles in 22 states and D.C., supports international trade with service to every major Eastern seaport, 10 river ports, and nine lake ports, and operates the most extensive intermodal network in the East.

Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line Railroad Company

A Class III terminal switching railroad, incorporated in the State of Virginia as the Southeast-

ern and Atlantic Railroad Company on March 4, 1896, currently operating over 26 miles of road in the Hampton Roads communities of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Chesapeake.

Commonwealth Railway

A Class III shortline railroad operating 16.5 miles of track of a former Norfolk, Franklin and Danville Railway line from Suffolk, Virginia, to Portsmouth, Virginia.

North Carolina & Virginia Railroad (NCVA)

A short-line railroad that operates 49 miles of track from Boykins, VA to Cofield, NC.

Virginia Rail Line Map

[Link to Full Version from Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation](#)





Colleges + Universities

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Independent + Private

ECPI University

(Virginia Beach, Newport News)

Hampton University

(Hampton)

Regent University

(Virginia Beach)

Stratford University

(Virginia Beach)

Virginia Wesleyan University

(Norfolk)



Norfolk State University, a comprehensive urban public institution, is committed to transforming students' lives through exemplary teaching, research and service.

Public

Christopher Newport University

(Newport News)

College of William & Mary

(Williamsburg)

Eastern Virginia Medical School

(Norfolk)

Norfolk State University

(Norfolk)

Old Dominion University

(Norfolk)

UVA Hampton Roads Center

(Virginia Beach)

Virginia Tech Hampton Roads Center

(Virginia Beach)



Christopher Newport provides outstanding academic programs, encourages service and leadership within the community, and provides opportunities for student involvement in nationally and regionally recognized research and arts programs.

Colleges + Universities

Community Colleges

Thomas Nelson Community College

(Hampton, Williamsburg)

Tidewater Community College

(Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth)

Paul D. Camp Community College

(Suffolk, Franklin, Smithfield)

College of the Albemarle

(Currituck, Elizabeth City, Dare, Edenton-Chowan, Roanoke Island)

Rappahannock Community College

(Gloucester County)



Founded in Norfolk, Virginia in 1966, ECPI University demonstrated early on its commitment to forward-thinking, market-based curriculum in an accelerated format and being among the first to offer classes in the growing field of computer programming.

Professional + Technical

Advanced Technology Institute

(Virginia Beach)

Bryant and Stratton College

(Virginia Beach)

ECPI University Medical Careers Institute College of Health Science

(Virginia Beach)



College of The Albemarle's (COA) Regional Aviation and Technical Training Center (RATTC) is a state-of-the-art, 40,000-square-foot facility, which includes four aviation labs. Each lab and classroom is equipped with the latest in high-tech teaching tools and aviation equipment, as well as two aircraft for its instructional program: a Cherokee 140 and a Cessna 150L Commuter.



Industry-Specific Resources

Industrial + Manufacturing

Virginia Manufacturers Association

Statewide association dedicated to manufacturers and their allies, legislative and regulatory affairs, workforce development, communications and business services.

Advanced Manufacturing Center

Regional project directed by Thomas Nelson Community College Workforce Development.

North Carolina Chamber: Manufacturing

State affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM).

NC Manufacturing Extension Partnership

A public-private operating alliance of state supported programs, working to help manufacturing companies become operationally efficient and well positioned to grow profitably.

Manufactured in North Carolina

Manufactured in North Carolina is a directory of manufacturers based in North Carolina.

North Carolina Manufacturer's Alliance

NCMA is a non-profit organization originally founded in 1988.



Manufacturers in North Carolina account for 19 percent of the total output in the state, employing 10.5 percent of the workforce. Total output from manufacturing was \$102.48 billion in 2017.

Science + Technology

Center for Innovative Technology

Creates technology-based economic development strategies to accelerate innovation and technology companies.

Innovation Collaborative Hampton Roads

Established to advance the mission of technology business advancement in the region.

Hampton Roads Innovations

Information, communications and tools to help drive innovation in Hampton Roads.

Innovation Reports

Free reports from North Carolina Department of Commerce.



Manufacturing is an important driver of the Hampton Roads economy. There are upwards of 280 manufacturing companies located in the region employing more than 36,000 production occupations with mechanical and industrial engineers accounting for nearly 3,000 of those jobs.

Healthcare: General Hospitals

Sentara Norfolk General Hospital

(Norfolk)

Riverside Regional Medical Center

(Newport News)

Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center

(Portsmouth)

Chesapeake Regional Medical Center

(Chesapeake)

Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital

(Virginia Beach)

Sentara Leigh Hospital

(Norfolk)

Sentara Princess Anne Hospital

(Virginia Beach)

Sentara Careplex Hospital

(Hampton)

Sentara Obici Hospital

(Suffolk)

Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital

(Newport News)

Bon Secours DePaul Medical Center

(Norfolk)

Sentara Williamsburg Reg. Medical Center

(Williamsburg)

Riverside Doctors' Hospital

(Williamsburg)

Riverside Walter Reed Hospital

(Gloucester)



Serving as a destination medical center in the mid-atlantic region, Sentara Norfolk General Hospital is one of just five Level 1 trauma centers in Virginia, home to the Nightingale Regional Air Ambulance, region's first Magnet® hospital and nationally ranked heart program at Sentara Heart Hospital.



Sentara Obici Hospital is a state-of-the-art facility located on Godwin Boulevard in Suffolk.

Healthcare: Specialty Hospitals

Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters

(Norfolk)

Lake Taylor Transitional Care Hospital

(Norfolk)

Riverside Rehabilitation Institute

(Newport News)

Kempsville Center for Behavioral Health

(Norfolk)

The Pavilion at Williamsburg Place

(Williamsburg)

Hospital for Extended Recovery

(Norfolk)

Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center

(Virginia Beach)

Hampton Roads Specialty Hospital

(Newport News)



Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters is the only freestanding children's hospital in Virginia and serves the medical and surgical needs of children throughout greater Hampton Roads, the Eastern Shore of VA and northeastern NC.

Healthcare: Military Hospitals

USAF Hospital

Langley Air Force Base, 77 Nealy Ave., Hampton 757-225-7630.

McDonald Army Health Center

576 Jefferson Ave., Fort Eustis
757-314-7500

Naval Medical Center Portsmouth

620 John Paul Jones Circle, Portsmouth
757-953-5000.

Hampton Veterans Affairs Medical Center

100 Emancipation Drive, Hampton
757-722-9961

Food + Beverage: Virginia

Virginia Foundation for Agriculture, Innovation and Rural Sustainability

A not-for-profit foundation based in Richmond with the mission of assisting rural agricultural enterprises.

Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Promotes the economic growth and development of Virginia agriculture, provides consumer protection and encourages environmental stewardship.

Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center

Conducts research and extension programs to benefit the agricultural community of the eastern VA region.

Virginia Beach Restaurant Association

Official website.

Hampton Roads Food Truck Association

An association of like minded entrepreneurs who share best practices, exchange ideas and grow the industry.

Williamsburg Area Restaurant Association

Official website.

Virginia Wine

Marketing and info about Virginia wineries.

Virginia Craft Brewers Guild

A coalition of independent, small, commercial breweries dedicated to growing the craft beer industry in the Commonwealth.

Virginia Breweries

Searchable list of breweries operating in Virginia.



"The waters of the Chesapeake Bay are the nation's largest and most biologically diverse estuary, yielding more seafood than any of the 840 other estuaries in our land. Add some 494 million pounds of finfish and shellfish caught from our rivers, coastal and Atlantic waters, and that's enough seafood to prepare 123 million meals annually."

- virginiasseafood.org



"The story of Virginia wine (like the story of Virginia itself) is, in part, a tale of secondary characters from the Old World who learned to thrive in a new environment. Grape varieties like Viognier, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot—relative obscurities and bit-players in Old World wine traditions—are taking center stage in Virginia." - www.virginiawine.org

Food + Beverage: North Carolina

North Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association

Serves its members by advancing and protecting North Carolina's hospitality industry.

North Carolina Food Processing & Manufacturing

Guide to some of the largest food companies operating in North Carolina.

The Business Side of the Food Industry: Resources

Extensive guide and list of resources for doing business in the food industry in NC.

North Carolina Specialty Foods Association

The North Carolina Specialty Foods Association is a volunteer organization providing its membership with educational, marketing and collaborative opportunities that promote their passion for culturally diverse and excellent specialty food products, while creating quality brand recognition.

North Carolina Wine

Promotional site for NC wines, wineries and tours.

North Carolina Craft Brewers Guild

A not-for-profit organization comprised of brewers, vendors, retailers and craft beer enthusiasts focused on promoting North Carolina beer.

North Carolina Beer Guys

Comprehensive site with interactive map of North Carolina breweries.



[Currituck's Weeping Radish Farm & Brewery](#) offers tours that start with the history of North Carolina's oldest brewery and the evolution over the past 30 years. It begins on the viewing platform overlooking the brewery and ends with the artisan butchery facility and smokehouse.



"BBQ that simply cannot be rushed in the cooking process and that care and attention shines through in every bite. Robinson of Currituck BBQ Company summed the magic up this way, 'I believe it's just good home cooking that everyone can appreciate.'" - visitcurrituck.com

Import + Export

Hampton Roads Global Commerce Council

Serves the industries in Hampton Roads associated with national and international commerce, particularly the trucking, shipping, rail and air transport industries, through education, information-sharing, and networking opportunities.

Virginia International Business Council

Provider of impactful, international intelligence with respect to market opportunities, sourcing possibilities, environmental realities and the strategies and tactics related to global business success in Virginia.

Ex-Im Bank

Provides trade financing solutions – including export credit insurance, working capital guarantees, and guarantees of commercial loans to foreign buyers – to empower exporters of U.S. goods and services.

Export Virginia

Export development programs, grants, and market research for Virginia businesses. Programs identify which markets to pursue, determine a market entry strategy, and secure appointments with pre-qualified customers in new international markets.



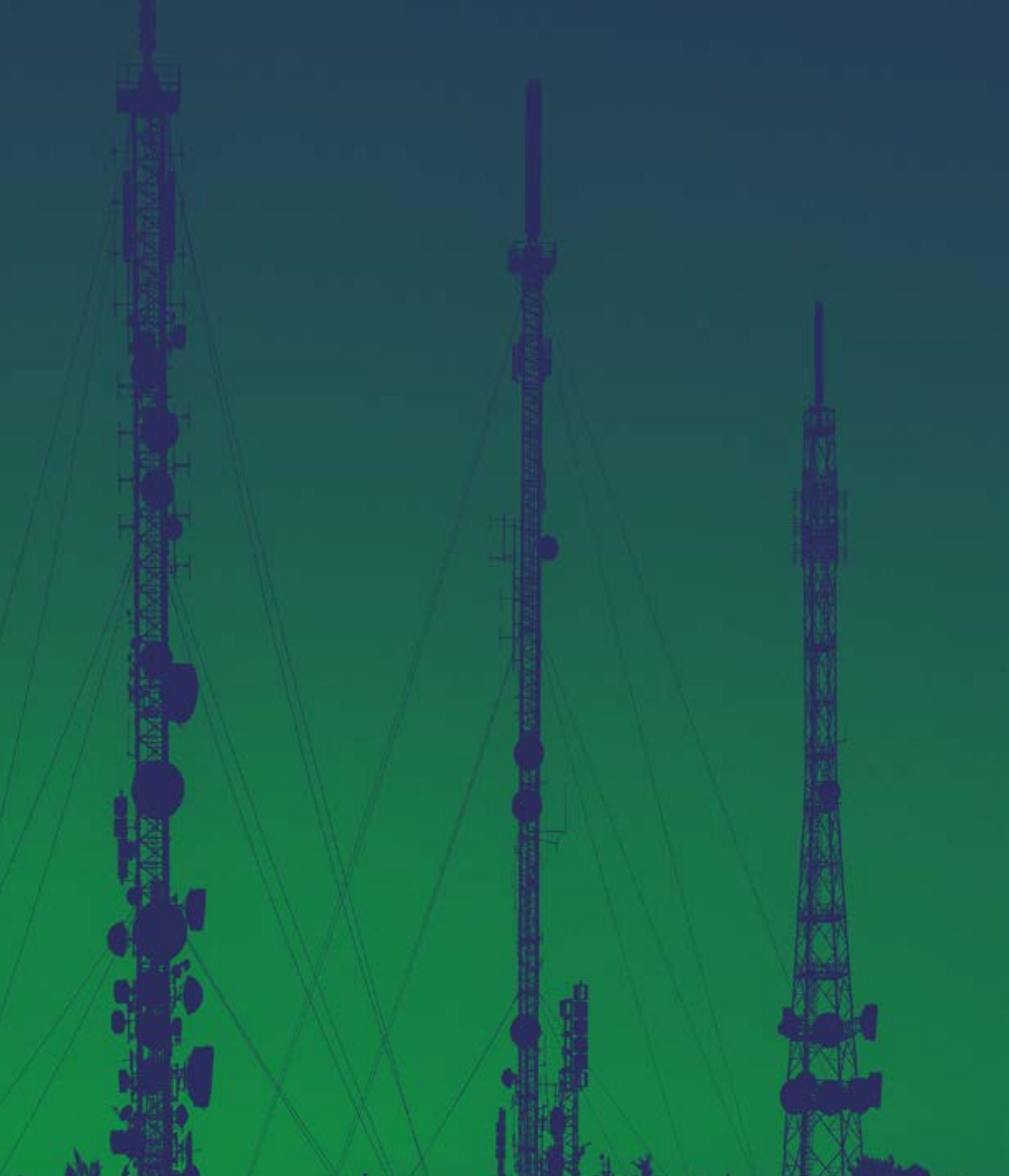
“Going international can be a crucial turning point for a business. Imperative to diversifying around the world, the opportunities are endless when it comes to exporting.” -YesVirginia.org



Foreign Trade Zone 20

has expanded to include much of northeast North Carolina including parts of Gates and Currituck County.





Utilities + Telecommunications

Utilities: Electric + Natural Gas

ELECTRIC

Dominion Energy

Service area: Greater Hampton Roads, Northeastern NC

Albemarle Electric Membership Corp.

Service area: Currituck County, NC

Roanoke Electric Cooperative

Service Area: Gates County, NC

NATURAL GAS

Columbia Gas of Virginia

Service area: Chesapeake, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Suffolk

Virginia Natural Gas

Service area: Greater Hampton Roads

Piedmont Natural Gas

Service area: Currituck and Gates counties, NC

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AT&T

Cox Communications

Service area: Greater Hampton Roads

Verizon Communications

Spectrum

Service area: Franklin, Isle of Wight, Hampton, Suffolk, Gates County NC

Frontier Communications

Comcast

Mediacom

Lumos Networks

Fiber-based service provider in the Mid-Atlantic region.

CenturyLink

Broadband, voice, video, advanced data and managed network services.



Headquartered in Richmond, VA, Dominion Energy [NYSE: D] is one of the nation's largest producers and transporters of energy, with a portfolio of approximately 31,000 megawatts of electric generation; 106,400 miles of natural gas gathering, storage, transmission and distribution pipeline; and 93,600 miles of electric transmission and distribution lines.



Coworking + Meeting Spaces

Coworking Spaces

Virginia Beach

1701

(Virginia Beach) Offers open workspaces, two conference rooms, video conferencing capabilities and a 1,500-square-foot multi-purpose space.

Williamsburg

Work Nimply

(Williamsburg) A productive haven for freelancers, entrepreneurs, and independent workers.

Suffolk

Suffolk Executive Offices

(Suffolk) Fully furnished, modern, turn-key offices, with flexible lease terms and office solutions. Executive private suites, virtual offices, day offices, conference rooms, and modern coworking space.

Norfolk

Regus - Dominion Tower

(Norfolk) Fully equipped workspace that includes facilities, furniture, high-speed internet and a staffed reception.

Percolator

A collaborative, creative community for entrepreneurs, startups, and innovators in the heart of downtown Norfolk, Virginia. Four dynamic locations, all centrally located in the heart of downtown Norfolk, Virginia.

Biz Connect Resource Center

(Norfolk) Offers networking events, business tools workshops, and private office space rental as well as shared space, drop-in desks and meeting space.

Hampton

Studio 9

(Hampton) Co-working space, private offices and a conference room available.

Newport News

Hip Innovative Studio Boutique

2170 William Styron Square
S Port Warwick



Co-working. Emphasis on the co. Percolator is focused on helping folks build meaningful relationships that extend beyond the 9-5.

Meeting + Convention Spaces

Virginia Beach

Virginia Beach Convention Center

1000 19th Street | Virginia Beach
(757) 385-2000

Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk

5655 Greenwich Rd, Virginia Beach
(757) 499-4400

Sheraton Virginia Beach Oceanfront

3501 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach
(757) 425-9000

Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront

3001 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach
(757) 213-3000

The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center

4535 Commerce St, Virginia Beach
(757) 557-0550

Founders Inn & Spa

5641 Indian River Rd, Virginia Beach
(757) 424-5511

Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront

5700 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach
(757) 428-7025

Norfolk

Hilton Norfolk The Main

100 E. Main Street, Norfolk
(757) 763-6200

Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel

777 Waterside Dr, Norfolk
(757) 640-2752

Norfolk Waterside Marriott

235 E Main Street Norfolk
(757) 627-4200

Norfolk Scope

201 E Brambleton Ave, Norfolk
(757) 664-6464

The Slover Library

235 E Plume St, Norfolk
(757) 664-7323

Half Moone Cruise & Celebration Center

1 Waterside Dr, Norfolk (757) 664-1000

Wyndham Garden Norfolk Downtown

700 Monticello Ave, Norfolk
(757) 627-5555



The innovative space design of the Slover Library creates a vital and dynamic center of community learning, leading-edge technology and civic engagement, available to all citizens of the region. More than just a public library, it is known as an attraction for residents and visitors alike.

Meeting + Convention Spaces

Portsmouth

Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk

425 Water St, Portsmouth
(757) 673-3000

Newport News

Point Plaza Suites at City Center

950 J Clyde Morris Blvd, Newport News
(757) 599-4460

Newport News Marriott City Center

740 Town Center Dr, Newport News
(757) 873-9299

Chesapeake

Chesapeake Conference Center

700 Conference Center Dr, Chesapeake
(757) 382-2500

Delta Hotels Chesapeake

725 Woodlake Dr, Chesapeake
(757) 523-1500

Suffolk

Hilton Garden Inn Suffolk Riverfront

100 E Constance Rd, Suffolk
(757) 925-1300

Hampton

Embassy Suites by Hilton Hampton

1700 Coliseum Drive, Hampton
(757) 827-8200

The Hampton Coliseum

1000 Coliseum Dr, Hampton
(757) 838-4203

Williamsburg

Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center

6945 Pocahontas Trail, Williamsburg
(757) 220-2250

Kingsmill Resort

1010 Kingsmill Rd, Williamsburg
(800) 832-5665

Colonial Williamsburg Hotels

(757) 220-7600

Doubletree by Hilton Williamsburg

50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg
(757) 220-2500



Kingsmill Resort on the James River in historic Williamsburg Virginia is home to two championship golf courses, a world-class spa and tennis center.



Media + Publications

Publications: Virginia

Inside Business

Published weekly with business news, feature stories, expert columns and events.

Editor Ron Crow ron.crow@insidebiz.com

[Advertising](#)

The Virginian Pilot

Founded in 1865, a metro serving almost 300,000 readers daily and over 400,000 on Sunday.

Business Editor Carl Fincke

carl.fincke@pilotonline.com

[Advertising](#)



IBQ

Quarterly business magazine published by Inside Business.

Executive Editor Clay Barbour

Clay.Barbour@pilotonline.com

[Advertising](#)

CoVa BIZ is “networking in print.” A place to meet the business personalities in Coastal Virginia. Virginia Business is the only publication dedicated to covering economic activity in every sector and every region of the state.

CoVaBiz Magazine

Business magazine of Coastal Virginia.

Editor Angela Blue

Angela@CoVaBIZMag.com

[Advertising](#)

The Daily Press

Headquartered in Newport News, the Daily Press newspaper publishes 7 days a week.

Business Editor Shana Gray

sgray@dailypress.com

[Advertising](#)

Virginia Business

Monthly magazine that covers major industries and business trends in Virginia.

Editor Robert Powell

rpowell@va-business.com

[Advertising](#)



Inside Business is The Hampton Roads Business Journal, providing daily business news in print and online to the Hampton Roads and Tidewater area.

Publications: North Carolina

The Outer Banks Voice

Online source of news and information for northeastern North Carolina.

Editor Rob Morris

info@outerbanksvoice.com

[Advertising](#)

The Daily Advance

A daily newspaper based in Elizabeth City, NC.

Business William F. West

bwest@dailyadvance.com

[Advertising](#)

North Beach Sun

Print and online publication since 1987.

[Advertising](#)

Outer Banks Sentinel

Dare County weekly published Wednesdays.

News Editor Neel Keller neel@obsentinel.com

[Advertising](#)

Business North Carolina

Editor David Mildenberg

dmildenberg@businessnc.com

[Advertising](#)



Business North Carolina is published monthly.

Radio + TV

WHRO Public Broadcasting

Public broadcasting station owned by a collaboration of 19 local public school districts.

Operates WHRO TV, WHRO FM, WHRV FM, and WHRO.com.

[Underwriting & Corporate Sponsorship](#)

WTKR

(Channel 3) Hampton Roads CBS affiliate.

(757) 446-1352

[Contact Form](#) [Advertising](#)

WAVY-TV

(Channel 10) Hampton Roads NBC affiliate.

(757) 393-1010

Newsdesk@wavy.com

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WVEC 13

(Channel 13) Hampton Roads ABC affiliate.

(757) 625-1313

news@wvec.com

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WAVY-TV 10, is an NBC-affiliated television station serving the Hampton Roads area of southeastern Virginia, and the Outer Banks region of northeastern North Carolina.



Networking + Events

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1 Million Cups - Virginia Beach

1 Million Cups is a free, weekly program designed to educate, engage, and connect entrepreneurs. Developed by the Kauffman Foundation.

Most Wednesday mornings at 9am Stratford University's Virginia Beach campus 555 S. Independence Blvd

1 Million Cups - Williamsburg

1 Million Cups is a free, weekly program designed to educate, engage, and connect entrepreneurs. Developed by the Kauffman Foundation.

Most Wednesday mornings at 9am at Launchpad, Greater Williamsburg Business Incubator.

Norfolk's Business Cafés

Regular meetups “provide new and existing businesses with the information, guidance, and resources needed to move forward and achieve success.”

Business Cafés are held in three locations: Ocean View, Park Place, and Southside.

Contact: Ihsane Mouak (757) 664-4338

Cox Business Executive Discussion Series

A free quarterly breakfast meeting and discussion focused on a topic of importance to the business community and featuring a panel of experts on the chosen topic.

Happens March, June, September and December

Biz Connect Hampton Roads

Dedicated to helping small businesses grow, increase presence in the community and build revenue by offering the resources and tools necessary to succeed. Offers regular free networking opportunities for everyone and even more BizConnect “member only” events.

Global Shapers Norfolk

The Global Shapers Community is a network of Hubs developed and led by young people who are exceptional in their potential, their achievements and their drive to make a contribution to their communities. Supported by the World Economic Forum, there are now Global Shapers Hubs in over 400 cities around the world.

Marketers Anonymous

Marketers Anonymous is a monthly meetup run by marketers for marketers. Hear success stories first-hand, learn cutting-edge marketing tactics, discover the latest industry research and insights, and get to know others in the local marketing community.

Southside Event: Third Friday of each month at the Blue Moon TapHouse at Waterside in Norfolk.

Peninsula Event: 2nd Friday of each month at Smoke BBQ on Warwick Blvd in Newport News.



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Networking + Events

Online Events Calendars

Hampton Roads Chamber Events

Full calendar of regular and special events.

CoVaBiz Events Calendar

Calendar of events from CoVaBiz magazine.

Inside Business Calendar

Updated weekly with a list of networking and professional development events. Includes a form for submitting events.

Startwheel Events Page

<https://startwheel.org/events/>

Eventful

Search results for “Hampton Roads Business Events”

Eventbrite: Networking Events

Search results for “Hampton Roads Networking Events”

Eventbrite: Business Events

Search results for “Hampton Roads Business Events”

Meetup

Sign up for free account and search.



1701 is Virginia Beach's first coworking space. Since June 2016, 1701 has been a hub for entrepreneurs, freelancers, creatives, startups, and remote workers in the ViBe Creative District just a few blocks away from the Atlantic Ocean.



BizConnect Hampton Roads is a networking group for building quality relationships, obtaining referrals and growing your business. Many events are open to the entire Hampton Roads business community with an opportunity to become a BizConnect member.



U.S. Government + National Resources

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U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Official site.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Official site.

American National Standards Institute

Official site.

USA.gov - Small Business

Official site.

US Small Business Administration (SBA)

Official site.

SBA: Analyze Your Business

Online tool for evaluating your business.

SBA Business Plan Tool

Guide for building a business plan.

IRS: Small Business & Self-Employed Tax Center

Tax information for small businesses.

US Patent & Trademark Office

Search for patents and trademarks.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Official site of the EEOC.

National Association of Women Business Owners

Dues-based organization representing interests of all women entrepreneurs across all industries; and with chapters across the country.

Veteran Entrepreneur Portal

Direct access to the resources necessary to guide every step of entrepreneurship.



The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business organization representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of all sizes, sectors, and regions.



Although SBA has grown and evolved in the years since it was established in 1953, the bottom line mission remains the same. The SBA helps Americans start, build and grow businesses.

About Currituck County, North Carolina



There's never been a better time to "Think Currituck."

In 2045, the population of Currituck County is projected to reach 42,800. That's a 71.1% increase from 25,000 in 2015!

That kind of projected growth makes Currituck one of the ten fastest growing counties in North Carolina.

Big development projects are set to transform the mainland and change our county for the better. Major infrastructure improvements will connect us across the Currituck Sound, across the state to Raleigh and across the border into Virginia. There's a real sense of excitement

and opportunity in the air.

Our tax rates are lower. Our business costs are lower. Our incentives continue to grow. And here in Currituck County, we're pro-business and accessible.

Everyone from the Board of Commissioners to county officials are eager to grow our commercial economy.

Businesses here deal with less gridlock and red tape. Even our permitting and zoning process is personalized, streamlined and designed to get you open for business quickly!

Want more information
on new projects, properties
and opportunities waiting for
you in Currituck County?

CALL LARRY

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