

July Directors Report

Site Readiness

Environmental, Social and Governance

An ESG score is a way to assign a quantitative metric, such as a numerical score or letter rating, to the environmental, social and governance (ESG) efforts undertaken by a specific organization. ESG efforts have become increasingly important in recent years as awareness around the topic has grown.

Why are ESG scores important to companies?

- ESG scores can aid with overall corporate governance and company management, and are important to companies for the following reasons:
- **Validation.** ESG scores provide a way for an organization to validate its ESG-related efforts. The score provides a publicly disclosed metric based on the organization's initiatives.
- **Peer comparison.** ESG scores let organizations and their investors compare one company against another.
- **Benchmarking.** Beyond comparing vendors, an ESG score can enable broader industry benchmarking to understand how a specific industry vertical scores and where different companies fall within the results.
- **Managing progress.** With a specific ESG score in hand, an individual company can better manage and measure progress using a quantitative metric.
- **Investor attraction.** An ESG score provides investors with an attribute that can help them make ethical, sustainable investing decisions.
- **Risk management.** An ESG score can help identify areas of potential concern and risk from an ESG perspective.

One benefit of solar from an ESG standpoint is that companies have committed to using alternative energy, this will bring up their ESG score

RFP/RFB

The IDA is currently advertising 5 separate Request for Bids IR Request for Proposals for our projects and studies.

1. RFB for Sledge & Barkley Masonry and Roof bids are due in on July 14, 2023.
2. RFB for Brunswick County Produce packing bids are due in on July 20, 2023.
3. RFP for Sledge AE Design proposals are due in on July 20, 2023.
4. RFP for Sledge Marketing Study bids are due in on July 21, 2023.
5. RFP for In-house Contractor packing proposals are due on Aug 15 2023.

Additional information is available on www.bcida.org

2023 Brownfields Conference On June 11-15 I attended the Virginia Brownfields Conference. Any time there is an opportunity to network and learn with this group of professionals I will. DEQ and Brownfields are friends of Brunswick County. During the event there was a clean vehicle expo focusing on opportunities in EV charging stations. I was able to make a connection with the Deputy Director of Virginia Clean Cities to begin the process of partnering either them. Once again I met with Dr. Julie Brown and Jacob to tour the GoTech lab which led to today's Gotec tour bus visit.

I went on a number of good tours and workshops to see what Danville is doing to be so successful in their regrowth through redevelopment. The two keys were partnerships and that Danville and Pittsylvania County put away their differences and egos and moved forward together. Their progress is undeniable.

The Dan River Falls project is a perfect example of what can happen. Just over a year ago you would not go to the site of the Danville Falls river project it was dangerous and terrible. This is the large building on the right that you see when you go past Danville on Hwy 58. This is where the \$85 million Dan River Falls project, the former White Mill will be redeveloped into a multi-use project that will initially feature 147,000 square feet of commercial space and 150 apartments. Another 56 units are planned in a future phase. All of Danville died as a result in the loss of textile jobs. Like here very few people saw a positive future for Danville and Pittsylvania County. It was clearly demonstrated what character and hard work together can build. PS Brunswick County has a much better location.

There were informative workshops that including insights on grant writing and proper layering of grants. The networking is always important and as usual I walked away with another funding opportunity and a promise to bring tonight's speaker and the Gotec Bus. I am always mindful that grant dollars are tax dollars paid by our citizens. I also know that most of these grants have already been funded and my job is to bring as many of these dollars back to Brunswick County as I can.

EV Stations.

I met Matthew Wade Deputy Director of Virginia Clean Cities to discuss Electric Vehicle Charging Stations we first met at the Brownfield event at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research. I never leave the Institute without an opportunity for our County. Brunswick County has many locations available that will help fill the EV charging station gap for travelers. We are considering three IDA owned locations to place the chargers. There will be a presentation at a future Board Meeting.

Waterworks

I received the results of total trihalomethane (TTHM) and haloacetic acid (HAA5) analyses that were performed on water samples recently collected on June 13, 2023.

The TTHM maximum contaminant level is 0.080 mg/L and the HAA5 maximum contaminant level is 0.060 mg/L. Compliance with the TTHM and HAA5 maximum contaminant levels is based on the four quarter locational running annual average(s) (LRAA). The operational evaluation level (OEL) is also calculated on a quarterly basis and compared to the maximum contaminant levels as an early warning sign. Based on the results, the waterworks is in compliance with the TTHM and HAA5 maxi contaminant levels. In addition, the waterworks has not exceeded a TTHM or HAA5 operational evaluation level.

Samples for TTHM and HAA5 are due for collection in the fourth week of September 2023.