**GOOD JOBS HERE** is a broad-based effort to create, measure, execute, and foster economic growth and job creation in the Fredericksburg region. Utilizing a GO Virginia grant, the George Washington Regional Commission has partnered with leading local organizations to create a shared understanding of current data, analysis, strengths and opportunities for this region.

**Who?**
This effort focuses on the City of Fredericksburg, and the counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania and Stafford. Our goal is to include a set of diverse voices and viewpoints to inform the plan.

**Why?**
While our region is a great place to live, many of our citizens must commute long distances for work. A community-based, region-wide plan that looks to the future and offers measurable strategic goals is a key step in creating diversified growth.

**How?**
Through a series of three sessions, we will engage the community with high-level speakers and thought-provoking data to reach a consensus on economic development strategies and opportunities to seize going forward.

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This session looks at some of the key demographics and opportunities related specifically to Planning District 16. This will include a look at never before developed data on our workforce, including those who commute, and some unique opportunities we have as a region to develop and grow economically. It also includes a special look at the portions of our population that are working but struggling, so we can be sure to include this population in our long terms plans for success.

In this session, we will first take a step away from Fredericksburg and bring in other regions that have successfully joined together to foster greater economic growth that successfully harnesses what makes them unique. Then we will gather all that we have learned in all three sessions, and turn it into a common set of community-wide goals, with a special view as to how each individual and organization can best contribute to our economic success from our areas of strength and expertise.

How can you get involved?

We need thought-leaders and trusted voices from across the region. We need your commitment to attend all three sessions and to be an active participant in the planning and implementation process.

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