ENHANCED SITES CHARACTERIZATION

GO VIRGINIA BOARD PRESENTATION



OVERVIEW OF THE ENHANCED SITES CHARACTERIZATION EFFORT, POTENTIAL BENEFITS, AND LIMITATIONS

Focus for today's conversation

What we have

• Robust perspective on the **physical development potential** and **location competitiveness** (e.g., talent, quality-of-life, taxes) of 466 sites in 103 localities across the Commonwealth

Who will have this information

- Localities will be the primary owners of their data, free to share with whomever they please (e.g., property owners, utilities). VEDP will strongly encourage localities to share their information with their REDOs and GOVA leaders.
- VEDP can share data on a site's relative attractiveness compared to other regional and/or statewide sites to aid in

How it can be used

- Localities: identify and prioritize sites for investment; enhance current marketing efforts
- Regional groups (e.g., GOVA): aggregate data from localities to inform funding decisionmaking by benchmarking sites relative to each other and against objective measures
- Commonwealth: identify top sites for development, encourage localities to prioritize strategic sites and use relative attractiveness measures to aid funding decisions

Keys for success

- Education: Localities are the linchpins in this effort. They need to submit sites for funding and provide local match. Thus, strong education push is needed.
- Coordination: Pre-prospect funds are available but scattered across various bodies relying on a variety of inputs and data to make funding decisions
- Funding: Local funding match requirements are frequent deterrents, leaving many localities on the sidelines

What to keep in mind

■ Locality-driven; locality-dependent: Even with perfect information, the current pre-prospect site development processes in Virginia require each locality to zone sites appropriately, source matching funding and apply for state-level funding. In short, site development efforts cannot succeed without significant local commitment.

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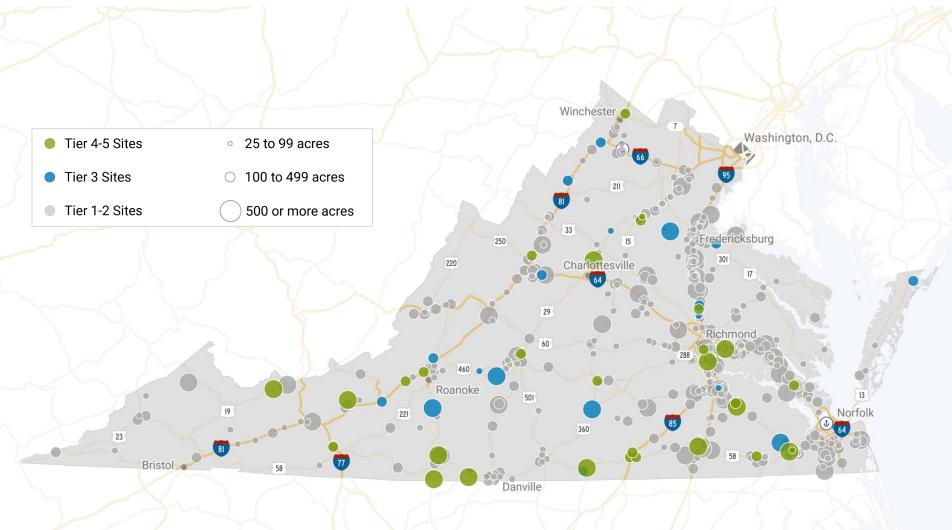
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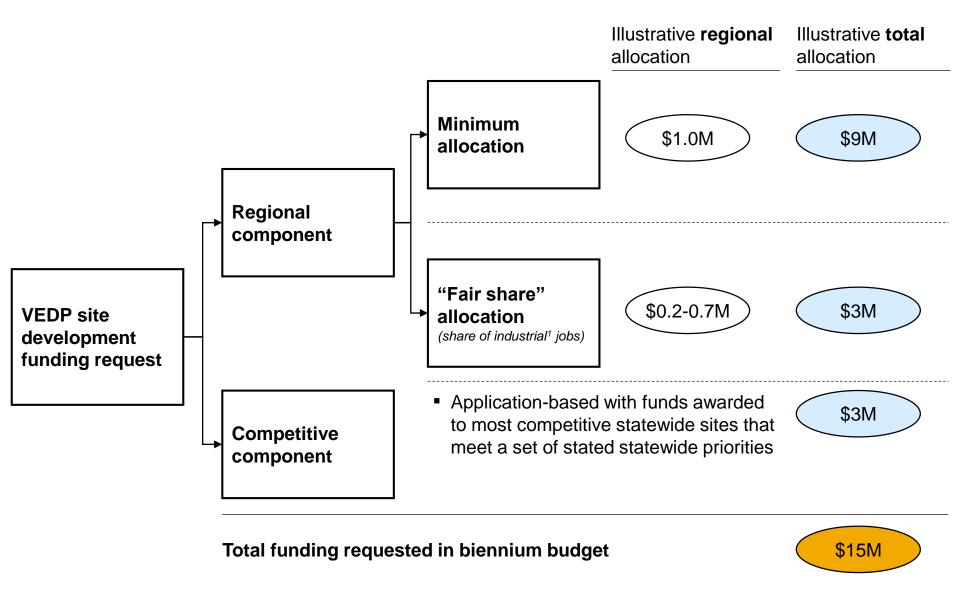
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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND BUY-IN IS CRITICAL

As of December 5, 2019

What have we done?

- Held meetings, webinars and presented updates to stakeholders throughout the process
 - Including GOVA staff and leadership, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, VEDA, VACO, VML, Virginia Business Council, Virginia Chamber of Commerce, REDOs, LEDOs, etc.

Where are we now?

- All information is currently being reviewed by local partners to ensure accuracy (due December 11)
- Continue to engage partners and stakeholder organizations on the initiative, what's next, and how to use the data

What's next?

- Work with engineers and consultants to make any updates needed to data and/or the analysis
- VEDP's Economic Competitiveness team will be hosting roadshows in each GOVA region (Spring 2020)
 - Two-day events will engage local and regional economic developers, local government officials, business leaders, GOVA Councils, etc. on the data and best practices

NEAR-TERM NEXT STEPS

Collaborate to review and share data

- Site reports were sent to localities for review on 11/12/19
- Localities have 30 days to verify information and provide feedback to VEDP
- VEDP will update VirginiaScan following the audit period
- Once localities have reviewed information, they should share with REDO / GOVA or give VEDP permission to share

Evaluate relative attractiveness of sites

- Using aggregated data, evaluate sites using 2-dimensional approach
- Integrate local / regional perspectives for further evaluation
- Collaborate with VEDP when additional analysis is desired

Develop Plan of Action

- Identify sources of local funding
- Coordinate with VEDP to identify state-level funding and prepare applications

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WHAT DRIVES JOB GROWTH? BUSINESS EXPANSION AND ATTRACTION



Today's focus



What businesses look for in a location

Worldclass talent

A place brimming with highquality, hard-working workforce

Suitable sites & buildings

A place with locations that are (close to) ready for operations

Supportive business climate

A place that partners with business to drive growth

Attractive quality-of-life

A place that people want to call home

THE LACK OF READY SITES IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON REASONS VIRGINIA HAS LOST PROJECTS IN THE LAST 3 YEARS

- Over the last decade, Virginia has missed out on tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in capital investment due to a lack of prepared sites
- The absence of developable sites and buildings led to elimination from consideration for at least <u>65</u> projects totaling nearly <u>19,000</u> forgone jobs and over <u>\$5B</u> in capital investment from FY17-FY19

VIRGINIA HAS HISTORICALLY UNDER-INVESTED IN SITE DEVELOPMENT RELATIVE TO PEER STATES

				As of Spring 2019			
State Site program	Overview	Certified sites ¹ , number	Total sites, number	State funding (2018), USD Millions			
North Carolina	North Carolina Certified Sites	 Certification provides comprehensive information about the site including price, availability, utilities, access to highways and utilities, environmental concerns, and potential development costs 		418	\$29M		
South Carolina	Site Certification Program	 The Palmetto Sites Program meets the industrial certification criteria set by McCallum Sweeney Consulting (MSC), including developability and utility 	125	621	\$15M		
♀ Tennessee²	Select Tennessee Certified Sites	 The program sets rigorous standards to give companies detailed information during the site selection process Certification ensures that each site meets high quality standards 	55	450	\$10M		
Alabama	AdvantageSite	 A collaboration between the private sector and state-local governments Geared toward having prepared sites ready for industrial prospects 	60	466	\$2M		
Georgia	Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development (GRAD)	 A proactive effort by Georgia's economic development community to develop available sites ready for industrial development Voluntary program that tied to marketing through the Georgia Allies 	60	523	Confidential		
Virginia	Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP)	 VBRSP is a discretionary program that promotes development and characterization of sites 	43 (30 as of Fall 2019)	588	\$0.6M		

NOTE: Site certification definitions and requirements vary by state. Figures listed represent sites shared on publicly-available state websites as of Spring 2019.



^{*} Based upon the results of the Enhanced Site Characterization effort, Virginia has 30 Tier 4 or 5 ("certified") sites. The figure reflected on this page is from Spring 2019, before the effort started.

^{1.} Certified sites 25 acres or larger. 2. Total state administered funding for Tennessee excludes the Tennessee Valley Authority

VIRGINIA'S LACK OF INVESTMENT IN SITE DEVELOPMENT HAS LEFT VA OUT OF CONSIDERATION AS A TOP STATE FOR SITES

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State	"Shovel ready" sites program rank	Overall cost of doing business rank
TN	1	2
GA	2	T-3
AL	3	T-3
sc	4	T-5
NC	5	8
ОН	6	-
TX	7	1
IN	T-8	T-5
MS	T-8	T-5
KY	T-10	-
LA	T-10	T-9

- Virginia's top geographic competitors, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and North Carolina, ranked 1-5 for Site Development in 2018
- Virginia did not even rank in the top 10 in site development or cost of doing business - two extremely important factors to companies and site selectors

VA's VBRSP program is substantively similar to the other state programs though VBRSP is newer and receives significantly less funding

THE VBRSP TIER SYSTEM WAS CREATED TO DETERMINE WHICH SITES ARE PREPARED AND COMPETITIVE

Raw land



 Raw land identified for development and marketing to prospects

Tier 1-2



 Site controlled for marketing and development

Tier 3



 Zoned industrial/ commercial, due diligence completed

Tier 4-5



- "Project-ready"
- Infrastructure can be in place within 12-18 months

Chances of winning a project increase

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TO REACH THE TOP 10 IN JOB GROWTH, VIRGINIA NEEDS MORE PROJECT-READY SITES AND A ROBUST PIPELINE OF SITES

540K - 770K

Job growth over next 10 years to reach goal of Top 10 fastest growing states

260K - 460K

Incremental job growth (i.e., above current baseline forecasts) required to reach goal

38K - 66K

Manufacturing and distribution/logistics sectors expected share of incremental job growth targets

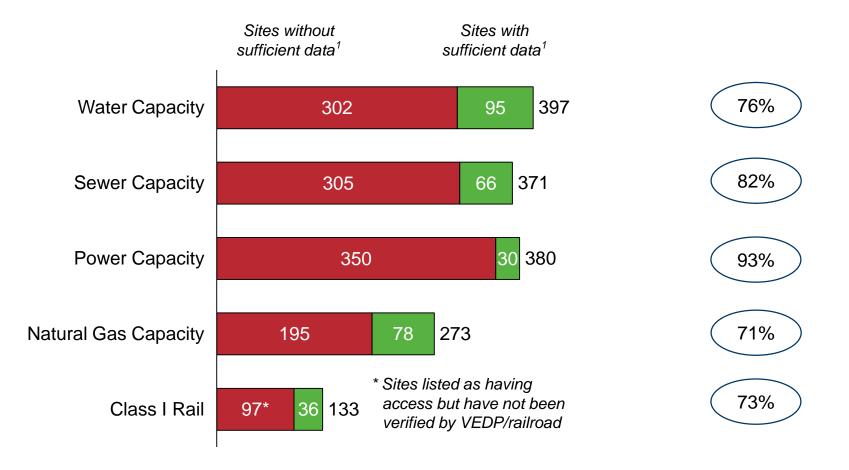
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Additional project-ready sites (above those available for baseline growth) likely needed to support incremental job growth targets

WHEN WE STARTED OUR ANALYSIS, INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT STATE OF OUR SITES WAS SORELY LACKING

Number of sites with access to a category missing detailed data¹

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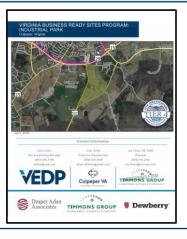
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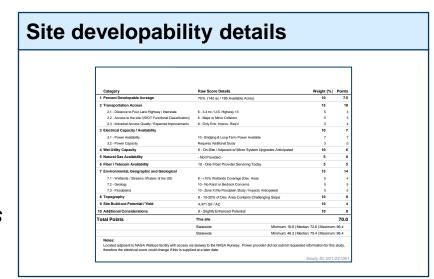
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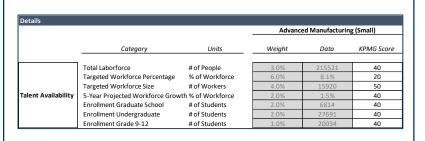
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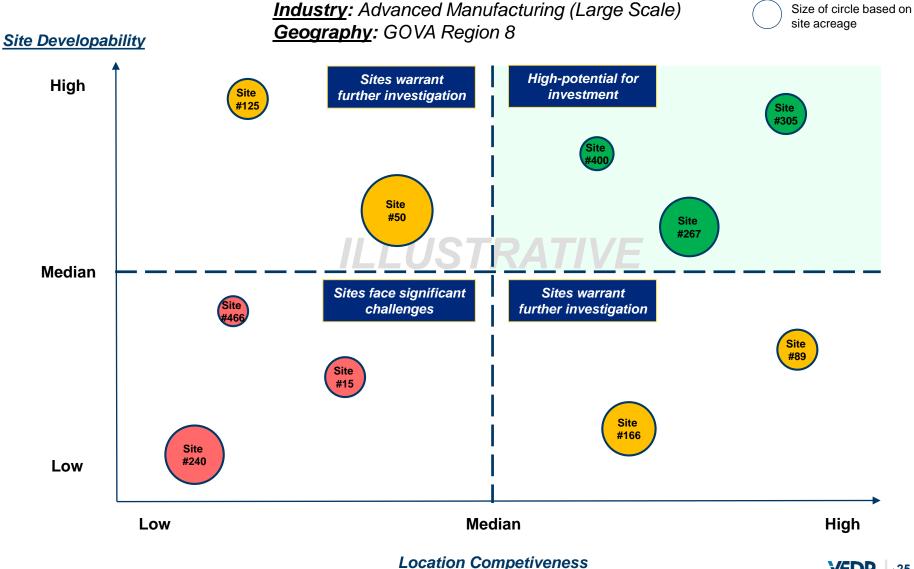




Sector suitability

Property ID		
Site Name		
	Suitability score	Score (0-100)
Mega Projects	Not Considered	-
Super Projects	Not Considered	-
Advanced Manufacturing (Large)	Not Considered	-
Advanced Manufacturing (Small)	Highly Suitable	52
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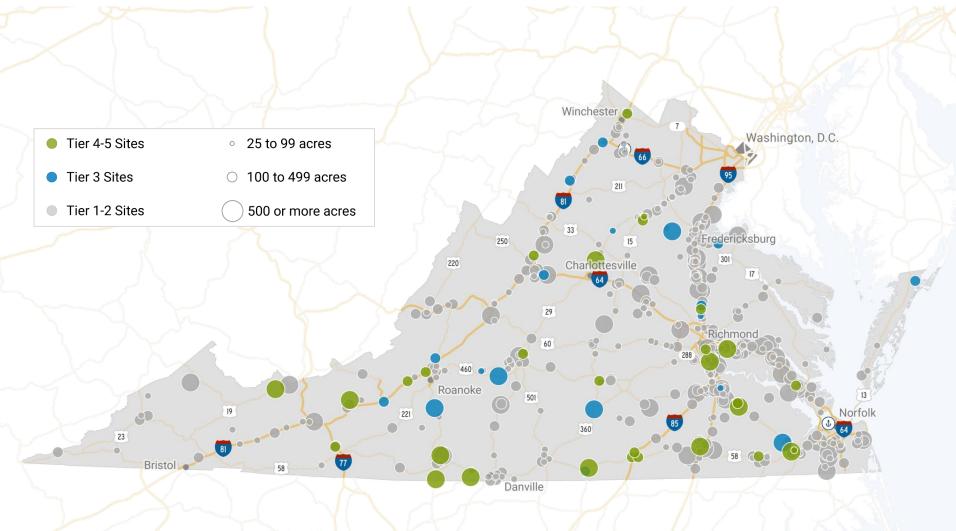
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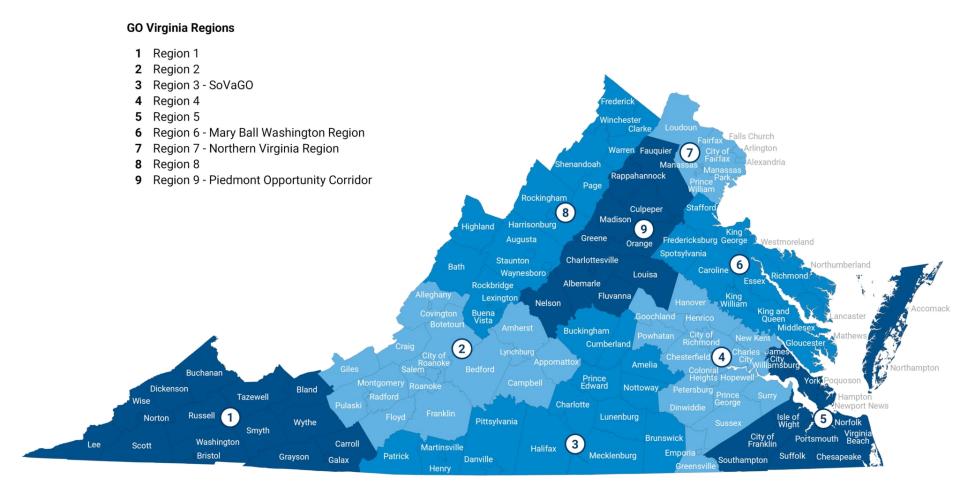
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LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPEDES MANY REGIONS' SITE **DEVELOPMENT** Details to follow

Share of sites within a region facing significant physical obstacles to development ¹	
	More than 50% of sites face significant obstacles
	Between 25-50% of sites face significant obstacles

Transport- ation	Electrical	Wet Utility	Natural Gas	Fiber	
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52%	0%	48%	10%	24%	43%
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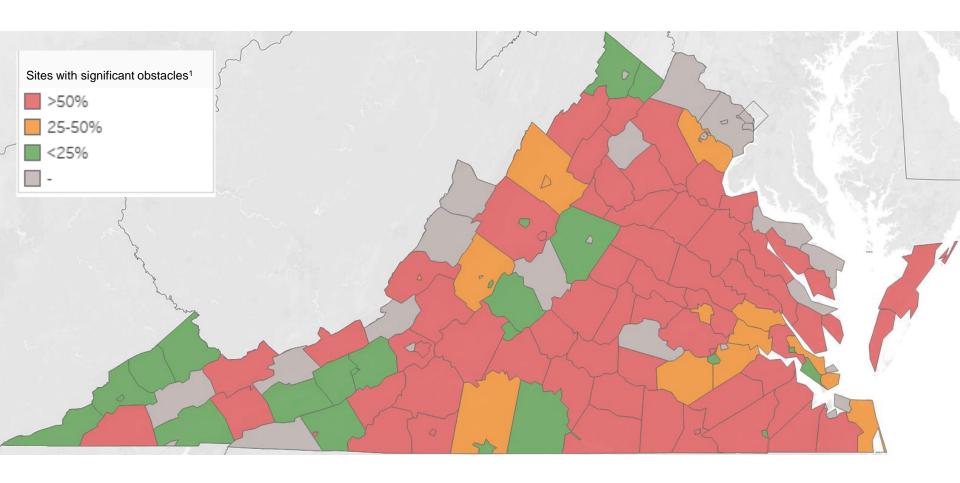
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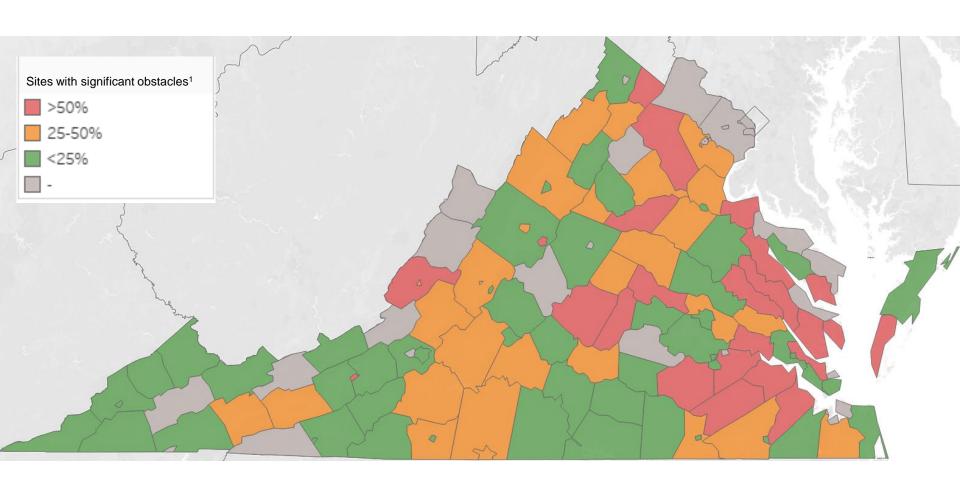
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1. Sites requiring more than 24 months to provide natural gas to a medium industrial user



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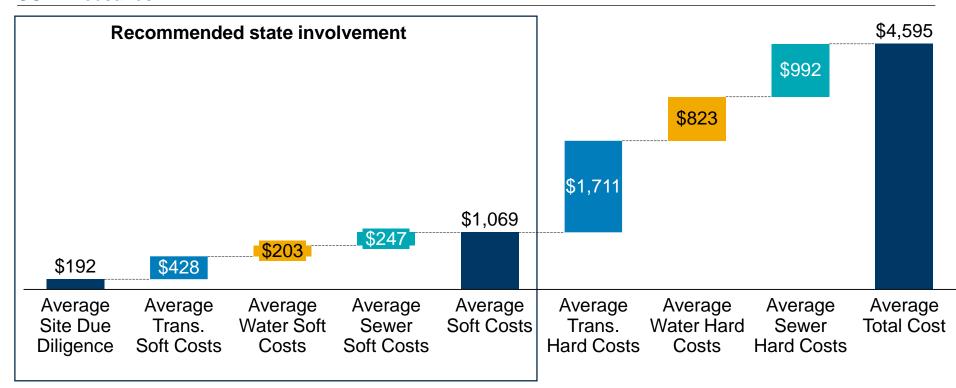
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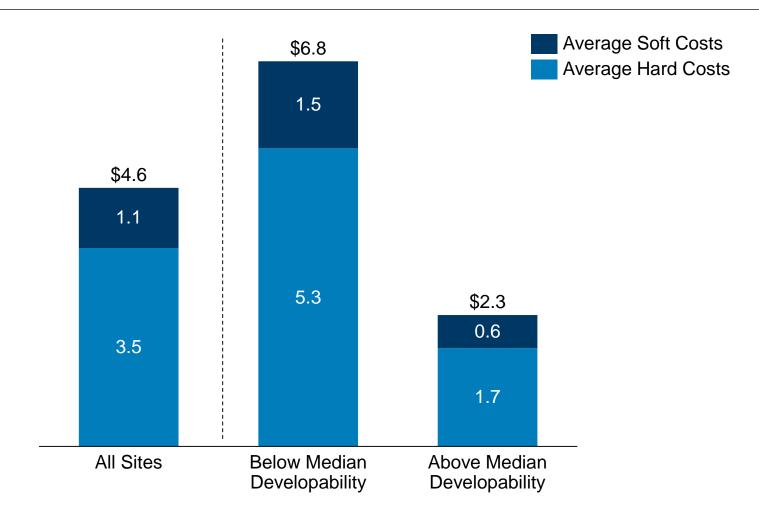




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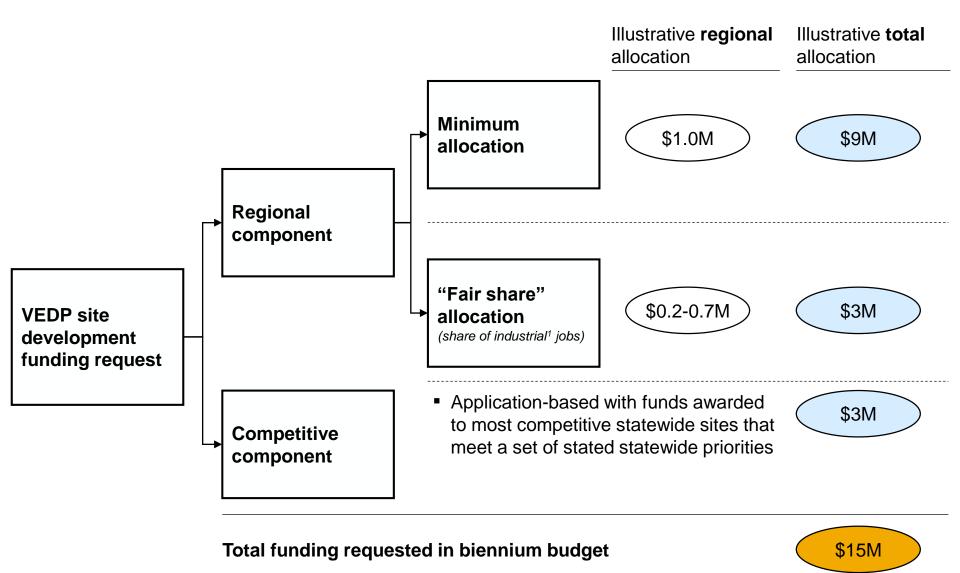
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	Tobacco Commission economic development funds	\checkmark	√	√	■ Geographic	



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND BUY-IN IS CRITICAL

As of December 5, 2019

What have we done?

- Held meetings, webinars and presented updates to stakeholders throughout the process
 - Including GOVA staff and leadership, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, VEDA, VACO, VML, Virginia Business Council, Virginia Chamber of Commerce, REDOs, LEDOs, etc.

Where are we now?

- All information is currently being reviewed by local partners to ensure accuracy (due December 11)
- Continue to engage partners and stakeholder organizations on the initiative, what's next, and how to use the data

What's next?

- Work with engineers and consultants to make any updates needed to data and/or the analysis
- VEDP's Economic Competitiveness team will be hosting roadshows in each GOVA region (Spring 2020)
 - Two-day events will engage local and regional economic developers, local government officials, business leaders, GOVA Councils, etc. on the data and best practices

NEAR-TERM NEXT STEPS

Collaborate to review and share data

- Site reports were sent to localities for review on 11/12/19
- Localities have 30 days to verify information and provide feedback to VEDP
- VEDP will update VirginiaScan following the audit period
- Once localities have reviewed information, they should share with REDO / GOVA or give VEDP permission to share

Evaluate relative attractiveness of sites

- Using aggregated data, evaluate sites using 2-dimensional approach
- Integrate local / regional perspectives for further evaluation
- Collaborate with VEDP when additional analysis is desired

Develop Plan of Action

- Identify sources of local funding
- Coordinate with VEDP to identify state-level funding and prepare applications

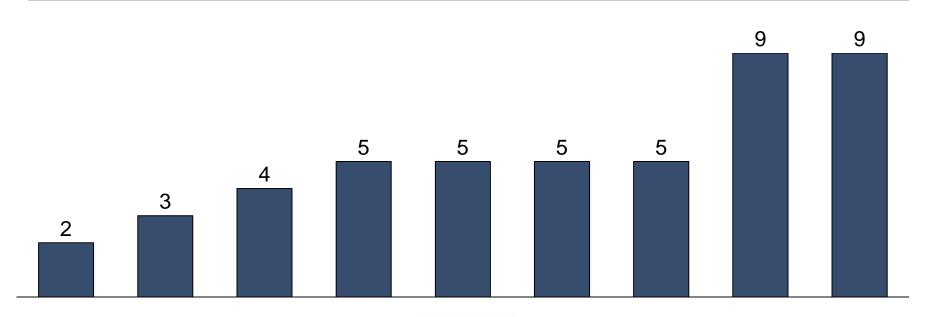
APPENDIX

- Why project-ready sites are important
- What the Enhanced Sites Characterization effort entailed
- What we found (early statewide takeaways)
- What we can (and will) do
- Additional materials

MAJOR PROSPECTS HAVE SHORT TIMELINES AND EXPECT TO START BUILDING IMMEDIATELY, REQUIRING UP-FRONT INVESTMENT

Timelines for project announcements

Initial contact to announcement, months



















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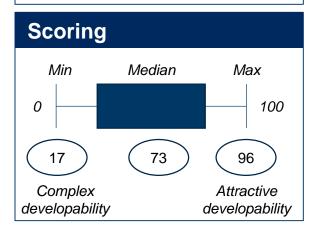




THE SITE DEVELOPABILITY SCORES ARE BASED ON THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERSTICS OF THE SITE

What it is. Why it matters.

- Companies and consultants look at both the site <u>and</u> the location
- Physical requirements (e.g., utility capacities) vary by sector but some characteristics (e.g., environmental, topography) are more challenging to mitigate



Physical characteristics evaluated Percent developable Transportation acreage access Wet utility Electrical capacity / availability capacity Natural gas Fiber / telecom availability availability Environmental. geographic, and Topography geological Site build-out potential / Additional considerations yield

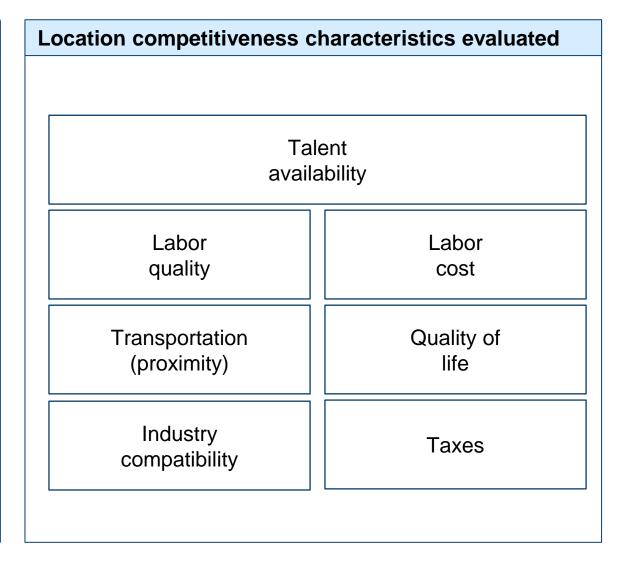




THE LOCATION COMPETITIVENESS SCORES ARE CALCULATED BY SECTOR AND FORCE RANK SITES AGAINST EACH OTHER

What it is. Why it matters.

- Companies and consultants look at both the location <u>and</u> the site
- A location can be defined various ways, including by drive-times
- Sometimes consultants look at the site first but often start with locations for their initial filters



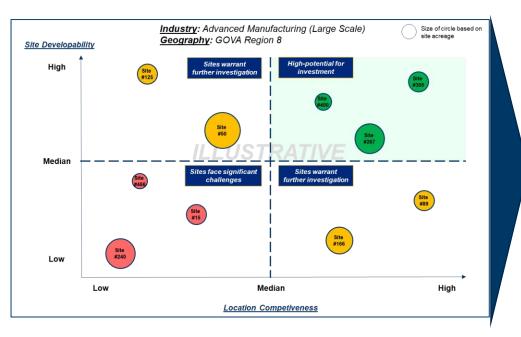
THE SECTOR SUITABILITY SCORES INTEGRATE MINIMUM SIZE THRESHOLDS AND LOCATION COMPETITIVENESS SCORES

What it is. Why it matters.

- The ideal site-location combination depends on the sector and projectspecific needs
- Acreage and workforce thresholds were identified to replicate the initial site selection filtering process and then location competitiveness factors determined suitability

Sectors evaluated **Example industries** Automotive OEM Mega project Automotive Parts Manufacturer Super project Aerospace & Defense Advanced Materials Advanced manuf. Aerospace & Defense (large & small) Food & Beverage, including value-Light manuf. added food manufacturing (large & small) Wood Products Logistics / Distributions Distr. & logistics Online Retailer (large & small)

THIS INFORMATION CAN BE USED TO IMPROVE RESOURCE ALLOCATION DECISION MAKING AT MULTIPLE LEVELS



Regional transformation considerations

- Top right-hand quadrant (GREEN)
 - These sites are top candidates for additional investment
- Top left-hand quadrant (YELLOW)
 - Sites are attractive from a development perspective but less so from location perspective
 - If we were to develop these sites, Virginia's Talent Accelerator could be key to attracting companies
- Bottom right-hand quadrant (YELLOW)
 - Sites are attractive from location perspective, but less so from development perspective
 - Sites in this quadrant should conduct additional due diligence to improve cost estimates and evaluate ROI
- Bottom left-hand quadrant (RED)
 - Look for alternative investments, particularly collaborative investments within the GOVA region

HOWEVER, THESE TWO DIMENSIONS DO NOT TELL THE FULL STORY... OTHER ELEMENTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS WELL

Industry Cluster Concentration

 A strong presence of the target industry in the area will be a major attractor to companies, something that KPMG's analysis does not capture

Recent Project Wins in Target Industry

 Even if the industry is not highly concentrated in a location, recent project wins reflect an attractive value proposition and may serve to attract additional companies (virtuous cycle)

Regional Impact

- Localities / Regions are the best source of detailed information on the transformational potential of a site - they provide this information via their funding applications
- High impact projects may warrant above average development costs

Community commitment

- The most important element to successful site development and project wins is local commitment
- Community commitment, often in the form of matching funding (dependent on community resources), should be strongly considered when evaluating investments

10-year total investment and

THE SITES PORTFOLIO TO ACHIEVE GROWTH TARGETS WILL REQUIRE \$500M+ IN INVESTMENT



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Likely owner/ funder

Details

Covers costs to acquire land

\$75-135M+

details

VEDP staff estimates

Localities

Soft costs (due diligence)

Acquisition

costs

 Includes due diligence, planning and testing requirements related to permitting and environmental impacts

\$25-40M+

Engineer Estimates, August 2019 Commonwealth with local match

Soft costs associated with hard assets

 Includes due diligence and other planning costs associated with infrastructure (water, sewer, access roads) investments

\$80-250M+

Engineer Estimates, August 2019 Commonwealth with local match

Hard costs

 Covers infrastructure* (e.g., water, sewer, and access roads) to ensure site can be "projectready" within 12-18 months

\$0.3-1B+

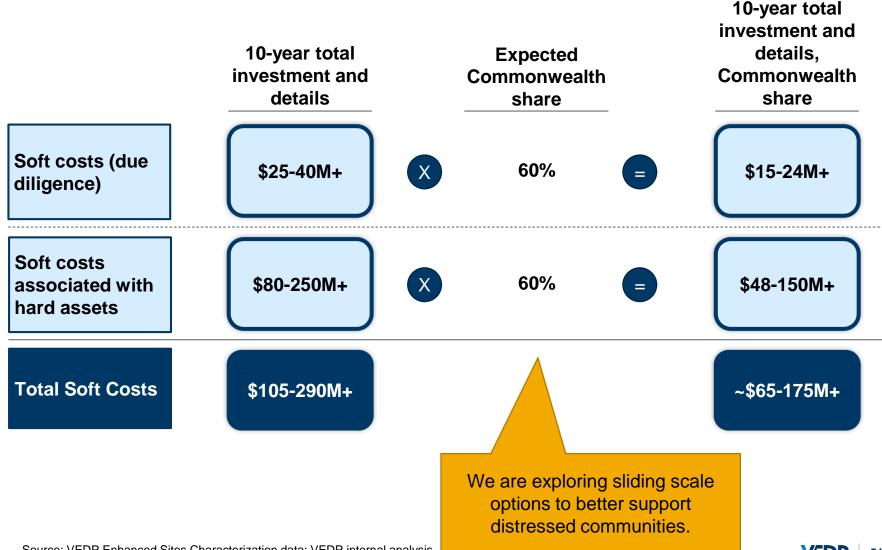
Engineer Estimates, August 2019 Localities (water / sewer) and VDOT (access roads)

Estimated total

\$0.5-1.4B+



THE COMMONWEALTH CAN EXPECT TO SPEND \$65-175M+ IF IT **SPLITS COSTS WITH LOCALITIES 60/40**



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AN EXPANDED VBRSP PROGRAM COULD FILL THE LIKELY GAP BETWEEN EXISTING DEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND NEED

General	prin	ciple
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How this could work (not a final proposal)



Every region participates equitably

Every region will be allocated a certain amount of funding based on two factors: a baseline amount (e.g., \$1M per GOVA region) and an additional amount based on percent of state industrial employment in each region

Each region will be able to prioritize its own sites strategically

Each region will establish a sites advisory committee which will review sites and allocate points (e.g., 0-100 points) to site(s) based on their priorities

Funding will flow to top sites

A funding pool will be established that will fund sites based on a queuing system in which sites are prioritized based on various considerations (e.g., developability, location competitiveness [KPMG score], and regional prioritization)

All state funds will be matched by localities

The Commonwealth will only fund sites that meet a minimum criteria (e.g., size, developability, competitiveness) and receive a requisite local match, which can vary based on each region's economic context

Statewide portfolio objectives will be considered

A share of annual funds (e.g., 20%) will be awarded to the best sites meeting a set of particular objectives via a competitive application process