

Agenda and Meeting Notes (see below)
CVILLE100 General Meeting - August 19, 2025, 6:30-8:30 pm
Peter Gates, Co-chair, moderating

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 853 5996 4534, Passcode: 329932

6:30 pm - Welcome!

All attendees please sign in and upload your reports below.

The next meeting will be September 23rd (note change for Sept to 4th Tuesday).

This meeting is IN PERSON at UVA-Rice Hall - details to follow.

Introduce newcomers to the meeting (Moderator).

General Announcements - Moderator

I. Videos of past presentations are available on our [YouTube channel](#).

III. Here is a link to the [July meeting notes](#).

6:40 pm - Guest Presentation and Current Events

1-Alleyn Harned, Executive Director, Virginia Clean Cities will make brief announcements and describe programs including seeking community input on additional EV charging.

Alleyn is also a steering committee member of [Climate Action Alliance of the Valley](#) and could be a partner occasionally in the wider region.

Graham Sheridan is gathering information for the development EV infrastructure.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJeAOdsgeljG23U6HVeFwCuF1WL63nkwXVL8yIIIEFZ1utlg/viewform>

<https://vacleancities.org/project-sync-share-your-enroute-charge/>

<https://www.charlottesville.gov/1717/EV-Charging-Infrastructure-Grant>

<https://vacleancities.org/event/tech-happy-hour-telematics-for-rural-areas-electric-bus-tracking/> Tim speaking on Thursday free webinar

2- [Sage Bradburn](#), an activist striving to address the upcoming data center 'by right' zones proposed in Albemarle, will present details about the "by right" proposal the Albemarle County board is considering. She will describe her efforts to organize a group of Albemarle County citizens who will work to persuade the Albemarle Board of Supervisors to vote against a by-right data center rule. [Contact her for more information](#) about supporting this effort.

[Here is a link to a document by the Potomac Riverkeepers](#) outlining data centers' environmental impacts and questions localities should ask about each data center before greenlighting construction. This document explains why these questions matter--which might help the BOS understand why they must keep the special permitting process in place.

3- **Rob McGinnis, Piedmont Environment Council (PEC)** - will update their efforts on the development of data centers. [Contact Rob](#) and/or check out PEC's website for detailed information about this effort including the [Community meeting on Sept 16th](#).

4 - **Update on Solar Ordinance** -

7:30 pm - Member Reports and Community Updates

**** See below for Reports and attendee sign-in ****

7:55pm - Special Announcements about Local Community Climate Action

8:00 pm - Adjourn meeting

8:05 pm - After the meeting, for those interested, we hold a community discussion of current events concerning climate change.

CVILLE100 MEETING NOTES from August 19, 2025

Participant sign-in and member updates (below)

Participant Sign-in

Please list your name, organization, email

Alleyn Harned, Executive Director, Virginia Clean Cities, aharned@vacleancities.org

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Guest Presentation Summary

See description above in the Agenda from Virginia Clean Cities and Data Centers in Albemarle update.

Member Update and Announcements

Include your name and your organization's name.

Wren Olivier, Piedmont Group of the Sierra Club

The Piedmont Group decided not to support the current form of the solar ordinance being considered by Albemarle County, due to concerns about the 50 acre by-right provision. The Group is involved heavily in regional data center issues and is opposing a new gas-powered

Tenaska powerplant in Fluvanna County. On October 14, the Group will sponsor a program with Ivy Main, "Benefits of Solar Farms with Distributed Energy."

Bob McAdams, Charlottesville Center for Peace and Justice

We continue to plan our Community Gathering to take place on September 16th, one day after the International Day of Democracy and one day before the U.S. Constitution Day. The event will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church beginning with a potluck dinner at 5:30 followed by a breakout table program at 6:30. The theme for the event is "What can we do to protect our democracy and the institutions created by our Constitution?" CCPJ members will send e-mail invitations to contact people associated with more than seventy organizations, including each of yours. The invitations will have more information about the event and the CCPJ contact for RSVPs and to get more information. The past six months have been unlike any others in our lifetimes. The attacks on our environment are systematic and widespread. How to respond is the question on everyone's mind. We need ideas from as many people as possible, especially yours. Let me know how many people to expect from your organization.

Annette Osso, Resilient Virginia

The 6th Resilient VA Conference took place July 23-24 at James Madison University. Interesting highlights - Greg Steele, the newly hired Chief Resilience Officer for the state, and Matt Wells, Director of VA Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, and reps from VA DEQ (VA Climate Plan), VDOT, and Energy Office. Breakouts focused on the various aspects of resilience - energy, transportation, buildings, natural resource solutions, economics and resilience planning. Go to resilientvirginia.org for information.

Nan Halperin , Citizens' Climate Lobby, Charlottesville

CCL-Charlottesville will hold its summer meeting/social and reading group on Monday, August 25, 5:30-7:30 at Beer Run. All new members, old-timers, and CCL-curious welcome!

- The first hour will include an overview of recent local and national events and actions; updates on lobbying; and brainstorming for fall activities.
- The second hour will be devoted to discussion of our summer-fall Reading Group book, *The Ministry for the Future*, a climate fiction ("cli-fi") novel by American science fiction writer Kim Stanley Robinson published in 2020. We recommend reading through p.154/chapter 38 (and gird yourself--the beginning is rough! It does get better.) We

are slow and deep readers, valuing discussion and community. Join us for good food and friendly solidarity--even if you haven't finished (or even started!) the book.

- Feel free to come for either or both hours; leave early or come late. We usually order dinner and/or drinks, but that is optional.

2. Please attend a postcarding event for the Environmental Voter Project on

Sunday, October 5, 1-3pm at Forest Hills Park in Fifeville, under the picnic shelter. The nonpartisan Environmental Voter Project motivates under-voting climate supporters to come out to the polls. This, their final postcard campaign of 2025, will target environmental voters in Georgia ahead of the November 4 Statewide Public Service Commission Election. Commissioners set rates for the state's electric, natural gas, and telecommunications utilities.

Max Gruenig, POCACITO:

New arts and nature project with Maggie L Walker Governors School, Richmond, teacher: Kristen Macklin, artist: Sirena Pearl (VCU). Students will learn and design a group art project to be shown at an exhibition in October, date tbd.

In September, we will be at New York Climate Week and offer the following free events: 9/24 tour of Jamaica Bay with Jamaica Bay Rockaway Park Conservancy, evening art event with Stein Wexler from Durham, topic: water. Friday, 9/26: electric boat tour of Jamaica Bay. Please contact me if you are interested in any of these.

**Rob McGinnis, Piedmont Environmental Council,
Albemarle County Draft Data Center Ordinance: PEC Community Meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 6-8 p.m.**

While data centers are a part of our modern world, their explosive growth is having unprecedented consequences, with change on local and state levels playing out in real time. These issues are especially concerning as Albemarle County updates its recently passed Data Center Ordinance.

Join us for a community meeting Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 6-8 p.m. to hear from PEC's data center experts about the industry's environmental impacts and how advocating for better regulations and transparency in both the county and the state can help catalyze better outcomes for communities.

The meeting will include an opportunity to ask questions of PEC staff who are working on the ground in Albemarle, Loudoun, Culpeper, and Orange counties, where data center development and pending proposals are particularly concentrated. Detailed maps around the

room will show the proposed data center overlay districts in Albemarle County, as well as the location of increased and larger transmission lines supporting data center growth.

This free event is open to the public, but we ask that you please [register in advance](#).

See our [recent email invitation](#) and [action alert explaining the Data Center Ordinance](#), and connection to data centers at large.

Additional Community Discussion and Resources from the Meeting:

Residential Retrofit Mini-Grant: Charlottesville and LEAP to Provide Residents up to \$2,000

The City of Charlottesville and the Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) are excited to launch a new Residential Retrofit Mini-Grant. This program provides financial assistance to Charlottesville residents who wish to implement energy efficiency improvements in their homes. Eligible households can receive up to \$2,000 to support home energy upgrades, which include measures like heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, duct sealing, attic insulation, and electrical upgrades. The funds can be combined with other incentive programs and support both energy savings and the community's emissions reduction goals. To apply, residents must reside as either a renter or homeowner in the City of Charlottesville and receive an energy assessment with the [Local Energy Alliance Program \(link\)](#). To learn more, visit the [City's program page \(link\)](#) and then sign up through the [Energy Resource Hub \(link\)](#) by selecting "Charlottesville Retrofit Mini Grant" as the topic of interest. Additional questions regarding the process can be directed to resourcehub@leap-va.org.

Ongoing Community Action Announcements:

Randy Fleitman - Indivisible Charlottesville

Join us on Thursday evenings this summer to learn more about the how and why of our fight against fascism.

- [People's Summer Activist Series](#), Every Thursday, 6-8pm, starting May 22, Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, [1901 Thomson Rd](#)

Indivisible Charlottesville website: <https://www.indivisiblecharlottesville.org/>

New Member signup form for Indivisible Charlottesville

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdEKRjgEJPm32nEm53Yx57BrnzxfnLq1MbeatOvtOQERJcTmw/viewform>

Annette Osso, Resilient Virginia

Update on Resilient Together - you can participate in their community engagement meetings being carried out around the Cville & Albemarle area. Or they have a set of information that helps you put together a community meeting to get input on people's climate concerns.

<https://engage.albemarle.org/resilient-together>

MISSION: PURPOSES AND ACTIVITIES

“ Cville100 is organized as a coalition of nonprofit organizations and associations in the Charlottesville/Albemarle County region. The goal of the Cville100 coalition is to educate and mobilize all sectors of the Charlottesville and Albemarle County community to work for the mitigation and - if possible - for the reversal of the climate crisis. This goal shall be enabled in large part by providing facilities for communication about members’ climate-related programs and encouraging support for them between members of the coalition.”

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE VALUES STATEMENT

“ Cville100 and its member organizations are working to support a safe, healthy and clean environment for all people, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin or ancestry, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or income, in any of its activities or operations. For too long, economically disadvantaged communities, tribal communities, and communities of color have been exposed to a disproportionate amount of toxic pollution and the impacts of climate change such as deadlier storms, intense heatwaves, and devastating droughts. We strive to meaningfully involve and value the voices and views of environmental justice communities to ensure that solutions to environmental challenges leave no communities or regions behind. Our work is to support an end to pollution, and to minimize the risks and the impact of damage caused by climate change.”

Our bylaws have been updated to change membership criteria (10/2022):

1. There are no dues at this time. Voluntary contributions are encouraged.
2. Membership is broadened to include organizations that are actively committed and engaged in climate-change- affecting activities including mitigation, adaptation, resilience and education - even if they have no formal “climate mission”.
3. Voting members are any members that attend five or more events in the preceding 12 months.
4. As before, affiliate membership is open to any group eligible for regular membership as well as to screened for-profit entities.