



# Randy Forbes & Chesterfield County

## A Partnership for Local Solutions



### Bringing Over 11,000 Jobs to Region through BRAC Expansion

Congressman Forbes with the assistance of his Fort Lee Advisory Board and elected officials in the Tri-Cities region, effectively partnered to position Fort Lee to nearly double in size through the latest Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process and to protect the work of the Defense Supply Center Richmond. The gain at Fort Lee includes over 11,000 new jobs coming to the area— of which over 4,000 are indirect non-governmental base support and service industry jobs. Fort Lee, once targeted for closure, was one of the largest gainers in the last BRAC round and the federal government is now investing over \$400 million dollars in the region. Congressman Forbes has actively worked to ensure the federal government is funding military construction projects at Fort Lee. The expansion is projected to bring \$200 million in additional tax revenue to the Chesterfield and other surrounding localities through 2013.



### Improving Chesterfield Transportation Infrastructure

Building, expanding, and maintaining a robust transportation network in Chesterfield County is key to the health of the area and critical to the quality of life of its citizens. Congressman Forbes has worked to address the anticipated traffic increases as a result of BRAC expansion by securing funds for road improvement projects through military construction funding and transportation funding. Specifically in Chesterfield County, Congressman Forbes has and continues to work to secure funding for Route 10 Widening and the I-295/Meadowville Interchange.



### Working to Increase Funding for Schools Impacted By BRAC

With the increase in BRAC personnel assigned to Fort Lee comes an increased burden on school systems to educate military children entering the region. Congressman Forbes has fought to increase funding for the Impact Aid program which provides funds to school districts across the nation that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt Federal property or that experience increased expenditures due to the enrollment of federally connected children, including military dependent children.



### Investing in Projects to Bring Economic Development & Tourism

Congressman Forbes has partnered with elected officials in the Tri-Cities area and has secured funding to dredge the Appomattox River to restore the river as a navigable waterway, improve commercial use of the river, and create recreational facilities such as a harbor, pier, park and other amenities that will enhance economic development and a downtown revitalization.



### **Equipping Chesterfield Law Enforcement and First Responders**

Chesterfield is safest when our local law enforcement and first responders have cutting edge tools that give them a technological advantage to serve you better. Congressman Forbes has worked to bring federal dollars for technology improvements for Chesterfield law enforcement such as laptop computers, in-car cameras, and hardware and software upgrades. He has also worked to secure funding to be used to increase the effectiveness of Chesterfield firefighting operations, firefighter health and safety programs, new fire apparatus, emergency medical service programs, and fire prevention and safety programs. In short, those who put their lives on the line to ensure the safety of Chesterfield are safer and better equipped.



### **Fighting Cyber-Crime in Chesterfield County**

Congressman Forbes and Chesterfield County are partnering to secure funding to develop a program for cyber security training to promote a security conscious culture and to reduce the number of consumers that fall prey to illegal cyber activities such as identity theft.



### **Enhancing Homeland Security Initiatives to Protect Chesterfield County**

History has taught us that in an emergency, whether it be personal or national, one of the most crippling factors can a lack of information. Congressman Forbes is working hand-in-hand with Chesterfield County to secure funding for two projects. An Emergency Communication Center dovetailed with improved infrastructure will provide information to public safety providers and citizens alike on issues such as criminal activity, terrorist activity, or natural disasters.



### **Partnering to Enhance Tourism and Historical Appreciation of Local Landmarks**

Recreation and park lands are important pieces of quality of life in the area. Congressman Forbes is working to secure funding for an Appomattox River Heritage Trail Project which will include provides a pedestrian and bicycle pathway along the Appomattox River for leisure and historical interpretative purposes.



### **Working to Bring Innovative Programs to Virginia State University**

Congressman Forbes has worked closely with Virginia State University to develop a partnership for the purpose of bringing world-class innovative education programs to campus. Currently, he is working to fund an Institute for Food Safety and Agro-Security, a Logistics Program Partnership with Fort Lee, and a Center for International Diplomacy and Economics. Congressman Forbes is also a champion in Congress for closing the “digital divide” at our nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities. His legislation to establish a grant program to assist HBCUs in the procurement of technology recently passed the House of Representatives.



### **Partnering with Chesterfield to Address Mental Illness and Drug Addiction**

Congressman Forbes is working to secure funding for a Chesterfield Dual Treatment Track program for non-violent defendants that suffer from both a mental illness and substance abuse addiction. The program uses “best practices” models to divert individuals from the local jail who are of minimal threat to the community, yet in serious need of both substance abuse and mental health services and works to bring about change in the lives of the offenders and their families, as they lead more productive, healthy and responsible lives.



### **Expanding Science and Technology Educational Opportunities in Chesterfield**

Congressman Forbes has worked to secure funding for a Chesterfield Aviation Museum and Science Education Center designed to provide hands on science education, directly connected to required Standards of Learning (SOL) skills, to school-aged children from throughout the region. The goal of this project is to help students develop science skills and technical knowledge.



### **Funding Drainage and Water Infrastructure Projects in Rayon Park**

Congressman Forbes worked to secure funds to make improvements in drainage and wastewater systems in Rayon Park an area suffering from a larger-than-average incidence of septic tank failures, and the need to install the necessary piping to remedy the poor drainage and standing water problems.



### **Partnering to Protect Environmental Resources in Chesterfield County**

Congressman Forbes has partnered with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to secure funds to protect and restore the land bordering waterways in Chesterfield County, known as riparian buffers, which play an integral role in the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem.