



Randy Forbes & the Tri-Cities

A Partnership for Local Solutions



Bringing Over 11,000 Jobs to Tri-Cities 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). 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 surrounding localities through 2013.



Improving Tri-Cities' Transportation Infrastructure

Building, expanding and maintaining a robust transportation network in the Tri-Cities region 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 through transportation funding. Projects he has and is working on include the development of a Regional Transit Multi-Modal Transit Center, bus replacement in Petersburg, access road and gate improvements in Prince George County, and the improvement of the I-95 Interchange at Temple Ave.



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.



Preserving American Historical Treasures in the Tri-Cities Region

The Tri-Cities region is home to numerous historical sites of national importance. Congressman Forbes has worked to and is working to secure funding for projects such as the Battersea Stabilization and Conservation Project, the Lee Memorial Park Preservation and Restoration Project, the Southside Depot Petersburg National Battlefield Visitor Contact Station, and the Peabody Williams Building Project. He has also worked to secure funding for streetscape enhancements and historical interpretation projects in the region.



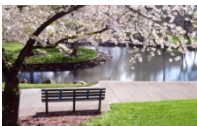
Partnering to Bring Innovative and Effective Gang Prevention and Prosecution Programs to the Tri-Cities Region

Gangs have no place in the Tri-Cities region. Congressman Forbes has introduced federal legislation to aid prosecutors and law enforcement officers in breaking down gang structures in local communities and is partnering with local elected officials in Petersburg to secure funding to develop a comprehensive prevention, suppression and intervention strategies related to gangs and gang-related crimes. In addition he has worked to secure funds for after-school recreational and educational activities in the area designed to provide youth with alternatives to drugs or crime.



Equipping Law Enforcement and First Responders

The Tri-Cities area 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 Tri-Cities 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 Tri-Cities 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 the Tri-Cities area are safer and better equipped.



Partnering to Enhance Tourism and Historical Appreciation of Tri-Cities Landmarks

Recreation and park lands are important pieces of quality of life in the Tri-Cities 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.