



LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

What is the Legislative Services program?

Through the TJPDC Legislative Services program, the interests and positions of the region's localities are represented before the state legislature and other state policymakers. Much of this effort occurs at the General Assembly during January-March of each year as well as, during the off season, when legislative study committee meetings and other meetings of interest to local governments are monitored.

The Legislative Services team relays important information to the local government elected officials and staff and seeks feedback on issues being considered during the General Assembly and study committee meetings. Such information then is shared with our state legislators.

With input from the region's local governing bodies, a regional legislative program is developed and approved each year. During the General Assembly, an informational newsletter highlighting legislative activity is produced and distributed about every 10 days. This newsletter is prepared monthly throughout the remainder of the year. A final summary of legislative action also is developed following adjournment of the legislative session.

How is information informing the interests and positions of members of the PDC region collected?

Through monitoring of legislative actions, meetings and studies by the legislature and state entities, and participating in policy-making meetings of statewide organizations, such as the Virginia Municipal League and Virginia Association of Counties, which represent local governments statewide.

How do TJPDC's Legislative Services affect the region's ability to interact with the state?

Through relationships with legislators and their staff, state agencies and knowledge of the legislative and regulatory processes.

Does the Legislative Services program work with similar efforts from other regions?

The TJPDC shares its legislative information with other regions, which also may receive information from other organizations, with which the TJPDC interacts. The TJPDC also helps coordinate legislative positions for the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions.