

STAUNTON CROSSING BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE



April 9, 2026

Original Business Plan Stakeholders

EDA

City Council

City Staff

Virginia Economic Development
Partnership (VEDP)

Shenandoah Valley Partnership
(SVP)

Private Development Partners

Buckingham Branch Railroad



Current Target Industries

Advanced Manufacturing

Logistics/Transportation

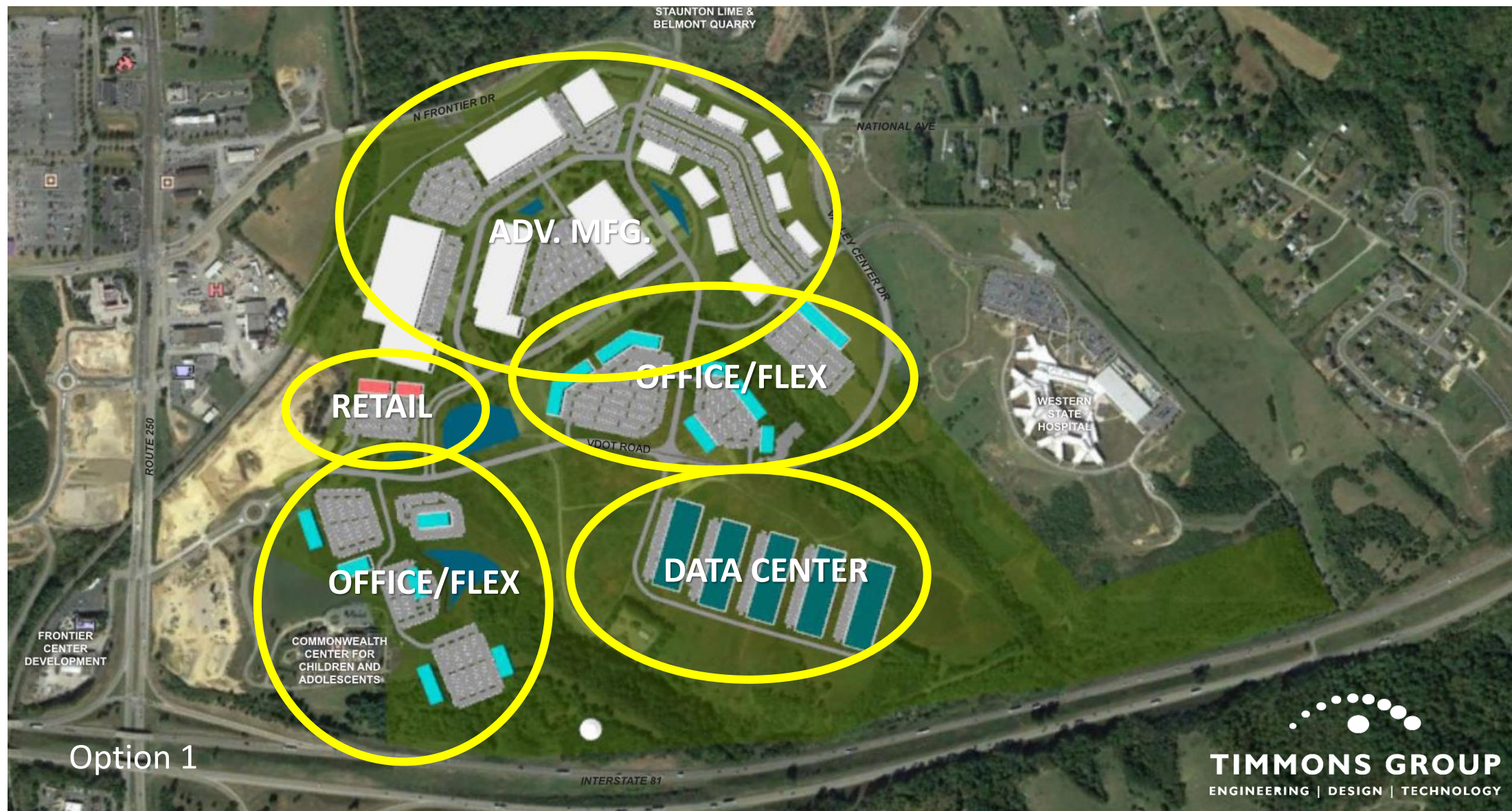
Food & Beverage/ Agricultural

Professional Services

Rail-Oriented Industry

Data Centers/Mission Critical

The Staunton Crossing Plan



The Staunton Crossing Plan

THE BIG PICTURE



TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE

2,115,000

2,047,500

2,497,500

1,840,000

\$\$ OF CAPITAL INVESTMENT

\$292,613,347

\$289,218,028

\$341,263,364

\$264,000,000

REAL ESTATE TAXES

\$2,831,488

\$2,793,040

\$3,295,261

\$2,152,000

MACH. & TOOL TAXES

\$707,400

\$1,275,750

\$1,545,750

\$1,885,000

JOBS

2448

2869

1537

3250

TAXES PER ACRE

\$10,724

\$12,330

\$14,670

\$12,233

JOBS PER ACRE

7.4

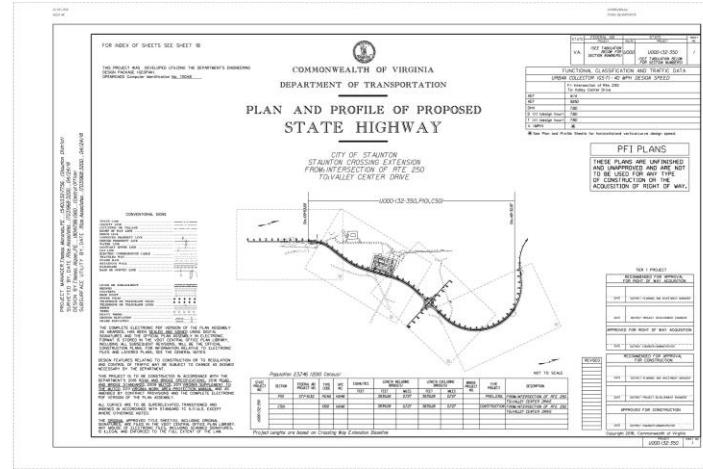
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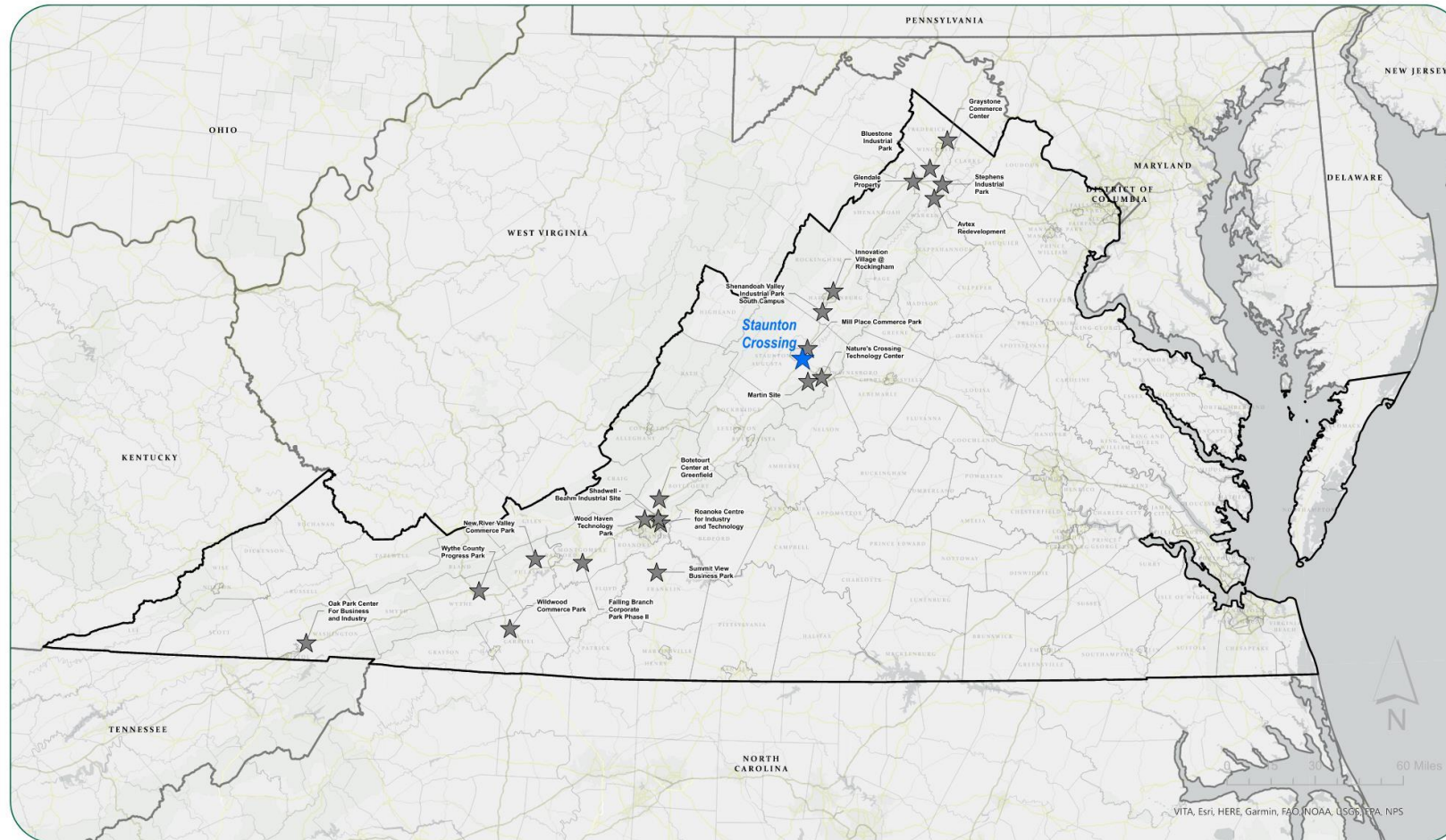
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Original Recommendations

1. Demolish Existing Buildings
2. Build New VDOT Road
3. Brownfields Grant Funding
4. ROI Analysis
5. Tier 4 Site Readiness Certification
6. Develop Marketing Plan
7. Draft Design Guidelines Agreements
8. Draft Covenants & Restrictions
9. Data Center Strategies
10. Get Ready for Construction



Marketing Plan



Staunton Crossing - Competitor Sites
Augusta County, VA



Marketing Plan

High Priority

Site Readiness

Development Timeline

Emphasizing Unique
Characteristics

Medium Priority

Workforce and Training
Availability

Infrastructure
Availability and
Redundancy

Low Priority

Site Location

Visibility

Access to Market

Transportation

Get Ready for Construction



Get Ready for Construction



Tier 4 Certified in 2026

\$9 Million Grant for Staunton Crossing Infrastructure

Aug. 9, 2024 –The City of Staunton has been awarded a \$9 million grant by the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP) to fund infrastructure improvements at Staunton Crossing.

New Staunton Water Tower Rises Over I-81 as Construction Reaches Major Milestone

Nov. 25, 2025 – Holiday travelers driving I-81 this week may notice a striking new feature on Staunton’s skyline. The City of Staunton’s new 1-million-gallon elevated water storage tank at [Staunton Crossing](#) has reached a major construction milestone with the lift of its 264-ton steel bowl.

<https://www.facebook.com/timmonsgroup/videos/1239495318119278/>

Original Recommendations

- 1. Develop a diverse, internal marketing team for Staunton Crossing.*
- 2. Increase Staunton Crossing's online searchability targeted at site selection decision-makers.*
- 3. Create a target marketing portfolio.*
- 4. Building on current marketing material, create industry specific support material concentrating content on data most important to those industries targeted.*
- 5. Create a stronger presence for Staunton Crossing through social media outlets.*
- 6. Develop an ongoing campaign to disseminate news and updates focused on the development and activity related to Staunton Crossing.*
- 7. Host "on-site" visits to Staunton for site selection decision-makers which spotlight Staunton Crossing.*
- 8. Improve the physical site visibility and appearance of Staunton Crossing from I-81.*

Current Trends to Consider

1. **Pharmaceutical Manufacturing**
2. **Mission Critical/Data Centers/Supply Chain**
3. **On-site Energy Generation**
4. **AI Site Elimination vs. Site Selection**
5. **Where will my employees come from?**
6. **Where will my employees live?**
7. **Creative Tax Strategies**
8. **Strategic Target Marketing**
9. **Placemaking/Story Telling**
10. **GameDay Strategies**

Virginia is a Top State for Business (CNBC, 2025)

Virginia has placed in the top 5 states for eight years running. Major investments in education, infrastructure, business friendliness, quality of life, technology and innovation, and access to capital solidified Virginia's No. 4 spot. Virginia moved into the top 10 for the quality of life and technology and innovation categories, landed No. 2 for infrastructure and finished as the No. 1 state for education.

Recommendations

- 1. Review previously completed Business Plan and all efforts since it's completion including marketing updates, infrastructure improvements, prospect test-fits and visits, and debriefs from VEDP and/or SVP**
- 2. Prepare for and conduct a kickoff work session to be scheduled as part of the EDA's monthly scheduled meetings to review the current plan and layout a plan for updates**
- 3. Revisit the goals of the current Business Plan and provide a re-fresh regarding the target jobs/acre and revenue/acre based on our experience with other similar projects.**
- 4. Review the target markets outlined in the Business Plan and work with the City, VEDP and SVP to make sure the property aligns with the updated marketing efforts and prospects anticipated in 2026 and beyond**
- 5. Provide a refreshed DRAFT of the Business Plan and updated master planning graphics at a regularly scheduled EDA meeting**
- 6. Provide an Updated Business Plan**