

AI Economy Action Framework

CEO Council discussions and guidance on workforce and the AI economy led to the formation of an informal working group to examine regional AI economy opportunities and challenges. The working group convened for several months and identified key themes across talent, innovation, commercialization, infrastructure, capital formation, and regional coordination. Those findings directly informed an RFP issued by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), and **NVRC has selected a nationally recognized consulting firm to lead implementation and is currently completing contract negotiations.**

The work will proceed in three phases:

- **Phase 1:** Synthesize research on regional AI economy opportunities and challenges and identify five to eight priority actions
- **Phase 2:** Convene key stakeholders through an AI Action Summit to advance those actions
- **Phase 3:** Produce an implementation framework to guide execution and ongoing collaboration

Upon contract execution, Phase 1 - funded by AttainX – will launch. Across an expected eight-week timeline the consultant will develop an action-oriented assessment of Northern Virginia's AI economy, inventorying regional assets and barriers across the AI value chain, including workforce pipelines, innovation and commercialization supports, funding and incentive programs, public-private partnerships, and relevant policy factors. The output will be a focused set of priority actions with identified stakeholders, enabling conditions, and near-term implementation steps.

Simultaneously, the consultant will develop a private-sector sponsorship strategy to fund the AI Action Summit and subsequent implementation. Once Phase 1 priorities and the sponsorship strategy are finalized, NVRC and DEI staff will reengage the original working group to launch Phases 2 and 3.

Housing Production

The December 16, 2025 CEO meeting featured a discussion on Employer Perspectives on Housing, highlighting housing affordability as a pressing economic concern for Fairfax County businesses and their workforce. Insights from this discussion informed interagency efforts to expand housing access and production — including streamlining development approvals, evaluating incentives, and advancing homeownership tools.

The Housing Task Force developed 33 initiatives spanning the levers within the County's control. In May 2026 the [Housing Task Force Action Plan Overview](#) presented initiatives organized in the following areas:

1. Encourage new Housing Development Through County Policies
2. Create Policies to Defray Costs of Affordable Housing
3. Improve Coordination in Development Review
4. Simplify Requirements & Improve Transparency
5. Expand the Suite of Tools for Affordable Housing
6. Foster More Collaborative All-Parties Culture Oriented to 'yes, if...' and not 'no, because...'
7. Build, attract, & Retain Strong Economic Partnerships

Task Force leads have begun implementing the supported initiatives and updates will be presented to the Board of Supervisors semi-annually.