



**Renewed Declaration of Cooperation
Between the Northern Virginia Regional Commission
And the Verband Region Stuttgart**

REALIZING that since 1999, reaffirmed in 2004, 2009 and in 2014, the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) and the Verband Region Stuttgart (VRS), inaugurated one of the first partnerships between regional councils in Europe and North America and today stands as a model for transatlantic cooperation;

APPRECIATING that this partnership is unique and exceptional for the outcome-oriented focus through transfers and applications of policy and technical innovations mutually benefitting the economies, environments and communities of both regions;

RECOGNIZING the common environmental, economic development, and human services challenges that both the Stuttgart and Northern Virginia regions still confront and how this partnership must be used to find and apply solutions to those challenges;

NOTING the strong mutual interest in strengthening cooperation between the Northern Virginia and Stuttgart regions through our respective business, research, academic, technological and non-governmental partner institutions;

The Verband Region Stuttgart and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission agree to continuing work together over the next five years on the mutually beneficial exchange and application of policy and technical innovations in the thematic areas of:

- 1) regional planning and regional development;
- 2) green infrastructure planning;
- 3) climate mitigation and adaptation policies;
- 4) sustainable energy management;
- 5) sustainable urban mobility and infrastructures;
- 6) environmental restoration / development;
- 7) applied research in support of sustainable development at the local level and,
- 8) economic development and workforce training

This partnership shall be renewed and valid for five (5) years, starting at the time of signature by both partners of a mutually acceptable and translated agreement in English and German.

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