The Greater Richmond Convention Center represents the largest regional collaboration in state history.

Last Virginia city to [illegible] a "community development authority" (CDA) [illegible] million. As a result, Richmond is a [illegible] among other Virginia localities in need of money for their own urban projects.

Richmond is known for its abundant landmarks, enhanced by nearly four centuries of history. From the state Capitol and the renowned Main Street Train Station to the Edgar Allan Poe Museum and the Tredegar National Civil War Center, the city's menu of historic attractions offers something for most everyone.

With an abundance of diverse architectural styles across the city, Richmond also is a darling of the film industry. "Line of Fire," a recent ABC TV series, was staged here in addition to independent movies such as "[illegible] Angels," "The Contender" and "Hannibal."

Richmond is known for a fast-growing "creative class" of urban professionals ranging from artists and musicians to historians and research[illegible]. Richmond is among only a handful of mid-sized cities to offer a flourishing cultural community enhanced by several first-rate museums and great large universities, its own symphony, professional ballet and opera, and numerous theater companies and art galleries.

With its proximity to the ocean, mountains and Washington, D.C., Richmond also features [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] sports [illegible] attractions, [illegible] parks such as the [illegible] and [illegible] the city's 60 parks that encompass more than 1,200 acres.

With the scenic James River meandering through its center, Richmond has long been the [illegible] of outdoor enthusiasts who treasure the city's natural resources.

One of the nation's largest urban park systems, the James offers some of the best urban whitewater rafting in the U.S. as well as canoeing, kayaking and rock climbing. [illegible], catfish and abundant American shad and small mouth bass [illegible] the [illegible], making American bald eagles, ospreys, [illegible] and [illegible] Richmond their home.

For the [illegible] population, whether they live, work or play here, Richmond offers a [illegible] that provides virtually no [illegible] to personal enjoyment.

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