



VRSA

Virginia Risk Sharing Association



Local Government Consulting

We offer the consulting services of two former local government managers with a combined 50+ years of experience. Together, they are focused on building relationships with members, local and regional governmental organizations, and partner associations.

Services include:

- Assisting local public entities identify and plan for emerging risks and challenges.
- Providing advice, support, and guidance pertaining to local public entity operations and services.
- Leadership consulting:
 - Council/manager governance
 - Community relationship management
 - Ethics
 - Strategic planning
 - Effective service delivery



Peter Stephenson

Local Government Relations Manager

Stephenson joined VRSA in 2018, consulting with members to help identify and respond to challenges faced by local governments.

He brings more than 32 years of experience in local government, including more than

20 years as manager of the Town of Smithfield. He previously served localities as a deputy town manager and principal planner. Stephenson served for more than 10 years on the VRSA Members' Supervisory Board.

Stephenson is a Virginia Local Government Management Association (VLGMA) and International City/County Management Association (ICMA) life member and retired credentialed member, as well as VLGMA past president. He is also a Certified Planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).



Brian Thrower

Local Government Relations Manager

Thrower brings more than 25 years of local government experience, having served as a city, county, and town manager/administrator for various localities throughout Virginia.

He is an ICMA Credentialed Manager and a Virginia Association of Zoning Officials (VAZO) Certified Zoning Administrator (CZA). Thrower received his ICMA 25 Years of Service award in October 2025.

He is a two-time VLGMA Executive Committee Member, and past chair and member of the VRSA Members' Supervisory Board.



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