

FACT SHEET

Economic Impact and Community Benefits

Aggregates play a vital role in our daily lives as the primary component in concrete and asphalt which are essential for constructing roads and bridges, homes, businesses, schools, hospitals and places of worship. Aggregates also are used in everyday products such as paper, glass, medicines, and fertilizer.

Similar to the need for other utilities such as water, power, and wastewater treatment, an aggregates operation is an essential component of our community's infrastructure, providing a cost-effective, local source of an essential commodity.

Virginia's Aggregate Producers...

- Provide local jobs and stimulate economic development.
- Employ 2,900 aggregate miners and 8,500 contractors across Virginia.
- Generate a payroll of approximately \$128 million annually.
- Produce 67.3 million tons of aggregate valued at approximately \$1.2 billion worth (2012 figures).
- Contributes to the local tax base. Often, aggregate operations are "net" tax generators to the community; they put little to no burden on public services, i.e. Water, Sewer, Schools, Police, Fire, Rescue, etc.
- Provide green space for local communities as much of the property remains undeveloped and undisturbed. They are a haven for wildlife.
- Are long-term community members.

