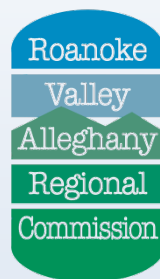


Regional Report Card *2010 Update*



A compilation of various regional cooperative activities currently being undertaken by the counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke; the cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem; and the towns of Clifton Forge, Rocky Mount and Vinton



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REGIONAL REPORT CARD

2010 Update

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission serves its member governments, citizens, and businesses by actively promoting inter-jurisdictional communication, coordination, and cooperation on issues affecting the district and by providing local technical assistance.

OVERVIEW

In 2010, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission began gathering information from its member jurisdictions to assess the level of regional cooperation. The Commission received numerous reports from local governments about the types of cooperative activities in which they are involved. From the material received, the staff of the Commission compiled this report, an update to the 2006 edition of the Regional Report Card.

The purpose of the Regional Report Card is to address the lack of understanding about the level of regional cooperation taking place. The Report Card highlights how local governments are working together to address issues of concern to businesses and citizens.

One hundred and seventeen (117) multi-jurisdictional cooperative programs and/or projects are cited in the report. These activities range from two governments working together to involvement by ten or more governments on a specific activity. The report also highlights that local governments work cooperatively with numerous federal and state agencies on issues affecting this region.

The cooperative activities cited in the “Report Card” are divided into ten categories: Economic Development; Education; Environment; General Government; Libraries; Parks/Recreation; Public Safety; Public Works and Facilities; Social and Human Services; and Transportation.

With the advent of additional venues for regional leaders to meet and discuss issues of regional significance, the level of regional cooperative action among local governments (and the business community) has grown significantly in the previous decade. Some of these venues include:

- (1) Regional Leadership Trips (initiated in 1997 by the Coalition for Economic Development as a means of illustrating how other regions are addressing issues that may have relevance to our region);

- (2) Mayors and Chairs meetings (regular meetings of the Mayors of the region's cities and towns and the Chairs of the county boards of supervisors that are coordinated by the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission);
- (3) Chief Administrative Officials (CAO) meetings (bi-monthly meetings of Chief Administrative Officials to discuss local government issues; twice a year, the CAO's meet jointly with CAO's from the New River Valley); and
- (4) Regional Legislative Meeting (annual meeting between officials from the Roanoke Valley and the Alleghany Highlands and State legislators to discuss issues of regional concern).

The Regional Commission is hopeful that this document will help to dispel the widely held idea that local governments do not or often will not work together. The truth, as evidenced in this Regional Report Card, is that there is much cooperation going on in the region. In the future will there be more opportunities for even higher levels of regional cooperation? The answer is an unqualified "Yes". The Regional Commission feels that the sense of "regionalism" is continuing to grow and that we will see additional efforts in the future to work cooperatively on issues of regional concern.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Participants: City of Covington, County of Alleghany, and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate.

Purpose: To plan and implement strategies for economic development in the Alleghany Highlands.

Web Address: <http://www.allhighlands.org>

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Participants: City of Covington and the County of Alleghany.

Purpose: To promote industrial development in the Alleghany Highlands area.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS ENTREPRENEUR EXPRESS WORKSHOPS

Participants: Alleghany County, City of Covington, Town of Clifton Forge, Virginia Department of Business Assistance, Dabney S. Lancaster Community College, Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation, Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Purpose: To hold regional events to educate and assist existing and potential entrepreneurs.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS REGIONAL ENTERPRISE ZONE

Participants: City of Covington, County of Alleghany, and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate.

Purpose: Enables these jurisdictions to offer new and existing businesses within the Zone sites, special local and state incentives to expand existing businesses or to build new businesses in the Zone sites.

JACK C. SMITH INDUSTRIAL PARK (MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PARK DEVELOPMENT & REVENUE SHARING)

Participants: Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke.

Purpose: Both counties worked together in designing and funding the facility and revenue sharing agreement.

ROANOKE VALLEY - ALLEGHANY REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Participants: Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, and Roanoke; the Cities of Covington, Roanoke, and Salem; and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Vinton.

Purpose: To help coordinate economic development efforts and obtain funding support from various federal and state resources.

Web Address: <http://www.regionalstrategy.org>

ROANOKE VALLEY-ALLEGHANY REGIONAL COMMISSION

Participants: Cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke; and the Towns of Clifton Forge, Rocky Mount and Vinton

Purpose: To provide a forum to promote inter-jurisdictional communication, coordination and cooperation on issues affecting the area and provide local technical assistance.

Web Address: <http://www.rvarc.org>

ROANOKE VALLEY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke; and area businesses and other organizations.

Purpose: To promote tourism and conventions in the Roanoke Valley and provide services to visitors.

Web Address: <http://www.visitroanokeva.com>

ROANOKE VALLEY ENTREPRENEUR EXPRESS WORKSHOPS

Participants: Cities of Roanoke, Roanoke County, Virginia Department of Business Assistance, Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke Regional Partnership, Roanoke Regional Small Business Development Center.

Purpose: To hold regional events to educate and assist existing and potential entrepreneurs.

ROANOKE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke; and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: To market the Roanoke Valley and the Alleghany Highlands to prospective businesses and promote expansion of existing businesses.

Web Address: <http://www.roanoke.org>

VINTON BUSINESS CENTER

Participants: County of Roanoke and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: The County of Roanoke and Town of Vinton worked together to design and fund this industrial/business park and to put a gain share agreement in place.

VIRGINIA'S FIRST REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY (MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL REVENUE SHARING)

Participants: Cities of Radford, Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Bland, Craig, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke and Wythe; and the Towns of Dublin, Narrows, Pearisburg and Pulaski.

Purpose: Created to enhance the economic base for the member localities by developing, owning and operating one or more industrial parks/facilities on a cooperative basis involving member localities.

WEST PIEDMONT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Participants: Counties of Franklin, Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania; Cities of Danville and Martinsville; Town of Rocky Mount.

Purpose: Assist fledgling small businesses in the Southside region.

Web Address: <http://www.wpbdc.org>

WEST PIEDMONT PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Participants: Counties of Franklin, Henry, Patrick, and Pittsylvania; Cities of Danville and Martinsville; Town of Rocky Mount.

Purpose: Promote cooperation between the local governments in the West Piedmont region.

Web Address: <http://www.wppdc.org>

WESTERN VIRGINIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Participants: Cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke; and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Vinton.

Purpose: Develops policy and oversees workforce development initiatives in the Roanoke Valley/Alleghany region.

Web Address: <http://www.westernvaworkforce.com>

EDUCATION

JACKSON RIVER GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL

Participants: Alleghany County, Bath County, Botetourt County, the City of Buena Vista, the City of Covington, and Dabney S. Lancaster Community College.

Purpose: Specialized regional center for the advanced study of mathematics, science, and technology.

Web Address: <http://jrjgs.dslcc.edu>

JACKSON RIVER TECHNICAL CENTER

Participants: Alleghany County and the City of Covington.

Purpose: Specialized regional center for specialized technical and or career-related educational programs.

Web Address: <http://www.jrtc.info>

ROANOKE VALLEY GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Bedford, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke; and the Virginia Department of Education.

Purpose: Specialized regional center for the advanced study of science, mathematics, computer applications, and technology for high school students from the region.

Web Address: <http://www.rvgs.k12.va.us>

ENVIRONMENT

BLUE RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem.

Purpose: Cooperation of law enforcement officials and environmental agencies to work together on the enforcement and deterrence of environmental crime.

CLEAN VALLEY COUNCIL

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke; and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Provides educational programming about litter prevention and reuse, recycling and reduction of the waste stream for all levels in both public and private schools.

Web Address: <http://www.cleanvalley.org>

ROANOKE VALLEY URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

Participants: Roanoke County, Cities of Roanoke and Salem, the Town of Vinton, Virginia Tech Extension Service, Virginia Department of Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, and other groups.

Purpose: Informal group of urban forestry professionals who offer technical support to all Roanoke Valley governments on forestry-related issues. Offer assistance through grants, consultation and environmental education.

ROANOKE VALLEY COOL CITIES COALITION

Participants: City of Roanoke, City of Salem, Roanoke County.

Purpose: Established for the purpose of curbing global warming by bringing about a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Web Address: <http://www.rvccc.org>

VALLEY BEAUTIFUL

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, County of Roanoke, and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Funds tree planting efforts, promote yearly Arbor Day celebrations and helps member localities maintain recognition from the National Arbor Day Foundation as Tree City USA communities.

Web Address: <http://www.valleybeautiful.net>

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

BUILDING PERMIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Town of Vinton and several non-profit organizations.

Purpose: Building officials meet monthly to develop consistent permitting approaches.

GAIN SHARE AGREEMENT

Participants: County of Roanoke and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Localities will share in revenues received from construction and taxes on any new development in East Roanoke County. Will also share expenses in the development and marketing of the Vinton Business Center.

REGIONAL BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Participants: City of Roanoke, City of Salem, County of Botetourt, County of Roanoke, Virginia Department of Transportation, Roanoke Valley Greenways, Blue Ridge Parkway/National Park Service, RIDE Solutions, RVARC.

Purpose: Coordinate efforts to facilitate development of a regional transportation network that accommodates and encourages bicycling as an alternative mode of travel.

ROANOKE REGIONAL GIS USER'S GROUP

Participants: Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke; the Cities of Covington, Roanoke, and Salem; and the Towns of Clifton Forge, Rocky Mount and Vinton.

Purpose: Local government GIS professionals meeting to facilitate GIS knowledge and cooperation in the Roanoke Valley and Alleghany Highlands regions.

ROANOKE REGIONAL HOUSING NETWORK

Participants: City of Roanoke, City of Salem, County of Roanoke, the Town of Vinton, and several non-profit organizations.

Purpose: To promote comprehensive strategies/initiatives to enhance housing's contribution to the region and to facilitate cooperation/communication among housing interests.

Web Address: <http://www.councilofcommunityservices.org/rhnh/>

ROANOKE VALLEY TELEVISION (RVTV)

Participants: City of Roanoke, County of Roanoke, and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: To provide cable service to the community using one company and to have a public access cable channel. An 11-member committee from the three localities fund and operate the educational and governmental channel from franchise fees collected for Cox Cable Roanoke, Inc.

Web Address: <http://www.rvtv.org>

LIBRARIES

CHARLES P. JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Participants: County of Alleghany and City of Covington.

Purpose: To share a library automation system, borrower's card, a delivery system among the libraries and all of their materials.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS of the ROANOKE VALLEY

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke.

Purpose: The Literacy Volunteers of the Roanoke Valley provide over 80 tutors for reading and English for Speakers of Other Languages Training.

Web Address: <http://www.lvarv.org>

ROANOKE VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke.

Purpose: To share a library automation system, borrower's card, a delivery system among the libraries and all of their materials.

Web Address: <http://www.rvl.info>

PARKS/RECREATION

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Participants: Counties of Alleghany, Bath, Craig, Buena Vista; City of Covington and the Town of Clifton Forge.

Purpose: Offer youth baseball to the children of the region.

RECREATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

Participants: County of Roanoke and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Recreational facilities in Vinton are leased to Roanoke County. Roanoke County provides recreational and youth athletic programs for the Town of Vinton.

ROANOKE VALLEY GREENWAY COMMISSION

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, County of Roanoke, and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Develops recommendations and assists in implementing greenway development in the Roanoke Valley.

Web Address: <http://www.greenways.org>

ROANOKE VALLEY SKATE PARK

Participants: City of Roanoke and County of Roanoke.

Purpose: Allows skate boarders and inline skaters an opportunity to sharpen their skills in a safe environment.

SALEM NCAA CIVIC FACILITIES

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the County of Roanoke.

Purpose: Jointly participate in the organization and funding of NCAA sporting events at the Salem Civic Center.

Web Address: <http://www.salemciviccenter.com>

SANDLOT SUPERBOWL

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; the Counties of Bedford, Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke; and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Youth football play-off program is offered to youth, ages 6-13. Playoffs are offered at the end of each season and rotate between localities.

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SERVICES

Participants: City of Roanoke and County of Roanoke.

Purpose: City residents with physical and mental challenges take part in programs offered by Roanoke County.

YOUTH RECREATION BASKETBALL

Participants: Counties of Alleghany and Bath; City of Covington and the Town of Clifton Forge.

Purpose: Jointly participate in the organization of youth basketball games within the region.

YOUTH RECREATION FOOTBALL

Participants: Counties of Alleghany and Bath; City of Covington and the Town of Clifton Forge.

Purpose: Jointly participate in the organization of youth football games within the region.

YOUTH RECREATION SOCCER

Participants: Counties of Alleghany and Bath; City of Covington and the Town of Clifton Forge.

Purpose: Jointly participate in the organization of youth soccer games within the region.

PUBLIC SAFETY

800 MHZ TRUNKING RADIO SYSTEM

Participants: City of Roanoke and Roanoke County.

Purpose: To provide interoperability between responders.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS ENHANCED 911 COMMITTEE

Participants: City of Covington, County of Allegheny, Town of Clifton Forge, Allegheny County Sheriff's Department, Police Chiefs from the City of Covington and the Town of Clifton Forge, and Fire/Rescue representatives from Allegheny County and Covington.

Purpose: To implement E911 in each locality.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

Participants: City of Covington, County of Allegheny, and the Town of Clifton Forge.

Purpose: City's fire and rescue to come into a certain designated area of Allegheny County for emergency calls.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS HUMANE SOCIETY

Participants: City of Covington, County of Allegheny, and the Town of Clifton Forge.

Purpose: Management and control of stray dogs and cats and other animals brought to its animal shelter.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Participants: City of Covington, County of Allegheny, and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate.

Purpose: Works with emergency services issues in the area.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS REGIONAL JAIL

Participants: City of Covington and the Counties of Allegheny and Bath.

Purpose: Jail facility for the county and city -- accepts prisoners from Bath County and Clifton Forge.

ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND FIREARMS (ATF) and DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY (DEA) REGIONAL TASK FORCES

Participants: Roanoke Valley law enforcement agencies, ATF and DEA.

Purpose: Target serious crime in the Roanoke Valley and return seized money to local law enforcement efforts.

BOTETOURT-CRAIG REGIONAL JAIL

Participants: Counties of Botetourt and Craig.

Purpose: Jail facility for both counties.

CARDINAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING

Participants: Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin, the Cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem, and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Rocky Mount along with 11 other localities.

Purpose: Training academy for law enforcement personnel.

Web Address: <http://www.cardinalacademy.org>

CLEARBROOK FIRE AND RESCUE

Participants: City of Roanoke and County of Roanoke.

Purpose: Co-staffing of fire and EMS service.

COURT-COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM

Participants: Cities of Buena Vista, Covington, Lexington, Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Alleghany, Bath, Botetourt, Craig, Roanoke and Rockbridge; and the Towns of Buchanan, Clifton Forge, Fincastle, Hot Springs, New Castle, Vinton and Warm Springs.

Purpose: Establishes and administers programs for local responsible offenders and pretrial services. It provides the criminal justice systems within participating localities with sentencing alternatives for certain non-violent felons and misdemeanors.

CRIMELINE

Participants: Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke, the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Operate an anonymous telephone tip line and distribute information to area law enforcement agencies.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAM

Participants: City of Roanoke, City of Salem, Roanoke County, Town of Vinton, Carilion, Lewis Gale Medical Center, Commonwealth's Attorney, and non-profit organizations.

Purpose: To review past instances of domestic violence that have resulted in death for the purpose of prevention of future deaths of this type and identifying gaps in services.

EXTRATERRITORIAL ARREST AGREEMENT

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, County of Roanoke, and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: This contract allows agencies to enforce violations of the law that come to the attention of officers as they pass through the jurisdictions of the other departments.

FIRE AND EMS GAIN AGREEMENT

Participants: Roanoke County and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Town of Vinton provides Fire and EMS services to Eastern Roanoke County in exchange for a sum equal to one half of the costs of the annual salaries and fringe benefits of the Town's paid fire and EMS personnel.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE

Participants: Fire-EMS departments of the Cities of Roanoke and Salem.

Purpose: Respond to regional hazardous materials emergencies.

HOMELAND DEFENSE, CANINE, AND ANIMAL CONTROL TRAINING

Participants: City of Roanoke, attended by other jurisdictions.

Purpose: The City of Roanoke developed a complete Homeland Defense Training course, and canine course that are being attended by the Virginia State Police and local law enforcement agencies from across the State.

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

Participants: All local police, fire, and emergency medical service providers; highway department representatives and towing/recovery specialists.

Purpose: Efficient response and management of highway crash scenes or other unusual occurrences on the highways of the area.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS

Participants: Multiple local governments.

Purpose: Parties agree to lend or share resources in the event of an unusual occurrence or local emergency.

ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG TASK FORCE

Participants: City and County of Roanoke and state law enforcement agencies in cooperation with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Purpose: Investigation of illegal drug related activity in the Roanoke Valley and surrounding areas.

POLICE ADMINISTRATORS' QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Participants: Roanoke Valley law enforcement agencies.

Purpose: Coordinate law enforcement efforts and solve any enforcement issues related to jurisdictional boundaries.

READ MOUNTAIN FIRE AND RESCUE

Participants: Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke.

Purpose: Volunteer staffing at facility that serves both jurisdictions.

ROANOKE REGIONAL FIRE-EMS HIRING PROCESS

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County, Town of Vinton.

Purpose: To streamline the hiring process, to obtain a better pool of candidates, to create a more efficient hiring process and to reduce hiring costs for Fire and EMS personnel.

REGIONAL HEAVY & TACTICAL RESCUE TEAM FOR DIVISION 6

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County, Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Provide response throughout Southwest Virginia where heavy and tactical rescue is needed.

REGIONAL THEFT ASSOCIATION

Participants: All Roanoke Valley law enforcement agencies; New River Valley has a similar association of which Salem is a member.

Purpose: To exchange information and identify patterns of theft activity that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

ROANOKE AREA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION NETWORK

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: The Roanoke Area Criminal Justice Information Network allows officers to more easily track and compare criminal activity that crosses jurisdictional boundaries thus increasing the likelihood of more rapid case clearances and reduced criminal activity.

ROANOKE COUNTY E911 AGREEMENT

Participants: Counties of Floyd, Franklin and Roanoke.

Purpose: Roanoke County provides E911 service to Copper Hill in Floyd County and Franklin County provides service to Windy Gap.

ROANOKE REGIONAL CLASS B BURN BUILDING

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County, and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: To provide a burn training facility for all Valley fire departments to use.

ROANOKE VALLEY FINANCIAL CRIMES TASK FORCE

Participants: All Roanoke Valley law enforcement agencies.

Purpose: To provide an exchange of information among professionals to facilitate financial crime investigations and provide prevention information to local businesses.

Web Address: <http://www.roanokefinancialcrimes.com>

ROANOKE VALLEY JUVENILE DETENTION COMMISSION

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; and the Counties of Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke.

Purpose: To establish policy and provide oversight for the Roanoke Valley Juvenile Detention Center.

Web Address: <http://www.rvjdc.org/company.htm>

ROANOKE VALLEY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, County of Roanoke and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Develop, maintain, and implement the Roanoke Valley Hazardous Materials Plan.

ROANOKE VALLEY MEDIA AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Participants: Local police, fire/EMS departments; sheriff's offices, and television, radio and print media.

Purpose: Facilitates the exchange of information between public safety agencies and the news media.

ROANOKE VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE-EMS TRAINING CENTER

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, County of Roanoke, and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Recruit Firefighter Training academies for area career Fire-EMS departments; is available for all career and volunteer departments to utilize.

Web Address: <http://www.roanokertc.org>

ROANOKE VALLEY SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Participants: City of Roanoke, Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke, and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Houses and provides care and other services to animals delivered from participating jurisdictions under a public-private regional agreement.

Web Address: <http://www.rvspca.org>

S.A.L.T/TRIAD COUNCIL OF THE ROANOKE VALLEY

Participants: Roanoke Valley law enforcement agencies, local chapters of the AARP and other senior citizen service agencies.

Purpose: An agreement to determine the community needs of senior citizens and to develop strategies to minimize the potential for criminal victimization.

Web Address: <http://www.roanokevaguide.com/pages/TRIAD>

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

Participants: Cities of Danville, Lynchburg, Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke; Town of Vinton; Virginia Tech; and the Virginia State Police.

Purpose: Association of area crime prevention specialists who serve to provide a resource of educational information and training with the goal of reductions in criminal victimization.

Web Address: <http://www.vcpa.org>

U.S. ATTORNEY'S TERRORISM TASK FORCE

Participants: Roanoke Valley jurisdictions.

Purpose: To protect the Roanoke Valley from terrorist activities.

VIRGINIA CRIMINAL INFORMATION NETWORK-REGIONAL GROUP

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Botetourt, Craig, Montgomery and Roanoke; Towns of Blacksburg and Vinton; and the Virginia State Police.

Purpose: Assists jurisdictions with problems or difficulties encountered in the use of the Virginia Criminal Information Network. Develops suggestions to increase levels of efficiency to the state administrative agency.

WESTERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL JAIL AUTHORITY

Participants: Counties of Franklin, Montgomery, and Roanoke; City of Salem.

Purpose: Establish a 600 bed regional jail to solve problems with overcrowding in local jail facilities.

Web Address: <http://www.westernvaregionaljail.org>

PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Participants: City of Covington, County of Alleghany, and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate.

Purpose: Focuses on recycling efforts in the area.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN

Participants: City of Covington, County of Alleghany, and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate.

Purpose: To examine future water supply needs and to recommend various water supply alternatives to ensure adequate water supply in the future.

Web Address: <http://www.rvarc.org/water>

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS WATER AND SEWER AGREEMENT

Participants: City of Covington, County of Alleghany, and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate.

Purpose: Purchase of water and sewer services.

CRAIG COUNTY/NEW CASTLE LONG-RANGE WATER SUPPLY PLANNING

Participants: Craig County and the Town of New Castle.

Purpose: To examine future water supply needs and to recommend various water supply alternatives to ensure adequate water supply in the future.

Web Address: <http://www.rvarc.org/water>

REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Participants: Counties of Roanoke and Botetourt; Cities of Roanoke and Salem and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: To eliminate the daily disposal of hazardous and toxic household material and to provide designated days for their disposal.

Web Address: <http://www.rvra.net/HHW.htm>

ROANOKE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLANNING PROJECT

Participants: Cities of Bedford, Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Bedford, Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke; and the Towns of Boones Mill, Buchanan, Fincastle, Rocky Mount, Troutville and Vinton.

Purpose: To examine and recommend various water supply alternatives to ensure adequate water for the region's future growth.

Web Address: <http://www.rvarc.org/water>

ROANOKE REGIONAL PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, County of Roanoke, and the Town of Vinton, the Western VA Water Authority, Roanoke Gas Company, Roanoke Valley Resource Authority, Bedford County Public Service Authority, and Virginia Western Community College.

Purpose: To work with regional public works agencies to identify needed training and to coordinate with community colleges and training providers to provide high quality public works training.

ROANOKE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Participants: City of Roanoke and Roanoke County.

Purpose: Jurisdictions collect some streets in the other locality depending upon proximity to the legal boundary, route location, etc.

ROANOKE VALLEY REGIONAL STORMWATER PLANNING

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, County of Roanoke, and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Create strategies for dealing with stormwater run-off regionally.

ROANOKE VALLEY RESOURCE AUTHORITY

Participants: City of Roanoke, County of Roanoke, and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Regional public-private solid waste disposal partnership (uses rail as the sole transportation link between a solid waste transfer station and a landfill).

Web Address: <http://www.rvra.net>

ROANOKE VALLEY WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, and the County of Roanoke.

Purpose: Transfer of water in time of need.

US 220 WATER LINE EXTENSION

Participants: Western VA Water Authority, Counties of Franklin and Roanoke.

Purpose: Bring public drinking water to the residents of the US 220 corridor from Clearbrook in Roanoke County to Wirtz Plaza in Franklin County.

VML/VACO PUBLIC WORKS ELECTRICITY BARGAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

Participants: Local governments and Public Service Authorities in the service area of Appalachian Power.

Purpose: Provides a collective bargaining agent through which contract terms and rates can be negotiated with Appalachian Power for the electricity requirements serving vital public infrastructure.

WESTERN VIRGINIA WATER AUTHORITY

Participants: County of Roanoke, County of Franklin and the City of Roanoke.

Purpose: To consolidate water authorities to provide water service to over 155,000 citizens. Provide a more reliable and cost effective water authority.

Web Address: <http://www.westernvawater.org>

SOCIAL AND HUMAN SERVICES

ADOPTION DAY CELEBRATION

Participants: City of Roanoke and Roanoke County and area non-profit agencies.

Purpose: An annual event held to celebrate adoptions and to raise awareness of the need for adoptive families.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Participants: City of Covington, County of Alleghany, and the Town of Clifton Forge.

Purpose: To address issues involving mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse programs in the Alleghany Highlands.

Web Address: <http://www.ahcsb.org>

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS HOUSING STEERING COMMITTEE

Participants: City of Covington, County of Alleghany, and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate.

Purpose: Focuses on mutual goals and objectives for housing issues in the Alleghany Highlands.

BLUE RIDGE CONTINUUM OF CARE

Participants: Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, and Roanoke; and the Cities of Covington, Roanoke, and Salem.

Purpose: Utilize regional resources in a collaborative effort to reorganize the needs, identify solutions, and provide access to permanent housing and supportive services to the homeless population.

COMMUNITY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Roanoke, Craig, and Botetourt; the Council of Community Services.

Purpose: To prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless and to rapidly re-house those who are already homeless.

Web Address: <http://www.councilofcommunityservices.org/chrc>

FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Participants: City of Salem Police, City of Roanoke Police, local social service agencies and business community members.

Purpose: Provides education, health care and temporary housing assistance to victims of domestic violence.

FIFTH PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION DISABILITY SERVICES BOARD

Participants: Cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig and Roanoke; and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Vinton.

Purpose: Develops and implements (in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services) a plan for addressing the problems of physically disabled residents.

FOSTER PARENT TRAINING PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Participants: City of Roanoke and County of Roanoke.

Purpose: Train foster parents and share foster homes if needed.

ROANOKE AREA EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH GROUP

Participants: Local law enforcement agencies, mental health care professionals, magistrates and special justices.

Purpose: Recommends strategies for more efficient services relating to local mental health care and those suffering from illnesses.

ROANOKE AREA YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION

Participants: Counties of Botetourt, Craig, and Roanoke; the Cities of Roanoke and Salem.

Purpose: Provide community education, prevention planning, youth leadership, and parent resources regarding teenage drug and alcohol use.

Web Address: <http://www.raysac.org>

ROANOKE VALLEY CONSORTIUM

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, County of Roanoke, and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Seeks out regional efforts in the areas of health, dental, long-term disability and other forms of insurance that would be in the best interest of members.

ROANOKE VALLEY-ALLEGHANY REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

Participants: Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, and Roanoke; the Cities of Covington, Roanoke, and Salem, and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Vinton.

Purpose: Facilitates and coordinates the region's efforts to prevent, treat, and end homelessness and serves as the lead entity for the Blue Ridge Continuum of Care planning process.

Web Address: <http://www.rvarc.org/homelessness>

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT COALITION

Participants: Counties of Botetourt, Craig, Roanoke and Franklin and the City of Roanoke and numerous non-profits.

Purpose: To provide regional employment assistance and training services and programs.

TOTAL ACTION AGAINST POVERTY WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

Participants: Area law enforcement agencies, social service agencies, legal aid representatives.

Purpose: Examine the problems associated with the abuse of women.

Web Address: <http://www.tapintohope.org/programs/wrc.html>

VISSTA'S PIEDMONT AREA TRAINING CENTER

Participants: All localities in the Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission service area and nearly 30 others in Central and Southside Virginia.

Purpose: Facilitates state training for Department of Social Services staff and partner agencies.

TRANSPORTATION

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS TRANSPORTATION STEERING COMMITTEE

Participants: City of Covington, County of Alleghany, and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate.

Purpose: Focuses on transportation issues in the Alleghany Highlands.

BLUE RIDGE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Bedford and Franklin; and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Develops highway safety strategies and public information campaigns to reduce crashes and highway injuries/fatalities.

EARLY ACTION PLAN TASK FORCE

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke; Town of Vinton; Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; and organizations representing the business community and environmental groups.

Purpose: To examine various mechanisms (both programs and regulations) to reduce ground level ozone pollution in the region. This group assisted with the development of the Ozone Early Action Compact and the Ozone Early Action Plan.

ROANOKE VALLEY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Bedford, Botetourt and Roanoke; Town of Vinton; Valley Metro; Roanoke Regional Airport Commission; Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Purpose: The MPO serves as the forum for cooperative transportation decision-making in the Roanoke urbanized area.

Web Address: <http://www.rvarc.org/mpo>

ROANOKE REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION

Participants: City of Roanoke and County of Roanoke.

Purpose: Owns and operates the Roanoke Valley Regional Airport.

Web Address: <http://www.roanokeairport.com>

VALLEY METRO

Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, County of Roanoke, and the Town of Vinton.

Purpose: Provide bus service to the Roanoke Valley.

Web Address: <http://www.valleymetro.com>



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