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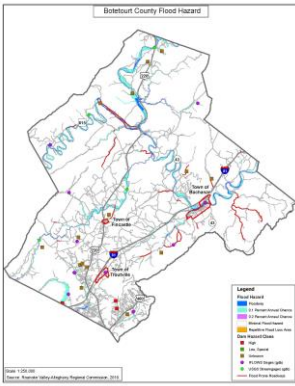
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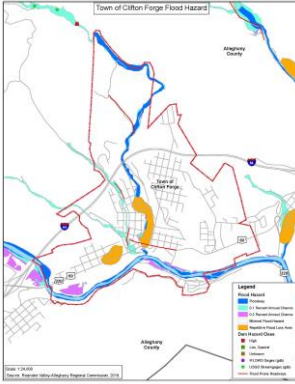
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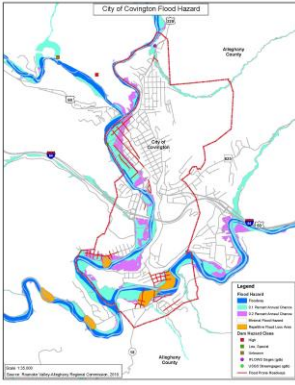
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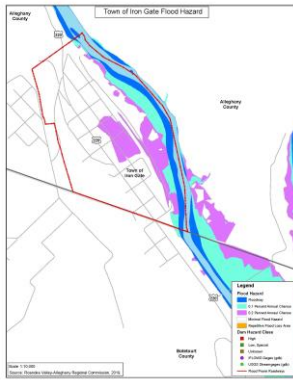
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Damage Estimates

Table 68: Allegheny County Flood Loss Estimate (unincorporated areas)

	Parcels/Structures in Floodplain	Value of Structures in Floodplain	Structure Damage at 3 ft Flood depth	Contents Damage at 3 ft Flood Depth	Total Estimated Damage
Residential	630	\$38,966,800	\$12,859,077	\$7,014,142	\$19,873,119
Commercial	34	\$7,342,600	\$2,423,058	\$1,458,520	\$3,881,578
Total	664	\$46,309,500	\$15,282,135	\$8,482,562	\$23,764,697

Average Damage per Residential Structure in Floodplain: \$31,545
 Average Value per Residential Structure in Floodplain: \$61,852
 Average Damage per Commercial Structure in Floodplain: \$114,458
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Fincastle	0	0	0	0	0.00
Fruitville, Town of	9	5	0	4	9,534.03
Craig County *	95	73	0	22	1,310,440.53
New Castle, City of	4	4	0	0	32,441.48
Covington, City of	207	182	0	25	1,782,132.63
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Vinton, Town Of	\$494,762.75	\$49,476.28	10	4
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Roanoke, City Of	\$7,140,602.57	\$26,743.83	267	85
Salem, City Of	\$15,713,165.47	\$46,079.66	341	87

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Six Types of Mitigation Measures Considered

1. Prevention
2. Property Protection
3. Public Education and Awareness
4. Natural Resource Protection
5. Emergency Services
6. Structural Projects

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Table 83: Town of Clifton Forge Hazard
Mitigation Projects (page 1 of 3)

Project	Hazard Mitigated	Benefits	Cost	Benefit-to-Cost	Priority	Funding Partners	Implementation/Lead Agency	Status	Proposed Timeline
Zone Mapping by Degree of Exposure	Flooding	Identify Problem Areas	\$25,000	High	Medium	Local Government	Local Government, Public Works	Not started	12 months
Participate in, and remain in good standing with, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)	Flooding	Reduction of future flood damage through enforcement of floodplain ordinances and availability of discounted flood insurance for property owners	0	High	High	FEMA	Local government, Community Development	Ongoing	Ongoing
Maintain an accurate location and map of repetitive loss properties	Flooding	Identification of repetitive loss properties that should be repaired	Unknown	High	High	FEMA, VDEM	Local government, AVAC, VCEM	Ongoing	Ongoing
Identify areas with recurring flood problems and repair additional flood mitigation measures	Flooding	Improve early warning of flooding where the most severe and consequential flooding occurs	\$12,500	High	Medium	FEMA, VDEM	Local government, Public Works, AVAC	In progress	2013
Complete participation in FEMA DFIRM program	Flooding	Increased accuracy of flood hazard zones through sharing of local knowledge	\$10,000	Medium	Medium	FEMA, local governments	Local government	In progress	Ongoing
Support FEMA re-mapping project	Flooding	Increased accuracy of flood hazard zones through sharing of local knowledge	Unknown	Unknown	High	FEMA, local governments	Local government	In progress	Ongoing

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Plan Requirements – Adoption

Once VDEM & FEMA approve the final draft, the plan must be formally adopted by all participating jurisdictions in order to remain eligible for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program.

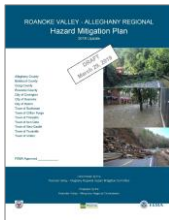
VDEM encourages local governments to adopt this plan by resolution.

Plan Requirements – Maintenance

- Coordinating Body Should Continue Meeting
- Annual Update Reports to FEMA
- Implementation Through Existing Programs
- Evaluating and Updating the Plan
- Continued Public Involvement

Additional Information

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Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Region Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan



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Purpose of the Plan

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Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000

- Amended the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Emergency Assistance Act.
- Established a national pre-disaster mitigation program at the state and local government level.
- Streamline disaster relief activities.
- Controls Federal costs of assistance.
- Coordination with all local interest groups.
- Identification of specific projects and actions.
- Links to the State planning process.

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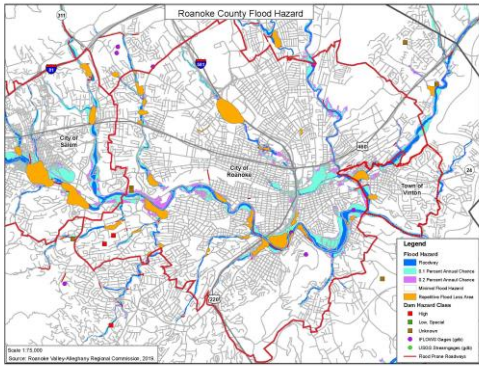
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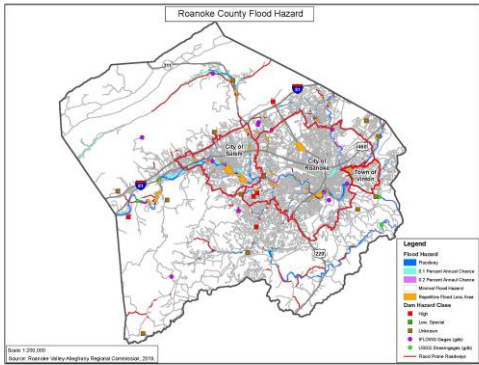
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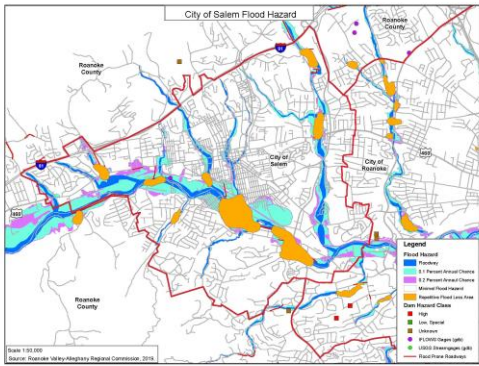
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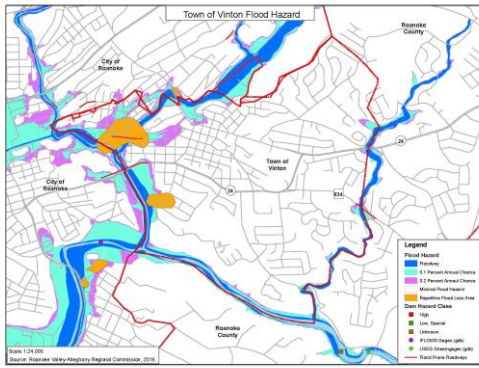
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Table 80: City of Salem Flood Loss Estimate

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Residential	641	\$70,479,300	\$23,258,169	\$12,686,274	\$35,944,443
Commercial	329	\$141,183,100	\$46,590,423	\$28,236,620	\$74,827,043
Total	970	\$211,662,400	\$69,848,592	\$40,922,894	\$110,771,486

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Table 93: Town of Vinton
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Project	Request Budget	Benefits	Cost Estimate	Mitigation Cost	Priority	Funding Partners	Administrative Lead Agency	Status	Proposed Schedule
Repetitive loss claims program	\$100,000	Public education and awareness	\$100,000	High	High	Roanoke County	Roanoke County	In progress	Ongoing
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Plan Requirements – Adoption

Once VDEM & FEMA approve the final draft, the plan must be formally adopted by all participating jurisdictions in order to remain eligible for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program.

VDEM encourages local governments to adopt this plan by resolution.

Plan Requirements – Maintenance

- Coordinating Body Should Continue Meeting
- Annual Update Reports to FEMA
- Implementation Through Existing Programs
- Evaluating and Updating the Plan
- Continued Public Involvement

Additional Information

www.rvarc.org/disaster



**Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission
2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**

Sign In Sheet

**April 24, 2019
Roanoke Higher Education Center
Roanoke, VA**

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**2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
Public Comment Form**

Comments on the plan and planning process are requested and welcomed. We ask that you provide the county/city where you live or work so we can report the general extent of citizen participation to our funding agencies and stakeholders. If you wish to be contacted directly, please provide your email address.

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Email: liz.belden@greenways.org

City/County: Roanoke

Zip Code: 24070

Comments:

Buy out riparian buffers. Protect waterf
streams, Develop greenways in riparian
buffers. Take houses out to reduce flooding

Get grants.

VDOT should maintain all road
ditches. No maintenance leads to
ice on road ~~during~~ storm and road
damage.

Adopt building codes that address
tornadoes; hurricanes.



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HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS

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**More information
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**[http://rvarc.org/
community/
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For Immediate Release

March 29, 2019

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2019 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

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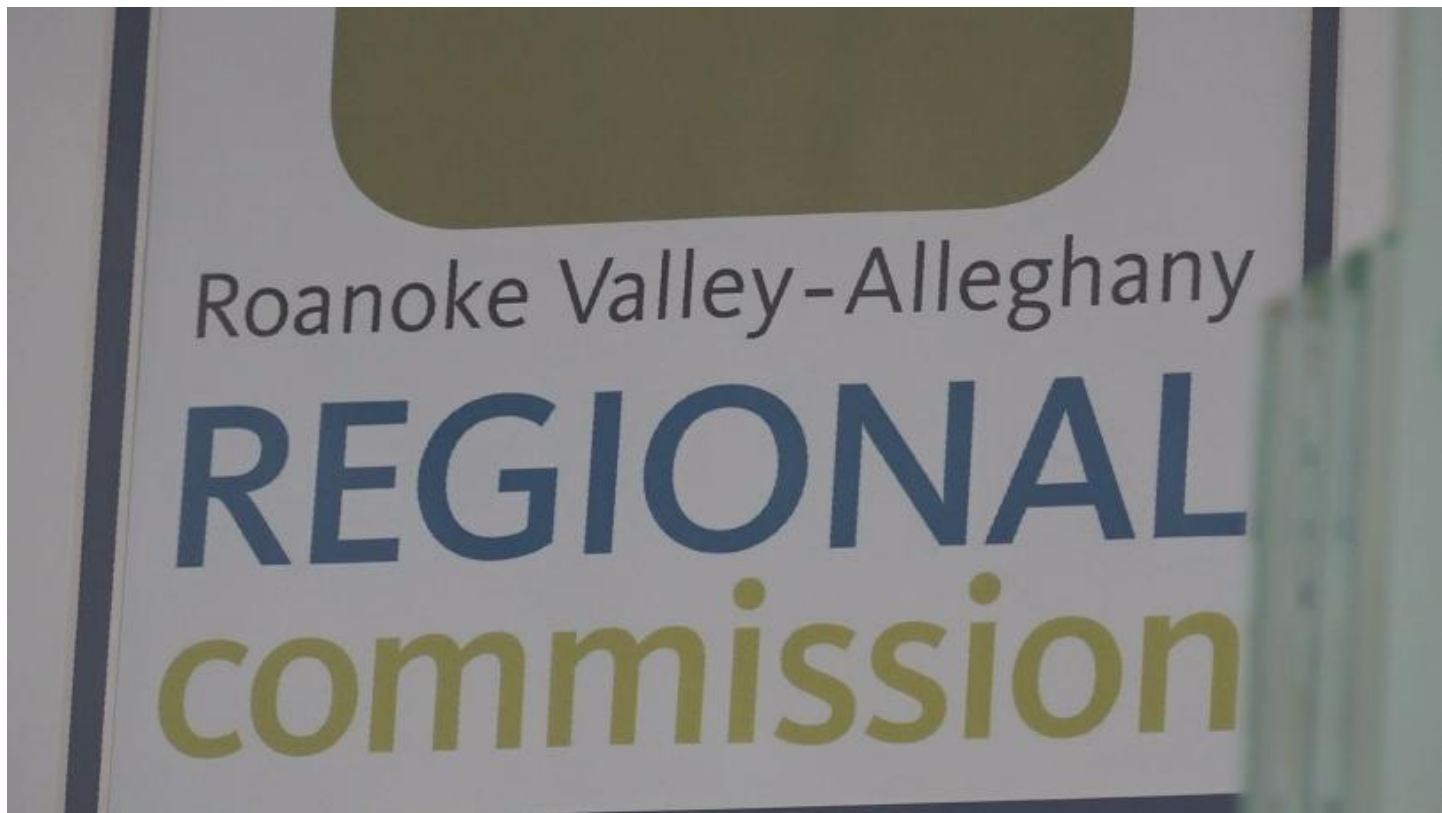
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Group seeks input from public about regional mitigation plan



By Bianca Holman | Posted: Wed 4:56 PM, Apr 24, 2019

ROANOKE, Va. (WDBJ7) A group in the Roanoke Valley is looking for people to share their ideas on a regional hazard plan.

People living in Southwest Virginia experience various natural disasters like flooding, wildfires, and severe weather. The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission wants people to share their thoughts about mitigating potential hazards. The updated plan will be approved by the office of emergency management, FEMA, and each locality in the Valley

"The public input allows people to come and give their input. We might have missed things when we updated the plan and this gives people the opportunity for the public to say, what about this, what do we do in this situation," Tim Pohlad-Thomas, Roanoke Valley- Alleghany Regional Commission.

The meeting is Wednesday, April 24th, from 5 pm to 7:00 pm The current draft is available online.

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By Patrick McKee [https://www.wsls.com/author/pmckee] - Anchor

Posted: 4:00 AM, April 24, 2019

Updated: 4:00 AM, April 24, 2019

Here's a look at some of the stories we'll be following today as they make headlines across the country and Southwest Virginia.

A road closure in Danville could impact your commute today. Beech Avenue between Westover Drive and Riverside Drive will be closed from 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

The Roanoke Police Department holds a Paw Watch community outing tonight. The program encourages people to help law enforcement by acting as extra eyes and ears while walking their animals. The outing starts at 6 p.m. at Highland Dog Park.

Food City [https://www.foodcity.com/] holds a career fair at each of its stores today. The grocery is looking to high 750 people in its stores in a number of positions. You can apply online, then visit the store for an interview and more information.

The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission holds a public meeting about its hazard mitigation plan. Information about the region's natural hazards, including mapping and drafts of plans will be available for comment. The meeting runs from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Roanoke Higher Education Center.

Botetourt County holds a community meeting about its comprehensive plan. It looks at land use needs, challenges and opportunities for the future. The meeting runs from 10 a.m. to noon at the Fincastle Library.

It's a Day of Giving in the New River Valley. GiveBigNRV [https://cfnrv.givebig.org/c/NRV] is 24-hour push to raise money for local non-profits. Over the past five years, the event has raised nearly \$900,000, including more than \$300,000 last year. The Community Foundation of the New River Valley hopes to raise \$300,000 today.

The New River Health District will have its mobile health bus at Floyd County High School today. Parents can take their children to get them caught up on vaccines from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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