Regional Report Card

THE 2017 COMPILED REGIONAL COOPERATIVE INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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OVERVIEW

In 2003, the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission developed the first regional report card. The commission has been updating this document every three years.

Starting in 2016, the Regional Commission began working on collecting information on regional cooperation in various areas of public service. From the material researched, the staff of the Commission compiled this report.

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

Ninety nine (99) 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 as well as non-profit organizations on issues affecting this region.

The cooperative activities outlined in the “Report Card” are divided into 10 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 area leaders to meet and discuss issues of regional significance, the level of regional cooperative action among local governments (and the business and non-profit communities) has grown significantly during the past decade. Some of these venues include:

1. 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).

2. Chief Administrative Officials (CAO) meetings (bi-monthly meetings of the region’s city/town managers and county administrators to discuss local government issues).

3. 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).

4. Regional Legislative Meeting (annual meeting between local elected officials and State legislators to discuss issues of regional interest).

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 happening in the region. 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, Alleghany County, and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate.
Purpose: To plan and implement strategies for economic development in the Alleghany Highlands.
Web address: www.ahedc.com

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Participants: City of Covington and Alleghany County.
Purpose: To promote industrial development in the Alleghany Highlands area.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS REGIONAL ENTERPRISE ZONE
Participants: City of Covington, Alleghany County, 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.

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: www.roanoke.org

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 sources.
Web address: www.rvarc.org/CEDS

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 be a leader in driving collaboration and strategy within our communities on issues critical to the economic growth, quality of life, and sustainability of this region.
Web address: www.rvarc.org

VISIT VIRGINIA'S BLUE RIDGE
Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke; area businesses and other organizations
Purpose: To promote tourism and conventions in the Roanoke Valley and provide services to visitors.
Web address: www.visitroanokeva.com

Alleghany Highlands Commerce Center
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.
Web address: www.vintonva.gov

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.
Web address: www.nrvpdc.org/vafirst.html

VIRGINIA’S WESTERN HIGHLANDS
Participants: Counties of Alleghany, Bath, Craig, and Highland, City of Covington, Town of Clifton Forge, Alleghany Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Corporation, Highland County Chamber of Commerce, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, Bath County Chamber of Commerce, and several other organizations.
Purpose: To promote tourism throughout Virginia’s Western Highlands
Web address: www.vawesternhighlands.com

WESTERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITY AUTHORITY
Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Town of Vinton; Counties of Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke.
Purpose: The Western Virginia Regional Industrial Facility Authority was formed in 2014 by the counties of Botetourt, Franklin, and Roanoke, the cities of Roanoke and Salem and the Town of Vinton. The purpose of the Authority is to provide a mechanism for localities to cooperate regionally on economic development projects. The Authority works closely with member governments and economic developers throughout the Roanoke Valley region of Virginia.
Web address: www.wvrifa.org

WESTERN VIRGINIA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Participants: Cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke
Purpose: The Western Virginia Workforce Development Board is a business-led organization that includes representatives from a number of regional employers in a variety of industries including high-tech, health care, manufacturing, and government. The Board also includes representatives of community-based organizations, organized labor, public agencies, and educational institutions including public school systems, community colleges, state universities, and private schools.
Web address: www.westernvaworkforce.com
EDUCATION

JACKSON RIVER GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL
Participants: Counties of Alleghany, Bath, and Botetourt; Cities of Buena Vista and Covington, and Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
Purpose: Specialized regional center for the advanced study of mathematics, science, and technology.
Web address: jrgs.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: 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: Regional center for the advanced study of science, mathematics, computer applications, and technology for high school students from the region.
Web address: www.rvgs.k12.va.us

ENVIRONMENT

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, recycling, and the reduction of the waste stream at public and private schools.
Web address: www.cleanvalley.org

ROANOKE VALLEY URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL
Participants: Roanoke County, Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Town of Vinton, Virginia Tech Extension Service, Virginia Department of Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, and other organizations.
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.
Web address: www.treesvirginia.org
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UPPER JAMES RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT (RC&D)
Participants: Counties of Alleghany, Bath, Botetourt, Craig, Highland, and Rockbridge; City of Covington
Purpose: To assist the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation with the Upper James River tributary Strategy
Web address: www.upperjamesrcd.com

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. They will also share expenses in the development and marketing of the Vinton Business Center.

PARTNERSHIP FOR A LIVABLE ROANOKE VALLEY
Participants: Cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem, Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin, and Roanoke, Council of Community Services, Carilion Clinic, Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, Virginia Western Community College, Western Virginia Water Authority, VA Department of Transportation, and several other businesses and non-profit organizations.
Purpose: To coordinate a regional planning process to ensure the long term economic, social, and environmental well-being of the Roanoke Valley. Central to the process will be identifying how local governments, businesses, and nonprofits can coordinate their individual planning efforts to address issues of mutual concern.
Web address: rvarc.org/livableroanoke/

REGIONAL PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke, Virginia Department of Transportation, Roanoke Valley Greenways, Blue Ridge Parkway/National Park Service, RIDE Solutions, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, local businesses and citizens
Purpose: Coordinate efforts to facilitate development of a regional transportation network that accommodates and encourages bicycling and walking.

ROANOKE REGIONAL HOUSING NETWORK
Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County, Town of Vinton, Council of Community Services, and several other non-profit organizations
Purpose: To promote comprehensive strategies/initiatives to enhance housing’s contribution to the region and to facilitate cooperation among housing interests.
Web address: www.councilofcommunityservices.org
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ROANOKE VALLEY TELEVISION (RVTV)

**Participants:** City of Roanoke, Roanoke County, and the Town of Vinton
**Purpose:** To provide 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:** [www.rvtv.org](http://www.rvtv.org)

LIBRARIES

CHARLES P. JONES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

**Participants:** Alleghany County and the 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:** [www.lvarv.org](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:** [www.rvl.info](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:** Roanoke County 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.
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ROANOKE VALLEY BLUEWAY COMMITTEE
Purpose: To develop essential elements needed to market the Roanoke River as an tourism important asset to the region by helping to improve access facilities along the Roanoke River.
Web address: www.roanokeriverblueway.org

ROANOKE VALLEY GREENWAY COMMISSION
Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke; and the Town of Vinton
Purpose: Develops recommendations and assists in implementing greenway development in the Roanoke Valley.
Web address: www.greenways.org

ROANOKE VALLEY SKATE PARK
Participants: City of Roanoke and Roanoke County
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 Roanoke County
Purpose: Jointly participate in the organization and funding of NCAA sporting events at the Salem Civic Center.
Web address: 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 Roanoke County
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, Roanoke County, and the Town of Vinton
Purpose: To provide interoperability between police, fire, and emergency medical service organizations.

ALCOHOL TOBACCO AND FIREARMS AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY REGIONAL TASK FORCE
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.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES
Participants: City of Covington, Alleghany County, and the Town of Clifton Forge
Purpose: City and Town fire and rescue crews come into certain designated areas of Alleghany County for emergency calls.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS HUMANE SOCIETY
Participants: City of Covington, Alleghany County, and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate
Purpose: Management and control of stray dogs and cats and other animals brought to its animal shelter.
Web address: alleghanyhumane.org

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE
Participants: City of Covington, Alleghany County, 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 Alleghany and Bath
Purpose: Jail facility for the participating local governments.
Web address: alleghanysheriff.us
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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 Rocky Mount, Vinton and 10 other localities
Purpose: Training academy for law enforcement personnel.
Web address: www.cardinalacademy.org

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 Roanoke Memorial Hospital, 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; Roanoke County; and the Town of Vinton
Purpose: This drafted agreement 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.

VINTON FIRE AND RESCUE
Participants: Roanoke County and the Town of Vinton
Purpose: This combination station provides services for east Roanoke County and the Town of Vinton via the Roanoke County Fire and EMS, Vinton Fire and EMS, the Vinton Volunteer Fire Dept. and Vinton First Aid Crew.
Web address: www.vintonva.gov

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.

Roanoke Regional Fires-EMS Training Center
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.
Web address: www.rmfrd.org/

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; and the Town of Vinton
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.

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; Roanoke County; 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; Roanoke County; 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: www.roanokertc.org
REGионаl Center for Animal Control and Protection

Participants: City of Roanoke; Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke; and the Town of Vinton
Purpose: The Center is an open intake facility that primarily handles stray animals picked up by Animal Control Officers.
Web address: www.rcacp.org

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: www.vcpa.org

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: A 600 bed regional jail to help solve problems with overcrowding in local jail facilities.
Web address: www.westernvaregionaljail.org

Public Works and Facilities

Alleghany Highlands Sewer Agreements

Participants: Agreement between the City of Covington and Alleghany County; and between Alleghany County and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate
Purpose: Administration and purchase of sewer services.

Alleghany Highlands Water Agreements

Participants: Agreement between the City of Covington and Alleghany County; and between Alleghany County and the Towns of Clifton Forge and Iron Gate
Purpose: Administration and purchase of water services.

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: www.rvra.net/hhw.htm
ROANOKE REGIONAL PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY
Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Roanoke County; and the Towns of Clifton Forge and 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 BROADBAND AUTHORITY
Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; and the Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke.
Purpose: Created to improve broadband fiber options and capacity. The goal is to help ensure that the Roanoke Valley develops the broadband infrastructure it will need to attract and retain businesses.
Web address: www.rvba.online

ROANOKE VALLEY REGIONAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Roanoke County; the Town of Vinton; and local businesses.
Purpose: Create strategies for dealing with stormwater run-off regionally.

ROANOKE VALLEY RESOURCE AUTHORITY
Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Roanoke County; 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: www.rvra.net

ROANOKE VALLEY WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENTS
Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem, and Roanoke County.
Purpose: Transfer of water in time of need.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA PAVEMENT SUSTAINABILITY GROUP
Participants: Public Works offices in multiple jurisdictions and VDOT
Purpose: To identify and promote efficient and sustainable road construction and maintenance practices throughout the region.
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: Counties of Botetourt, Franklin and Roanoke; and the City of Roanoke
  Purpose: To consolidate water authorities to provide water service to over 185,000 citizens. Provide a more reliable and cost effective water authority.
  Web address: www.westernvawater.org

SOCIAL AND HUMAN SERVICES

ADOPTION DAY CELEBRATION
  Participants: City of Roanoke, 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, Alleghany County, 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: www.ahcsb.org

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; and 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: 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.
FOSTER PARENT TRAINING PROGRAM AGREEMENT
Participants: City of Roanoke and Roanoke County
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

BLUE RIDGE INTER-AGENCY 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; and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission
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; the City of Roanoke and numerous non-profits
Purpose: To provide regional employment assistance and training services and programs.

TOTAL ACTION FOR PROGRESS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE CENTER
Participants: Area law enforcement agencies, social service agencies, legal aid representatives
Purpose: To assist victims of domestic violence who want to develop healthier, more positive lifestyles for themselves and their children.
Web address: tapintonohope.org/DomesticViolenceServices.aspx

TRANSPORTATION

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.

ROANOKE REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION
Participants: City of Roanoke and County of Roanoke
Purpose: Owns and operates the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport.
Web address: www.roanokeairport.com

ROANOKE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (THE FEDERALLY DESIGNATED MPO FOR THE ROANOKE URBANIZED AREA)
Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Bedford, Botetourt, Montgomery and Roanoke, Town of Vinton, Valley Metro, Roanoke Regional Airport Commission, Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Virginia Department of Transportation
Purpose: The RVTPO is the regional transportation decision-making body for the Roanoke Valley urbanized area.
Web address: roanokevalleymetro.org

VALLEY METRO
Participants: Cities of Roanoke and Salem and the Town of Vinton.
Purpose: Provide bus service to the Roanoke Valley.
Web address: www.valleymetro.com
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