

Orientation 2018



Roanoke Valley-Alleghany

REGIONAL
commission

Introduction and Overview

- Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization
(contract with RVARC)

- Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission

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Urban
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*Rural Transportation
Regional/Local Projects
RIDE Solutions*

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- Western Virginia Industrial Facilities Board
(contract with RVARC)

- Western Virginia Workforce Development Board
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What is the Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission?

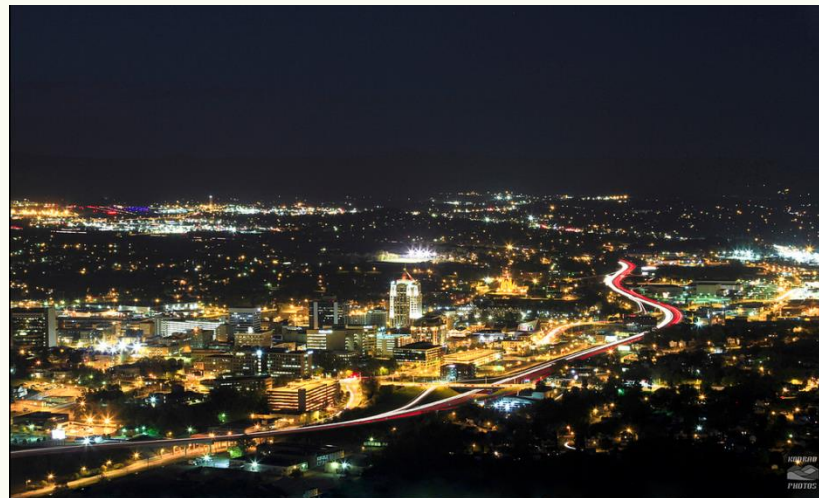
What We Do:

In a nutshell, we help the region and local governments identify opportunities for collaboration and support them in making smart and informed decisions

- Bring together local governments & organizations to promote discussion and action on issues of regional importance
- Prepare reports on issues of regional importance
- Provide technical assistance for the region and local governments
- Administrative and technical support for RVTPO (Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization)

What We Don't Do:

- Not a substitute for local Planning Commissions
- Not actively involved in recruiting new businesses to the region



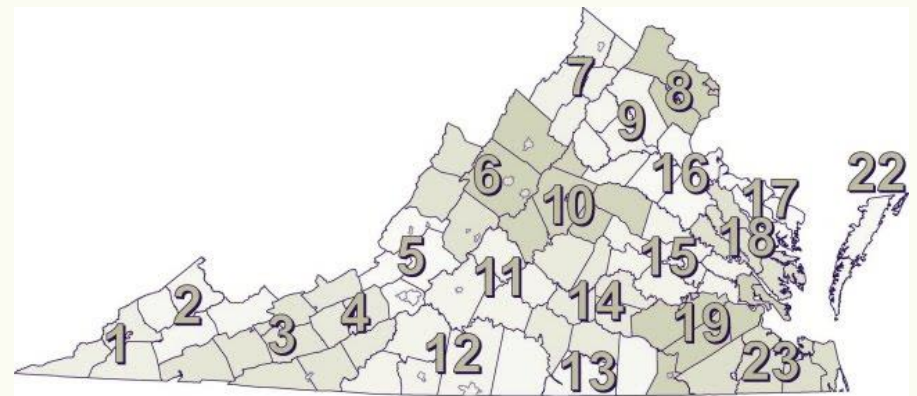
What is the Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission?

How We Came To Be:

- The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission was established by our member governments by charter under Virginia law in 1969.
- We are a political subdivision of the Commonwealth.

Our Mission

“To be a leader in driving collaboration and strategy within our communities on issues that are critical to the economic growth, quality of life, and sustainability of this region.”



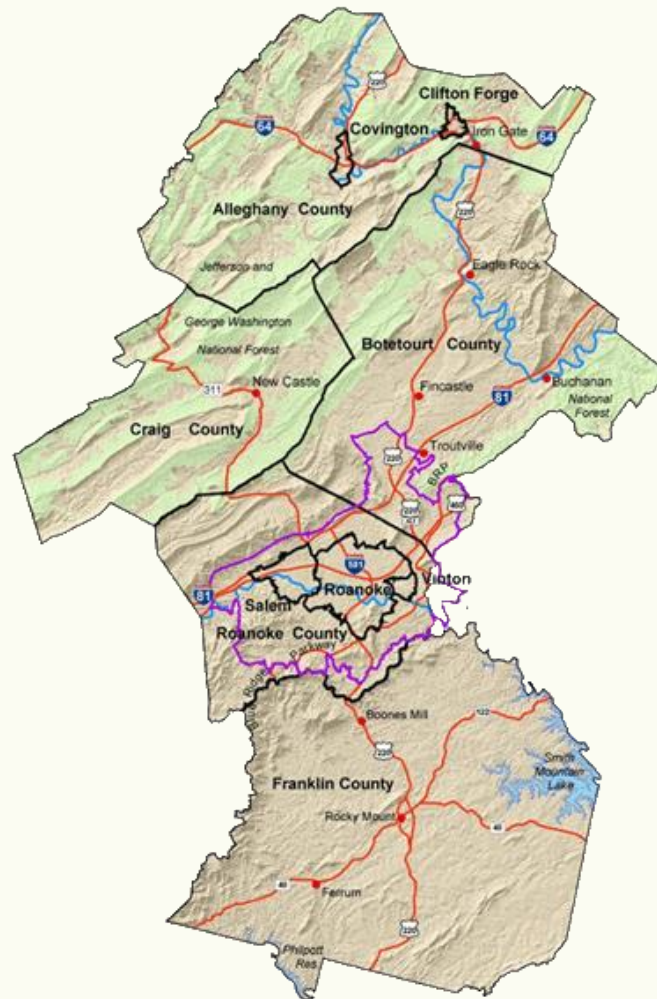
Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions

What is the Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission?

Who We Serve:

We serve the governments, businesses and citizens of:

- Alleghany County
- Botetourt County
- Craig County
- Franklin County
- Roanoke County
- City of Covington
- City of Roanoke
- City of Salem
- Town of Clifton Forge
- Town of Rocky Mount
- Town of Vinton



What is the Roanoke Valley – Alleghany Regional Commission?



Governance:

- 37 representatives appointed by our member governments
- Also non-voting members as invited by the board, include:
 - Regional Chambers of Commerce
 - Economic Development Organizations
 - Workforce Development Organizations
 - Community Colleges

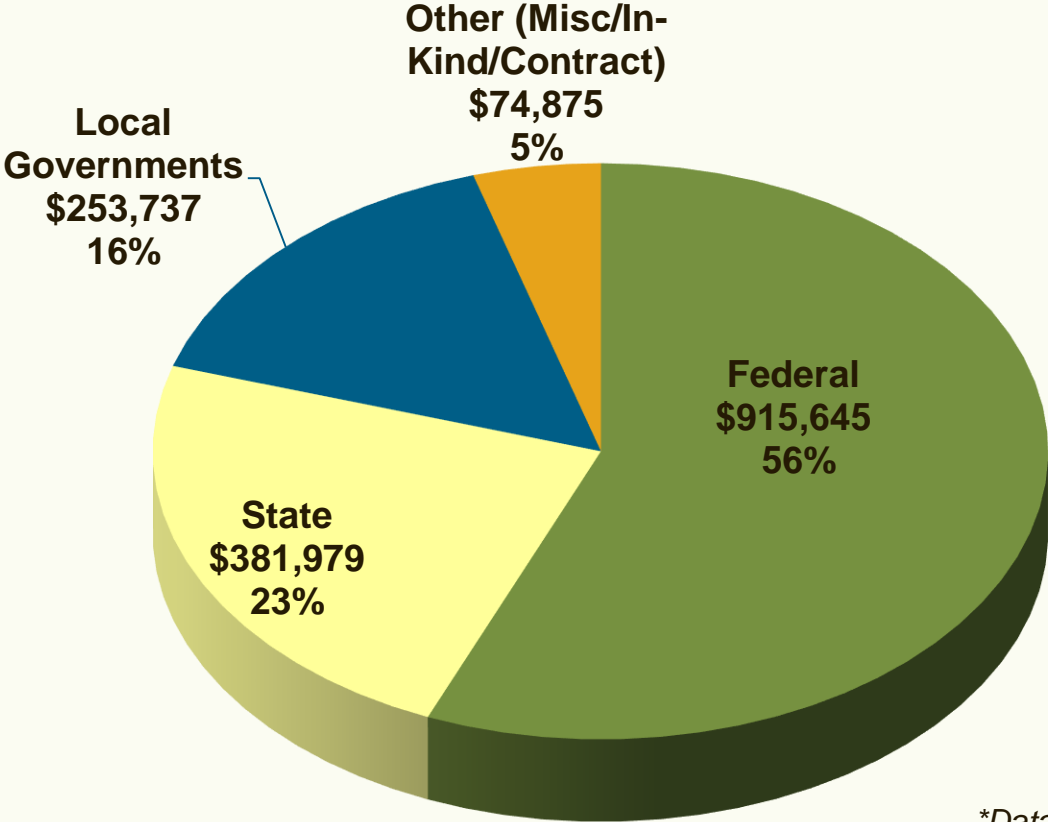
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What The Commission Board Does:

- Sets the strategic agenda for the region
- Approves the annual work program and budget
- Explores regional approaches to issues related to transportation, the environment, energy, economic and community development
- Initiates and facilitates productive regional discussion
- Encourages and assists localities in planning for the future

How is the Regional Commission funded

Funding Sources



**Data from 2013 Audit*

Setting Our Agenda

Roles and Projects

(TPO) URBAN TRANSPORTATION

- Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Administration Board sets agenda and work
- RVARC contracted to provide staff
- Long-Range Transportation Planning(20 years)
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Congestion Management Planning
- Allocate Regional Transportation Funds

RIDE Solutions

- Contracted by State for larger region.
- Carpool matching
- Employer outreach
- Transportation Demand Management Consulting
- Events and marketing

REGIONAL/LOCAL

- Economic Planning
- CEDS
- Stormwater/Water
- Comprehensive Planning
- Grant Writing
- Hazard Mitigation
- Land Use Ordinances
- Greenways & Trails
- Blueways
- Tourism
- Technical Assistance
- Rural Transportation Planning

Workforce Development

- Western Virginia Workforce Development Board sets agenda and work
- RVARC provides staff and financial administration.

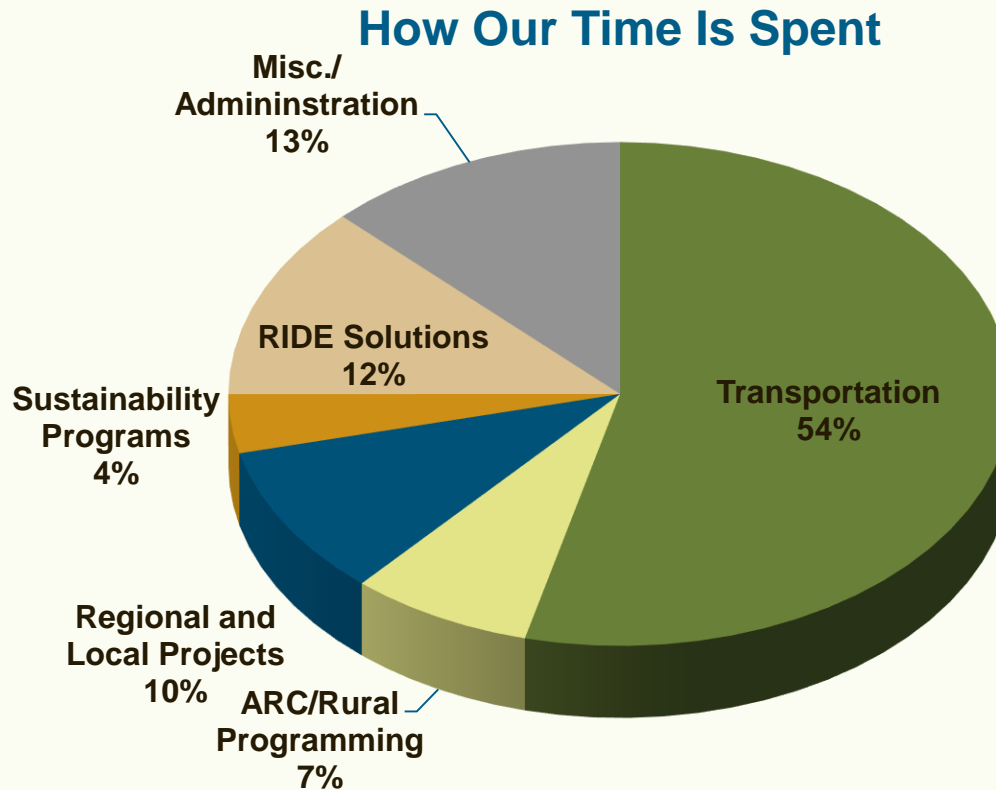
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Why Don't Projects Get Into the Annual Work Program?

- May not have funding for a particular project
- May be more requests than resources
- Alignment with current staff expertise
- Alignment with funding programs and grants
- Priorities based first on regional, then local needs

Regional Commission Work Program

Where We Spend Our Time Currently:



Workforce not included.

**Data from 2013/14 Work Program*

Behind The Scenes at The RVARC

Staff with expertise in:

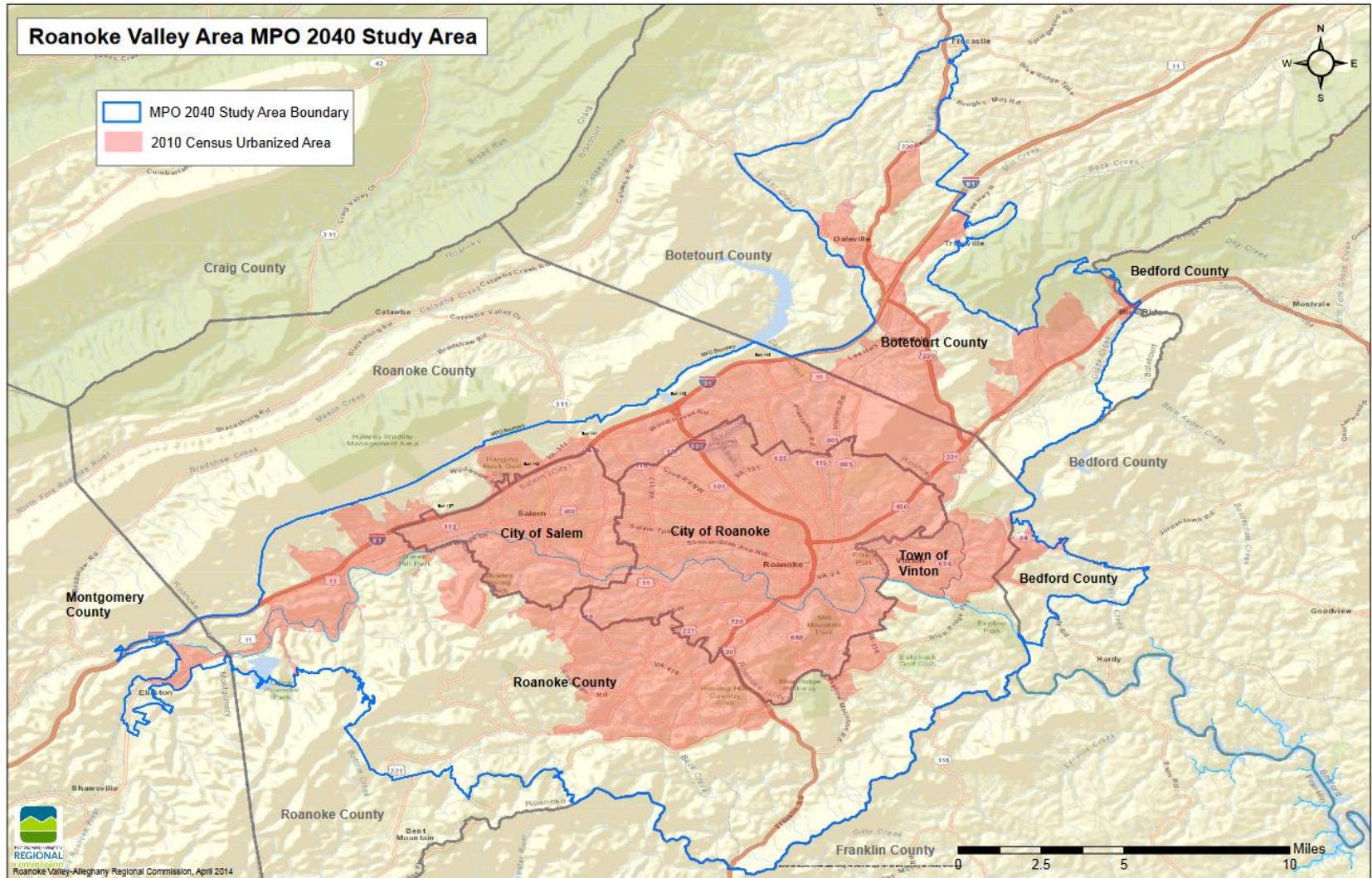
- Land Use Planning
- Transportation Planning
- Alternative Transportation
- Environmental Planning
- Demographic Analysis
- Geographic Information Systems
- Economic Analysis
- Facilitation/Strategic Planning
- Grant-Writing and Management
- Broadband Planning
- Public Relations and Communications

Transportation

- Staff the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO) for the urbanized area
- Rural Transportation Program
- Ride Solutions is the region's transportation demand management program



Urban / Rural Transportation Area



Transportation Planning

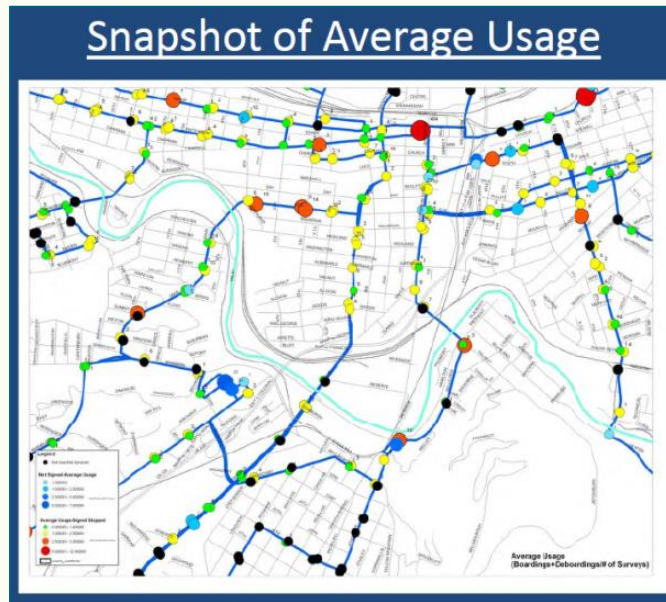
** WORK TO ADVANCE TOP REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES **

- Long-Range Transportation Planning (20 years)
- Short-Range Transportation Improvement Program (4 years)
- Congestion Management Planning
- Allocate Regional Transportation Funds (STBG, TA)
- Conduct transportation studies
- Assist with grant applications



Transit Planning

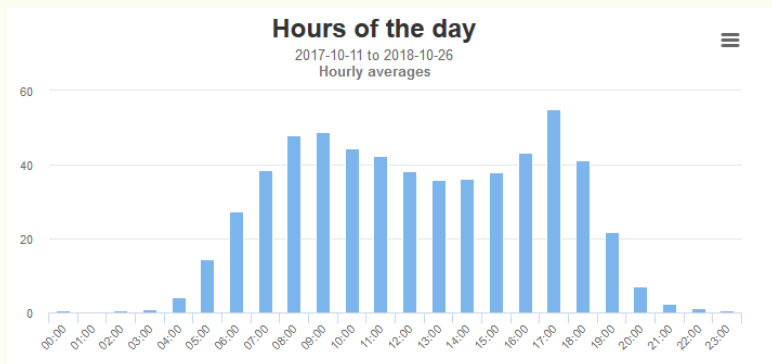
- General technical assistance to Valley Metro and RADAR
- Roanoke Valley Transit Vision Plan
- Assist with planning transit programs:
 - *Fixed-route, paratransit, other elderly/disabled public transit services*
- Analysis of Transit Ridership



Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning



Cyclist on Ogden Road



Greenway Trail Usage

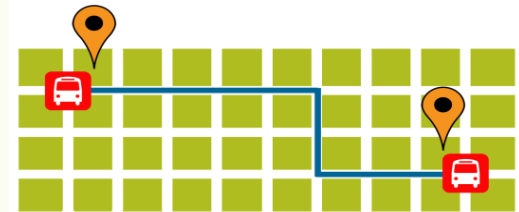
- Roanoke Valley Bicycle Plan
- Roanoke Valley Pedestrian Plan
- Rural Bikeway Plan
- Assist with Roanoke Valley Greenway Plan
- Help plan new bike lanes, sidewalks, greenways, etc.
- Conduct an annual count of bicyclists and pedestrians at key locations
- Track greenway/trail usage
- Assist with grant applications

RIDESolutions



- RIDE Solutions provides Transportation Demand Management (TDM) services for the RVARC, New River Valley PDC, Region 2000, and West Piedmont
- **Commuter Services:** Carpool matching, bicycle route planning, public transit assistance, telework support
- **Employer Services:** Marketing and consultant arm for employers, transit agencies, and local government
- Supports air quality, sustainability, and regional economic development

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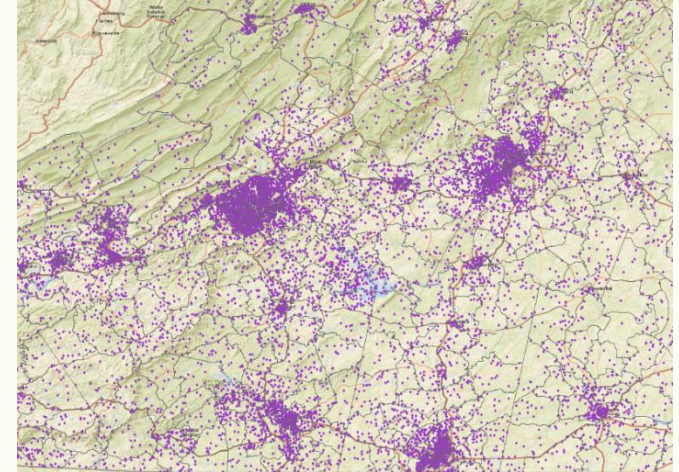
Supported Transit Providers



Information Services

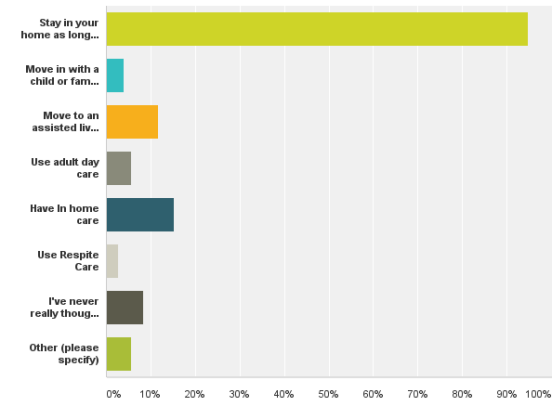
What We Do...

- Collect, maintain and have access to current demographic and economic planning resources
- Provide custom mapping products using GIS, GPS and digital mapping software
- Provide technical assistance to localities, non-profits, and businesses.



Q9 As you get older, do you plan to: (check all that apply)

Answered: 284 Skipped: 23



Economic Development

Regional Economic Development

- Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
- Tourism
- Enterprise Zone Assistance
- Broadband Planning
- Western VA Regional Industrial Facility Authority assistance
- Economic Impact (IMPLAN) Services



The Alleghany Regional Commerce Center

Community Development



What we do ...

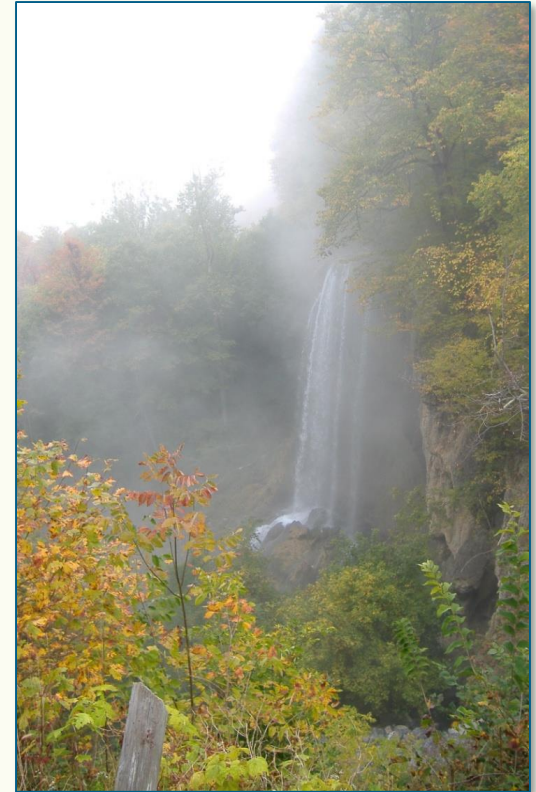
- Grant Writing and Management Assistance
- Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan Updates
- Emergency and Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Homelessness



Flooding in Downtown Roanoke

Environmental Planning

- Stormwater Management
- Water Supply Planning
- Watershed Improvement Plans
- Support Roanoke River Blueway development
- Assist with water trail planning
- Support regional urban forestry initiatives
- Cooperative projects with ATC and other regional stakeholders



Workforce Development

WE'RE EXCITED TO HAVE YOU WITH US

Questions?



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