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The April meeting of the Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission office, 313 Luck Avenue, SW, Roanoke, VA.

VOTING MEMBERS ATTENDING

Pete Huber (remotely) Alleghany County Steve Clinton, Vice Chair **Botetourt County** Gary Larrowe **Botetourt County** Billy Martin, Sr. **Botetourt County** Lorie Smith Franklin County Chris Whitlow Franklin County Phil North, Chair Roanoke County Richard Caywood Roanoke County Lee Osborne Roanoke County David Radford Roanoke County Kevin Hutchins Roanoke County Krystal Onaitis (remotely) City of Covington Allan Tucker City of Covington Joseph Cobb City of Roanoke Stephanie Moon Reynolds City of Roanoke Peter Volosin City of Roanoke John Saunders City of Salem Jim W. Wallace III City of Salem Denise King City of Salem

Debbie Laurdermilk Town of Clifton Forge
Chuck Unroe Town of Clifton Forge

Mayor Bradley Grose Town of Vinton Richard "Pete" Peters Town of Vinton

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT

Shannon Cox **Alleghany County** James Griffith **Alleghany County** Erin Henderson **Botetourt County** Dan Collins Craig County Jesse Spence Craig County Ronald Mitchell Franklin County Mike Carter Franklin County Roy Enslow Franklin County Dean Martin Roanoke County

Member Governments: Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin, and Roanoke, Cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem, Towns of Clifton Forge, Rocky Mount and Vinton

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT (Cont'd)

Dawn Erdman City of Roanoke
Robert Wood Town of Rocky Mount
Mark Newbill Town of Rocky Mount

1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS

Chair North called the meeting to order at 3 p.m. A quorum was present.

Others: Jake Kline (via zoom), Office of Watersheds and Local Government Assistance Program, DEQ; Will Crawford, Roanoke County; Megan Cronise, Roanoke County; Jill Loope, Roanoke County; Philip Thompson, Roanoke County.

Staff: Gabriel Irigaray, Robin Bruns, Bryan Hill, Jeremy Holmes, Virginia Mullen, Andrea Garland, Cristina Finch, Alison Stinnette, Jonathan Stanton, Eddie Wells, Sherry Dean, Niles Comer, Emma Howard-Woods, and Amanda McGee.

Chair North reported that Mr. Pete Huber, representing Alleghany County, and Ms. Krystal Onaitis, representing the City of Covington, have requested to participate remotely in today's meeting of the Roanoke -Alleghany Regional Commission under the Commission's Policy for Electronic Meeting Participation, allowing for remote participation for emergency or personal matters and a physical quorum is present. Both Mr. Huber and Ms. Onaitis have commitments which conflict with the travel time required to attend today's meeting in person. Chair North asked if there were any objections. None were voiced. Both requests were approved by unanimous consent.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Consent Agenda items were as follows:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. February 24, 2022 RVARC Minutes
- C. Financial Reports Ending March 31, 2022
- D. Resolution to Pursue Section 5303 Funding to Support the RVTPO Unified Planning Work Program
- E. Resolution to Approve the FY23 Rural Transportation Planning Work Program Scope of Work

MOTION: by Billy Martin to approve items (A), (B), (C), (D) & (E) under the consent agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by David Radford.

Regional Commission Action: Motion carried unanimously.

3. REMARKS BY THE CHAIR

 Chair North welcomed and introduced the newest member of the Regional Commission, Debbie Laudermilk, of Clifton Forge Town Council. Ms. Laudermilk was recently appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Pamela Marshall. Ms. Laudermilk has a long and distinguished career in the public sector, including in law enforcement, though her appointment represents her first time as an elected official. In addition to this duty, Ms. Laudermilk serves as the head brewer for Clifton Forge's famous Jack Mason's Tavern.

- Chair North reported that the Commonwealth Transportation Board will hold a series of public hearings to accept comments on the 2023-2028 Six Year Improvement Program. These will include highway, rail, and public transportation projects. The public hearing for our region will be held May 12th at 4 PM at the Holiday Inn Valley View. Comments may be made in person or submitted ahead of time by writing. Chair North encouraged all member localities to attend and speak on behalf of their projects. Representatives from the TPO and Regional Commission will also be on hand to speak on behalf of the SMART SCALE projects submitted from the regional bodies.
- Chair North reported that he was appointed as a Chair of the Virginia Counties
 Transportation Steering Committee (VACO) and is very excited about this
 opportunity. The goal of the committee is to advocate for transportation funding
 to meet the many projects needs around the commonwealth. This is
 accomplished working with the General Assembly and Commonwealth
 Transportation Board, both locally, and with staff at VACO or Virginia Counties.
- Chair North reported that a link to a survey was distributed by the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC), seeking information on needs and priorities from all the 408 counties it serves. The SCRC will serve those portions of the Commission not currently served by the Appalachian Regional Commission. The survey needs to be completed by May 31st.

4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jeremy Holmes reported that the Commission had filled the open positions and is back at full capacity. Mr. Holmes introduced three new staff members (Alison Stinnette, Jonathan Stanton, and Robin Bruns) and added that the Public Engagement Manager position was filled by Elizabeth Elmore. Ms. Elmore's first day will be May 2nd.

Mr. Holmes announced that the Commission received an award from the Virginia Environmental Endowments Community Conservation Program to fund a cost-free septic pump out program for Roanoke County residents. The program will offer a hundred and fifty pump outs over a three-year period.

5. <u>UPDATE FROM THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY</u>

Chair North introduced Mr. Jake Kline with the Department of Environmental Quality, who attended remotely. Mr. Kline is the Chesapeake Bay Outreach Coordinator. Previously, Jake worked in nonprofit grants administration with the Elizabeth River Project in Norfolk, where he oversaw multiple federal, state, and local grants and contracts focused on environmental restoration and water quality. Mr. Kline holds a

bachelor's degree in Public Relations from Appalachian State University and a master's degree in Public Administration from the Virginia Commonwealth University.

Mr. Kline presented an update from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (the PowerPoint presentation is included with the Minutes).

6. LOCALITY HIGHLIGHTS - ROANOKE COUNTY

Mr. Philip Thompson, Deputy Director of Planning and Jill Loope Director of Economic Development presented a PowerPoint presentation on planning for economic development in Roanoke County (the presentation is included in the Minutes).

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Presentation on Draft FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program

Mr. Bryan Hill provided an update on the Draft FY23 – 28 Six-Year Improvement Program and Draft FY21-24 TIP Amendment #2 (the PowerPoint presentation is included in the Minutes).

8. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND/OR THE PUBLIC

Mayor Grose thanked Roanoke County for the wonderful presentation and invited members to the upcoming Dogwood festival in Vinton.

Adjournment at 4:16 p.m.

Jeremy Holmes, Secretary

Secretary to the Regional Commission



Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Council

Jake Kline Chesapeake Bay Outreach Coordinator Virginia Department of Environmental Quality 4/28/2022

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Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act

Statutory Authority:

- 1988 Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act adopted
- VA Code Title 62.1: Waters of the State, Ports and Harbors
- . Chap. 3.1: State Water Control Law
- Article 2.5: §§ 62.1-44.15:67 15:79

Regulatory Authority:

- 1989 Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area Designation and Management Regulations adopted - 9 VAC 25-830
- Regulations amended 1991, 2001, 2014 and 2021

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Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act

"Balanced economic development and water quality protection are not mutually exclusive."

- Purpose is to protect local and state waters from additional degradation due to increases in nonpoint source pollution
- Comprehensive, enforceable nonpoint source program
- Cost effective, locally implemented approach
- Financial and technical assistance mandated
- Integrated with other DEQ environmental programs including: E&S, stormwater, wetlands permitting

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Recent Changes: CBPA Regulatory Amendments

2020 General Assembly amended Virginia Code § 62.1-44.15:72

- State Water Control Board required to amend Bay Act Regulations to address coastal resilience, adaptation to sealevel rise, climate change, and the preservation of mature trees
- DEQ worked with a Stakeholder Advisory Group adding criteria for local government programs to encourage and promote:
 - "Coastal resilience and adaptation to sea-level rise and climate change," and
 - "Preservation of mature trees or planting of trees as a water quality protection tool and as a means of providing other natural resource benefits".
- Amendments Effective September 2021

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Recent Changes: CBPA Regulatory Amendments

- Guidance being developed in conjunction with VIMS and William & Mary Coastal Policy Center
 - Stakeholder Group Process Underway to Review Draft Guidance
 - Informal Public Comment Expected Late Summer
- Guidance being planned for update to Riparian Buffer Manual in conjunction with amendment of the preservation/planting of trees

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Thank You!

Jake Kline
Chesapeake Bay Outreach Coordinator
James kline@deq.Virginia.gov

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Planning for Economic Development in Roanoke County

Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission April 28, 2022



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Planning for Economic Development

Planning sets a solid foundation for driving infrastructure investments, which facilitates high quality private sector development.

Board of Supervisors Direction Planning Infrastructure (Public Investment)

Collaborating Departments:
Planning
Economic Development
Parks, Recreation and Tourism
Development Services
Administration
Public engagement is critical

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Where We Started

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Roanoke County Zoning

78.35%

Agricultural

1.85%

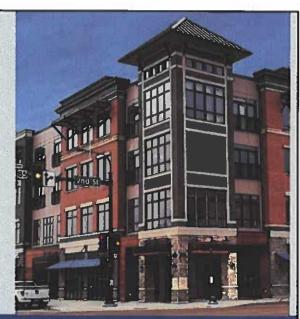
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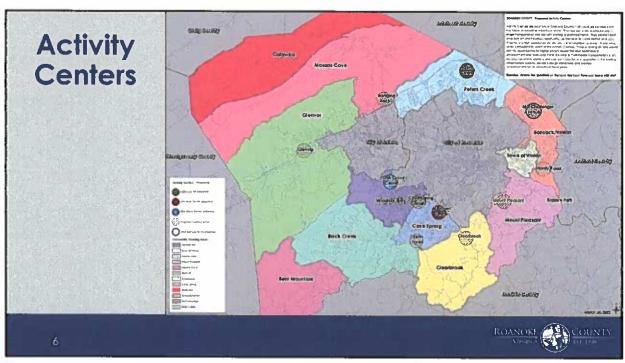
County's Goals

"....leaders of the Community
Development and Economic
Development Departments
initiated exploration of
potential opportunities to
develop higher density,
mixed-use activity areas in
our existing commercial
corridors ...



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419 Town Center / Tanglewood Area

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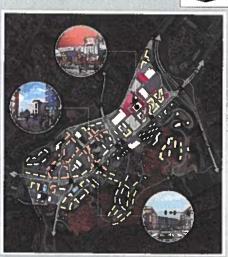


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Planning/Community Outreach

- Plan adoption by the Board of Supervisors July 2019
- Zoning Ordinance Amendments adopted July 27, 2021
 - Height Limitations, Parking Requirements, Drivethrough Facilities, and Sign Area Calculations
- 419 Development Guidelines
 - Joint Work Session with Board of Supervisors & Planning Commission on May 10th
 - · Finalize by the end of May 2022





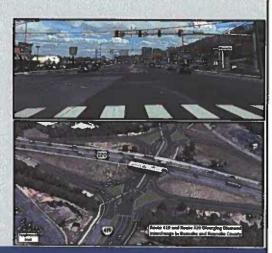
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Transportation Projects



- Recently Completed
 - Route 419 Widening, Safety & Multi-modal Project (Ogden Road to Route 220)
- Under Construction
 - Fallowater Lane Extension
- Right-of-Way Phase
 - Starkey Road/Buck Mountain Road Intersection Improvements
- Preliminary Engineering Phase
 - Route 419/220 Diverging Diamond Interchange
 - Route 220 Signal Improvements
- Funded Project
 - Route 419 Improvements, Phase 2 (Ogden Road to Starkey Road)



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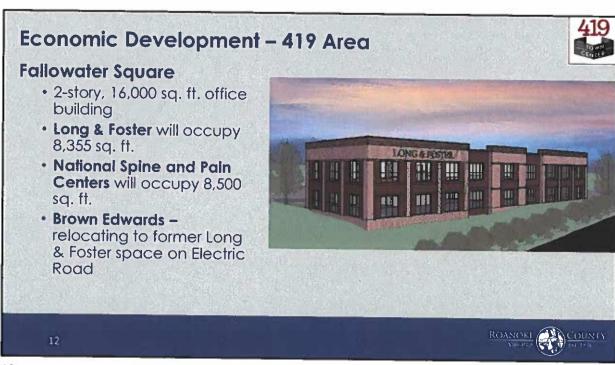
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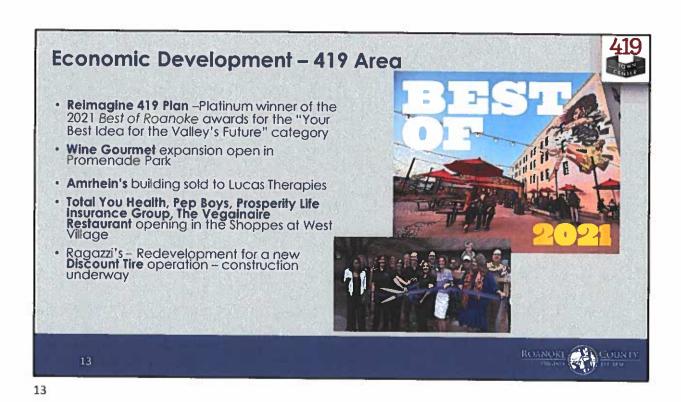
Tanglewood-Area Projects

Funded Transportation Projects	Construction	Funding		
runded transportation Projects	Start	Federal/State	County	
Route 419 Widening, Safety and Multimodal Improvements (Ogden Rd. to Route 220)	Complete	\$6,500,000	\$0 \$1,400,000	
Fallowater Lane Extension	Under Construction	\$2,900,000		
Starkey Road/Buck Mountain Road Intersection Improvements	2023	\$5,270,000	\$575,000	
Route 419/220 Diverging Diamond Interchange	2024	\$17,500,000	\$0	
Route 220 Signal Improvements	2024	\$10,200,000	\$0	
Route 419 Streetscape Improvements, Phase 2 (Ogden Rd. to Starkey Rd.)			\$0	
Total Funding		\$60,870,000	\$1,975,000	









Implementation Summary: Planning and Economic Development

Tanglewood-Area Investment	Amou	ount	
rangicwood-Area investment	Private	County	
Stantec Route 419 Town Center Study (including Interchange Analysis)	\$0	\$325,000	
Route 419 Surveying between Starkey Road and Ogden Road	\$0	\$47,000	
OIPI Technical Assistance for Design Guidelines	\$100,000 (State)	\$0	
Fallowater Square Investment	\$5,000,000	\$0	
Tanglewood Mali Investment (by end of 2022)	\$40,000,000	\$0	
Total Funding	\$45,100,000	\$372,000	

County Leverage is less than 1% of the Total Investment

172 new employees anticipated at Tanglewood Mall \$600,000 per year in expected new tox revenues (sales, food and beverage and business license fees)



Hollins Center/North County

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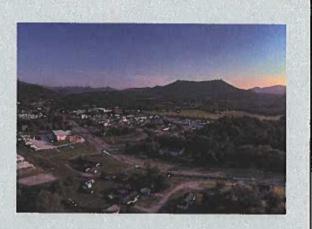


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Planning/Community Outreach



- Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors in July 2020
- Zoning Ordinance Amendments adopted July 27, 2021
- Hollins Library Replacement Planning and Initial Design – FY 2023



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Transportation Projects



- Recently Completed
 - Williamson Road Sidewalk, Peters Creek to North Roanoke Assisted Living
 - Plantation Road Project, Phase II (Walrond to Gander)
- Under Construction
 - Route 311/Route 419 Intersection Safety Improvements
- Preliminary Engineering Phase
 - Williamson Road Sidewalk, Peters Creek to Plantation
 - Williamson Road Sidewalk, North Assisted Living to Plymouth
- Funded Project
 - · Valleypointe Parkway Realignment



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Hollins Center/North County Projects



Funded Transportation Projects	Construction	Funding		
- unded transportation Projects	Start	Federal/State	County	
Williamson Road Sidewalk, Peters Creek to North Roanoke Assisted Living	Complete	\$1,500,000	\$0	
Plantation Road Project, Phase II (Walrond to Gander)	nder) Complete \$2,100,000		\$200,000	
Route 311/Route 419 Intersection Safety Improvements	Under Construction	\$3,775,000	\$0	
Williamson Road Sidewalk, Peters Creek to Plantation	2023	\$1,900,000	\$55,000	
Williamson Road Sidewalk, North Roanoke Assisted Living to Plymouth	2024	\$1,500,000	\$0	
Valleypointe Parkway Realignment	2026	\$9,800,000	\$0	
Total Funding		\$20,575,000	\$255,000	

County Match is 1% of the Total Project Funding



Economic Development - Hollins Area

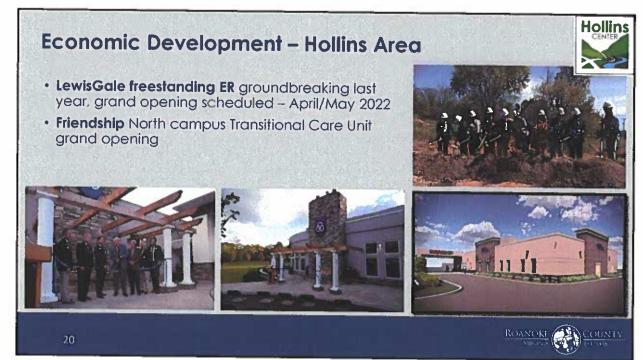


- Southern Team expansion 30,000 new SF, 50 jobs
- Vistar Eye Center groundbreaking for 26,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility on Airport Rd.
- Jersey Mike's, Luttrell Staffing Group, Old Virginia Outpost, Children's Nest Learning Center



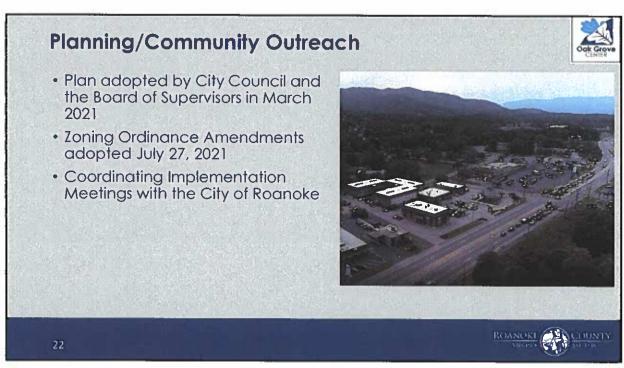
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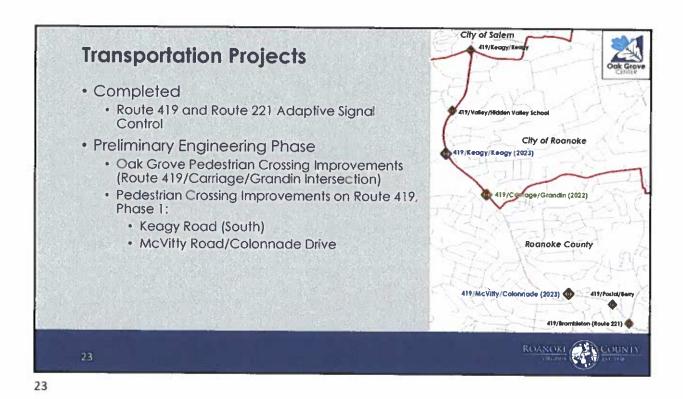
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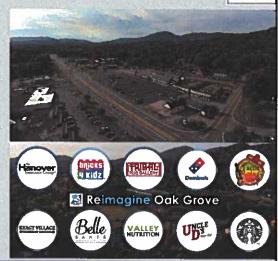




Economic Development - Oak Grove Area



- Oak Grove Shell Station –
 redevelopment underway
- New Retail and commercial business openings in the Oak Grove area
- Keagy Village working on several projects – anchor tenant
- Metis Plaza nearly fully leased with Galen School of Nursing leasing 30,000 sf, 400 students & 40-50 employees



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Vinton Area / Route 460

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Transportation Projects Funded Projects Route 460 at West Ruritan Intersection Improvements Route 460 Intersections from Carson Road to Huntridge Road Route 460 and Alternate Route 220 Intersection Improvements

Route 460 Projects

Freedood Transcon and the Burt of	Construction	Funding		
Funded Transportation Projects	Start	Federal/State	County	
oute 460 at West Ruritan Intersection Improvements	2026	\$7,500,000	\$0	
Route 460 Intersections from Carson Rd. to Huntridge Rd.	2026	\$2,800,000	\$0	
Route 460 and Alternate Route 220 Intersection mprovements	2027	\$21,800,000	\$0	
Total Funding		\$32,100,000	\$C	
There are no County funds	on these project	ts		

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Route 460 Land Use and Connectivity Study

- Builds upon the 2020 VDOT Route 460 Safety and Operational Improvements Study
- · Timmons Group consultants are studying:
 - Alternative routes to using Challenger Avenue
 - Desired development types as they relate to existing zoning and future land use designations
 - At-grade railroad crossings
- · Schedule:
 - May 18th Community meeting on draft recommendations
 - Final report and adoption in Summer 2022



U.S. ROUTE 460 LAND USE AND CONNECTIVITY STUDY

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Economic Development - Vinton Area

- IEDC Bronze Excellence in Economic Development award and VACo Achievement award for Vinton Redevelopment 2021
- Total investment is \$33.7M in taxable new investment with \$655,680 in annual tax base enhancement, and over 149 jobs created
- Gish's Mill redevelopment into a mixed-use space for lodging, seasonal market and restaurant
- Rosie's Gaming Emporium expansion \$28M
- Bank of Botetourt opened in downtown Vinton in August 2021
- Vinton Hotel Project
- RND Coffee & Joe Goodpies opened in Vinyard Station



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Additional Planning & Economic Development Activities

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Explore Park Adventure Plan

- Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2016
- 25-year trail map for park development
- Included in master plan is a business plan and special inventory of the park's natural & cultural beauty
- Focuses on quality of life amenities for citizens but more importantly on the needs for the park to be an outdoor destination for tourism
- Board of Supervisors has invested over \$5.7 million in park infrastructure to support private development



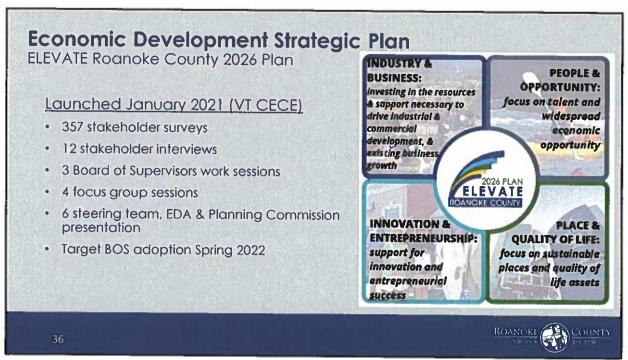
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Career & Technical Education Center

- · The Burton Center for Arts & Technology is RCPS' current CTE center
- Roanoke County is currently in the planning process for a new center
- Produced more than 1,066 certifications in 2020-2021 for areas including Automotive Service Excellence, Certified Nursing Assistant, Microsoft Office, and more
- Overall educational attainment for the County is higher than the state of Virginia for all segments, with the exception of graduate and professional degrees.
- Develops a workforce pipeline of award-winning students for indemand fields by creating job-ready individuals who are well prepared to contribute to the economy



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Summary

Roanoke County has an intentional alignment of planning, economic development and tourism to drive infrastructure improvements and private sector investment.

Producing desired outcomes:

- According to the 2020 Census, Roanoke County had the largest population growth rate in the Roanoke Region of 4.9% during the prior decade, demonstrating that quality of place matters
- 739+ new housing units planned and underway supports new population growth

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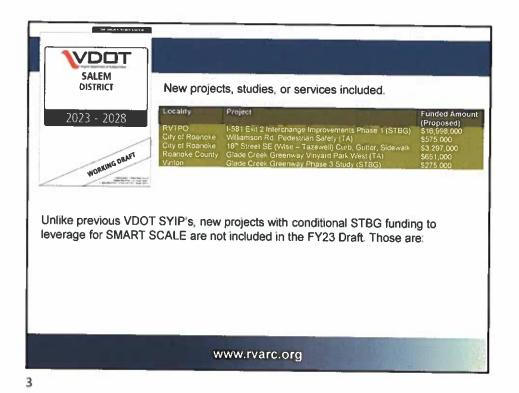
- 60,000 visitors to Illuminights at Explore Park in 2021
- New business announcements

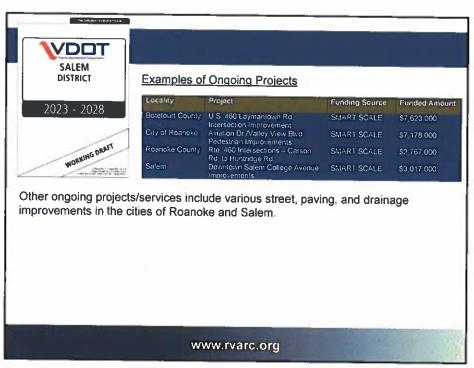
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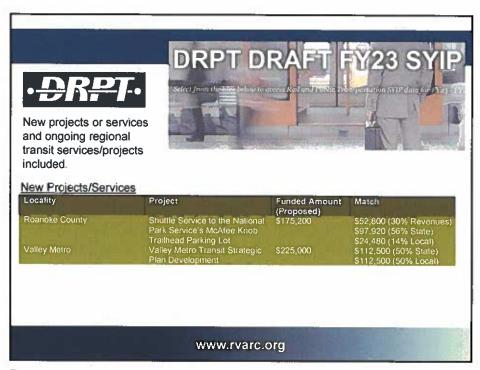


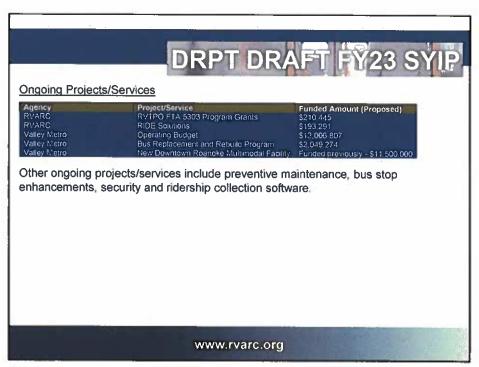


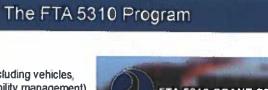
Draft FY23-28 Six-Year Improvement Program Released for public review and comment by the CTB on April 20th, In-person public comment opportunity Commonwealth at the Spring SYIP Salem District Transportation public meeting: Thursday, May 12 at Board Holiday Inn Valley View, 3315 Ordway Drive, SW, Roanoke. Electronic and regular mail public comment opportunities available until May 23. For more information: Virgin a Department of Department of Rail and Public https://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/s pringmeetings2022/default asp. Transportation (DRPT) www.rvarc.org











At a glance...

Supports capital (including vehicles, equipment, and mobility management) and operating costs of transportation services for the elderly and/or disabled



What will the Program fund in FY23?

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