

# REGIONAL REPORT CARD

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**A compilation of various regional cooperative activities currently being undertaken by the counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig and Roanoke; the cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem; the towns of Clifton Forge and Vinton; and neighboring localities.**

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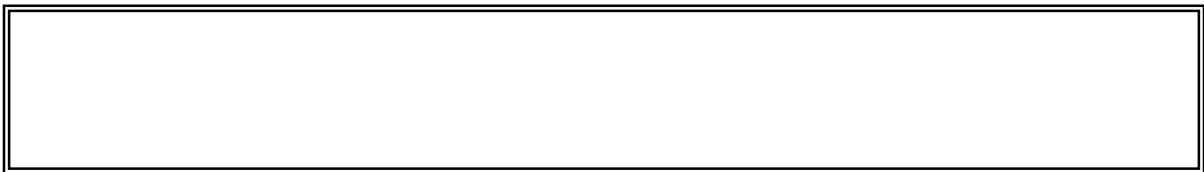
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# OVERVIEW

A common question one hears in this region is – “Why don’t our counties, cities and towns work together more on programs and projects? Although the news media will publish articles about regional cooperative activities, this question comes up again and again. Over the years, there have been instances where local governments have disagreed on how to approach a problem and have gone their separate ways to resolve the problem. But, there are also many cases where elected and appointed officials have come together to try to address issues that transcend local boundaries. Much of the regional cooperation evident in the region is not common knowledge because local governments are busy trying to address the needs of citizens and don’t always have the time or see the need to issue a news release when cooperative activities are being pursued.

The purpose of this document, 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.

Ninety-eight (98) 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.

In 2002, 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.

The cooperative activities cited in the “Report Card” are divided into ten (10) categories: Economic Development; Education; Environment; General Government; Libraries; Parks/Recreation; Public Safety; Public Works and Facilities; Social and Human Services; and Transportation. While reviewing the information from local governments, the Commission staff tried to organize the programs/projects under the above categories. Some activities could have fallen under multiple categories, so a best estimation about an appropriate category was made.

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 during the 1990's. 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) Regional Leadership Summits (quarterly meetings of all elected officials in the region, first hosted by the City of Roanoke in 2000 and hosted by other governments after that time); and
- (3) Mayors and Chairs meetings (monthly meetings of the Mayors of the region's cities and towns and the Chairs of the county boards of supervisors that is coordinated by the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission).

The Regional Commission is hopeful that this document will help to dispel the widely held idea that local governments do not and 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.

✓ **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 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.

✓ **FIFTH DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING CONSORTIUM**

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

**Purpose:** Regional employment assistance and training services program.

✓ **FIFTH PLANNING DISTRICT REGIONAL ALLIANCE**

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

**Purpose:** To enhance voluntary regional cooperative activities among local governments and other organizations and to improve the economic competitiveness in the Fifth Planning District region of Virginia.

✓ **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.

✓ **MCDONALD FARM BUSINESS PARK (MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL REVENUE SHARING)**

**Participants:** County of Roanoke and the Town of Vinton.

**Purpose:** Both communities are working together in designing and funding the facility.

✓ **ROANOKE VALLEY-ALLEGHANY REGIONAL COMMISSION**

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

✓ **ROANOKE VALLEY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU**

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

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

✓ **ROANOKE VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

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

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

✓ **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.

✓ **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.



# EDUCATION

## ✓ ADULT AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

**Purpose:** Cooperate regionally on adult education, adult basic education and special education programs.

## ✓ 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.

## ✓ SCHOOL SERVICES PROCUREMENT

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

**Purpose:** Jointly purchase certain school-related services and equipment.

# 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 and reuse, recycling and reduction of the waste stream for all levels in both public and private schools.

## ✓ ROANOKE VALLEY URBAN FORESTRY COUNCIL

**Participants:** Roanoke Valley governments, 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.

## ✓ 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.

# GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## ✓ 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.

## ✓ ROANOKE VALLEY CABLE TELEVISION

**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.

# LIBRARIES

## ✓ 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.

# PARKS/RECREATION

## ✓ DIXIE BASEBALL

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

**Purpose:** Collaborative youth baseball program for boys ages 13-18.

## ✓ GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

**Participants:** Cities of Roanoke and Salem, County of Roanoke, Town of Vinton, Hollins University, Roanoke College, and Virginia Amateur Sports.

**Purpose:** Provide an event for local girls and women to participate in sporting events. Local governments have assisted with locations and staffing of this event.

## ✓ 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 AREA YOUTH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

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

**Purpose:** To address the need of the limited number of girl's softball teams throughout the region.

## ✓ ROANOKE VALLEY GREENWAY COMMISSION

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

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

✓ **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.

✓ **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 RECRETION 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.

# PUBLIC SAFETY

✓ **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 County of Allegheny.

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

- ✓ **ATF and 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:** City of Salem Police and 28 police/sheriff's agencies.  
**Purpose:** Training academy for law enforcement personnel.
  
- ✓ **CLEARBROOK FIRE AND RESCUE**  
**Participants:** City of Roanoke and County of Roanoke.  
**Purpose:** Co-staffing of fire and EMS service.
  
- ✓ **CRIMELINE**  
**Participants:** Roanoke Valley jurisdictions.  
**Purpose:** Operate an anonymous telephone tip line and distribute information to area law enforcement agencies.
  
- ✓ **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.

✓ **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, ANIMAL CONTROL AND MOUNTED PATROL TRAINING**

**Participants:** City of Roanoke, attended by other jurisdictions.

**Purpose:** The City of Roanoke developed a complete Homeland Defense Training course, canine course and mounted patrol 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 an unusual occurrence or local emergency.

✓ **ORGANIZED CRIME DRUG TASK FORCE**

**Participants:** City, county 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 ACADEMY TRAINING AGREEMENT**

**Participants:** City of Roanoke and County of Roanoke.

**Purpose:** By mutual agreement, the County of Roanoke uses the Roanoke City Police Academy for recruit and in-service training for all officers.

✓ **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.

✓ **REGIONAL DECAL ENFORCEMENT COMPACT**

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

**Purpose:** Compact to enforce licensing ordinances.

✓ **REGIONAL FIREARMS TRAINING FACILITY**

**Participants:** City of Roanoke and County of Roanoke.

**Purpose:** To train law enforcement personnel in firearms function and safety.

✓ **REGIONAL THEFT ASSOCIATION**

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

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

✓ **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 VALLEY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Participants:** Emergency Management Coordinators from the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, County of Roanoke, and the Town of Vinton.

**Purpose:** To approach disaster management from a valley-wide aspect.

✓ **ROANOKE VALLEY FRAUD INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION**

**Participants:** All Roanoke Valley law enforcement agencies.

**Purpose:** To provide an exchange of information among professionals to facilitate fraud 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.

✓ **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.

✓ **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.

✓ **ROANOKE VALLEY WIRELESS 911**

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

**Purpose:** To achieve a smooth transaction of wireless 911 responsibilities from the Virginia State Police to local jurisdictions by 2003.

- ✓ **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.
  
- ✓ **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.
  
- ✓ **SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL AT&T LANGUAGE LINE**  
**Participants:** Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke; and the Town of Vinton.  
**Purpose:** Assists dispatch centers with serving non-English speaking clients.
  
- ✓ **SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL 911 COMMITTEE**  
**Participants:** Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Botetourt, Craig, Franklin, Montgomery and Roanoke; and the Towns of Blacksburg and Vinton.  
**Purpose:** To inform member jurisdictions of technology and training as they relate to emergency 911 systems.
  
- ✓ **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.

✓ **800 MHz TRUNKING REGIONAL RADIO SYSTEM INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Participants:** City of Roanoke and County of Roanoke.

**Purpose:** Installation and maintenance of an 800 MHz Trunking Regional Radio System.

# **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 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.
  
- ✓ **BIOSOLIDS AGREEMENT**  
**Participants:** City of Roanoke and County of Franklin.  
**Purpose:** Deliver biosolids to farmers in Franklin County.
  
- ✓ **REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**  
**Participants:** Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke; and the Town of Vinton.  
**Purpose:** Provide regional wastewater treatment.
  
- ✓ **REGIONAL WATER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS**  
**Participants:** Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Bedford, Botetourt and Roanoke; and the Town of Vinton.  
**Purpose:** Water purchase and/ or sales agreements.
  
- ✓ **REGIONAL WATER/SEWER FEASIBILITY STUDY**  
**Participants:** City of Roanoke and County of Roanoke.  
**Purpose:** Study feasibility of a regional water/sewer authority.

✓ **ROANOKE REGIONAL LONG-RANGE WATER SUPPLY PLANNING**

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

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

✓ **ROANOKE VALLEY PROJECT IMPACT**

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

**Purpose:** Support communities that are proactive in reducing their risk from disasters and protecting their citizens and businesses.

✓ **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).

✓ **ROANOKE VALLEY WATER TRANSFER AGREEMENTS**

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

**Purpose:** Transfer of water in time of need.

# SOCIAL AND HUMAN SERVICES

- ✓ **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.
  
- ✓ **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.
  
- ✓ **ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER DEBIT CARD**  
**Participants:** Departments of social services of the City of Roanoke and the County of Roanoke.  
**Purpose:** Coordinate efforts to prepare for the transition from paper food stamps to the use of an electronic benefit transfer debit card.
  
- ✓ **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 County of Roanoke.  
**Purpose:** Train foster parents and share foster homes if needed.



- ✓ **HOMELESS TASK FORCE OF THE ROANOKE VALLEY**  
**Participants:** Cities of Roanoke and Salem, and other local agencies.  
**Purpose:** Work together to identify and solve problems associated with the homeless population in the Roanoke Valley.
  
- ✓ **NOT YOU IN 2002**  
**Participants:** Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Bedford, Botetourt and Roanoke; and the Town of Vinton.  
**Purpose:** Educational effort to discourage driving while drinking.
  
- ✓ **REGIONAL DISABILITIES 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.
  
- ✓ **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 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 interests of members.

✓ **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.

✓ **VIRGINIA INITIATIVE FOR EMPLOYMENT NOT WELFARE (VIEW)**

**Participants:** Departments of social services of the City of Roanoke and the Counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig and Roanoke.

**Purpose:** Identify the needs of and resources available to participants in VIEW.

# 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.

✓ **ROANOKE VALLEY REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMISSION**

**Participants:** City of Roanoke and County of Roanoke.

**Purpose:** Owns and operates the Roanoke Valley Regional Airport.

✓ **ROANOKE VALLEY AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**Participants:** Cities of Roanoke and Salem; Counties of Botetourt and Roanoke; Town of Vinton; Valley Metro; Roanoke Airport Commission; and the Virginia Department of Transportation.

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

✓ **VALLEY METRO**

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

**Purpose:** Provide bus service to the Roanoke Valley. Primary service and funding is in Roanoke City.