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Upcoming Events

July 20th to 22nd

[VAPDC Summer Conference](#)

Staunton, VA

August 8th

RRRC Food Council

Virtual Meeting | 1:30 pm

August 9th

FHN Service Providers

Virtual Meeting | 10:00 am

August 10th

Regional Planners Roundtable

RRRC Board Room | 10:00 am

August 24th

Regional Commission

Location TBD | 1:00 pm

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View at Tween Rivers Trail site [Seek Lavender](#) - check out the [TRT calendar](#) for updated event listings!

RRRC and Regional Transportation Collaborative Surveying Transportation Needs

Residents in eastern Orange County and Culpeper County may receive an invitation to a survey from the University of Virginia Center for Survey Research (CSR) in the near future, as part of a transportation needs assessment underway by the [Regional Transportation Collaborative](#). The survey is an opportunity for residents aged 55 or older and/or residents with mobility challenges that affect their access to transportation to offer their thoughts and opinions to help inform regional transportation planning efforts, set strategic priorities and identify resources necessary in the future.

The survey is entirely voluntary, responses will be kept confidential, and should only require about 10 minutes to complete. Residents and households will be randomly selected and will receive individual invitations to the survey that may be completed online or via return mail to CSR.



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RRRC Seeking Nominations for 2022 Regional Leadership Awards

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission is accepting nominations for the 2022 Regional Distinguished Leadership Citizen and Government Awards. The awards, first presented in 2007, are intended to honor members of the Rappahannock-Rapidan region for outstanding contributions to the region, and facilitation and support for regional coordination, planning, and communication in addressing issues or priorities of regional significance. A list of past honorees can be found at <https://www.rrregion.org/awards>.

Eligibility

- Nominees for the Government award are Elected Officials or Government Staff
- Nominees for the Citizen award may be citizen planners, business/non-profit leaders, community volunteers, appointed members of local boards/committees, or other local or regional coordination efforts

[Nominations may be submitted online](#), or to receive a paper copy, please contact Patrick Mauney at plmauney@rrregion.org. Nominations are due by Friday, July 29, 2022 and will be presented to the selected honorees at the RRRRC Annual Meeting later this year.

Foothills Housing Network Sharing Success Stories

The [Foothills Housing Network](#) (FHN) is the local planning group with a mission of making homelessness brief, rare and non-recurring in the Rappahannock-Rapidan region. The Regional Commission serves as lead agency in coordinating funding applications and providing support to partner organizations focused on providing client services to vulnerable households in the region.

In 2021, FHN launched a new website providing critical resource information regarding available Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-housing programs, emergency shelter, partner organizations, and opportunities for new partners to become a part of the network. In addition, client success stories are also shared revealing the importance of connecting individuals and families with housing opportunities in achieving positive outcomes for the entire community.



Please [click here to read two success stories](#) from FHN service provider [Community Touch](#), and if you are an FHN partner, please email fhn@rrregion.org if you have a success story to add to the site.

2022 Virginia Outdoors Survey is Underway

In advance of development of the 2023 Virginia Outdoor Plan (VOP), the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is conducting the 2022 Virginia Outdoors Survey. The [Virginia Outdoors Plan](#) is the state's comprehensive plan for land conservation, outdoor recreation and open-space planning. The document helps all levels of government and the private sector meet needs pertaining to those matters

For the 2022 survey, outdoor recreation includes a variety of things people do outside, whether on public or private property, including simple things like walking for pleasure, using a playground, going for a swim or playing sports outdoors. DCR and the survey team are also interested in your visits to historic sites, campgrounds, and other open spaces. The most recent VOP, as well as the Regional Commission's [Active Transportation Plan](#), identify numerous planned and conceptual outdoor opportunities throughout the Rappahannock-Rapidan region, including river access opportunities, and the recently announced Culpeper Battlefields State Park. This survey represents a

chance to provide important additional feedback on the outdoor needs of the region.

[The survey can be accessed here](#), and is intended for Virginia residents aged 18 or over.



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