



Roanoke Valley-Alleghany

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Driving Regional Progress Together

Photo: Summertime at Craig Creek Recreation Area near Eagle Rock



**Allegheny
Highlands**
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

20 HOUSING 25 SUMMIT

Allegheny Highlands Housing Summit set for Aug. 14

Event will focus on expanding housing options for the regional workforce

Join the [Allegheny Highlands Economic Development Corporation](#) and the Roanoke Valley-Allegheny Regional Commission for the 2025 Allegheny Highlands Housing Summit!

The event takes place Thursday, August 14 from 9 am to 3pm at Mountain Gateway Community College in Clifton Forge.

The 2025 Allegheny Highlands Housing Summit is a gathering of housing professionals, community leaders, developers, and advocates.

This FREE full-day event will include a lineup of speakers and roundtable discussions aimed at creating a more impactful framework for housing investments in the region. Participants will network and collaborate on strategic supporting housing initiatives.

Save the date and join the conversation. Register and learn more in the links below!

REGISTER FOR SUMMIT

MEDIA ADVISORY



RVTPO Engages with Valley Metro Bus Ridership

Staff from our Transportation Team reached out to bus riders at the Valley Metro Transit Center throughout June to listen to their feedback for the [Bus Stop Accessibility Study](#).

We enjoyed connecting with residents across the Roanoke Valley to learn more about their public transportation usage and ideas for improvement!



Stormwater Management Education and Outreach in Botetourt County

Botetourt County community members learned about the benefits of **rain barrels** and built one to take home at a free workshop at Eagle Rock Branch Library.

Rain barrels help households reduce their water footprints, prevent pollutants from entering local streams, while saving money on water bills along with providing clean water for home gardens.

Terra Famuliner, Environment and Resilience Regional Planner for RVARC, co-hosted the event with [Mountain Castles Soil and Water Conservation District](#) as part of regional education and outreach efforts for stormwater management.

[Learn more about RVARC's work in stormwater management.](#)



FREE SEPTIC PUMP-OUT PROGRAM

Hurry - only a few more spots left for the season!



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Virginia
Environmental
Endowment

Households with an annual household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line are eligible to apply.

Roanoke County households with septic systems may qualify for a FREE septic tank pump-out!

This program aims to reduce the environmental impacts and property damage caused by failed septic systems.

Households with an annual household income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line are eligible to apply. See eligibility details online.

This grant program is through the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission in partnership with Roanoke County and Virginia Environmental Endowment.

Questions? Contact Terra Famuliner at tfamuliner@rvarc.org or call 540-343-4417.

Roanoke County Application

RVARC Staff Member Amya Matthews joins Roanoke Arts Commission Board



Amya Matthews, Regional Planner for RVARC, is joining the Roanoke Arts Commission board! This volunteer appointment helps strengthen our ongoing partnership in community engagement transit programs such as [Art by Bus](#) and [Better Bus Stops for Neighborhoods](#). From Amya:

"I'm genuinely excited about this volunteer opportunity because it offers a unique chance to bridge community development with cultural enrichment. Arts programming is a powerful catalyst for creating vibrant, inclusive, and economically resilient communities — values that align closely with my professional and personal mission."

Roanoke Valley Collective Response partners with Virginia Department of Health to launch "Industry Night" overdose response trainings



Workers from downtown Roanoke restaurants and drinkeries received free hands-on training on how to respond to overdose situations at the first **Industry Night**, co-hosted by [Roanoke Valley Collective Response](#) and **Virginia Department of Health**. They had a great initial turnout and look forward to the next training in August.

The bar and restaurant industry are one of the occupations most at risk of encountering overdoses. Industry nights are a component of the "**Prep. Serve. Save Lives**" outreach campaign by the RVCR.

Contact RCVR Director Bailey Medeiros at bailey@rvarc.org to be connected with free overdose response training and resources.



No RVTPO or RVARC Meetings in July

Join us for the next scheduled meetings in August. Wishing our committee members a great summer!



Roanoke Valley TPO
August 28, 2025 @ 1 PM
313 Luck Ave SW
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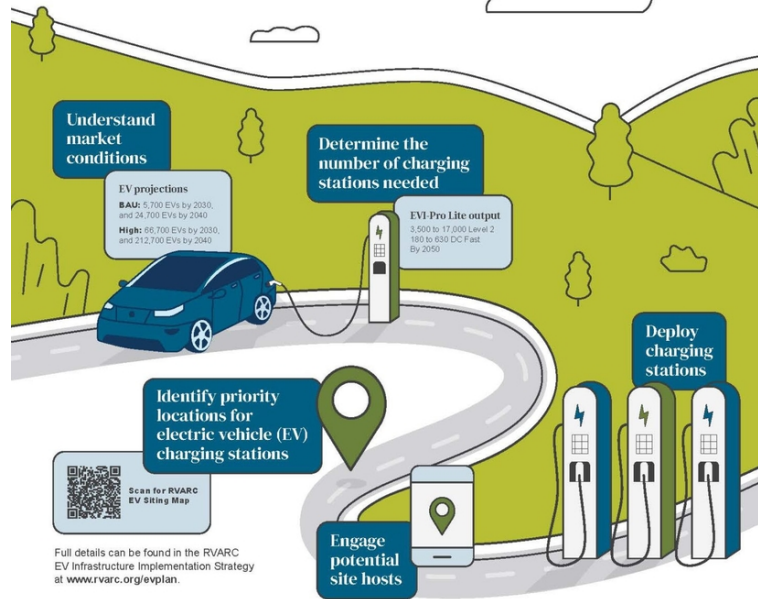
Public participation is encouraged in these meetings, with a designated time for public comments. Agendas are available up to one week before in the above meeting links.

Tune in virtually: Regional Commission and RVTPO meeting recordings are livestreamed on our [Facebook page](#) and archived on our [YouTube channel](#).

Electrifying the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region

A Strategic Approach To Expanding EV Infrastructure in the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region

Here's a high-level, step-by-step guide to the strategy.



Ongoing Actions

- Engage utilities
- Adopt policies that facilitate EV infrastructure deployment
- Review and implement siting best practices
- Identify EV charging station funding opportunities
- Engage community members
- Engage local workforce in training programs
- Monitor data on site utilization and station uptime



RVARC has developed an **EV Infrastructure Implementation Strategy**. This strategy assists jurisdictions in the region in identifying optimal locations for EV charging station deployment, fostering the development of a regional charging network. Resources include:

- EV adoption projections
- Recommendations for the number and placement of charging stations, and
- Best practices for securing funding, shaping local EV policies, and ensuring



ity. **Pounding Mill Concept Website**

Available for Public Input

s over the coming years, supporting a

transportation future. You can find the

Allegany County is seeking public input

a conceptual plan for outdoor recreation u

of a 17+ acre County owned property.

drea Garland at agarland@rvarc.org.

Please review the concept website for

more information and to compete the

community survey. Locals and visitors ;

encouraged to participate. Your input it

valuable in helping develop the best poss

public use of the property.

EV Project Page

Pounding Mill Project Website



New name, same gateway: Roanoke-Blacksburg Airport launches fresh look for a growing region

For the first time in more than 30 years, Roanoke-Blacksburg Airport is giving its look a refresh and simplifying its brand name.

Along with new branding, the airport launched a [new website](#), which aims to enhance the user experience. Easy-to-navigate resources for passengers and the business community, a modern and responsive design, and a flight reservation tool where passengers can book their travel out of ROA are among the website's new features.

Learn more at the link!

Press Release



Center for Community Health Innovation helps launch public health dashboards for Salem and Covington

Salem and Covington residents now have easy access to a wealth of insightful health data and tools thanks to a partnership that includes Roanoke College's Center for Community Health Innovation, the Allegheny Health District and the national City Health Dashboard.

City Health Dashboard is an [interactive tool](#) that distills dozens of data points about local health outcomes and risk factors into a clear, easy-to-use public resource.

Salem and Covington were picked for the program as part of the competitive, nationwide [Put Us on the Map Challenge](#)

Read More

The Regional Commission is 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.

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