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 Roanoke Valley Greenway Coordinator Finds New Home at Regional Commission



Relocation Embeds Role in Long Established Regional Planning Body

ROANOKE, VA – The [Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission](https://www.rvarc.org) and the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission are pleased to announce that the role of the Greenway Coordinator, which assists localities with the planning, expansion, and

management of the highly successful Greenway network, will become a position within the Regional Commission.

The move integrates the role within the Regional Commission's existing transportation and community development planning departments, providing additional resources and support as the Greenway network continues to grow.

"The Roanoke Valley Greenways are one of the region's great success stories," says Greenway Commission Chair Barry Trent. "Over the last several decades, member localities have added staff and resources specifically supporting the greenway network, proving the strong commitment to continue connecting and building out this important recreation and transportation system. This move reflects that success and positions the region for the next phase of the Greenways. The Greenway Commission looks forward to working with the Regional Commission under the new arrangement."

The move also directly integrates the Coordinator with the Roanoke Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPO), which is staffed by the Regional Commission and oversees the allocation of millions of dollars in Federal transportation funds each year. Since 2013, the RVTPO has provided over \$30 million for over 20 Greenway construction projects through its Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program and supported another \$7 million in construction through the state's SMART SCALE program.

"As the Greenway system continues to close the gaps, there are huge opportunities for the next phase of the system," says Regional Commission Executive Director Jeremy Holmes. "There are also significant challenges, with the increase in construction costs across all infrastructure projects and the growing need for maintenance of the expansive network. We're confident that housing the position with the Regional Commission will make sure the Coordinator has the resources, organizational support, and trusted connections with localities that will be required to address those challenges."

As a position within the Regional Commission, whose service footprint extends from Franklin County to the Alleghany Highlands, the Greenway Coordinator will have additional responsibilities and opportunities to support the Commission's rural members with recreation planning and related projects focused on tourism and economic development.

Learn more about the Greenway Coordinator position and how to apply at <https://rvarc.org/job/recplanner/>



See Greenway Coordinator
Role

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.

The RVARC, one of 21 planning agencies in the Commonwealth, has served member governments, businesses and residents since 1969. Member governments include the counties of Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig, Franklin and Roanoke, cities of Covington, Roanoke and Salem, and towns of Clifton Forge, Rocky Mount and Vinton.

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