



**Gavin Blevins, Planning Director**

*B.S. in Biological Sciences, Virginia Tech, 2013*

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Gavin Blevins is an experienced planning and local government professional who has served the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission for more than 12 years. Gavin is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and is also a Certified Floodplain Manager and a Certified Zoning Official in Virginia. His combination of local government leadership, regional collaboration, plan development, and expertise in securing and administering public investments enables him to help communities advance practical, resilient, and sustainable solutions.

As Planning Director, Gavin has led regional planning, grant management, community development, and technical assistance initiatives across the district, building on nearly a decade as Town Manager of Damascus and service as Interim City Manager of Galax. He directed publicly funded initiatives advancing infrastructure, economic development, housing, tourism, transportation, and downtown revitalization, securing and administering resources from the Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Transportation, Appalachian Regional Commission, Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission, Virginia Tourism Corporation, and other partners. Following Hurricane Helene, he assisted recovery efforts through technical assistance, administration of emergency watershed protection projects, and conducting flood-resilience planning.