

Appendix A: Public Engagement Summary and Documentation

Public Engagement Summary

Steering Committee Meetings

Between September 2024 and September 2025, the steering committee guided development of the Hazard Mitigation Plan through a series of meetings focused on timeline management, plan content, and stakeholder engagement. The process began with a kickoff meeting to discuss the plan framework, timeline, and outreach strategy. Following Hurricane Helene, FEMA and VDEM emphasized the urgency of applying for disaster mitigation funding. This prompted the committee to prioritize eligibility requirements and expand participation requirements. Meetings which occurred early in 2025 focused on public engagement and outreach while spring sessions reviewed stakeholder input, survey results, and drafts of chapters. By May 2025, the committee began to finalize chapter updates, preparing the plan for locality review and submission to VDEM and FEMA ahead of the federal funding deadline in early December. Due to staffing constraints, VDEM regional staff played a critical role in finalizing the plan, conducting final meetings with locality staff which are documented later in this section. The final steering committee meeting was held in September. Regional Commission staff attended and ran all steering committee meetings.

September 30, 2024

The kickoff meeting for the Hazard Mitigation Planning process included a presentation on the plan, the new information required to be included, the proposed timeline of work, and initial stakeholder outreach. Draft questions for stakeholder outreach were discussed and workshopped, and the list of stakeholders who should be involved in the planning process was brainstormed. Unfortunately, records for the in-person attendance to this meeting were lost.

Online attendees:

Melanie McFadyen – Town of Fincastle
Christopher Smith – City of Covington
Dustin Campbell – Roanoke County
Butch Workman – Roanoke County
Frank Maguire – Roanoke Valley
Greenway Commission
Ross Hammes – Roanoke County
Ross Campbell – City of Roanoke
Matt Lewis – Botetourt County
Darryl Humphreys – Craig County

Dwayne D’Ardenne – City of Roanoke
Jason Ferguson – Botetourt County
Leigh Anne Weitzenfeld – City of Roanoke
Logan Helsley – City of Roanoke
Phil Hysell – National Weather Service Blacksburg
Mary Ellen Wines – City of Salem
Will Simpson – City of Salem
Melissa Munsey – Alleghany County
Jonathan Fitch – Alleghany County

November 12, 2024 FEMA Disaster Response Meeting

FEMA held a last-minute meeting at the Virginia Western Community College to discuss hazard mitigation funding opportunities. Because Hurricane Helene struck portions of Southwest Virginia,

the disaster mitigation funding will be received by the whole state. FEMA and VDEM encouraged project applications as soon as possible, even without an approved plan in place. Project funding must be allocated by December 2025 but projects need not be completed by that deadline. The sign-in sheet for this meeting is included below.

November 18, 2024

This steering committee meeting reviewed updates from the previous meeting, including an updated timeline and definitions for critical and vulnerable facilities. Participation requirements have increased, now requiring documented feedback from both local governments and special districts to remain eligible for future funding. FEMA requires targeted outreach to marginalized communities to include them in the planning process. The steering committee discussed incorporating new hazard events into the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The sign-in sheet for this meeting is included below.

Online attendees:

Angela Lawrence – Town of Buchanan
Jeff Ceaser – City of Salem
Ross Hammes – Roanoke County

January 27, 2025

This steering committee meeting revolved largely around the public engagement process for the plan update. Activities included a presentation of the public engagement strategy, workshop of a public survey, and distribution of draft materials for the plan website. The steering committee was provided an update on the timelines and the stakeholder outreach process, discussed future stakeholder outreach, and looked at next steps. The sign-in sheet for this meeting is below.

Online attendees were present but could not be documented due to a failed meeting recording.

March 28, 2025

The March steering committee meeting began with a review of the plan timeline. A request for an extension will be submitted to FEMA and VDEM, with public release and delivery of the plan now scheduled for September. The committee received updates on stakeholder engagement, including those who had and had not responded to outreach efforts. Preliminary public survey results, from the survey conducted between February 10 and March 21, 2025, were presented to the committee. The sign-in sheet for this meeting is below.

Online attendees:

Butch Workman – Roanoke County
Tarek Moneir – Roanoke County
McKenzie Brocker – City of Roanoke
Darryl Humphreys – Craig County
Cole Taggart – Virginia Department of
Emergency Management

Nickie Mills – Roanoke County
Nathan McClung – Town of Vinton
Mary Ellen Wines – City of Salem
Christopher Smith – City of Covington
Daniel Murray – Botetourt County
Trevor Shannon – City of Roanoke
Ross Hammes – Roanoke County

May 22, 2025

This steering committee meeting included a review of the plan timeline, completed events, and a review of all the plans' chapters. Chapter 2 was discussed including new edits. Those who had and had not signed the capability assessments were notified. The committee discussed future public input methods and next steps. The sign-in sheet for this meeting is below.

Online attendees:

Tarek Moneir – Roanoke County
Mary Ellen Wines – City of Salem
Leigh Anne Weitzenfeld – City of Roanoke
Jonathan Fitch – Alleghany County
Jon Lanford – Roanoke Valley Resource Authority
Ian Shaw – City of Roanoke
Eric Platt – Virginia Department of Forestry

July 31, 2025

This meeting included a status update summarizing the completed elements and the current timeline. Edits to Chapter 3 were discussed. The steering committee engaged in open dialogue on how to integrate extreme temperature data across localities and incorporate a hazard ranking methodology into the plan. Next steps were presented.

Online attendees:

Melissa Munsey – Alleghany County
Nicholas Fillo – National Weather Service Blacksburg
Ian Shaw – City of Roanoke
Rachel Kim – Virginia Department of Forestry
Sam Driscoll – City of Salem
Mary Ellen Wines – City of Salem
Mckenzie Brocker – City of Roanoke
Ross Hammes – Roanoke County
Robert Paxton – City of Salem

August 28, 2025

At the August meeting for the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the committee addressed the updated plan timeline. The plan will be available for locality review by October 1 and submitted to VDEM and FEMA in early October to ensure it is reviewed ahead of the Hurricane Helene disaster mitigation funding deadline in December. There is potential for additional addendums from the public after it is active. All goals and strategies throughout the plan were replicated in each locality. VDEM will be reaching out soon to schedule NFIP surveys and discuss status updates on projects. Each locality must have a project for each identified hazard. Karst and Landslide hazards will be combined in Chapter 3 to have sufficient risk assessment data. VDEM comments on Chapter 3, the layout of appendices, and next steps were also shared. A sign-in sheet for this meeting is included below.

Online attendees:

Melissa Munsey – Alleghany County

Laura Schmidt – City of Roanoke

Matt Lewis – Botetourt County

Cole Taggart – Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Jon Lanford – Roanoke Valley Resource Authority

Robert Paxton – City of Salem

Leigh Anne Weitzenfeld – City of Roanoke

September 25, 2025

The September meeting was the final meeting of the steering committee. The approval process was discussed in depth. Outstanding issues with the planning process were reviewed. No sign-in sheet was provided for this meeting.

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Jon Lanford – Roanoke Valley Resource Authority

Sam Driscoll – City of Salem

Tarek Moneir – Roanoke County

Roger Blankenship – WVWA

Ross Hammes – Roanoke County

Leigh Ann Weitzenfeld – City of Roanoke

Melanie McFadyen – Town of Fincastle

Christopher Smith – City of Covington

Robert Paxton – City of Salem

Steve Simon – City of Salem

In-person attendees

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Cole Taggart, VDEM

Daniel Murray, Botetourt County

Laura Schmidt, City of Roanoke

D.A. Anthony, City of Roanoke

Locality Meetings

Craig County – October 22, 2024

Participants: Craig County staff Darryl Humphreys and Amber Charette.

Regional Commission staff met at the Regional Commission offices with Craig County representatives Darryl to discuss Craig County's sections of the plan. Progress had been made on several items from the 2019 Plan recommendations. High hazard dams were discussed. Mountain Castles SWCD is managing improvements to dams in Craig County and should be contacted for more information.

City of Roanoke – November 13, 2024

Participants: City of Roanoke staff members Leigh Ann Weitzenfeld, Ian Shaw, Marcus Aguilar, McKenzie Bocker and Laura Schmidt.

The City has done work to update their existing documentation which they will send to RVARC staff. They also have a Climate Action Plan, and Urban Heat Island Study, Resilience Plan and other studies which may be helpful to include in the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Botetourt County, Troutville, Buchanan – December 2, 2024

Participants: Nick Baker, Botetourt County; Jonathan Simmons, Town of Troutville; Angela Lawrence, Town of Buchanan

The Towns were previously included under Botetourt County largely within the plan. Attendees discussed more rigorous participation requirements and opportunities for collaboration on projects and project implementation.

Town of Vinton – December 4, 2024

Participants: Town of Vinton staff members Nathan McClung and Anita McMillan.

The Town is currently updating their comprehensive plan with an anticipated completion date in May. Town staff expressed interest in a joint comprehensive and hazard mitigation plan work session with the town council in April. Town staff updated the list of flood prone roadways and critical and vulnerable facilities. Finally, Town and RVARC staff reviewed the towns list of projects in the 2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan and updated projects as needed.

Roanoke County – December 5, 2024

Participants: Roanoke County staff members Butch Workman, Nickie Mills, and Ross Hammes.

Roanoke County is currently preparing for the retirement of Butch Workman and bringing other staff members up to speed on the Hazard Mitigation Plan and other projects. County staff reviewed goals and projects in the 2019 Plan and identified areas to update. County staff reviewed the list of high hazard dams as well as critical and vulnerable facilities.

City of Salem – December 6, 2024

Participants: City of Salem staff members Mary Ellen Wines, William, Sam Driscoll.

The City has experienced staff changes since the last update of this planning document. They will work to verify progress towards goals and projects identified in the 2019 Plan. The City discussed issues with achieving CRS designation, one of the projects listed. There is appetite, but the workload is currently prohibitive. Evaluation of how to move forward may be an important project for the 1-year update.

Town of Fincastle – January 7, 2024

Participants: Fincastle Town Manager Melanie McFadyen.

The Town of Fincastle has limited staff and capacity and was grateful to be engaged in a 1-1 meeting. The Town mentioned that an ailing Town well may need an alternative pump for one of two wells, and a dedicated generator. Facilities were added to the Critical and Vulnerable Facilities lists.

Final Project Updates Meetings

Due to time constraints and staffing challenges, VDEM and Botetourt County staff held final project review meetings with all localities and documented those meetings. These meetings occurred in the months of August, September, and October, and drove the final projects and strategies identified in the plan. RVARC had multiple meetings with VDEM in this time period.

Jurisdiction	Date	Jurisdiction Attendees
Alleghany County	9/23/25	Jonathn Fitch Ken McFayden Melissa Munsey
City of Covington	9/22/25	Chris Smith Allen Dressler
Town of Clifton Forge	9/25/25	Chuck Unroe Scott Balser
Botetourt County	8/26/25	Matt Lewis Daniel Murray
Town of Buchanan	10/2/25	John Ellestad
Town of Fincastle	9/16/25	Melanie McFayden
Town of Troutville	9/22/25	Jonathan Simmons
Craig County	9/18/25	Darryl Humphreys Dan Collins Cathy Jones
Roanoke County	9/9/25 and 9/12/25	Tarek Monier Dustin Campbell Nickie Mills Philip Thompson
City of Roanoke	9/23/25	Ian Shaw McKenzie Brocker Logan Hensley Ross Campbell Leigh Anne Weitzenfeld Dwayne D'Ardenne Trevor Shannon Laura Schmidt

Jurisdiction	Date	Jurisdiction Attendees
City of Salem	9/23/25	Mary Ellen Wines Steve Simon William Simpson Robert Paxton Sam Driscoll
Town of Vinton	9/22/25	Nathan McClung Anita McMillan Fabricio Drummond
RVRA	9/11/25	Jon Lanford Jeremy Garrett
WVWA	9/18/25	Roger Blankenship Irene Okioga

Stakeholder Meetings

Stakeholder meetings were conducted with community groups and organizations to better understand community perception of risks and vulnerabilities.

Southwest Virginia Public Works Academy – November 14, 2024

Participants: Steve Nichols, WVWA; Justin Fulcher, WVWA; Ian Shaw, City of Roanoke; Daryl Burks, Roanoke County; Ioana-Kwei Tagoe, WVWA; Jeff Ceaser, City of Salem; London Lewis, City of Salem; Joel Shank, Roanoke Redevelopment Housing Authority.

The Southwest Virginia Public Works Academy is a group of public works agencies which meet to share information and organize beneficial regional trainings. Discussion at this meeting began with plans for formalization and expansion of the group. Of particular note regarding this document was the discussion of DHS-run tabletop exercises to evaluate the impacts of loss of power and other disruptions to services on key facilities such as hospitals. This was highlighted as a potential project idea for regional education and outreach around hazard mitigation planning.

Alleghany Highlands – November 18, 2024

Participant: Josh Taylor, Alleghany Highlands.

Alleghany Highlands functions as the tourism center and chamber of commerce for the Alleghany region, which includes Covington and Clifton Forge. The conversation with staff included regional economic priorities and impacts from previous hazard events. Of particular note was the effect of drought on regional recreational assets such as Lake Moomaw and the Jackson River. These waterways are a prime draw because they are trout fisheries, but in drought conditions releases from local companies can negatively impact water quality. Wildfire impacts (the region is 49 percent National Forest) were discussed, as were flood events. Drought exacerbated both wildfire and flooding hazards. Key recreation and historic assets were located in floodplains. Impacts from wind events were also discussed – straight line wind events in the past left the region without power for significant time. The pandemic was mentioned as a source of in-migration to the region, but also a hazard for small businesses that didn't have the resources to survive prolonged shutdowns or low traffic.

Roanoke Foodshed Network – November 21, 2024

Participants: Mo McGonagle, RFN; Maureen Best, LEAP; Rachel Burkes, Carilion; Allison McGee, Feeding Southwest Virginia; Becki Derousseau, Virginia Association for Biological Farming; Katie Trozzo, Virginia Tech.

The Roanoke Foodshed Network is a coalition of agencies working in the areas of food access, food security, and agriculture advocacy within the Roanoke Valley region. Conversation with this group revealed heavy involvement in post-disaster response for the COVID-19 pandemic and Hurricane Helene. Agencies in this sector often served as conveners for statewide conversations, and Roanoke was listed as an example of good projects and cohesive responsiveness, especially in the COVID-19 pandemic. Several contacts were mentioned, including contacts at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital and the state's Department of Social Services. The RFN expressed willingness to provide data regarding the pandemic and hurricane response and impacts to their organizations,

which can serve as critical learning opportunities for the RVARC region. Specifically referenced was the Hunger & Help Line operated by Feeding Southwest Virginia, a list of resources available to critically disadvantaged populations during the Covid-19 pandemic that remains in effect, weekly meetings with state agencies to discuss pandemic response, and the importance of regional collaboration amongst food security agencies and other service providers. Impacts from Hurricane Helene on IV fluid availability were also discussed. Both of these disaster events showed clearly that our region is dependent on other regions for basic needs. For local hazards, the need to maintain delivery routes for food such as highways and interstates was discussed, as well as the need to make food storage facilities more resilient to losses of the power grid and other shocks.

Roanoke Regional Housing Network – December 5, 2024

Participants: Allison Wolf, Freedom First; Brian Burnette, Council of Community Services; Chelsea Taylor, Brain Injury Solutions; Chris Seth, Renovation Alliance; Dave Prosser, Freedom First; Frederick Gusler, City of Roanoke Redevelopment & Housing Authority; Jacob Hodges, SERCAP; Matt Lewis, Botetourt County; Nicholas Baker, Botetourt County; Sarah Gilmore, Roanoke County; Wayne Leftwich, Roanoke City; Wardel Penn-Timothy, SERCAP.

The Roanoke Regional Housing Network is a coalition of agencies working in affordable housing and homelessness. This meeting was held at the Freedom First Credit Union headquarters. Discussion ranged across multiple topics including recent federal notices on the interpretation of floodplain maps, hurricane Helene impacts, unhoused populations, housing disclosure statements, tax assessments, and the inclusion of group homes and homes with medical oxygen needs. At this meeting, RVARC staff was informed that county of the unhoused population will be conducted in January of 2025. Additional known shelter locations were identified for cross reference to the current critical and vulnerable facilities lists. RVARC staff was informed of additional data available through Virginia 211.

Transportation Technical Committee – December 5, 2024

Participants: Erik Smedley, Bedford County; Brea Hopkins, Montgomery County; Megan Cronise, Roanoke County; Nathan Grim, Roanoke County; Dwayne D’Ardenne, Roanoke City; Cody Sexton, Town of Vinton; Anita McMillan, Town of Vinton; Frank Maguire, Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission; Michael Gray, VDOT; Stephanie Mathena, Franklin County.

The Transportation Technical Committee is a subcommittee of the regional Transportation Planning Organization which serves the Roanoke Valley metropolitan area. There was no discussion at this meeting, but contact information and a QR code was shared inviting stakeholder participation.

Roanoke Valley Collective Response Stakeholder Meeting – February 5, 2025

The full scanned list of participants for this meeting is included with all of the sign-in sheets below. Organizations represented include:

- VDH- Virginia Department of Health
- BRBH- Blueridge Behavioral HealthCare (local Community Service Board)

- Wellness Wagon- now The Calm Clinic, mobile low-cost acupuncture
- CHIP- Child Health Investment Partnership
- RCSD- Roanoke County School District
- FSRV- Family Service of Roanoke Valley
- RCPS- Roanoke City Public Schools
- FEDUP- Gun violence prevention program
- Hope Initiative- program of Bradley Free Clinic
- VTIPG- Virginia Tech Institute of Policy and Governance
- WVRJ- Westen Regional Jail
- PCW- Partnership for Community Wellness (prevention council)
- VHRC- Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition

Individual Meetings

Two individual meetings were held with stakeholders at their request.

Child Health Investment Partnership:

This meeting included a tour of the CHIP facility and a discussion of the impacts of Hurricane Helene on the organization. A key point that came from this discussion was the diversion of hospital patients (in this case women in advanced pregnancy or with pregnancy complications) to Roanoke Memorial and other area hospitals, highlighting that large disasters outside the region can cause regional stress.

Rescue Mission of the Roanoke Valley:

This was a virtual meeting that largely focused on the impacts to the Rescue Mission of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comments via Online Form

At many of the stakeholder meetings, a QR code and link to a short survey was distributed to capture any follow-up comments that may not have been brought up in the meeting due to time constraints. Only two responses were received. One response was from DePaul Community Services. Another was from LEAP. Both responses are included in full in [Appendix B](#). Both of these responses highlight the valuable work nonprofit organizations do in the community and how those organizations are affected by hazards and can be key to response to hazard events.

Public Input

A public input strategy was designed with the Public Engagement Manager for a three-pronged outreach to citizens in the planning area. Outreach included an electronic survey, print materials, and a printed version of the survey. Issues with fully engaging in this three-pronged approach quickly became apparent and are documented below. Ultimately, the survey was dispersed electronically with limited postcard mailers directing citizens to the survey. These activities were conducted in the months of February and March 2025. Full results from the survey are included in **Appendix B**.

An additional round of public input was originally planned towards the end of the planning process, but was not finished due to time constraints. The original public input plan is included in this appendix for reference and use in future plan updates.

Electronic Promotion

Electronic promotion occurred on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram. A Social PinPoint site was also created to host the survey and information about the plan, and a blogpost shared on the Regional Commission site.



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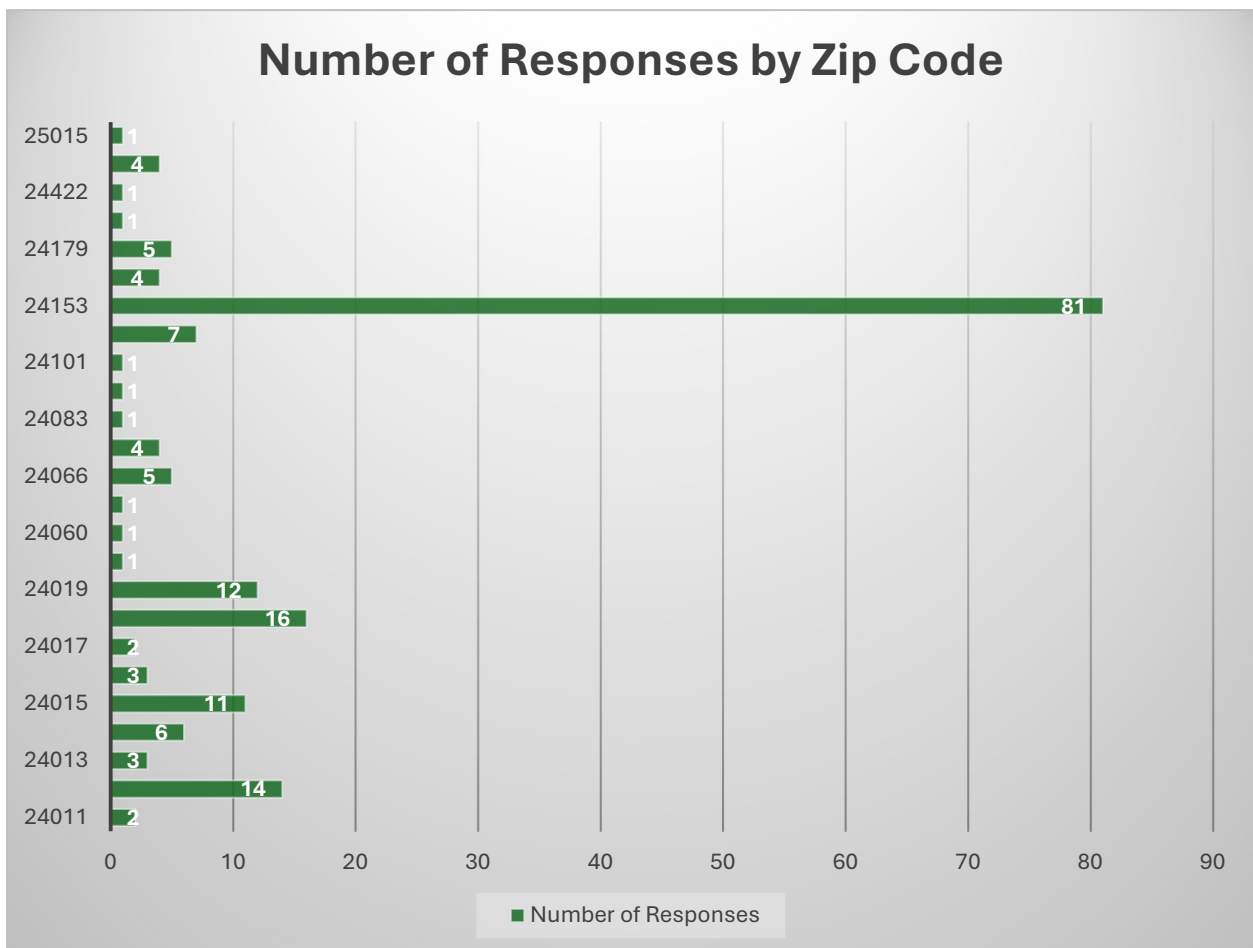
Print Mailers

5,000 postcards were mailed to a randomly generated list of addresses within the service area to encourage participation in the plan. Postcards contained English and Spanish information about the planning process and survey, the website, and a QR code. Additionally, several hundred of these postcards were distributed to Roanoke City libraries.

Mailing the print survey or distributing it in public areas was a desired aspect of public input which was not achieved. Mailing the print survey in particular was expensive and required that a return mailing account be set up by the Regional Commission. For more robust public input of this nature, future plans may consider budgeting for and hiring a consultant.

Lessons for Future Public Engagement

The majority of respondents to the survey lived in the Cities of Roanoke and Salem and in Roanoke County. These mark the more urbanized parts of the service area, meaning that rural perspectives were less engaged. This is likely due to the online-only survey option, at least in part. Residents of rural areas have less access to the internet and may have less comfort with internet-only data collection methods. Print mailers may have addressed this issue. Alternatively, direct outreach through pop-up meetings in the community could be a good way to reach rural residents.



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**Hazard Mitigation Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #2
November 18, 2024**

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Hazard Mitigation Plan
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~~November 19, 2024~~ Jan 27, 2025

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**Hazard Mitigation Plan
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March 28, 2025**

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**Hazard Mitigation Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #5
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**Hazard Mitigation Plan
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July 31, 2025**

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**Hazard Mitigation Plan
Steering Committee Meeting #7
August 28, 2025**

Please sign in! Thank you for coming.

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Roanoke Valley Collective Response

Monthly Stakeholder Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

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Agenda:

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| I. | Coffee and Connection | 9:00 |
| II. | Welcome and Introductions
<i>Lee Clark, Advisory Committee Chair</i> | 9:00 - 9:10 |
| III. | Collective Response Updates
<i>Bailey Medeiros, Director</i> | 9:10 - 9:20 |
| IV. | Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Region Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
<i>Amanda McGee and Kevin Jenks,
Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission</i> | 9:20 - 9:40 |
| V. | Emergency Resources Highlight
<i>Community Risk Reduction Partners</i> | 9:40 - 9:45 |
| VI. | Blueprint for Action Update 2025
<i>Laura Taylor, Virginia Tech Institute for Policy & Governance</i> | 9:45-10:05 |
| VII. | Stakeholder Announcements | 10:05 -10:15 |
| | Thank you for being here! This space will remain open for networking, connecting, or a coffee break. | 10:15-11:00 |

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United to build, sustain, and support communities by responding to addiction and promoting recovery and wellness.

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