

2021 Rural Planning Caucus of Virginia

Final Conference Schedule

POST PANDEMIC REBIRTH—NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

Wednesday, 9/29/21	Thursday, 9/30/21	Friday, 10/01/21
<p>Registration—opens at 12:30 pm @ Mountain Lake Lodge—Giles Room</p> <p>On-Site Workshop – Case Study: Creative Trail Networks Through Open Space Preservation; New River Valley Land Trust & McDonald Hollow Trail Network (1:00 pm —4:00 pm):</p> <p><i>Workshop will commence at 2351 Glade Rd. Blacksburg, VA 24060</i></p> <p>Conference Kick-off— By fire pit on main lawn (5:30 pm)</p> <p>Networking Reception— By fire pit on main lawn (6:00 pm - 7:00 pm)</p> <p>Dinner– Mary’s Barn (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm)</p>	<p>Breakfast— Harvest Ballroom (7:00 am—8:45 am)</p> <p>Registration- opens @ 8:30 am in Giles</p> <p><u>Welcome & Opening Remarks:</u> Tripp Little, RPC Chair (8:55 am)</p> <p>New Strategies for Working & Living in Rural Virginia (9 am—10:30 am)</p> <p>Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Virginia Housing, Va. Economic Development Partnership</p> <p>Coffee Break (10:30 am—10:45 am)</p> <p>Lawyers, Sun and Money: Public/ Private Partnership Opportunities for Solar Facilities; Update on Siting of Utility Installations (10:45 am—12 noon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Statute and Regulatory changes; Siting criteria standards and changes <p>Lunch— Harvest Ballroom (12 pm—1 pm)</p> <p><u>Lightning Round</u> (1 pm—2:30 pm)</p> <p>SHOW ME THE MONEY – RURAL ISSUES/ PROGRAMS FUNDING SOURCES</p> <p>State/ Federal Agencies’ Funding Options Overview</p> <p>Snack Break (2:30 pm—2:45 pm)</p> <p>Annual RPC Business Meeting (2:45– 3:15 pm):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Financial ReportExecutive Committee Elections 21 & 22RPC Student Scholarship2022 conference locationOther Business <p>Legal & Legislative Issues (3:15– 4:45 pm):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">FOIA, Records Retention, Electronic Meetings, Media Relations, BZA membership Criteria, Housing, Gaming <p>Hike Up the Mountain (5—6 pm) meet at fire pit on main lawn)</p> <p>Networking Reception (6:30pm) Mary’s Barn</p> <p>Dinner & Entertainment Mary’s Barn (7:15 pm)</p> <p>Annual Awards Ceremony & Entertainment (9:00 pm - 11:00 pm)</p>	<p>Breakfast— Harvest Ballroom (7:00 am—8:45 am)</p> <p>The Times They are A’ Changin’: Hemp & Marijuana (9:00 am—10:30 am)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Law, Timeframe and Expectations <p>Break (10:30 am—11:00 am)</p> <p>2020 Census (11:00 am —12:30 pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2020 census data Overview; data release schedule & etc. <p>Closing Comments (12:30 pm) - Tripp Little, RPC Chair</p> <p>Lunch (12:35 pm - 1:45 pm) Ballroom</p> <p>See you October 19-21, 2022 for RPC #42—Location TBD!</p>