



Resilient Virginia Collaborative Alliance for Central and Southwest Virginia

What does **community resilience** mean? _____

Resilience is the ability to identify risks and challenges and build the capacity to maintain or rapidly regain functionality and vitality in the face of chronic climate-related stressors or severe disturbances.

Resilience **Challenge**: _____

To date, extensive resiliency planning and projects have been limited to the coastal region of our Commonwealth, while central and southwest regions are typically under-resourced. Rural communities face increasing threats from extreme weather events and unpredictable climate patterns that exacerbate existing economic, environmental, health, and other social stresses. It is critical to identify, address, and prepare for these risks and challenges to survive, thrive, and become more resilient.

Resilience **Solution**: _____

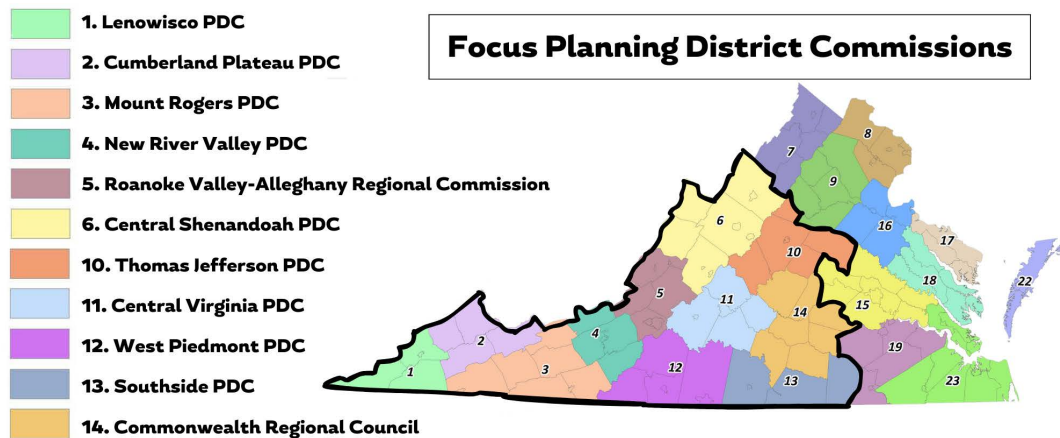
The Resilient Virginia Collaborative Alliance is an effective and powerful means to build capacity to address climate impacts in Central and Southwest Virginia. A collaborative alliance is simply the aggregation of cross-regional stakeholders for a common cause. Intentional, well-organized collaboratives help alleviate the strain of limited local government capacity, finite financial resources, and technical insufficiencies. Such an alliance will strengthen capacity and expedite productive, measurable outcomes.

Why Resilient Virginia?

Since 2014, Resilient Virginia has been a nonpartisan organization facilitating relationships between government, nonprofit, business, community, academia, and private sector entities to accelerate resiliency planning. Serving as the backbone organization for the **RVCA** will unite these sectors to define priorities, share resources and tools, and streamline the process of resiliency planning and project funding in Central and Southwest Virginia.

Why You?

As a community leader in the Commonwealth, you are in a prime position to be an effective partner and change-maker with the RVCA. We envision the collaborative to be a platform where multidisciplinary sectors come together to share ideas and discuss best practices to address climate impact, ultimately resulting in stronger communities. As an **RVCA Core Steering Committee Member** or **Funding Partner**, you can provide essential support to affect long-term, climate resilience throughout Central and Southwest Virginia.



Resilient Virginia Collaborative Alliance



As the RVCA backbone organization, Resilient Virginia commits to:

1. Establish a common vision and strategic direction
2. Guide data collection, analysis and reporting
3. Support aligned activities that educate and motivate
4. Facilitate working group formation based on expressed priorities
5. Build public capacity to understand challenges
6. Advance policy to facilitate solutions
7. Mobilize funding for localities

Collaborative Alliance Core Steering Committee



Core Steering Committee Members commit to:

1. Partner with RVCA through member and sponsorship opportunities
2. Identify the most beneficial direction for the collaborative
3. Delineate action plans through focused working groups

Working Groups



Working group members commit to:

1. Spotlight top-priority issues such as energy, flooding, transportation or job creation
2. Participate in idea sharing and peer exchange
3. Build local capacity for climate solutions

RVCA  *Collective Impact*

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