

# Resilient Virginia Collaborative Alliance

## *Strategic Framework*

Resilient Virginia Collaborative Alliance (RVCA) is led by Resilient Virginia, a nonprofit 501(c)3, through cross-sector partnerships of diverse organizations that are dedicated to addressing resiliency planning for communities in Southwest and Central Virginia. The RVCA will build regional capacity to address equity, economic, social, and climate challenges; create a roadmap for regional climate resilience; and integrate climate mitigation and adaptation strategies to address challenges and take advantage of opportunities.

### RVCA Vision

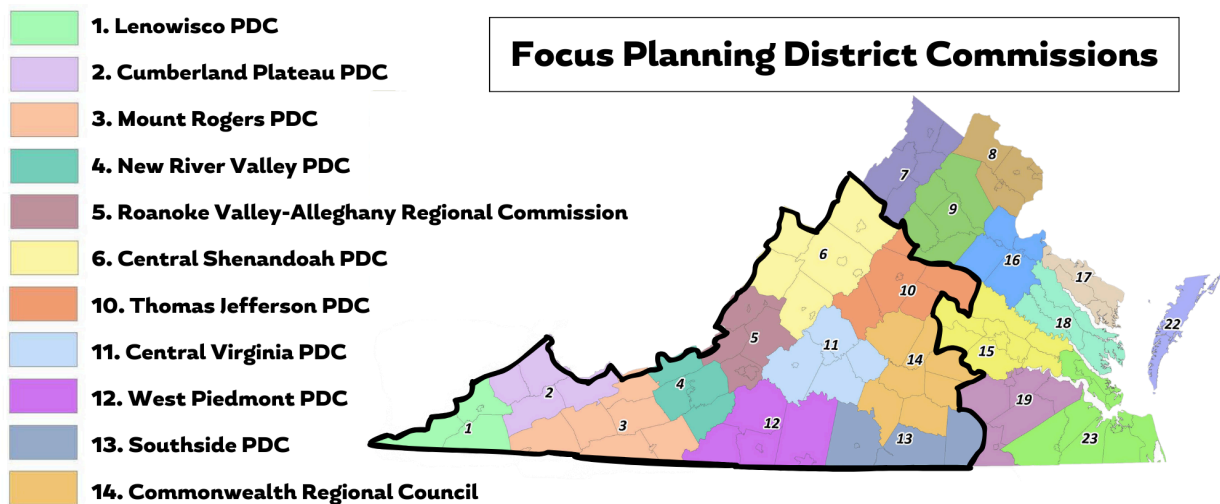
*A more climate resilient Central and Southwest Virginia.*

### RVCA Mission

*Advance a regional collaborative network of cross sector stakeholders to **create a roadmap for climate resilience** in Central and Southwest Virginia.*

### Target Areas

Non-coastal cities, towns, and rural communities in the following Planning District Commissions in Southwest and Central Virginia.



### Steering Committee Purpose

Provide strategic direction to Resilient Virginia in the development of the governance structure and collaborative direction; and establishment of the initial set of Working Groups for the RVCA. The Steering Committee will approve the charter and transition to a leadership advisory council in June 2024.

## Proposed Working Groups

- Forest/Agriculture
- Natural Resource
- Infrastructure- Water/Solar
- Clean Transportation
- Economic development
- Hazard/Preparedness/Disaster/Climate Migration
- Environmental Justice-Equity
- Science and Research (role(s) for universities)

## Goals

**(Inform)** Serve as a centralized resource hub for practitioners and communities needing information.

- Ongoing virtual gathering for resource sharing

**(Educate)** Increase resource sharing and communication between practitioners, including government officials, academia, and nonprofits.

- Established working groups
- Peer exchanges
- External expert dialogues
- Updates on state agency programs
- Identify funding opportunities
- Assist disadvantaged communities with limited resources.

**(Activate)** Create and promote a regional climate resiliency roadmap

- Identify climate risks and vulnerabilities through data analysis.
- Work to address the effects of and the systems that perpetuate both climate change and inequity. Work to ensure the just distribution of the benefits of climate protection efforts.
- Bring together regional multi-sector and community leaders to investigate and prioritize adaptation solutions.
- Explore solutions that address economic, social, environmental and infrastructure aspects of resiliency.
- Develop strategies that result in a functional regional roadmap.
- Create resilience goals and metrics to measure progress

**(Activate)** Be a voice to inform local and state policies related to climate resilience.

- Build local stakeholders group capacity to help develop policy.
- Garner support from state legislators for a comprehensive regional resiliency roadmap.

## Supporting Strategies

Our approach is to connect people, bridge organizations, and cultivate action through:

- Communications
  - Interns-College students help with media and communications efforts

- Encourage stakeholders to spread the RVCA mission through their networks.
- Education
  - Continued engagement in state partnerships.
- Data Collection and Tracking Private sector partnerships
  - Professional organization connections
  - Universities
- Funding Development
  - Work with regional and national networks to identify funding opportunities.