

# 2021 Rural Planning Caucus of Virginia Draft Conference Schedule

## POST PANDEMIC REBIRTH—NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

| Wednesday, 9/29/21   | Thursday, 9/30/21   | Friday, 10/01/21  |
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| <p><b>Registration</b>—opens at 12:30 pm @ Mountain Lake Lodge—Giles Room</p> <p><b>On-Site Workshop – Case Study: Creative Trail Networks Through Open Space Preservation;</b> New River Valley Land Trust &amp; 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><b>Conference Kick-off</b>— Mary’s Barn (5:30 pm)</p> <p><b>Networking Reception</b>— Mary’s Barn (6:00 pm - 7:00 pm)</p> <p><b>Dinner</b>— Mary’s Barn (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm)</p> | <p><b>Breakfast</b>— Harvest Ballroom (7:00 am—8:45 am)</p> <p><b>Registration</b>- opens @ 8:30 am in Giles</p> <p><b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks:</b> Tripp Little, RPC Chair (8:55 am)</p> <p><b>New Opportunities for Working &amp; Living in Rural Virginia</b> (9 am—10:30 am)</p> <p>Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development &amp; Virginia Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural Demographic Changes</li> <li>Workforce Expansion and Home Offices</li> <li>Rural Deserts – Food, Pharmacy, Broadband</li> <li>Relocation of Urban Businesses</li> <li>Broadband and Telecommuting; Mobile Broadband</li> </ul> <p><b>Coffee Break</b> (10:30 am—10:45 am)</p> <p><b>Lawyers, Sun and Money: Solar Facilities Update</b> (10:45 am—12 noon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statute and Regulatory changes; Siting criteria standards and changes</li> <li>Solar for Local Government Buildings and Schools</li> </ul> <p><b>Lunch</b>— Harvest Ballroom (12 pm—1 pm)</p> <p><b>Lightning Round</b> (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><b>Snack Break</b> (2:30 pm—3:15 pm)</p> <p><b>Annual RPC Business Meeting</b> (3:15– 3:45 pm):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Report</li> <li>Executive Committee Elections 21 &amp; 22</li> <li>RPC Student Scholarship</li> <li>2022 conference location</li> <li>Other Business</li> </ul> <p><b>Legal &amp; Legislative Issues</b> (3:45– 4:30 pm):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FOIA, Records Retention, Electronic Meetings, Media Relations, BZA membership Criteria, Housing, Gaming</li> </ul> <p><b>Hike Up the Mountain</b> (5—6 pm)</p> <p><b>Networking Reception</b> (6:30pm) Mary’s Barn</p> <p><b>Dinner &amp; Entertainment</b> Ballroom (7:15 pm)</p> <p><b>Annual Awards Ceremony &amp; Entertainment</b> (9:00 pm - 11:00 pm)</p> | <p><b>Breakfast</b>— Harvest Ballroom (7:00 am—9:00 am)</p> <p><b>2020 Census</b> (9:00 am —10:00 am)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020 census data Overview; data release schedule &amp; etc.</li> </ul> <p><b>Break</b> (10:00 am—10:30 am)</p> <p><b>The Times They are A’ Changin’: Hemp &amp; Marijuana</b> (10:30 am—12:30 pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Law, Timeframe and Expectations</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing Comments</b> (12:30 pm) - Tripp Little, RPC Chair</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> (12:35 pm - 1:45 pm) Ballroom</p> <p><b>See you October 19-21, 2022 for RPC #42— Location TBD!</b></p> |