

Rural Planning Caucus of Virginia

37TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



October 14-16, 2015

Berry Hill Resort & Conference Center
Halifax County, Virginia



Rural Resiliency

REGISTRATION AND ALL SESSIONS IN SALON A/B

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

12:30 PM **REGISTRATION**

1:00-4:00 **OFF-SITE WORKSHOP: Town of South Boston: Converting, Adapting, Creating Meet at The Prizery, 700 Bruce Street, South Boston, VA. 24592**

Tamyra Vest; Executive Director, Destination Downtown South Boston, Inc.
Linda Shepperd; Director of Tourism, Halifax County

6:00 **WEDNESDAY RECEPTION: HALIFAX COUNTY WINE TASTING in the Ballroom**
Hunting Creek Vineyards



7:00 **DINNER in the Ballroom** (included with Registration Fee)
Sponsored by Virginia Housing Development Authority



AFTER-DINNER NETWORKING in the Ballroom

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00-8:45 **BREAKFAST in the Ballroom** (included with Registration Fee)

8:30 **REGISTRATION**

8:55 **WELCOME**
Andy Sorrell; RPC Chair

9:00-10:00 **RURAL HEALTH PLANNING**

Beth O'Conner; Executive Director, Virginia Rural Health Association
Susan Triggs; Office of Minority Health and Health Equity, Virginia Department of Health

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, Continued

- 10:00-10:15 **BREAK** (beverages/snacks available at other end of hallway)
- 10:15-11:30 **FUNCTIONAL IMPEDIMENTS TO INTERSTATE COOPERATION AND PLANNING:
Tourism and Recreation, Economic Development, and Environmental Quality**
Mike Ciriello, AICP; Director of Planning and Development, Person County, N.C.
Sallie Vaughn, GISP; GIS Manager, Person County, N.C.
Catesby Denison; Director, Caswell County, N.C. Planning Department
- 11:30-12:30 **LUNCH in the Ballroom** (included with Registration Fee)
- 12:30-2:00 **RURAL RESILIENCY ROUNDTABLES:**
Historic Resources: Diana Utz and Sharon Angle
Telecom Update: Bill Fritz
Agricultural Economic Development: Stephen Verson, VDACS
- 2:00-3:00 **RURAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES:**
Economic Development Efforts of Halifax and Mecklenburg Counties within a Regional Context including Tobacco Commission Funding, Transportation Corridor Improvements, Broadband Infrastructure, Work Force Development, and Special Projects
Matt Leonard; Executive Director, Halifax County Industrial Development Authority
Angie Kellett; Executive Director, Mecklenburg County Economic Development

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- 3:00-3:30 **BUSINESS MEETING**
Financial Report
Non-Profit Status
Board Elections (Recommended by Nominating Committee):

Christy Straight
Tripp Little
Darren Coffey
Bret Schardein

RPC Scholarship: 2015 - 2017; UVA
Conference Location 2016
Other Business
- 3:45-5:00 **BERRY HILL MANSION TOUR or WALK TO TOBACCO HERITAGE TRAIL**
TOUR - MEET IN SALON A/B
WALK - MEET AT MANSION FRONT STEPS
- 6:30 **RECEPTION: Beer Tasting in the Ballroom**
Sponsored by Berkley Group
Beverages by Devil's Backbone Brewery
- 7:15 **DINNER in the Ballroom** (included with Registration Fee)
- 8:00 **ENTERTAINMENT: Music by Improbable Cause**
- 9:00 **ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**
- 9:30-11:00 **ENTERTAINMENT CONTINUES**



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- 7:30-9:00 AM **BREAKFAST in the Ballroom** (included with Registration Fee)
- 9:00-10:30 **LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES:**
1. **COURT CASES AND RULINGS-** Sharon Pandak, Esq.; Greehan, Taves, Pandak, and Stoner
 2. **2015 - 2016 LEGISLATION-** Joe Lerch; Director of Environmental Policy, Virginia Municipal League,
- 10:30-11:00 **BREAK (beverages/snacks at other end of hallway)**
- 11:00-12:30 **RURAL PLANNING ETHICS**
Jared Anderson, AICP; Supporting Land Use Attorney, Land Use & Sustainable Development Law Clinic,
West Virginia University College of Law
- 12:30 **CLOSING COMMENTS:** Andy Sorrell, RPC Chair
- 12:35 **LUNCH in the Ballroom** (included with Registration Fee)