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OCTOBER 15 - 17, 2014
MARINERS LANDING
SMITH MOUNTAIN LAKE
BEDFORD COUNTY

CULTIVATING SELF-SUSTAINING AND INNOVATIVE
RURAL COMMUNITIES

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014

12:30 PM

REGISTRATION

1:00 - 4:00

**OFF-SITE WORKSHOP: Town of Bedford
"Keeping Your Downtown Alive"**

- Sergei Troubetzkoy; Director of Tourism, City of Lynchburg
- Traci Blido; Director, Bedford County Office of Economic Development
- Betty Gereau; Bedford Historical Society, Avenal Foundation Board, Bedford Main Street, Inc. Board

Moderators: Diana Utz and Christy Straight

6:00

VIRGINIA WINE TASTING

7:00

DINNER (included with Wednesday night lodging.)

Dinner starts at 7:00 PM; Cash Bar open until 10:00 PM.
After Dinner, stick around to network with your colleagues.

CASH BAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2014

7:00 - 8:45 AM

BREAKFAST

8:30

REGISTRATION

9:00

WELCOME

- Andy Sorrell, RPC Chair

9:05 - 10:05

RURAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

1. HYDRO-FRACKING

- M. Ann Neil Cosby; Sands Anderson, PC
- James E. Cornwell, Jr.; Sands Anderson, PC

2. CHANGING WORLD OF GRANTS

- Gail Moody; Executive Director, Southside PDC

Moderator: Rhonda Cooper

10:05 - 10:20

BREAK

10:20 - 11:30

TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT

- Christy Straight,; NRV Ride Solutions Coordinator, New River Valley PDC
- Diana Utz; GWRideConnect Director/Sr. Regional Planner, George Washington Regional Commission

11:30 - 12:00

BUSINESS MEETING

- Financial Report
- Non-Profit Status
- Board Elections (Recommended by Nominating Committee)
 - : Bill Fritz
 - : Diana Utz
 - : Rhonda Cooper
 - : Kelli Le Duc
- RPC Scholarship: 2014 - 2015 Virginia Tech
- Conference Location 2015
- By-Laws - Proposed Amendments
- Other Business

12:00 - 1:15

LUNCH

1:15 - 2:45

**GOVERNOR'S AGRICULTURAL & FORESTRY INDUSTRIES
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

- Stephen Versen; Va. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- Leanne Pollock; Senior Planner, James City County
- Leanne DuBois; Chair, James City County Rural Economic Development Committee

Moderator: Andy Sorrell

2:45 - 3:00

BREAK

3:00 - 4:00

GARNERING PUBLIC SUPPORT

- Kevin Byrd; Executive Director, New River Valley PDC

Moderator: Christy Straight

4:15

Mariner's Landing Tour and Networking

6:30

RECEPTION

- Sponsor - Devil's Backbone Brewery

CASH BAR

7:15

DINNER

8:00

ENTERTAINMENT

- IMPROBABLE CAUSE BAND

9:00

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

9:30 - 11:00

ENTERTAINMENT CONTINUES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2014

7:00 - 8:30 AM

BREAKFAST

8:30 - 10:00

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

1. COURT CASES AND RULINGS

- M. Ann Neil Cosby; Sands Anderson PC
- James E. Cornwell, Jr.; Sands Anderson, PC

2. 2014 - 2015 LEGISLATION

- Joe Lerch; Director of Environmental Policy, Virginia Municipal League

Moderator: Bill Fritz

10:00 - 10:30

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Honorable Emmett W. Hanger, Jr., 24th Senatorial District

- Chair, Center for Rural Virginia
- Chair, Senate Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee

Introduction: Andy Sorrell, RPC Chair

10:30 - 11:00

BREAK (a great time to check out)

11:00 - 12:30

RURAL PLANNING ETHICS

- Dr. Michael Chandler; Director of Education, VPI&SU Land Use Education Program
- Jonah Fogel; Community Viability Specialist, Va. Cooperative Extension Service; Director, VPI&SU Land Use Education Program

Moderator: Andy Sorrell

12:30

CLOSING COMMENTS

- Andy Sorrell, RPC Chair

12:45

LUNCH (included)