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Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Available for Public Comment

Radford, VA – The draft New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for public comment. A series of open houses will be held throughout the New River Valley to encourage citizen involvement in the plan. In Pulaski County, the meeting will be on May 24, 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the County Administration Building, 143 Third Street NW, Pulaski.

The New River Valley Regional Commission (NRVRC) will hold five open houses where information about the region's natural hazards, including mapping and plan drafts will be on display. Citizens are encouraged to review them, ask questions and add their comments to review process. A short overview presentation will be made at the start of the open house and an hour later.

Four other meetings will be held over the next few weeks in Giles, Montgomery, and Floyd Counties as well as Radford.

The plan addresses natural hazards affecting the region, including flooding, severe weather, and geological hazards such as rockfall. The region includes four counties – Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski – and the City of Radford. A regional plan was first developed in 2005 under the guidance of the Federal Emergency management Agency and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and as required by federal legislation. The plan is updated on a five-year frequency with the latest available data.

More information about the planning process is available at <http://nrvc.org/hazardmitigation/> or call 540.639.9313.

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