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Regional Hazard Mitigation Draft Plan Available for Public Comment

Radford, VA – The final draft New River Valley Hazard Mitigation Plan is available for public comment. Two open houses will be held to encourage citizen review of the plan.

The New River Valley Planning District Commission (NRVPDC) will hold the open houses for interested citizens to review regional natural hazard threats and proposed mitigating activities, ask questions and add their comments to review process.

The open houses will be on February 23 and February 24, from 5 to 7 pm at the New River Valley Competitiveness Center in Fairlawn, VA.

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 has been updated and will be submitted within a month to the state and federal agencies for review and approval. The final draft plan (and other information about the plan’s drafting) is available on-line at

<http://www.nrvpdc.org/HazardMitigation/HazardMitigationPlanning.html> or call 540.639.9313.

The NRVPDC has partnered with Radford University's Geography Department to prepare a revised plan that will maintain the region's eligibility for FEMA's disaster mitigation program funds. The regional hazard mitigation workgroup updated the plan by further identifying known hazards, assessing potential risks, and developing mitigation strategies to protect lives and property and to prepare the region for disasters that may strike.

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