



Save the Date for the Rural Resiliency Forum!

October 23, 2018, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Frontier Culture Museum
Staunton, Virginia

The Resilient Virginia Rural Resiliency Forum's goal is to bring together public, private, and university stakeholders who are interested in improving the resiliency and prosperity of rural areas of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Anticipated outcomes of the forum include:

- Improved collaboration and program coordination by community leaders, state and federal administrators, businesses, private landowners and the public,
- Immediate actions to implement resiliency activities in rural communities, supported by existing resources, state or federal programs and funding, and
- Policy recommendations at the state level.

This forum will focus on the interconnection of four broad resiliency areas:

1. Resilient Agriculture and Forestry
2. The Role of Green and Blue Infrastructure
3. Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Preparedness
4. Incorporating a Resiliency Approach to Planning

As an attendee this is your opportunity to:

- Learn about the benefits of resiliency plans for rural communities,
- Find out about existing state and federal resiliency-related programs and funding that your community can utilize immediately,
- Share information on what your farm, business, or local government is currently doing to help make your community more resilient,
- Provide your suggestions for how the state, university, and private programs could be more helpful,
- Take away valuable resources, new ideas, and beneficial contacts.
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Who should attend:

State and local elected officials, Planning district commission staff, Local government planning and economic development staff, Public and private groups working in environmental and sustainability areas, Regional and local emergency management representatives, Farm and forest owners and related business organizations, University students and professors working in resiliency-related areas.

Register today at www.resilientvirginia.org.