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### **Public Survey Released to Support Regional Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plan Development**

The Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC) is seeking public input via a survey on the hazards that impact the region's communities. Responses will be used in development of regional Hazard Mitigation and Resilience Plans.

In partnership with its member local governments, RRRC is updating the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan's purpose is to identify hazards that threaten local communities, and develop strategies to lessen the impacts of future hazards on people and property. Hazards can range from wildfires to severe storms and cyber-security threats. The resilience plan will build on this effort and focus primarily on flooding, one of the region's biggest hazards.

A critical component of these plans is input from members of the public who live and work in the region. Accordingly, the Project Management Team has released a survey to seek out public opinions and perspectives regarding the hazards that impact local communities. The survey is accessible online and available in both English and Spanish via this link: <https://arcg.is/00irjz1>. In addition, hardcopies of the survey will also be available at the RRRC Offices, 420 Southridge Parkway, Culpeper, VA.

Hazard mitigation plans are required by federal regulations to be updated every five (5) years in order to remain eligible for certain Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants, programs, and disaster relief funds. The RRRC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan was last updated in 2018, and the 2024 update is expected to be completed this fall with approval by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and FEMA. The flood resilience plan will enable communities to apply for the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Community Flood Preparedness Funding for the implantation of flood related studies and projects.

For additional information, visit RRRC's website at (<http://www.rrregion.org/hazardmitigation>), or contact the project team at [planinfo@rrregion.org](mailto:planinfo@rrregion.org).

Las personas que requieren adaptaciones especiales según la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades o las personas que requieran servicios de traducción (libre de costo) deben comunicarse con el RRRC en [planinfo@rrregion.org](mailto:planinfo@rrregion.org).

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the RRRC at [planinfo@rrregion.org](mailto:planinfo@rrregion.org).

**About the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission**

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission serves the counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange, and Rappahannock, and the towns of Culpeper, Gordonsville, Madison, Orange, Remington, The Plains, Washington, and Warrenton. The 21-member RRRC board includes elected and appointed officials appointed by each member jurisdiction. Localities with greater than 3,500 residents appoint two members to the regional commission, while localities with fewer than 3,500 residents appoint one member to the regional commission.

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission facilitates a collaborative approach to regional cooperation, and serves as a convening forum for the interaction of appointed and elected local government officials, regional stakeholders and citizen members. The Regional Commission coordinates a broad range of regional planning activities – including multi-modal and human services transportation, environmental planning, homelessness and affordable housing coordination, regional tourism, agricultural, and economic development activities. The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission is located in Culpeper, VA, and can be found online at <https://www.rrregion.org/>.