

Commissioner Orientation

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Who We Are

Established in 1969, PlanRVA has been the home of cooperation among the nine jurisdictions of Central Virginia for more than 50 years.



PlanRVA is where the region comes together to look ahead.

Regional Cooperation Act

- Enabling legislation for planning district commissions
- Establishes 12 general duties of PDCs, including regional planning, technical assistance, regional coordination
- PDCs required to have a regional strategic plan to guide the district on matters that are of importance to more than one locality. Subject to public review and performance indicators.
- Required to report on strategic plan to DHCD annually: Status of the Plan and its Implementation

RCA Highlights

- Regional Cooperation Act (virginia.gov)
- **§ 15.2-4207. Purposes of commission**
 - encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing on a regional basis problems of greater than local significance.
 - Functional areas warranting regional cooperation may include, but shall not be limited to: (i) economic and physical infrastructure development; (ii) solid waste, water supply and other environmental management; (iii) transportation; (iv) criminal justice; (v) emergency management; (vi) human services; and (vii) recreation.
- **§ 15.2-4208. General duties of planning district commissions**
 - 12 duties
- **§ 15.2-4209. Preparation and adoption of regional strategic plan**
 - each planning district commission shall prepare a regional strategic plan for the guidance of the district
 - The plan shall concern those elements which are of importance in more than one of the localities within the district
 - The plan shall include regional goals and objectives, strategies to meet those goals and objectives and mechanisms for measuring progress toward the goals and objectives.
 - The strategic plan shall include those subjects necessary to promote the orderly and efficient development of the physical, social and economic elements of the district such as transportation, housing, economic development and environmental management.
 - In developing the regional strategic plan, the planning district commission shall seek input from a wide range of organizations in the region, including local governing bodies, the business community and citizen organizations.

Local Technical Assistance

PlanRVA staff are available to support local government in many ways ranging from special events support, grant writing, policy research and analysis, data collection and planning.

- Grant Writing & Administration
- Data, Research & Analysis
- Planning and Project Management
- Public Engagement and Outreach
- Administrative/ Back Office



Regional Planning: How Does It Work?

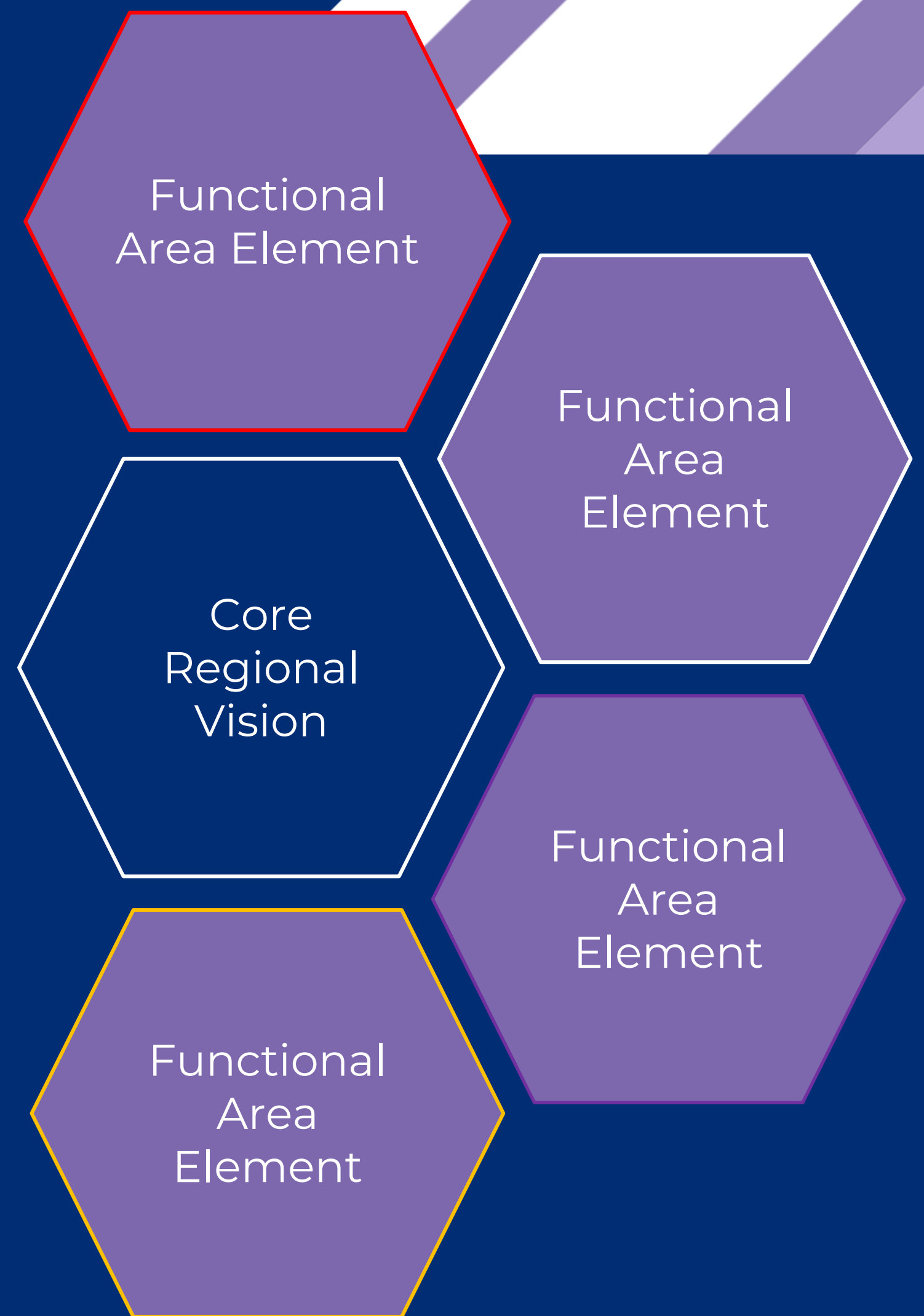


- Use data to identify future challenges and opportunities
- Convene local governments to facilitate regional collaboration
- Cultivate partnerships and resources to develop innovative solutions
- Draft and implement plans of action

...to ensure the region is a place for all to live, work, play and thrive.

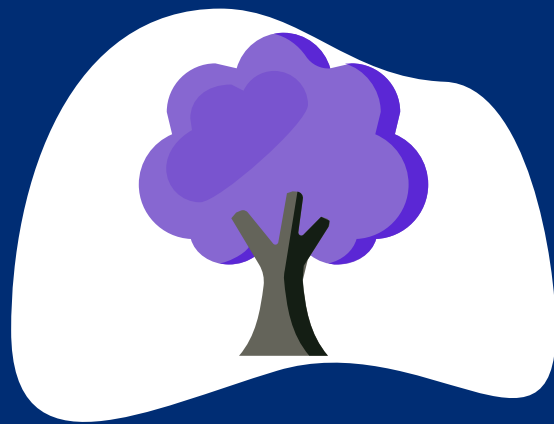
Regional Strategic Plan

- Defines coordinated regional vision and goals
- Indicates the role and responsibilities of PlanRVA in serving the region through implementation
- Contextualizes the relationship, content, and processes for functional area plans

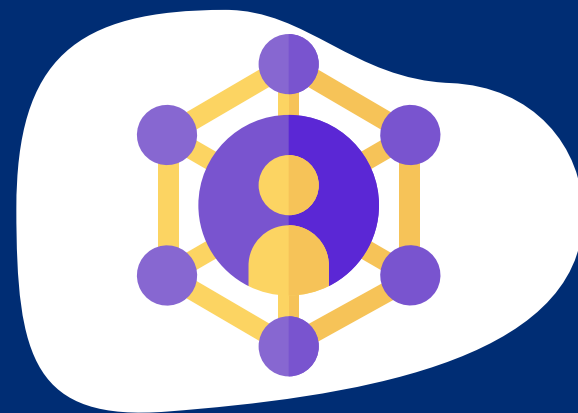


What We Do

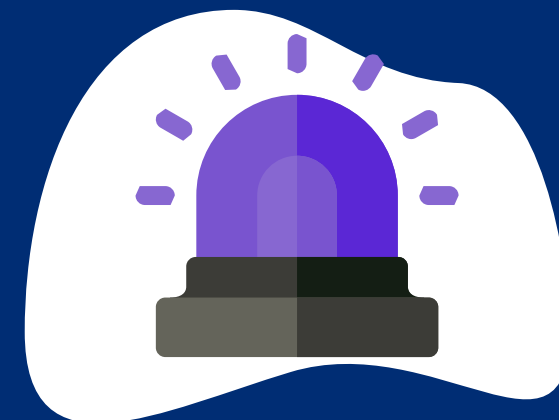
PlanRVA's experienced planners and experts have been supporting the region's future development in the areas of:



Environment
& Resiliency



Community
Development



Emergency Preparedness
& Hazard Mitigation



Transportation



- Adopted by PlanRVA
- Adopted by member localities or agencies
- Adopted by other regional entity staffed by PlanRVA
- In development or not adopted

Definitions

Plan – Strategic document which lays out **goals and objectives, strategies** to meet those goals and objectives and **mechanisms for measuring progress** toward the goals and objectives

Study – independent **investigation of issues and problems of regional significance** which informs plans

Program – **services, technical assistance, and other mechanisms** to implement or advance plans

Performance Indicators – Data points or other quantifiable **metric of progress** towards a goal

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What is the CVTA?

Created in 2020 through legislation passed by the General Assembly, the Central Virginia Transportation Authority helps move our region forward by directing priority transportation funding to improve mobility and the quality of life for people living here.

The CVTA focuses on transportation projects across nine jurisdictions: the town of Ashland, the counties of Charles City, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Powhatan and the city of Richmond. Member localities and other regional bodies serve on the Authority's Board of Directors and committees.

The CVTA is comprised of the main board (Authority), a Finance Committee, a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and other committees/working groups as needed.

The CVTA is led by Executive Director, Chet Parsons.



Central Virginia Transportation Authority

- Memorandum of Understanding between PlanRVA and the CVTA providing for:
 - Staffing to assist the Authority in its administration, financial management, project evaluation/prioritization, logistics and other planning and technical support.

What is the RRTPO?

- The Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO) is the region's designated Metropolitan Planning Organization and handles transportation planning in the region.
- The RRTPO helps facilitate collaboration and cooperation among all interested parties, including residents, in regard to funding and planning the future of the region's transportation network.
- The RRTPO is the federally-designated forum for regional transportation decision-making, planning, and programming.
- The RRTPO is comprised of the main board (Policy Board), Executive Committee, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Community Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC) and other committees/groups as necessary.

Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RRTPO)

- Memorandum of Understanding between PlanRVA and the RRTPO providing for:
 - Financial management of grant programs and regulatory compliance
 - National priorities: FHWA/VDOT- PL; FTA/DRPT- Section 5303, Title VI, environmental justice, uniform audit requirements
- Mechanism for local and regional planning assistance for all modes of transportation planning
- Assures organizational efficiency and regional alignment
- Planning priorities established by the RRTPO in the Long-Range Transportation Plan support investment priorities.



How it all connects...

The Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization leads transportation planning in the region by identifying priorities in collaboration with residents and interested parties.

The CVTA works to collect and pool regional dollars. The CVTA uses the dollars to fund transportation projects across the region that align with the plans developed by the Richmond Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

PlanRVA provides the staffing, administrative and other support to allow the RRTPO and the CVTA to accomplish those things.

What is EMACV?



The Emergency Management Alliance of Central Virginia is a coalition of government and key stakeholder organizations that collaborate on best practices for emergency preparation, response, relief, recovery and mitigation in Central Virginia. The Alliance ensures our region has support during major emergencies and disasters.

EMACV's footprint includes the 25 localities and four sovereign tribes/nations in VDEM's Region 1. The Alliance is a forum for government agencies, emergency managers, emergency responders, public safety, the private sector, and non-profit partners to enhance situational awareness, share lessons learned and best practices, collaborate on plans, develop solutions, participate in training and exercises, and enhance emergency management resources at all levels in Central Virginia.

Yearly, with PlanRVA support, the Alliance secures hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funding to support regional initiatives in mass care, public outreach, planning, and training and exercise projects.

Emergency Management Alliance of Central Virginia

- Memorandum of Understanding between PlanRVA and the Emergency Management Alliance providing for:
 - Regional Emergency Management Staffing
 - Grant Writing and Administration
 - Coalition Support, Logistics, and Administration
- Assures efficiency in regional coordination and resource sharing for Emergency Management
- Maintains network in the event Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) designation is reinstated

What is FOLAR?



The central mission of FOLAR is to conserve and protect the Appomattox River for all to enjoy.

The Appomattox River is rich in natural, cultural and historic resources and FOLAR aims to be a good steward of these lands with its partners including localities, businesses and members of the public.

FOLAR Areas: Land conservation, plants & wildlife, riparian buffers & water quality, climate change adaptation, River Champions program, active living and other initiatives.

Friends of the Lower Appomattox River (FOLAR)



- Memorandum of Understanding in effect with annual renewal providing for:
 - Back office and administrative support, including personnel assignment - Regional Trails Program Director
- Support transportation and natural resources coordination in Chesterfield County and with Crater PDC
- Value-add in staffing leverage for critical expertise

Commission Structure

- Voting, Membership & Officer Rotation
- Committees
- Staff Organizational Structure
- [Meet the Team](#) (linked)



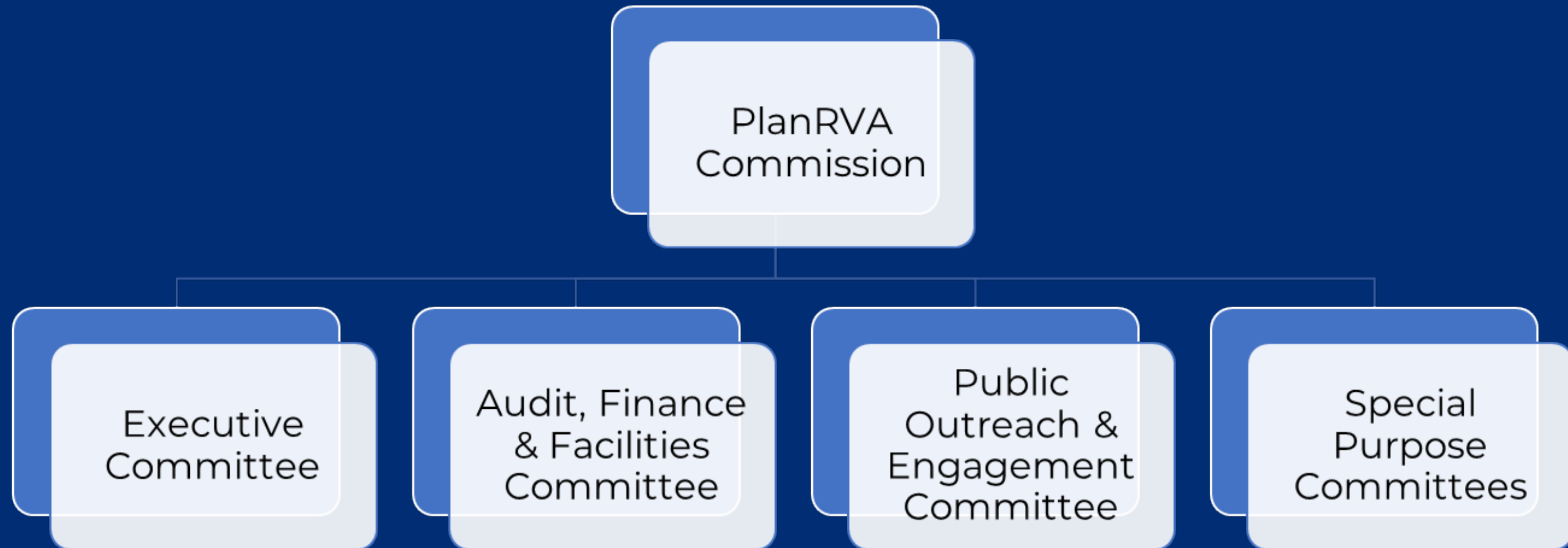
Voting and Membership

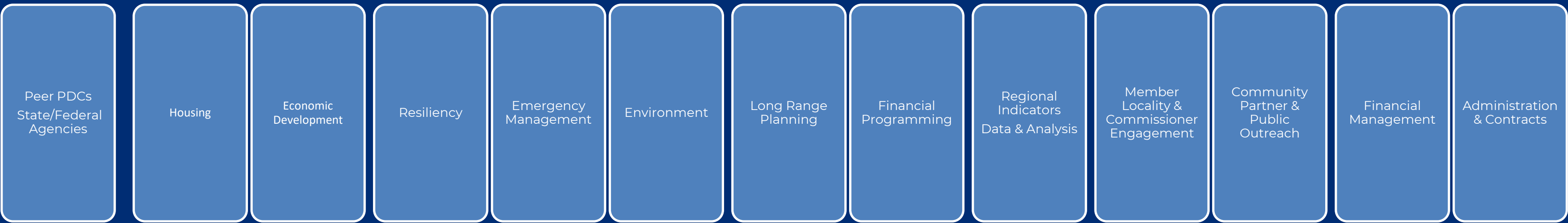
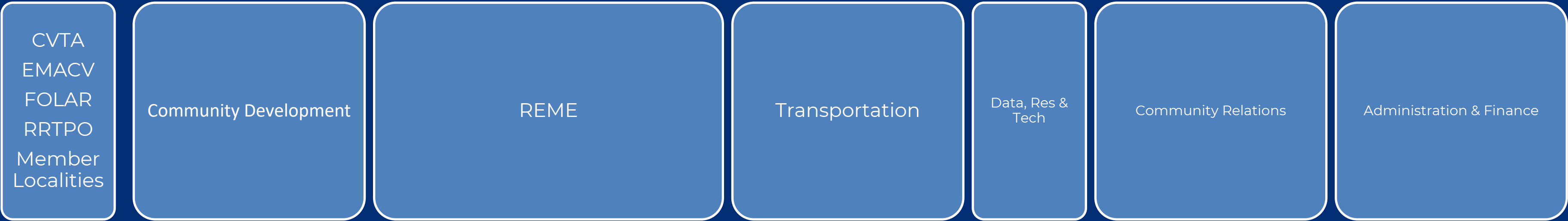
Member jurisdictions appoint members to the Commission to represent the number of voting seats on the following basis:

Population	Governing Body	Planning Commission	Citizen
3,501- 7,500	1	-	-
7,501- 25,000	1	1	-
25,001- 50,000	2	1	-
50,001- 100,000	2	1	1
100,001- 175,000	3	1	1
175,001- 250,000	4	1	1
250,001- and up	5	1	1

Note: each member of the Commission shall have one equal vote in all matters before the Commission unless designated to represent more than one voting seat by the appointing member jurisdiction.

PlanRVA Committee Structure





Local Technical Assistance

Project Management

Commissioner Responsibilities

Nurture a
Vision

Ensure
Financial
Integrity

Set Policies
and
Priorities

Opportunities to Get Involved

- Newsletter Signup
- Blog and Social Media
- Meeting Attendance, Committee Membership
- Local Champion/Ambassador
- Leadership Succession
- Peer-to-peer networking
- State/National Associations



Important Things to Know

- We are NOT a state agency
- Accountable to the General Assembly through reporting only
- Funding Mix is Diversifying
- Commission adopts annual Work Program & Budget Priorities
- Organizational Key Imperatives advance 2019 Planning Framework



Helpful Resources

[National Association of Development Organizations](#)

[National Association of Regional Councils](#)

[Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions](#)

[Virginia Association of Counties](#)

[Virginia Municipal League](#)





Thank You For Your Time!
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