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## Roanoke County Recognized for Model Program

**(Roanoke County, VA—June 8, 2020)** The National Association of Counties (NACo) has recognized Roanoke County with an Achievement Award for its Public Schools Planning Workshop program. A collaboration between Roanoke County, the City of Roanoke and Roanoke County Public Schools, the program met the goal of soliciting public input from residents, including students and teachers, under age 50 while simultaneously exposing them to the planning profession. The input received tied into the County's Oak Grove Center Plan which envisions future development, transportation and public amenities in small group mapping exercises. The collaboration has opened the door for future regional cooperation and planning efforts.

Started in 1970, NACo's annual Achievement Awards program is designed to recognize county government innovations. Nationally, awards are given in 18 different categories that reflect the vast, comprehensive services counties provide. The categories include children and youth, criminal justice and public safety, county administration, information technology, health, civic engagement and many more.

*The National Association of Counties (NACo) unites America's 3,069 county governments. Founded in 1935, NACo brings county officials together to advocate with a collective voice on national policy, exchange ideas and build new leadership skills, pursue transformational county solutions, enrich the public's understanding of county government and exercise exemplary leadership in public service. Learn more at [www.naco.org](http://www.naco.org)*

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