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AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE ROANOKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER

**MEETING DATE:** July 25, 2017

**AGENDA ITEM:** Recognition of the Roanoke County Strategic Plan for receiving the 2017 Virginian Award for Implementation and Accountability from the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association

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**APPROVED BY:** Thomas C. Gates  
County Administrator

**ISSUE:**

Recognition of the receipt of a statewide award from the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association for the Roanoke County Community Strategic Plan

**BACKGROUND:**

Roanoke County was awarded the 2017 Virginian Award for Implementation and Planning by the Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association at their annual meeting on July 18 for creating and implementing the Roanoke County Community Strategic Plan. An inclusive planning process of nine (9) months resulted in the Community Strategic Plan's adoption by the Board of Supervisors in August of 2016. This award shows the importance of open citizen engagement and community collaboration in helping to shape the future direction of the County. As over 60 staff members, the Board of Supervisors and nearly 900 community partners were involved in the development of the plan, this recognition gives the Board of Supervisors and Administration the opportunity to thank all involved, and celebrate the spirit of cooperation that has enabled the Community Strategic Plan to be the successful community planning document that it is.