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Regional Commission to Honor Brian Duncan and Robert Bradford with 2017 Regional Leadership Awards

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission will honor **Mr. Brian Duncan**, longtime Executive Director of Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services, and **Mr. Robert Bradford**, Orange County resident and Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District Board member, with the 2017 Regional Leadership Awards. The awards will be presented on Wednesday, September 27th at the Regional Commission's 2017 Annual Meeting at Rock Hill Farm in Culpeper County. The RRRC Regional Leadership Awards honor one government leader and one citizen representative of the region for outstanding contributions to the Rappahannock-Rapidan region, and facilitation of enhanced communication, coordination, collaborative governance and regional planning across the region.

Mr. Robert Bradford was selected to receive a Regional Leadership Award in acknowledgement of his voluntary service and stewardship of the region's natural resources. Mr. Bradford has served as a member of the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors since 1996 as an elected representative from Orange County. His service as Chairman of the District's Technical Committee includes oversight of technical operations related to flood control dams in the District's service area, applications for cost-sharing incentive programs supporting Best Management Practices, and policy guidance. Mr. Bradford is also a past President of the Central Virginia Cattleman's Association, and is an advocate for innovative solutions for agriculture and natural resource management, including water quality measures, forestland management, and forage management on his farm in Orange County.

Mr. Brian Duncan was selected as a Regional Leadership Award honoree in appreciation for his 25-year service to the Rappahannock-Rapidan region as Executive Director of Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services. As RRCS Executive Director, Mr. Duncan oversaw the expansion of services for behavioral health, developmental disabilities, mental health, and aging services in the region, as well as progress in providing timely access to treatment, increased residential options, collaborative transportation initiatives, and facility expansion and renovations. Mr. Duncan's steady, patient, and analytical leadership style have improved outcomes and opportunities for RRCS as an organization and for the coordination of services within the Rappahannock-Rapidan region. Mr. Duncan has announced his retirement for February 2018.

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission will be held on Wednesday, September 27th beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Rock Hill Farm in Culpeper County. Registration for the Annual Meeting is \$20 through September 18th (\$35 thereafter) and includes heavy Hors d'oeuvres and keynote address from Mr. John Martin, CEO and Managing Partner, SIR, on Autonomous Vehicles and their Impact on States, Regions, Local Governments, Citizens, and Planners.

To register, please contact the Regional Commission at (540) 829-7450 or klamperaza@rrregion.org or online at <http://rrrcannualmeeting.eventbrite.com>.

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 <http://www.rrregion.org/>.