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Regional Commission Announces 2018 Regional Leadership Awards
Mr. Henry Lee Carter and the late Mrs. Judy Carter Receive Government Award
Mr. John Meadows Receives Citizen Award

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission recently honored Mr. Henry Lee Carter and the late Mrs. Judy Carter, and Mr. John Meadows, longtime member of the Fauquier County Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, with the 2018 Regional Leadership Awards. The awards were presented at the Regional Commission's 2018 Annual Meeting at Stoneridge Events Center in Warrenton. The RRRC Regional Leadership Awards honor government and citizen leaders 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. Henry Lee Carter and Mrs. Judy Carter were selected as recipients of the Regional Leadership Government award for their many years of service to the Town of Orange, Orange County, and the region. The Carters' legacy of stewardship and service to the region includes Mrs. Carter's 21 years of service on the Orange County School Board, Piedmont Regional Education Program, Orange County Economic Development Commission, and Education Foundation, and her tireless advocacy for children and public education. Mr. Carter served 20 years on the Town of Orange Council, including four years as Mayor, and his leadership was critical to projects varying from public transit expansion, water and wastewater infrastructure for the Towns of Orange and Gordonsville, and road improvement and downtown beautification projects. The Carters' focus on "Community Service, Education, and Family" was the cornerstone of their leadership in the region.

Mr. John Meadows was honored with the Regional Leadership Citizen award in recognition of his past and present service on the Fauquier County Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals, and his advocacy for cross-jurisdictional planning and coordination between the County and its neighbors, as well as the three Towns located within Fauquier County. Mr. Meadows is a lifelong member and supporter of Fauquier County and the region and has focused his planning commission service on moving forward while protecting rural agriculture and quality of life. Mr. Meadows' service includes 20 years on the Fauquier County Board of Zoning Appeals and for 15 years on the Fauquier County Planning Commission, where he has been an active chair and vice-chair on each during his tenure.

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/>.