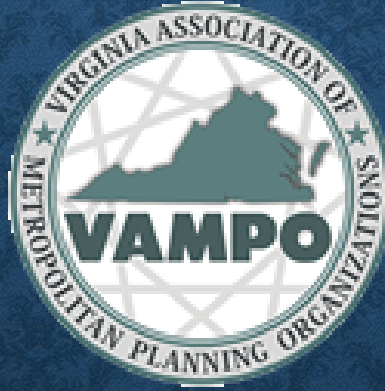


Urban Development Areas and the Role of the MPO/TPO



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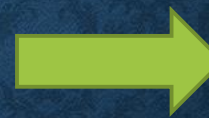
INTRODUCTION TO UDAS

- Original UDA legislation was enacted in 2007.
- Any county, city or town may amend their comprehensive plan (and future land use map) to include UDA(s).
- The Code recognizes that UDAs are designed to be ideal for high-density residential and commercial uses, due to their location to transportation networks.
- UDAs must be zoned in order to accommodate minimum development densities.

UDAS, HB2 AND VTRANS2040



UDA



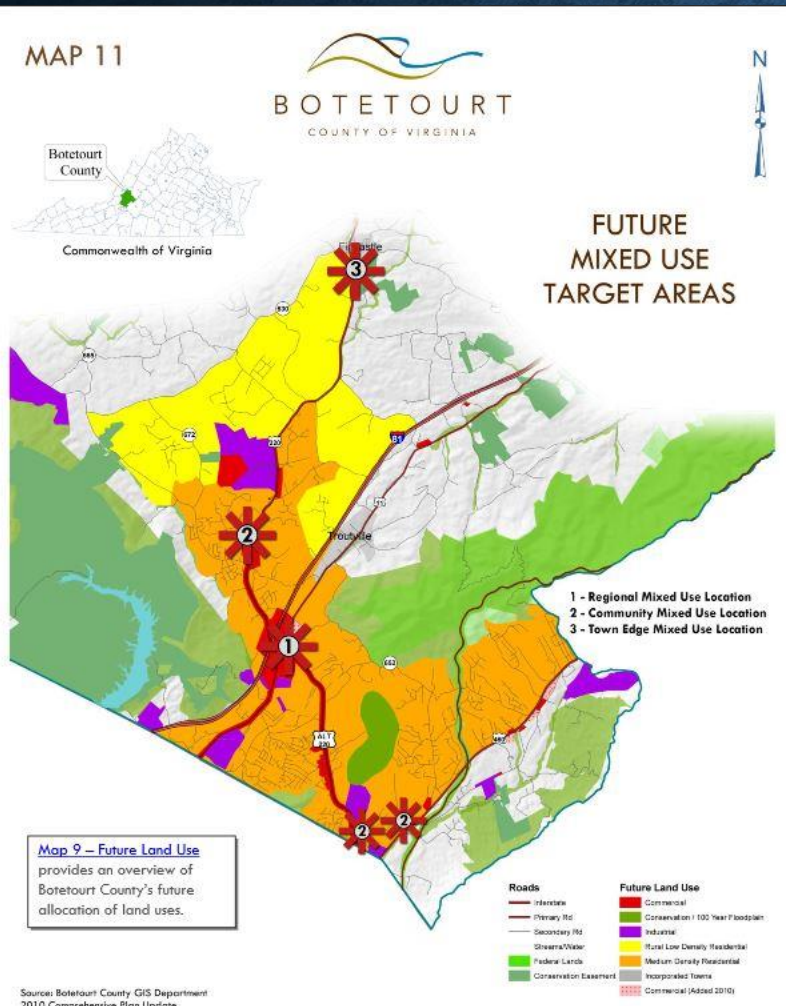
UDA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Plan for and designate at least one urban/village development area in their comprehensive plan,
- Revise as appropriate applicable land use ordinances (including appropriate zoning classifications and subdivision ordinances) to incorporate the principles of traditional neighborhood design (see §15.2-2223.1 of the Code of Virginia),
- Assist with public participation processes, and other related tasks.

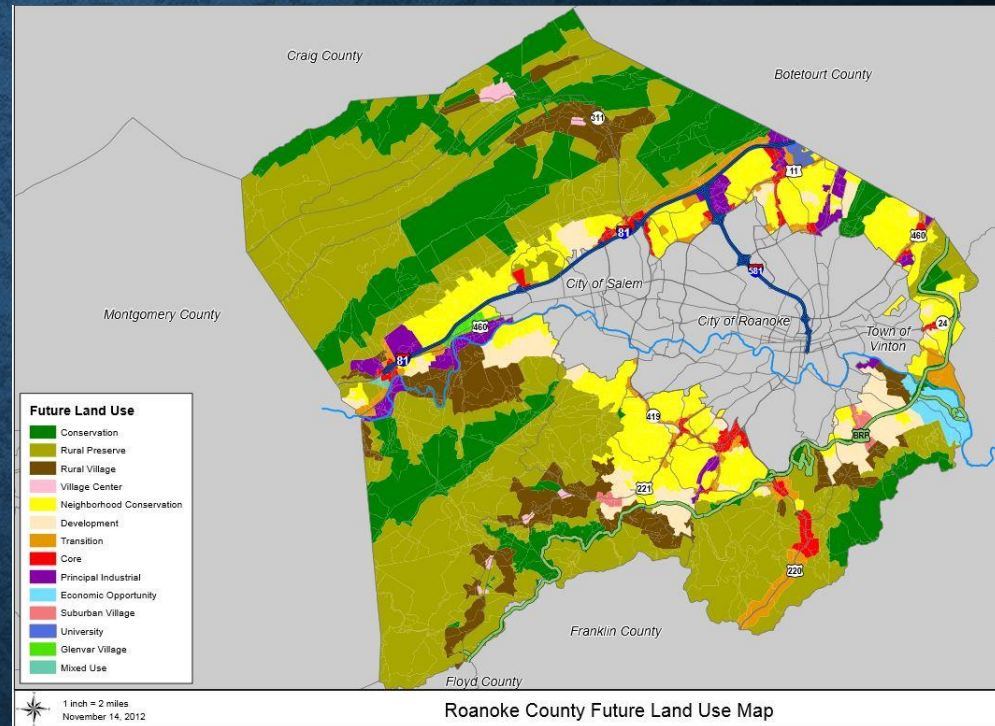


RVTPO LOCALITIES' PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH UDAS

Botetourt County



Roanoke County



UDA OR UDA-LIKE AREAS?

- Designated on Future Land Use Map as UDA = **UDA**
- Language found in Comprehensive Plan stating that future growth areas comply with 15.2-2223.1 = **UDA LIKE**
- Comprehensive Plan defines village or mixed-use centers using the criteria of 15.2-2223.1 = **UDA**
- Previously adopted comprehensive plans referring to the 2007 UDA language which are amended to reflect compliance with the 2012 amended Code section = **UDA**

RVTPPO ASSISTING OUR LOCALITIES IN UDA DEVELOPMENT

- Salem, through their technical assistance grant, has completed the appropriate surveys and is on their way to UDA designation. Staff will be working with them in FY16 on phase II of the Salem Downtown Plan (in UPWP) and provide UDA technical assistance.
- Roanoke County will most likely pursue UDA-like designated growth areas. Staff will coordinate with Roanoke County as they develop language for the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.
- The City of Roanoke's Planning Commission met earlier this month to recommend to Council the development of the city as a UDA. Staff has reviewed and coordinated that proposal, per the Code, and it is acceptable.
- Botetourt County will have comprehensive plan amendments going to public hearing in September and RVTPPO and County staff will collaborate to develop the appropriate language and mapping.

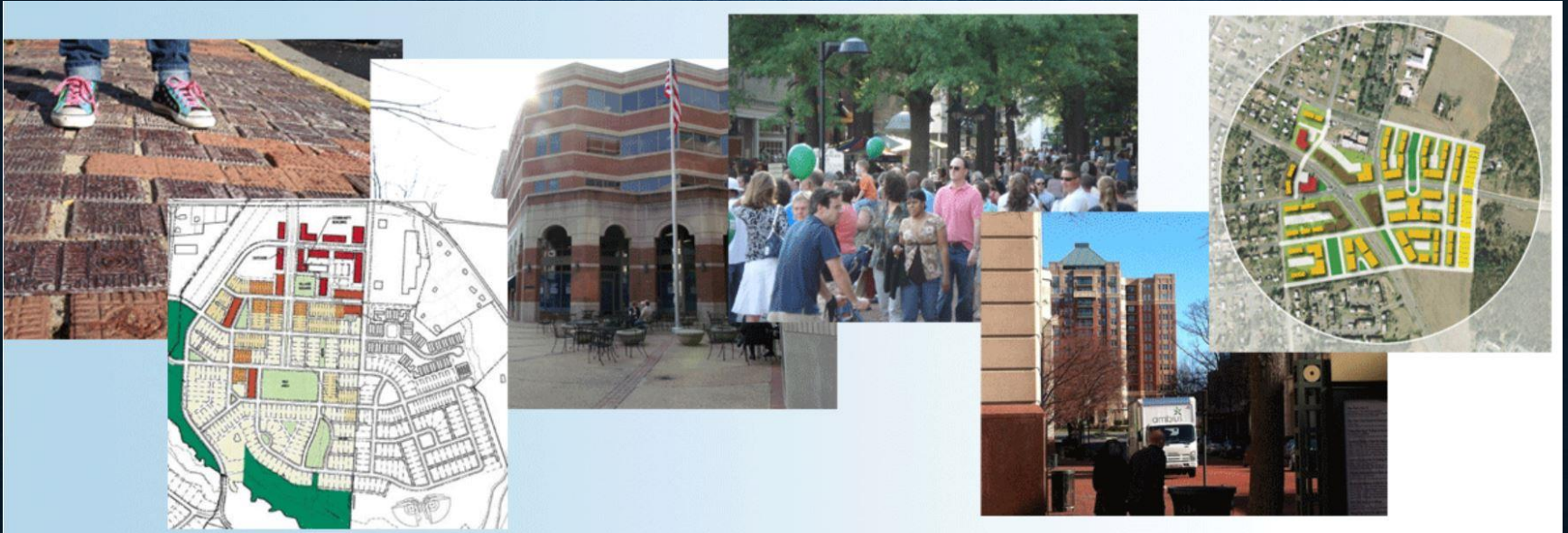
MPO STAFFS – GET INVOLVED!

- Mandatory MPO/PDC review of proposed UDAs
- Offer/provide your own technical assistance to localities
- Assist UDA grant-awarded communities
- Advocate UDA development smartly

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT HAVING UDAS OR FUTURE GROWTH AREAS

- If a locality's project does not serve a CoSS or Regional network, it will not be considered a qualified project under HB2.
- If not submitted by October 1, 2015, localities will have to wait until the next year's cycle to apply, provided they have received approval from OIPI in the year since.

CALL TO ARMS!



Localities need our help in developing transportation efficient/compatible growth areas.

QUESTIONS?

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