



Program Contact

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Region One includes the counties of Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Grayson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, and Wythe; and the cities of Bristol, Galax, and Norton.

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## REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Regional Councils are business led and include individuals from a variety of sectors; education, government, civic or community leaders, economic and workforce development professionals, local government officials, regional planning entities and nonprofits.

The Region One Council is currently led by Chair Mike Quillen and Vice Chair Lois Clarke, and includes the following 20 council members: Moir Beamer, Kyra Bishop, Sam Cassell, Richard Edwards, Mark Eschle, Allan Funk, Donna Henry, David Leonard, Josh Lewis, Ron McCall, Duane Miller, David Olive, Keith Perrigan, Beth Rhineheart, Dean Sprinkle, Cathy St. Clair, Travis Staton, Mike Stollings, and Joe Gary Street.

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## **SUPPORT ORGANIZATION**

A regional council must be affiliated with or supported by a new or existing organization whose purposes and competencies include collaborative planning, economic development or workforce activities within the region. Region One is supported by the University of Virginia’s College at Wise, led by Shannon Blevins. The purpose of the support organization is to provide fiduciary oversight and administrative services for the activities funded by monies received from Virginia Growth and Opportunity Fund (VGOF). The support organization operates with the advice and consent of the regional council.

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## **Current Projects**



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## **HELPFUL RESOURCES**

- [Regional Bylaws](#)
- [LOI \(Letter of Intent\)](#)

- [Economic Growth and Diversification Plan](#)