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## Achievement Awards

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## ROANOKE COUNTY



### Public Schools Planning Workshop Read Submission

The Roanoke County Public Schools Planning Workshops sought to address two main problems. First, long-range planning efforts in the past have largely gleaned input from residents over the age of fifty, leaving planners to guess the preferences of younger generations. Secondly, students are rarely exposed to the planning profession and are not aware that it is a career option when they are making college plans. The program is a collaboration among Roanoke County, the City of Roanoke and Roanoke County Public Schools. The Public Schools Planning Workshops program successfully met the goal of soliciting a large amount of public input from residents under age 50 while simultaneously exposing them to the planning profession. The program is straightforward and mobile enough to be used repeatedly throughout the area's school systems. The example can also easily be adapted to other localities. Furthermore, the inter-jurisdictional collaboration has opened the door for future regional cooperation and planning efforts.

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