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2009 Regional Distinguished Leadership Awards Presented by RRRC

Since their inception in 2007, the presentation of the RRRC Distinguished Leadership- Citizen and Government Awards—for significant contributions in the field of regional planning leading to enhanced inter-jurisdictional cooperation across Planning District 9—has become a mainstay of the Commission’s popular Annual Meeting program.

This year’s meeting was held Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at Sweely Estate Winery in Madison County, and featured Keynote Speaker: UVA Professor John Quale, LEED-AP, who provided an informative and timely presentation on the subject of *Highly Energy-Efficient and Affordable Modular Housing Design*. Upon the close of dinner and conclusion of Professor Quale’s remarks, this year’s Regional Distinguished Leadership- Citizen and Government Awards were presented to: Beverly Hunter, and Robert Anderson.

Expressing appreciation that the R-R Region is “uniquely blessed with informed citizens and capable leaders,” RRRC Executive Director Jeffrey Walker, read selected excerpts from nominations received on behalf of both candidates, with the winners becoming evident as he read along.

Beginning with 2009 Citizen Award recipient Beverly Hunter, he noted, that she had been selected by the Awards Committee, among other reasons for (quoting from the nominations):

- “the way she has succeeded in getting local and area residents to think about water resources . . . not only through data collection and related GIS-mapping efforts, but through the founding of the citizen-based RappFLOW organization;”
- also, “for providing inspiration to others to likewise become involved in their communities.”

Next, continuing with 2009 Government Award recipient Robert Anderson, he quoted:

- “consensus-builder; has worked to make sure that every voice is heard”
- Member of the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District Board (’74-’81)
- “unshakeable integrity, diligence, and belief in doing his civic duty”
- Member of the Rappahannock River Basin Commission (’97-present)
- Member of local board of Supervisors for twenty years, chair for five
- “two tour of duty charter member of RRRC (1973-1983, and 1998-present)”

With mention of Anderson’s elected service, it had become apparent who the forthcoming recipient was, and individuals began to applaud, rising subsequently to their feet in a standing ovation.

“Effective regional planning is about building bridges and working together,” said Walker, “and we are grateful to both for their many meaningful contributions over the years.”

Requests for nominations for next year's 2010 Regional Distinguished Leadership Awards will be sent out next summer. Please visit the Regional Commission website (www.rregion.org) for more details.

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The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission (RRRC), or Planning District 9, founded in 1973, serves the counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock, and towns of Culpeper, Gordonsville, Madison, Orange, Remington, Warrenton and Washington. One of 21 such Regional or Planning District Commissions across the state, the Commission provides cost-effective professional planning and technical assistance to member jurisdictions, a concerted approach to inter-jurisdictional cooperation, and a convenient forum for the interaction of area appointed and elected officials, and citizen representatives.

The Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission is located in Southridge Office Park, behind the DMV, in the Town of Culpeper, and can be found online at: www.rregion.org