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Regional Commission Hosts Workshop for Local Officials

June 23, 2010— The Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission (NSVRC) will host a free one-day workshop on Neighborhood Stabilization for local jurisdictions on July 29, 2010. The purpose of the workshop is to inform local policy makers about housing and community revitalization tools available to Virginia localities, and to identify trends affecting neighborhoods in the Shenandoah Valley.

The event is titled ‘Tools and Trends Workshop: Neighborhood Stabilization and Beyond.’ Guest speakers will explore topics including the Virginia Property Maintenance Code, Revitalization Resources, Special Purpose Districts, Housing Affordability Trends, and Housing Stock Inventories and Conditions in the Shenandoah Valley. Time will also be allotted for a Q & A session with the speakers. Experts in the seminar topics come from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Virginia Housing Development Authority, and Housing Virginia among others.

The program will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church at 1 West Main Street in Front Royal from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. A box lunch will be provided to participants.

The workshop targets municipal managers, planning and zoning officials, and economic development and human services professionals. Martha Shickle, Community Development Program Manager for NSVRC, adds “With this workshop we hope to provide useful and timely information that can help local jurisdictions in their efforts to create effective policy under today’s challenging economic conditions.”

The NSVRC is working with the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, the Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Municipal League to bring the educational program to the region. Online registration for the free seminar is available at www.nsvrc.virginia.gov or by contacting the NSVRC at 540-636-8800.

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The Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission (NSVRC) is one of 21 regional planning district commissions chartered by the Commonwealth of Virginia under the Regional Cooperation Act. The commission is composed of elected officials and citizens appointed by member local governments. NSVRC represents the City of Winchester, the five counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah and Warren and all jurisdictions within these counties. Offices are located at 103 East 6th Street in Front Royal VA.