



Agenda

October 27, 2016

6:00 p.m.—New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Minutes for September
 - B. [Approval of Treasurer's Report for September](#)
- III. **COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
 - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
 - None
 - B. Regular Project Review
 - None
 - C. Environmental Project Review
 - 1. [Mountain Valley Pipeline Draft Environmental Impact Statement Review](#)
 - 2. [Virginia Tech O'Shaughnessy Hall expansion](#)
- IV. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**
- V. **REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**
- VI. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
- VII. [EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#)
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. [Prices Fork Elementary School Reuse Project \(Housing + Local Food\)](#)
 - Presentation by Jennifer Wilsie, Regional Planner II
 - Commission Discussion
 - B. [FY18 Per Capita Assessment Rate \(Commission Dues\)](#)
 - Commission Action
 - C. Set November Commission Meeting Date
 - Commission Action

All meeting materials posted on the Commission website www.nrvrc.org

The New River Valley Regional Commission provides area wide planning for the physical, social, and economic elements of the district; encourages and assists local governments in planning for their future; provides a means of coordinating federal, state, and local efforts to resolve area problems; provides a forum for review of mutual concerns; and implements services upon request of member local governments.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Janet McNew, Finance Director
Date: October 12, 2016
Re: September 2016 Financial Statements

The September 2016 Agencywide Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Balance Sheets are enclosed for your review.

The Agencywide Revenue and Expense report compares actual year to date receipts and expenses to the FY16-17 budget adopted by the Commission at the May 26, 2016 meeting. The financial operations of the agency are somewhat fluid as projects may be added and modified throughout the year.

As of month end September 2016 (25.0% of the fiscal year), overall year to date revenues are 32.59% and expenses are 23.58% of budget. Salary and Fringe, the two largest expense line items, stand at 25.27% and 24.91%, respectively.

As previously reported, two expense lines, *Insurance* and *Capital Outlay*, exceed anticipated budget. The *Insurance* overage (\$264) is due to premium adjustment after Worker Comp payroll audits. The *Capital Outlay* budget line is exclusive to the operations of the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Area. The overage (\$5,584) is due to the purchase of computers for two additional regional roving labs under their recently awarded Rapid Response funds. Workforce expenses are 100% reimbursable and previously authorized by the state.

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New River Valley Regional Commission
Agencywide Revenue and Expenditures - September 2016

With Indirect Detail

FY16-17 Budget		(25.0% of FY)			
Adopted 5/26/16		September 2016	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
Anticipated Revenues					
ARC	69,019.50	0.00	17,400.75	51,618.75	25.21%
ARC-Prices Fork	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00%
LOCAL ASSESSMENT	226,656.87	0.00	212,285.71	14,371.16	93.66%
DHCD	75,971.00	18,992.00	18,992.00	56,979.00	25.00%
DHCD-Bldg Coll Communities	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00%
DHCD-Prices Fork	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00%
EDA	70,000.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	52,500.00	25.00%
GO Virginia	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00%
WIB Fiscal Agent	60,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	40,000.00	33.33%
WIA Program Funds	536,400.81	46,758.88	131,905.22	404,495.59	24.59%
VDOT	58,000.00	18,805.92	18,805.92	39,194.08	32.42%
VDOT - Rocky Knob Project	110,000.00	6,337.24	6,337.24	103,662.76	0.00%
Floyd Co	6,750.00	0.00	0.00	6,750.00	0.00%
Floyd Town	1,250.00	312.94	1,130.17	119.83	90.41%
Giles County	55,000.00	11,944.46	13,160.53	41,839.47	23.93%
Narrows Town	11,200.00	0.00	0.00	11,200.00	0.00%
Rich Creek Town	9,000.00	1,031.51	1,739.91	7,260.09	19.33%
Montgomery County	24,000.00	1,443.41	5,753.97	18,246.03	23.97%
Blacksburg Town	13,000.00	1,083.33	3,249.99	9,750.01	25.00%
Pulaski County	23,000.00	2,036.38	5,791.86	17,208.14	25.18%
Pulaski Town	5,000.00	648.54	1,614.83	3,385.17	32.30%
Pulaski Co Sewerage Auth.	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
Recovered Cost	0.00	93.61	93.61	-93.61	0.00%
Virginia's First	25,000.00	2,083.33	6,249.99	18,750.01	25.00%
Blacksburg/Christiansburg MPO	45,000.00	0.00	0.00	45,000.00	0.00%
RV-ARC RideSolutions	33,680.00	8,302.02	8,302.02	25,377.98	24.65%
Dept of Environmental Quality	6,750.00	4,176.12	4,176.12	2,573.88	61.87%
VA Dept of Emergency Management	45,000.00	7,554.98	7,554.98	37,445.02	0.00%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	50.00%
New River Health District	25,000.00	10,094.66	10,094.66	14,905.34	40.38%
Friends of Southwest Virginia	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.00%
Blacksburg Partnership (BBurg Broadband)	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00%
ReNew the New	10,000.00	0.00	12,500.00	-2,500.00	125.00%
Statewide Agtourism Partners	0.00	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00	0.00%
Revenues	1,658,678.18	163,199.33	540,639.48	1,118,038.70	32.59%
Expenses					
Salaries	884,215.00	74,380.02	223,420.88	660,794.12	25.27%
Fringe Benefits	269,382.00	22,396.94	67,095.93	202,286.07	24.91%
Travel	64,800.00	3,854.05	9,800.49	54,999.51	15.12%
Office Space	64,354.00	4,158.09	12,474.27	51,879.73	19.38%
Telephone/Communications	14,175.00	1,415.06	5,545.98	8,629.02	39.13%
Office Supplies	25,715.00	543.43	4,709.11	21,005.89	18.31%
Postage	3,617.00	56.59	582.17	3,034.83	16.10%
Printing	10,750.00	3,147.36	3,147.36	7,602.64	29.28%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	6,400.00	121.15	928.65	5,471.35	14.51%
Media Ad	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00%
Equipment Rent	5,719.00	476.71	1,430.13	4,288.87	25.01%
Vehicle Maintenance	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00%
Vehicle Fuel	3,000.00	101.70	303.85	2,696.15	10.13%
Dues/Publications	12,681.00	2,330.00	4,039.00	8,642.00	31.85%
Training	6,025.00	0.00	455.00	5,570.00	7.55%
Insurance	4,100.00	0.00	4,364.00	-264.00	106.44%
Meeting Expense	11,800.00	953.76	2,100.55	9,699.45	17.80%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equipment)	5,000.00	36.38	10,620.57	-5,620.57	212.41%
Contractual Services	170,361.00	-2,448.80	25,744.12	144,616.88	15.11%
Audit Fee	8,300.00	0.00	0.00	8,300.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous	78,072.00	9,869.77	13,423.72	64,648.28	17.19%
Expenses	1,654,966.00	121,392.21	390,185.78	1,264,780.22	23.58%
Agency Balance	3,712.18	41,807.12	150,453.70		

New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
Period From : 07/01/16 to 9/30/16

Assets:

Operating Account	549,373.66
Reserve Funds - Certificate of Deposit	100,000.00
Reserve Funds - MMA	84,645.46
Accounts Receivable	269,106.27
Total Assets:	<u><u>1,003,125.39</u></u>

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	16,548.38
Accrued Annual Leave	63,031.88
Accrued Unemployment	19,869.34
Total Liabilities:	<u><u>99,449.60</u></u>

Projects

Net Projects	7,420.81
Current Year Unrestricted	159,228.42
Unrestricted Net Assets	738,767.07
Total Projects	<u><u>905,416.30</u></u>

Total Liabilities and Projects **1,004,865.90**

Net Difference to be Reconciled **-\$1,740.51**

Total Adjustment **-\$1,740.51**

Unreconciled Balance **\$0.00**



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

Date: October 20, 2016

Re: Mountain Valley Pipeline Draft Environmental Impact Statement Review

At the May 28, 2015 Regional Commission meeting the board provided comments in anticipation of a draft Environmental Impact Statement being developed for the Mountain Valley Pipeline project. The comments were submitted on June 3, 2015. Since that time, a draft Environmental Impact Statement was developed and recently released for public comment. The document is available at www.deq.virginia.gov/fileshare/oeir in the FERC folder. The Regional Commission recently received a request for Intergovernmental Review on this item with comments due by November 8, 2016. The Regional Commission's role in this review process is not to weigh-in on whether or not the project should be constructed, but rather, does the project conflict with any regional plans, projects or goals. Also, the Regional Commission can provide comments directed toward impacts that may need further studying.

The Mountain Valley Pipeline project is being managed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) through the environmental process. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) gives states the ability to provide input to federal agencies, FERC in this case, on such projects. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) acts as the state's "coordinating agency", meaning it gathers comments from other state agencies and submits those, along with its own comments, to FERC. It is important to recognize, the comments are only suggestions, and it is up to FERC to decide which, if any, will be incorporated into the environmental impact statement.

Utilizing the Regional Commission's comments from May, 2015 as a starting point for this review, below are a list of items in the original comments followed by references where the draft environmental impact study accounts for those considerations.

- Visual impact from primary roadways (pages 4-258, 4-347; appendix S)
- Stream crossings and the impact to Tom's Creek headwaters (pages 2-40, 4-52, 4-112, 4-179, 4-475)
- Impact to the Appalachian Trail (pages 1-15, 3-46, 4-278, 4-379)
- Clear cut, or right of way, through forested areas should be as narrow as possible given the pipe size is 42", the 100' right of way clearing is a substantial impact (ES-7, ES-14, 1-12, 2-38, 3-18)
- Noise abatement from any compression stations (3-47, 3-78, 4-163, 4-243)

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- Impact to groundwater and karst topography (ES-4, 1-20, 4-20, 4-34, 4-48, 4-69, 4-78)
- Impacts to all wildlife, not only those identified on threatened and endangered species list (ES-3, 3-89, 4-152)
- Air quality and water quality impacts due to particles emitted from compression stations (ES-11, 4-386, 4-510, 5-11)
- Impact to homes within 200 feet of the pipeline (1-28, 2-28, 3-18, 4-113, 4-216, 4-245)
- Impact to steep topography (ES-3, ES-14, 2-49, 3-46, 4-41, 4-137, 5-1)
- Access for residents during construction (2-47, 4-497, appendix H)
- Line monitoring for leaks and other safety concerns (ES-12, 2-41, 4-79, 4-391, 4-459, 4-460)
- Pipe manufacturer location (no specific manufacturer was identified, although numerous citations to manufacturers studies and datasheets were included)
- Opportunities for connections to deliver natural gas to residents (1-1, 2-26, 2-57, 3-16)

Based upon review of the draft Environmental Impact Statement, all items aside from the location of the pipe manufacturer are addressed within the report.



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COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: NRVRC Board Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: III. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #2

CIRP Review

October 20, 2016

PROJECT: **VA Tech O'Shaughnessy Hall**
DEQ #16-210S

SUBMITTED BY: Virginia Tech

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Virginia Tech is planning to expand and renovate the facilities associated with the existing O-Shaughnessy Hall to establish the building as a residential college (living/learning facility) on campus. The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting comments on the environmental impact review.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: The Town of Blacksburg and Commission Board Members

STAFF COMMENT: The staff has reviewed the appropriate plans (Land Use, Water Quality Management, Regional Solid Waste Management, Vision 2020, and the Economic Development plans) and finds that this project does not conflict with the plans or regional policies and goals.

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1.0 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION

1.1 Introduction

Virginia Tech (VT) desires to expand and renovate the facilities associated with the existing O-Shaughnessy Hall to establish the building as a residential college (living/learning facility) on campus. Renovations are anticipated to include a stair tower addition, improvements to the courtyard between O'Shaughnessy Hall and Johnson Hall, a new collaborative patio space, and a connection to the pedestrian paths west of the building. Draper Aden Associates (DAA) was contracted to complete the required Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

As referenced in a feasibility study completed in early 2016 by Moseley Architects, a financing plan to support the proposed project has been developed and the proposed action fits within the intent of the current 2012 Housing and Residence Life Plan for Virginia Tech. A feasibility study was completed in March 2016 and additional efforts such as architectural design, geotechnical investigation, and site planning and engineering design have been completed or are underway. In accordance with the Code of Virginia §10.1-1188, Virginia Tech as a state-supported institution of higher learning is required to submit an EIR for all major state projects greater than \$500,000; this EIR is intended to address that requirement for this project. The total project budget exceeds \$500,000.

To complete the EIR, standard environmental records, tribal records, physical setting sources including topographic maps, geologic maps, soil maps, wetland and floodplain maps, and prior site reports were identified and reviewed. A site reconnaissance was conducted for a visual inspection of the site exterior on July 21, 2016. Information was retrieved from a number of sources identified in Section 8.0. Regulatory agencies were contacted, as needed, to conduct a project review relative to environmental sources for inclusion in this EIR. Additional regulatory agency input is awaited and may be received during the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (VDEQ) review of the EIR.

This report was prepared and formatted following the guidance provided in VDEQ's *Procedure Manual for Environmental Impact Reviews of Major State Facilities* dated July 2013.

1.2 Background

O'Shaughnessy Hall is currently a 7-story dormitory style co-ed residence hall built in 1969 and is home to approximately 350 Virginia Tech students. The O'Shaughnessy Hall site is occupied by greenspace, pedestrian walkways, and the existing building. O'Shaughnessy Hall is bound by two green spaces: the larger President's quad to the west and a more intimate courtyard space to the east. These two outdoor spaces differ in scale and function. The President's quad provides a large, multi-purpose space that is highly utilized; the primary entry to O'Shaughnessy Hall fronts this quad space. The courtyard on the east side of the building lies between O'Shaughnessy and Johnson Halls. It is considered an under-utilized space that mostly provides access to secondary entries to these buildings.

Figure 1, Site Topography Map, identifies the topographic relief of the site and vicinity. Figure 2, Site Detail Map, illustrates the existing site conditions on an aerial photograph. Site photographs of exterior spaces from July 2016 are included in Appendix A.

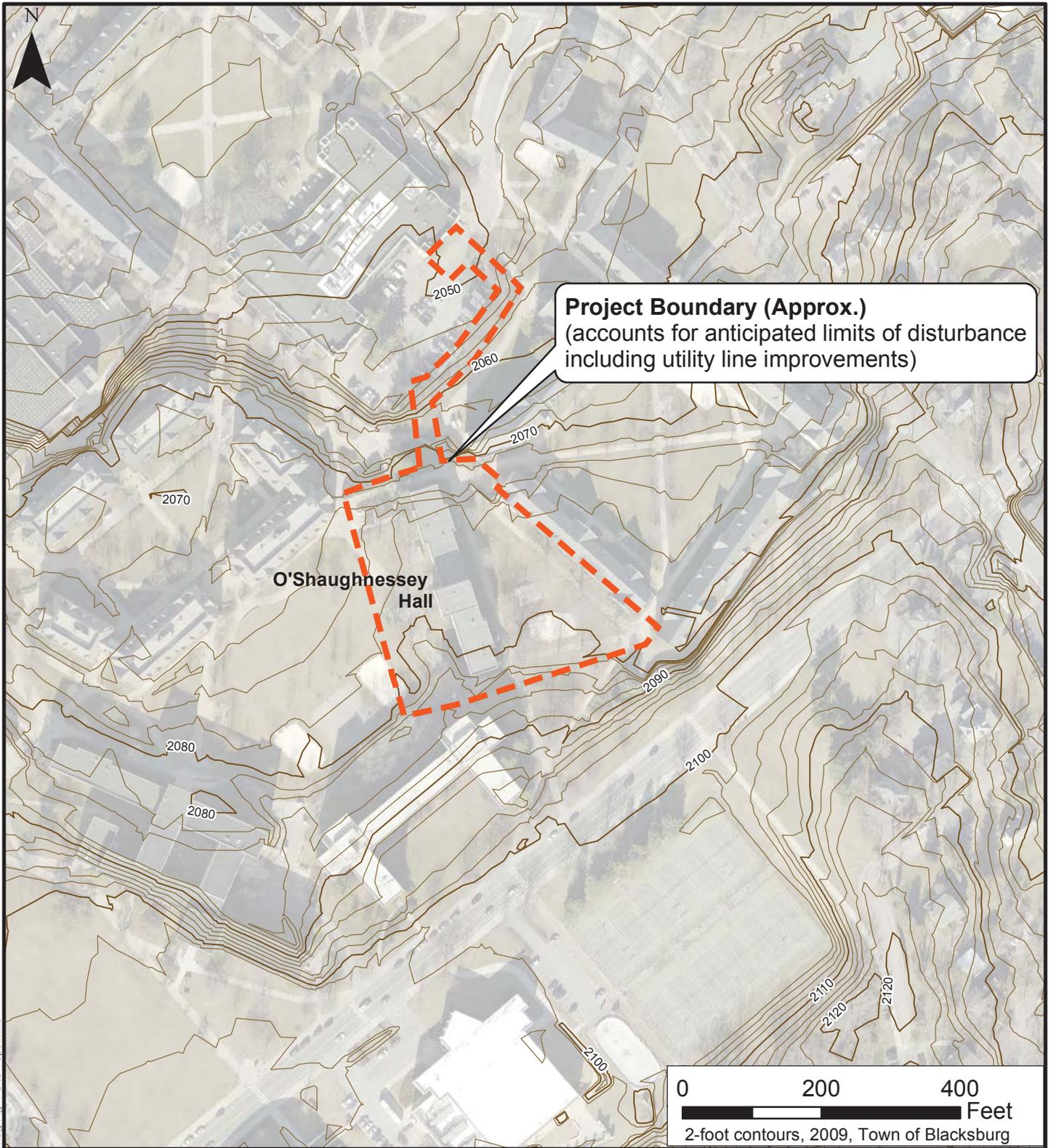
1.3 Proposed Facility

Redevelopment plans include moderate renovations to the building's exterior, a redesign of the courtyard space between O'Shaughnessy Hall and Johnson Hall, and interior renovation for the residential college conversion. Specifically renovations are anticipated to include a stair tower addition, improvements to the courtyard between O'Shaughnessy Hall and Johnson Hall, a new collaborative patio space, and a connection to the pedestrian paths west of the building. The project is in the early design phase, however, representative draft concept models and plans have been generated and are included in Appendix A. Project alternatives are discussed in Section 4.0. The proposed expansion and courtyard improvements are within previously developed areas of the site.

1.4 Need for the Proposed Action

The residential college idea is envisioned as an interactive community of scholars and faculty. O'Shaughnessy Hall remains part of the campus' previous design wherein the academic and residential life experiences were developed as independent of one another. However, institutions have come to appreciate the value of integrating the two experiences, particularly with respect to improved learning outcomes. Evidence supporting the success of residential college style living

on campus exists from similar efforts implemented at the University's East and West Ambler Johnston Halls including: a reduction in incidents of student misconduct, increase in racial and ethnic diversity of residents, and heightened student and faculty engagement within the residential setting. Therefore, Virginia Tech desires to implement such changes into this facility with the goal of achieving similar positive impacts as observed in Ambler Johnston Halls.



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Site Topography

O'Shaughnessey Hall Improvements
 Virginia Tech
 Blacksburg, Virginia

SCALE 1" = 200'

PLAN NO. B16300B-01E



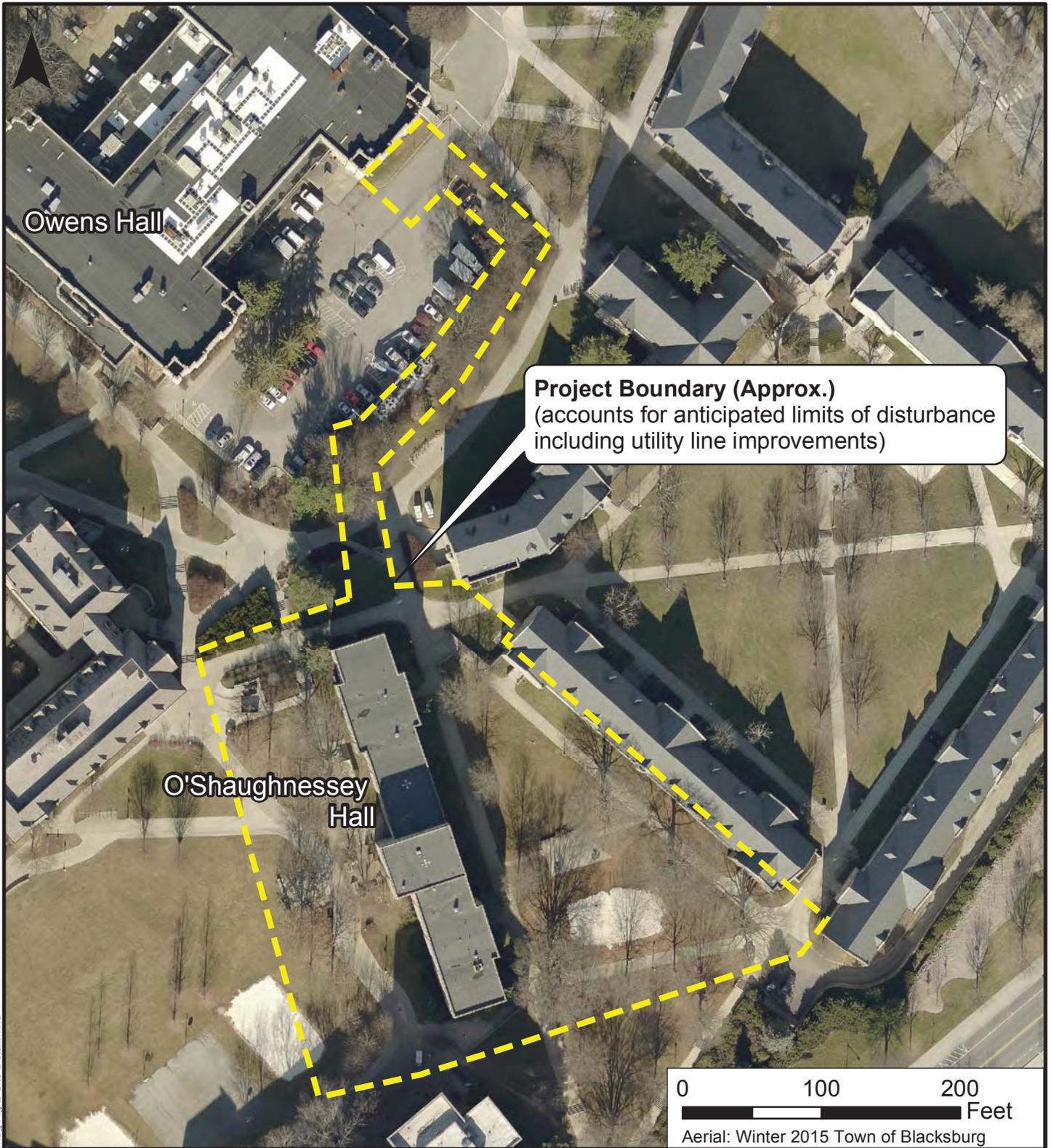
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FIGURE
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Site Detail

O'Shaughnessey Hall Improvements
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Blacksburg, Virginia

SCALE 1" = 100'

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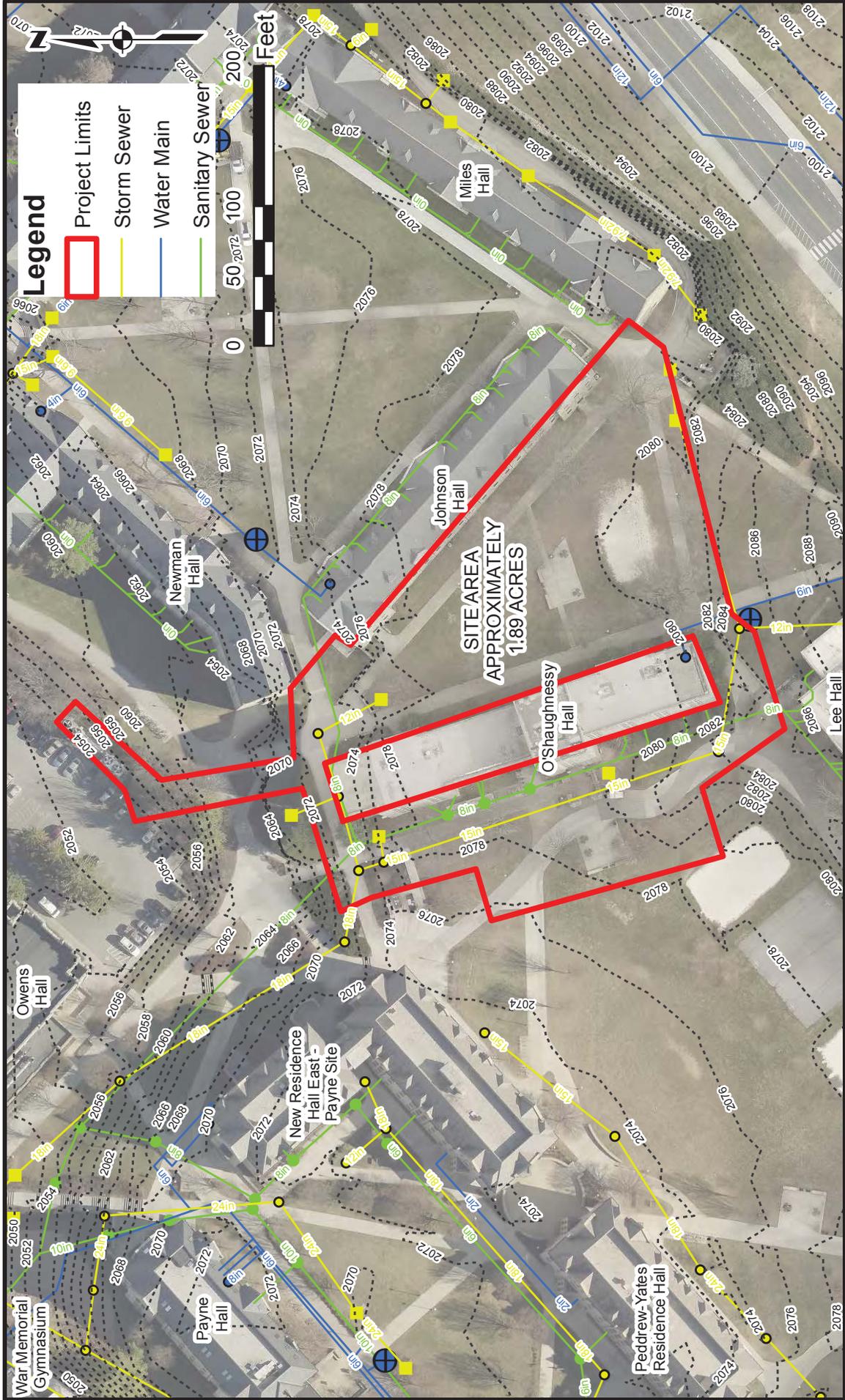
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FIGURE

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O'Shaughnessy Hall - Residential College Feasibility Study



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SCALE: 1" = 100'
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Executive Director's Report

Economic Development:

- The GO Virginia Statewide board held their first meeting in early October. Dubby Wynne was elected Chair and Ben Davenport Vice-Chair. The board voted to send the proposed map (developed by VAPDC) out for a 30-day public comment period opening October 17th. The board will meet again on December 5th and will take action on the map at that time. Guidelines for establishing Regional Councils are also anticipated on the December agenda. The guidelines will help in communicating the vision and purpose of Regional Councils.
- The Commission recently purchased a license for JobsEQ, an economic data tool, that will help provide great insight for a variety of purposes such as our communities working on downtown projects and our economic development partners that need data for prospects.
- In partnership with the towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, Montgomery County and the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, the Commission launched a broadband user survey on October 20th. The survey will be open into December with the intent to collect as much user demand information possible. The data will be shared with internet service providers with the hope of increasing service and/or bandwidth in areas of need.

Transportation:

- Staff is coordinating transit provider meetings between workforce development and Virginia Employment Commission due to a potential office relocation for VEC services in Radford.

Regional:

- A ReNew the New debrief meeting in September yielded a positive discussion about the approach to a regional event for 2017. The concept will be centralized registration, then decentralized clean-up activities so all four counties and the city can host activities.
- A Census Data Training workshop will be hosted by the Commission on 10/28 at 9:00am at the NRV Business Center.
- The SWVA Outdoor Expo will be held April 22nd in Bisset Park. Commission staff is the lead coordinating entity as a joint tourism project. Focus is currently on soliciting sponsorships and vendors.

Commission:

- We held our annual staff retreat at the end of September. We started by reviewing successes of our internal committees (communications, technology, capacity building) over the past year. Hats off to staff for making great strides! We spent the majority of our time developing focus areas for FY17. I'll overview those at the Commission meeting.
- Last year I was elected to serve as Secretary of NADO, our national association representing over 300 regional development organizations in the US. Earlier this month we held our annual training conference and I was elected to serve as Treasurer. It is a five-year cycle working up to serve as President in 2020.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Jennifer Wilsie, Regional Planner II
Date: October 20, 2016
Re: Old Prices Fork School Revitalization Project

The Commission has been assisting on a project that involves the historic revitalization of the former Prices Fork Elementary School in Montgomery County into 32 new rental housing units and the creation of the Old School Food Center, which will offer economic development opportunities to new or expanding local food-based entrepreneurs through the creation of a commercial incubator kitchen, farm-to-table restaurant, retail market, craft brewery, and business competition with support services.

The planning process began in early 2014 after developer, Taylor Hollow Construction's, RFP proposal for reuse of the site was accepted by Montgomery County. From its inception, the project has been guided by a multi-agency Leadership Team comprised of public and private partners. An impressive total of 21 non-profits, organizations, businesses and local governments have lent their support to the effort and pledged their time and resources toward ongoing implementation. In addition, and of critical importance to the success of the project, is the role of Montgomery County in the project. Upon accepting Taylor Hollow's development proposal, Montgomery County became an active partner in the project, working with the developer to rezone the site and sell the parcel for less than appraised value. The County also became a member of the Leadership Team, and when last minute changes occurred in the applicant eligibility guidelines for a \$2.5M pilot grant, the County willingly transitioned into the applicant role for the project.

In general, the project has three main phases:

- 1) Conversion of the former classrooms into 16 rental housing units for persons 55 and older, which is currently under construction. Ten of the units will be reserved for low-to-moderate income households and six units rented at market rate;
- 2) Conversion of the former kindergarten room and cafeteria/auditorium space into the Old School Food Center ; and
- 3) Construction of 16 new rental apartments for all ages. Ten of the units will be reserved for low-to-moderate income households and six units rented at market rate.

Funding for all project components totals over **\$7.8M** from public and private sources.

Staff will present more information on the project at the October Commission meeting and will be available to answer any questions you may have.

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To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director
Date: October 20, 2016
Re: FY18 Per Capita Assessment Rate (Commission Dues)

Each year the New River Valley Regional Commission sets the per capita assessment rate that is charged to members of the Commission. The per capita assessment serves as the financial foundation of the agency. This funding is critical to the agency and is typically leveraged at a rate of 10:1. The assessment foundation helps generate an overall budget of approximately \$1.7 million for the agency which is reflected by services returned to members of the Commission.

The current assessment rate is \$1.29 per capita based on 2010 Census figures. Last October, the Commission decided to use the 2015 population estimates from the Census for the FY18 assessment rather than waiting until 2020 for updated population figures. This approach provides for smaller adjustments rather than a large adjustment that may come with a 10-year population factor. The FY18 proposed rate of \$1.29 is unchanged from FY17 for two reasons. First, the Commission typically adjusts the rate every two years and last year the rate was changed from \$1.27 to \$1.29, so this is a year not to adjust. Second, the assessment using 2015 population figures represents a net positive to the Commission, so no adjustment is needed at this time.

The per capita assessment as proposed for FY18 generates \$231,183.48 for the Commission to use as matching funds for programs. The programs that require match are VDOT's rural transportation planning (\$14,500), Economic Development Administration – Economic Development District funds (\$70,000), Appalachian Regional Commission (\$68,000), Ride Solutions (car pool matching program) (\$9,261) and to cover match for projects that arise during the year. The per capita assessment is considered unrestricted funds and allows the Commission to provide match for the programs identified above, support office operation, as well as technology and training needs of staff, and creates the opportunity for new programs in the region if all unrestricted funds are not programmed.

The attached table illustrates the assessment rate for FY18 utilizing the 2015 population figures and shows the adjustment, by member, for FY17 compared to FY18. It is important to note; the Commission removes town populations from the counties. Also, university membership is calculated based on the on-campus residents and their population is removed from the host locality. This approach avoids a double assessment for town residents as well as student populations.

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Per Capita Assessment Rate FY18**

	Assessed Population 2015*	FY17 (2010 pop)	FY18 Proposed** (2015 pop est.)	Change from FY17 to FY18
		1.29	1.29	
Floyd County	15,211	\$19,161.66	\$19,622.19	\$460.53
Town of Floyd	439	\$548.25	\$566.31	\$18.06
Giles County	11,329	\$15,089.13	\$14,614.41	-\$474.72
Pearisburg	2,678	\$3,593.94	\$3,454.62	-\$139.32
Narrows	1,953	\$2,617.41	\$2,519.37	-\$98.04
Rich Creek	748	\$998.46	\$964.92	-\$33.54
Pulaski County	22,908	\$29,995.08	\$29,551.32	-\$443.76
Town of Pulaski	8,890	\$11,720.94	\$11,468.10	-\$252.84
Montgomery County	31,495	\$39,642.99	\$40,628.55	\$985.56
Blacksburg	35,215	\$43,611.03	\$45,427.35	\$1,816.32
Christiansburg	21,943	\$27,142.89	\$28,306.47	\$1,163.58
City of Radford	14,453	\$17,296.32	\$18,644.37	\$1,348.05
Radford University	2,950	\$3,870.00	\$3,805.50	-\$64.50
Virginia Tech	9,000	\$11,368.77	\$11,610.00	\$241.23
Total Assessed Pop	179,212	\$226,656.87	\$231,183.48	\$4,526.61

*2015 population estimates based on Census.gov

**FY18 assessment is based on 2015 Census.gov population estimates

Rate to remain same from FY17 to FY18

Town populations are removed from County populations

University populations are based on the on-campus residents and removed from host locality population