



Agenda

November 30, 2023

6:00 p.m.— Pulaski County Innovation Center, Fairlawn, VA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Minutes for September
 - B. [Approval of Treasurer's Report for September and October](#)
- III. **COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
 - A. Projects Signed-off by the staff
 - 1. [SWVA BioChar-Fertilizer Production Expansion Project](#)
 - B. Regular Project Review
 - 1. [Virginia Tech Transportation Institute Buffer, DEQ 23-167S](#)
 - 2. [Virginia Tech Mitchell Hall, DEQ #23-173S](#)
 - 3. [Virginia Tech Greenlink Priority 2 Project, DEQ #23-175S](#)
- IV. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**
- V. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
- VI. [EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#)
- VII. **REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. [Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport](#)
Mike Stewart, Executive Director
Alexa Briehl, Public Relations, Marketing & Media Manager
Commission Discussion
 - B. [Setting FY24 Per Capita Assessment Rate \(Dues\)](#)
Kevin Byrd, Executive Director
Commission Action
 - C. [Appointing Regional Economic Strategy \(RES\) Committee Members](#)
Commission Action
 - D. [Appointing Revolving Loan Fund \(RLF\) Committee Members](#)
Commission Action
 - E. Next Commission Meeting:
 - a. Need to cancel December due to Christmas holiday
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: Jessica Barrett, Finance Director
Date: October 18, 2023
Re: September 2023 Financial Statements

The September 2023 Agencywide Revenue and Expenditure Report and Balance Sheet are enclosed for your review. Financial reports are reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to inclusion in the meeting packet.

The Agencywide Revenue and Expense report compares actual year to date receipts and expenses to the FY23-24 budget adopted by the Commission at the May 25, 2023 meeting. The financial operations of the agency are somewhat fluid and projects, added and modified throughout the year, along with the high volume of Workforce program activities, impact the adopted budget. To provide clarity, Commission and Workforce Development Board activities are separated on the agencywide report.

As of month-end September 2023 (25% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 24% and expenses are 23% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 23% and 27%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$807,805. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$347,382 (43%) and current. Commission receivables are heavy due to closing projects to fiscal year-end. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$136,233) represents project expenses, primarily benchmark projects, that cannot be invoiced yet and posted to receivables.

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New River Valley Regional Commission

Balance Sheet

9/30/2023

<u>Assets:</u>		<u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
	Operating Account	258,177	316,604
	Certificate of Deposit	110,942	110,942
	Accounts Receivable	838,461	807,805
	Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	44,655	43,425
	Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	61,431	62,813
	Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
		<u>1,346,031</u>	<u>1,373,954</u>
	Total Assets:		
		<u>1,346,031</u>	<u>1,373,954</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
	Accounts Payable	271,120	282,598
	Accrued Annual Leave	98,150	98,150
	Accrued Unemployment	30,018	30,038
	Expense Reimbursement	3,775	4,096
		<u>403,063</u>	<u>414,882</u>
	Total Liabilities:		
		<u>403,063</u>	<u>414,882</u>
<u>Projects:</u>			
	Net Projects	(197,336)	(136,233)
(Equity Accounts)	Current Year Unrestricted	221,038	175,527
	Unrestricted Net Assets	815,690	815,690
	Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	105,790	105,790
		<u>945,181</u>	<u>960,773</u>
	Total Projects (Equity)		
		<u>945,181</u>	<u>960,773</u>
		<u>1,348,244</u>	<u>1,375,656</u>
	Total Liabilities and Projects		
		<u>1,348,244</u>	<u>1,375,656</u>
		<u>(2,213)</u>	<u>(1,701)</u>
	Net Difference to be Reconciled		
		<u>(2,213)</u>	<u>(1,701)</u>
		2,213	1,701
	Total Adjustments to Post*		
		2,213	1,701
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)		
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

*YTD adjustment to Accrued Leave. Final adjustment posted to general ledger at fiscal year end closeout.

**New River Valley Regional Commission
Revenue and Expenditures - September 2023**

FY23-24 Budget		(25% of FY)			
		September 2023	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues					
ARC	90,842	0	21,926	68,916	24.14%
ARC PemTel Painters School Road Broadband	0	0	68,395	(68,395)	0.00%
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	35,000	0	0	35,000	0.00%
ARC LDD READY Appalachia	60,000	0	0	60,000	0.00%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	574,000	0	0	574,000	0.00%
Local Assessment	238,220	0	238,220	0	100.00%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	89,971	0	0	89,971	0.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	90,000	0	0	90,000	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	91,526	23,035	23,035	68,491	25.17%
DRPT NRVCAP RideSolutions Strategic Plan	15,000	5,018	5,018	9,982	33.45%
Department of Energy	37,500	0	0	37,500	0.00%
EDA	70,000	17,500	17,500	52,500	25.00%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	0	25,000	50,000	33.33%
Workforce Power Fiscal Agent	12,500	0	12,500	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Fiscal Agent	25,000	0	6,250	18,750	25.00%
Workforce Ready SWVA Fiscal agent	21,500	0	21,500	0	0.00%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	25,000	0	25,000	0	0.00%
Workforce Innovation Fiscal Agent	0	0	10,000	(10,000)	0.00%
Workforce WIOA Soft Skills Fiscal Agent	0	0	6,000	(6,000)	0.00%
Workforce WIOA Supplemental Fiscal Agent	0	0	6,000	(6,000)	0.00%
Workforce WIOA Technical Skills Fiscal Agent	0	0	8,000	(8,000)	0.00%
VDOT	58,000	17,126	17,126	40,874	29.53%
Floyd County	38,000	0	0	38,000	0.00%
Floyd Town	7,000	1,684	1,684	5,316	24.06%
Narrows Town	11,000	2,500	2,500	8,500	22.73%
Rich Creek Town	17,000	10,218	10,218	6,782	60.10%
Montgomery County	8,000	0	0	8,000	0.00%
Blacksburg Town	25,500	4,500	4,500	21,000	17.65%
Christiansburg Town	54,250	0	0	54,250	0.00%
Pulaski County	10,000	3,555	3,555	6,445	35.55%
Radford City	66,370	23,817	23,817	42,553	35.89%
Miscellaneous Income	0	750	803	(803)	0.00%
Virginia's First	14,960	0	7,500	7,460	50.13%
NRV MPO	95,500	1,527	1,527	93,973	1.60%
Pembroke	17,000	2,519	2,519	14,481	14.82%
Dept of Environmental Quality	14,500	3,644	3,644	10,856	25.13%
VDEM	25,000	12,063	12,063	12,937	48.25%
Virginia Outdoors Foundation	42,241	0	0	42,241	0.00%
VHDA	50,375	0	0	50,375	0.00%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	7,000	0	3,500	3,500	50.00%
Virginia Recycling Association	14,000	0	3,750	10,250	26.79%
VDH New River Health District	345,000	30,426	30,426	314,574	8.82%
VDH Office of Drinking Water	80,000	8,250	8,250	71,750	10.31%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	67,500	0	0	67,500	0.00%
Revolving Loan - Interest	0	151	468	(468)	0.00%
Grant income (anticipated)	12,723	0	0	12,723	0.00%
Sub Total Revenues	2,631,980	168,283	632,194	1,999,786	24.02%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,325,877	98,063	300,172	1,025,705	22.64%
Fringe Benefits	340,515	30,711	90,686	249,829	26.63%
Travel	33,283	143	1,910	31,373	5.74%
Office Space	68,730	5,727	17,182	51,548	25.00%
Communications	20,832	843	3,458	17,374	16.60%
Office Supplies	66,892	838	5,169	61,723	7.73%
Postage	900	0	190	710	21.15%
Printing	8,285	6,925	6,925	1,360	83.59%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,100	91	323	777	29.32%
Outreach/Media Adv	11,110	0	1,679	9,431	15.12%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	670	2,330	22.34%
Fleet Vehicles	2,000	0	225	1,775	11.24%
Dues/Publications	20,395	230	6,875	13,520	33.71%
Training/Staff Development	26,170	2,120	18,462	7,708	70.55%
Insurance	4,700	0	1,139	3,561	24.24%
Meeting Costs	13,573	405	1,155	12,418	8.51%
Contractual Services	588,441	6,174	134,428	454,013	22.84%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	6,000	0	0	6,000	0.00%
Miscellaneous/Fees	49,700	198	540	49,160	1.09%
Reimbursed Expenses	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	2,591,503	152,690	591,188	2,000,315	22.81%
NRVRC Balance	40,477	15,592	41,006		

**New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
Revenue and Expenditures - September 2023**

NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues		September 2023	YTD	Under/Over	(25% of FY) % Budget
Workforce Development Area	4,564,775	198,155	507,644	4,057,131	11.12%
Sub Total Revenues	4,564,775	198,155	507,644	4,057,131	
Expenses					
Salaries	614,994	50,062	153,978	461,016	25.04%
Fringe Benefits	215,248	14,714	44,206	171,042	20.54%
Travel	26,000	4,984	10,750	15,250	41.35%
Office Space	37,000	3,194	9,392	27,608	25.38%
Communications	16,000	901	4,074	11,926	25.46%
Office Supplies	35,000	6,188	8,917	26,083	25.48%
Postage	250	0	5	245	1.84%
Printing	1,500	0	416	1,084	27.71%
Outreach/Media Adv	30,000	1,755	3,131	26,869	10.44%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	(6)	398	1,302	23.43%
Dues/Publications	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%
Training/Staff Development	7,000	1,250	1,310	5,690	18.71%
Insurance	5,000	2,053	7,557	(2,557)	151.13%
Meeting Costs	7,000	6,607	8,974	(1,974)	128.20%
Capital Outlay	0	0	34,000	(34,000)	0.00%
Contractual Services	3,536,171	106,454	219,813	3,316,358	6.22%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	15,000	0	724	14,276	4.83%
Miscellaneous/Fees	11,912	0	0	11,912	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	4,564,775	198,155	507,644	4,057,131	11.12%
NR/MR WDB Balance	0	0	0		

Total Agency R&E		September 2023	YTD	
Anticipated Revenue	7,196,755	366,437	1,139,838	15.84%
Anticipated Expense	7,156,278	350,845	1,098,832	15.35%
Balance	40,477	15,592	41,006	



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Balance Sheet
10/31/2023

<u>Assets:</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Current Month</u>
Operating Account	316,604	49,936
Certificate of Deposit	110,942	0
First Bank & Trust - Bland/Montgomery VATI	0	1,889,240
Money Market	0	111,521
Accounts Receivable	807,805	854,181
Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	43,425	42,189
Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	62,813	64,195
Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
Total Assets:	<u>1,373,954</u>	<u>3,043,626</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	282,598	132,259
Accrued Annual Leave	98,150	98,150
Accrued Unemployment	30,038	30,038
Funds Held for Others	0	7,255
Expense Reimbursement	4,096	3,763
Prepaid VATI Funds	0	1,884,505
Total Liabilities:	<u>414,882</u>	<u>2,155,970</u>
<u>Projects:</u>		
Net Projects	(136,233)	(245,934)
(Equity Accounts) Current Year Unrestricted	175,527	207,965
Unrestricted Net Assets	815,690	815,690
Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	105,790	105,790
Total Projects (Equity)	<u>960,773</u>	<u>883,510</u>
Total Liabilities and Projects	<u>1,375,656</u>	<u>3,039,480</u>
Net Difference to be Reconciled	<u>(1,701)</u>	<u>4,146</u>
Total Adjustments to Post*	1,701	(4,146)
Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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ARC LDD READY Appalachia	60,000	0	0	60,000	0.00%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	574,000	0	0	574,000	0.00%
Local Assessment	238,220	0	238,220	0	100.00%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	89,971	44,985	44,985	44,986	50.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	90,000	1,195,374	1,195,374	(1,105,374)	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	91,526	(3,641)	19,394	72,133	21.19%
DRPT NRVCAP RideSolutions Strategic Plan	15,000	0	5,018	9,982	33.45%
Department of Energy	37,500	0	0	37,500	0.00%
EDA	70,000	0	17,500	52,500	25.00%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	0	25,000	50,000	33.33%
Workforce Power Fiscal Agent	12,500	0	12,500	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Fiscal Agent	25,000	0	6,250	18,750	25.00%
Workforce Ready SWVA Fiscal agent	21,500	0	21,500	0	0.00%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	25,000	0	25,000	0	0.00%
Workforce Innovation Fiscal Agent	0	0	10,000	(10,000)	0.00%
Workforce WIOA Soft Skills Fiscal Agent	0	0	6,000	(6,000)	0.00%
Workforce WIOA Supplemental Fiscal Agent	0	0	6,000	(6,000)	0.00%
Workforce WIOA Technical Skills Fiscal Agent	0	0	8,000	(8,000)	0.00%
VDOT	58,000	0	17,126	40,874	29.53%
Floyd County	38,000	0	0	38,000	0.00%
Floyd Town	7,000	0	1,684	5,316	24.06%
Narrows Town	11,000	1,167	3,667	7,333	33.34%
Rich Creek Town	17,000	0	10,218	6,782	60.10%
Montgomery County	8,000	0	0	8,000	0.00%
Montgomery Conty VATI	0	115,495	115,495	(115,495)	0.00%
Blacksburg Town	25,500	0	4,500	21,000	17.65%
Christiansburg Town	54,250	10,876	10,876	43,374	20.05%
Pulaski County	10,000	0	3,555	6,445	35.55%
Radford City	66,370	0	23,817	42,553	35.89%
MM Interest	0	481	481	(481)	0.00%
Interest Income - VATI	0	4,745	4,745	(4,745)	0.00%
Miscellaneous Income	0	684	1,487	(1,487)	0.00%
Virginia's First	14,960	0	7,500	7,460	50.13%
NRV MPO	95,500	0	1,527	93,973	1.60%
Pembroke	17,000	0	2,519	14,481	14.82%
Dept of Environmental Quality	14,500	0	3,644	10,856	25.13%
VDEM	25,000	0	12,063	12,937	48.25%
Virginia Outdoors Foundation	42,241	0	0	42,241	0.00%
VHDA	50,375	0	0	50,375	0.00%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	7,000	0	3,500	3,500	50.00%
Virginia Recycling Association	14,000	0	3,750	10,250	26.79%
VDH New River Health District	345,000	0	30,426	314,574	8.82%
VDH Office of Drinking Water	80,000	0	8,250	71,750	10.31%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	67,500	0	0	67,500	0.00%
Revolving Loan - Interest	0	146	614	(614)	0.00%
Grant income (anticipated)	12,723	0	0	12,723	0.00%
Direct Charge Reimbursement	0	346	346	(346)	0.00%
Sub Total Revenues	2,631,980	1,392,583	2,024,777	607,203	31.51%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,325,877	103,955	404,126	921,751	30.48%
Fringe Benefits	340,515	28,128	118,813	221,702	34.89%
Travel	33,283	1,106	3,016	30,267	9.06%
Office Space	68,730	5,727	22,910	45,820	33.33%
Communications	20,832	4,019	7,477	13,355	35.89%
Office Supplies	66,892	4,399	9,568	57,324	14.30%
Postage	900	490	680	220	75.59%
Printing	8,285	0	6,925	1,360	83.59%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,100	161	483	617	43.92%
Outreach/Media Adv	11,110	410	2,089	9,021	18.80%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	894	2,106	29.79%
Fleet Vehicles	2,000	256	481	1,519	24.03%
Dues/Publications	20,395	180	7,055	13,340	34.59%
Training/Staff Development	26,170	1,169	19,631	6,539	75.01%
Insurance	4,700	1,139	2,279	2,422	48.48%
Meeting Costs	13,573	6,236	7,391	6,182	54.45%
Contractual Services	588,441	1,311,972	1,446,400	(857,959)	245.80%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	6,000	0	0	6,000	0.00%
Miscellaneous/Fees	49,700	276	816	48,884	1.64%
Reimbursed Expenses	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	2,591,503	1,469,845	2,061,033	530,470	33.40%
NRVRC Balance	40,477	(77,263)	(36,257)		

**New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
Revenue and Expenditures - October 2023**

NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues		October 2023	YTD	Under/Over	(33% of FY) % Budget
Workforce Development Area	4,564,775	114,444	622,088	3,942,687	13.63%
Sub Total Revenues	4,564,775	114,444	622,088	3,942,687	
Expenses					
Salaries	614,994	57,988	211,965	403,029	34.47%
Fringe Benefits	215,248	14,224	58,430	156,818	27.15%
Travel	26,000	3,125	13,874	12,126	53.36%
Office Space	37,000	2,843	12,234	24,766	33.07%
Communications	16,000	1,493	5,568	10,432	34.80%
Office Supplies	35,000	3,887	12,804	22,196	36.58%
Postage	250	0	5	245	1.84%
Printing	1,500	162	578	922	38.54%
Outreach/Media Adv	30,000	139	3,270	26,730	10.90%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	0	398	1,302	23.43%
Dues/Publications	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%
Training/Staff Development	7,000	10	1,320	5,680	18.86%
Insurance	5,000	976	8,532	(3,532)	170.65%
Meeting Costs	7,000	1,459	10,433	(3,433)	149.05%
Capital Outlay	0	0	34,000	(34,000)	0.00%
Contractual Services	3,536,171	28,139	247,952	3,288,219	7.01%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	15,000	0	724	14,276	4.83%
Miscellaneous/Fees	11,912	0	0	11,912	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	4,564,775	114,444	622,088	3,942,687	13.63%
NR/MR WDB Balance	0	0	0		



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COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Commission Board Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: III. Intergovernmental Review Process, A. Projects signed off by the staff, Item #1

CIRP Review

November 15, 2023

PROJECT: SWVA BioChar-Fertilizer Production Expansion Project

SUBMITTED BY: Peed & Bortz, LLC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Peed & Bortz, LLC is requesting comments on the above-referenced project.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members

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October 11, 2023

New River Valley Regional Commission
Kevin Byrd Executive Director
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Re: SWVA BioChar-Fertilizer
Production Expansion Project
Floyd County, VA

Dear Mr. Byrd:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and as consultant to SWVA BioChar, Peed & Bortz, LLC is initiating the Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," process in order to obtain feedback and concurrence from interested parties on financing a proposal. The Agency is being asked to consider providing financial assistance for the proposal described below. Because this state does not have a State Point of Contact, this letter shall serve as your invitation to comment on this proposal.

Please complete the attached form and send any comments on this proposal or your letter of concurrence directly to the Peed & Bortz, LLC. If you choose not to respond within 60 days of this correspondence, we will assume that you have chosen not to respond and the Agency may proceed with its decision. If you have any questions concerning this proposal, please contact Scott Bortz, PE of Peed & Bortz, LLC.

Sincerely,

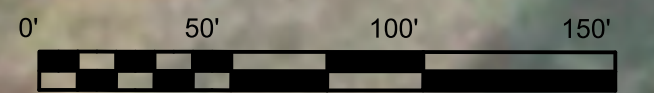
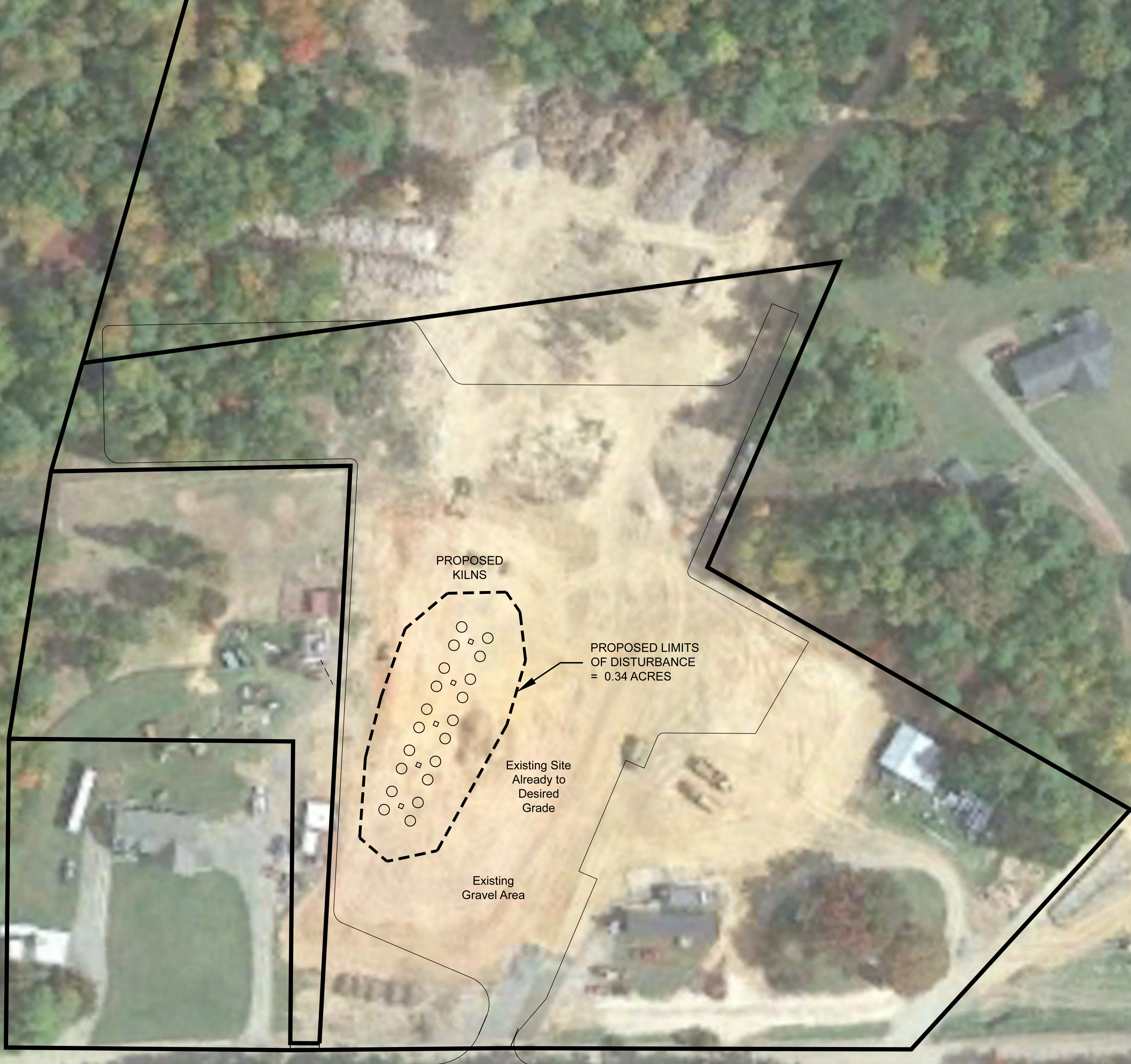
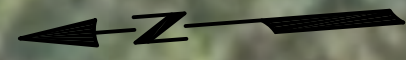


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Attachments:

- 1) Project Description and Environmental Information
- 2) USGS Topographical Map and Preliminary Site Plan(s)

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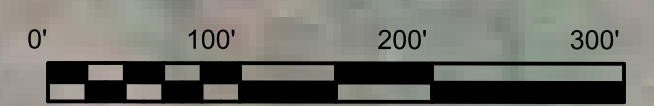
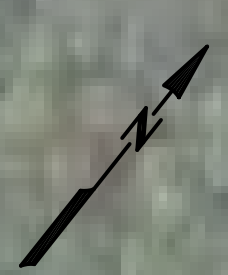


PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL PLAN - SITE 1
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**SWVA BIOCHAR - FERTILIZER
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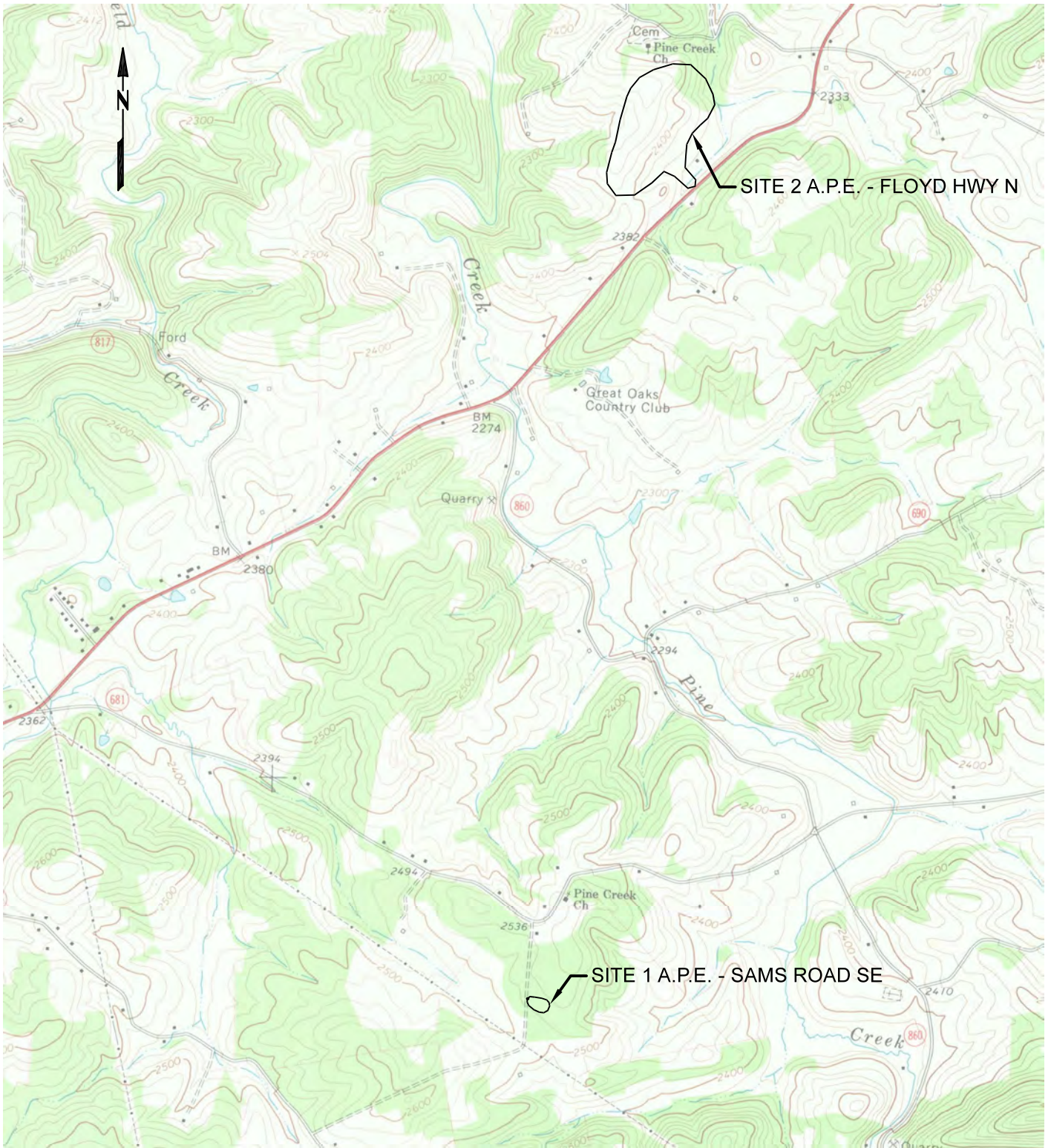
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PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL PLAN - SITE 2
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AREAS OF POTENTIAL EFFECT MAP
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COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Commission Board Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: III. Intergovernmental Review Process, B. Regular Project Review, Item #1

CIRP Review

November 15, 2023

PROJECT: Virginia Tech Transportation Institute Buffer, DEQ 23-167S

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting comments on an environmental impact review.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members

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I. **PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION**

1.1 Background

Virginia Tech Real Estate Management proposes to acquire a vacant lot that is adjacent to the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute complex. The property is an undeveloped lot in the commercial/industrial zoned development of the Blacksburg Industrial Park within the limits of the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia. It is a single, contiguous land parcel comprising approximately 5.33 acres. The lot is surrounded by existing developed tracts and adjoins two paved, state-maintained roads. As part of pre-purchase due diligence, Hurt & Proffitt conduct a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment to identify potential environmental issues. Based on the Proponent Agency's review of state related project requirements, they determined that a Part I Environmental Impact Review (EIR) is also required for acquisition of the land.

1.2 Project Purpose and Justification

The purpose of the planned property acquisition is to provide a buffer from development adjacent to the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute complex. The justification for the purchase is to prevent another buyer from developing the property with construction that could impact research on the Transportation Institute's adjoining test track site due to lighting, noise or other interferences. Currently, there are no plans for development of the property; however, construction on the site may be possible within the next few years depending on funding if space for growth is needed to support the Transportation Institute.

1.3 General Setting and Current Land Use

The project site is located in the Town of Blacksburg, north and west of the intersection of Commerce Street and Partnership Drive. Based upon information provided within the Montgomery County, Virginia Geographic Information System (GIS), the Property is comprised of a single, distinct land parcel totaling approximately 5.33 acres. It adjoins two paved, state-maintained roads, Commerce Street and Partnership Drive. The Property is located within the Blacksburg Industrial Park within the limits of the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia, a planned commercial and industrial use area beyond which are single-family residences and wooded land. The Property is bound to the north by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute Support Operations facility; to the west by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute testing grounds and Institute buildings; to the south by the TORC Robotics facility; and to the east by Commerce Street beyond which is the Eastern Divide Brewery facility. Beyond these sites the surrounding land is a mix of residential developments and wooded land.

1.4 Description of the Property and Adjacent Sites

The property is undeveloped but has an address that is 3210 Commerce Street, Blacksburg, Virginia 24060 and is identified as Montgomery County Tax Map No. 348-A-15, Parcel ID; 220324. It has previously been graded flat to facilitate future construction in the early 2000's. Historically, it was used as pastureland for cattle farming with no documented structures present. It adjoins two paved state-maintained roads, Commerce Street and Partnership Drive and has access to utilities that include: electricity provided by American Electric Power, natural gas from Atmos Energy, water and sewer from the Town of Blacksburg and fiber/broadband provided by Comcast

Business Communications. There is an active stormwater management basin along the east side adjacent to Commerce Street. The Property can be accessed where it adjoins Commerce Street and Partnership Drive. Site maps depicting the property and surrounding sites are included in Appendix A.

The Property is located within the bounds of the Blacksburg Industrial Park that is still being developed with initial construction beginning in the late 1990's. Sites adjacent to the property include:

- To the north is the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute's Support Operations facility that has a garage building for vehicle repair and maintenance and a gravel lot for parking of vehicles and equipment storage. The building was constructed in the mid-1990's beyond which is the i3 Identification International manufacturing facility.
- To the west is the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute testing grounds track comprising asphalt paved roads beyond which is the Institute buildings complex. Construction of the complex began in 1998. Beyond the facility is US Highway 460 and multiple intersections as other roads converge at the interchange.
- To the south is the TORC Robotics research and development facility that was constructed in 2014. Beyond TORC is Partnership Drive and an approximately 20 acre parcel of land that has been graded for development within the industrial park.
- To the east is Commerce Street beyond which is the Eastern Divide Brewery facility that was constructed in 2016. Beyond the brewery is mixed wooded and commercially developed land.

1.5 Site Selection

The site was selected based on its location adjacent to the Transportation Institute facilities and the need to prevent development that would have an adverse effect on their research and operations.

II. PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

The purpose of the planned property acquisition is to provide a buffer from development adjacent to the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute complex.

2.1 Alternative Sites

The 5.33 acre lot proposed for acquisition is adjacent to the Transportation Institute's research and testing track and their Center for Automated Vehicle Systems research building. Other parcels adjoining the test track are either owned by Virginia Tech or part of the Federal Mogul facility to the north of the site. Since the lot located at 3210 Commerce Street is adjacent to the Transportation Institute and it is the only available, undeveloped parcel, there are no other sites that could be considered as alternatives to the 3210 Commerce Street lot.

2.2 Alternative Designs

There are no plans for immediate development of the property; however, construction on the site may be possible within the next few years depending on funding if space for growth is needed to support the Transportation Institute.

Design considerations would be presented in a Part II Environmental Impact Review that would be submitted as a supplement to this Part I report.



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**3210 Commerce Street
 Blacksburg, Virginia**

Source: Montgomery County, Virginia
 Geographic Information System (GIS)

Site Location
 Map

**Figure
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**3210 Commerce Street
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Source: GoogleEarth Maps

Site Vicinity
Map

**Figure
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COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Commission Board Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: III. Intergovernmental Review Process, B. Regular Project Review, Item #2

CIRP Review

November 20, 2023

PROJECT: Virginia Tech Mitchell Hall, DEQ #23-173S

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting comments on an environmental impact review.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members

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Environmental Impact Report
PNCP # 208-18502-000

OCTOBER 2023



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SUBMITTED TO
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Environmental Impact Report (EIR) provides an overview of the environmental impacts associated with the proposed replacement of the Randolph Hall building with the construction of the proposed Mitchell Hall building located on the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. The University has requested that the Perkins & Will team, which includes Dewberry Engineers Inc (Dewberry) prepare the EIR to determine the environmental impacts of the project.

The EIR provides a description of the proposed project, alternatives considered for the project, an analysis of environmental issues and mitigation measures for each alternative, and a summary of correspondence related to coordination with environmental regulatory agencies.

This EIR considers the construction of the Mitchell Hall Building. Two alternatives are considered:

- Alternative 1: A no action alternative where no construction takes place and the Virginia Tech community continues to operate with the existing Randolph Hall building.
- Alternative 2: Alternative 2 is the recommended option for the construction of the Mitchell Hall building. This option includes the demolition of Randolph Hall, the construction of Mitchell Hall, new parking area with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible parking stalls, and other associated site improvements.

Findings of the EIR indicate that Alternative 2 is a viable option for the proposed replacement of the Randolph Hall building with the construction of the Mitchell Hall Building on the campus of Virginia Tech.

1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.1 Introduction

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech or VT) desires to replace the existing Randolph Hall Academic Building on the Blacksburg campus of Virginia Tech with a new structure to be named Mitchell Hall.

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 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for all major state project greater than \$500,000. This EIR is intended to address that requirement for the proposed Mitchell Hall project since the total budget exceeds \$500,000. Dewberry Engineers Inc. (Dewberry) was contracted by the project architect, Perkins & Will, to perform the Environmental Impact Review and prepare the required EIR.

To complete the EIR, standard environmental records, physical setting sources including topographic maps, geologic maps, soil maps, wetland and floodplain maps, and prior site reports were identified and reviewed. Site reconnaissance was conducted for visual inspections on throughout 2022. As of the date of this report, several agencies have not responded to the request, but the information 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 by VDEQ's *Procedures Manual for Environmental Impact Reviews of Major State Facilities* dated June 2021 (EIR Procedures Manual) (DEQ, 2021).

1.2 Background

Randolph Hall is located on the northern portion of the Virginia Tech campus in between Hancock Hall and Lavery Hall in Blacksburg, Virginia. Randolph Hall is an academic building primarily used by the College of Engineering. **Figure 1.1** provides a vicinity map of the project's general location on the campus. Randolph Hall was constructed in two sections. The west section was completed in 1952 and the east section was added in 1959. Both sections require updating to advance the academic and research mission goals of the university's Beyond Boundaries vision plan.

A capital project request was submitted to demolish the existing building and replace it with a new and expanded facility containing the highest quality academic and research space to support the needs of students and faculty. The new facility would be called Mitchell Hall and will add more gross square feet in the same footprint that Randolph Hall currently occupies.

1.3 Proposed Facility

The proposed action will construct a new academic building (Mitchell Hall) on the site of the existing Randolph Hall. This site includes the demolition of Randolph Hall, an approximately 166,000 square foot (SF) of existing instructional and research building space and the construction of an approximately 284,000 SF new instructional and research building space, Mitchell Hall. The new building space will consist of 5 occupied floors and some amount of penthouse. In addition to the proposed building construction, approximately 4 acres of site development including landscape, pedestrian hardscape, vehicular paving, and new utility routes or relocations are included. With the new development, Hancock Hall which sits West of

Randolph Hall will transition into a stand-alone building. Demolition of the existing atrium roof structure will be required along with partial reconstruction of the balcony/corridor overlooking the atrium. The total disturbed area for this project will be approximately 185,000 SF. Approximately 6,000 SF of net impervious area will be removed.

1.3 Need for the Proposed Action

The Mitchell Hall building will serve as an engineering teaching and research space for faculty and students at Virginia Tech. The new facility will assist in sustaining College of Engineering enrollment, meet new building code and accessibility requirements (including sustainability features), and modernized building systems.

Figure 1.2 illustrates the location of the proposed site improvements for the Mitchell Hall building.

Figure 1.1 – Vicinity Map





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TO: Regional Commission Board Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: III. Intergovernmental Review Process, B. Regular Project Review, Item #3

CIRP Review

November 20, 2023

PROJECT: Virginia Tech Greenlink Priority 2 Project DEQ#23-175S

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting comments on an environmental impact review.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members

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I. Project Identification and Description

A. Background

Virginia Tech envisions a campus that promotes health and sustainability, that advances universal design and accessibility, and that engages the community in its network of outdoor spaces. The Beyond Boundaries 2047: The Campus Plan (November 2018) presents the comprehensive vision for campus. Advancing the principles of frameworks and districts and the goals of accessibility and sustainability, The Green Links: Concept Design & Design Guidelines (March 2021) outlines an implementation plan. The project site area is located on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, Virginia, in the North Academic District. Identified as the highest priority on campus, the goal of the project is address life, health, safety, accessibility, and code compliance in the North Academic District. The scope of this project is to design and construct the Academic Greenlink Segment 3 and 4, moving between Burruss, Pamplin, and Derring Halls and the Johnston Student Center.

The new pedestrian experience shall be an organically guided one in which the landscape and the site elements create moments of repose and enjoyment. Fostering an inclusive environment for all users, the improved pathways are designed to exceed current ADA standards and be accordance with universal design principles when and where appropriate. In addition to the improved pathways, the project will provide social opportunities and destinations through creating varying scales of spaces and identifying locations for art and sculpture. The project shall be consistent with the architectural and site elements as described in the Campus Design Principles with an appropriate palette of tree, shrub, and ground cover to address grading, pedestrian patterns, wayfinding, erosion and surface stormwater runoff. The total area of land disturbance for this project is 1.90 acres. It is estimated that the project will take 6 months from the time the grading permit is issued until completion.

The proposed construction project is sponsored by Virginia Tech Capitol Construction and the project contact is provided below:

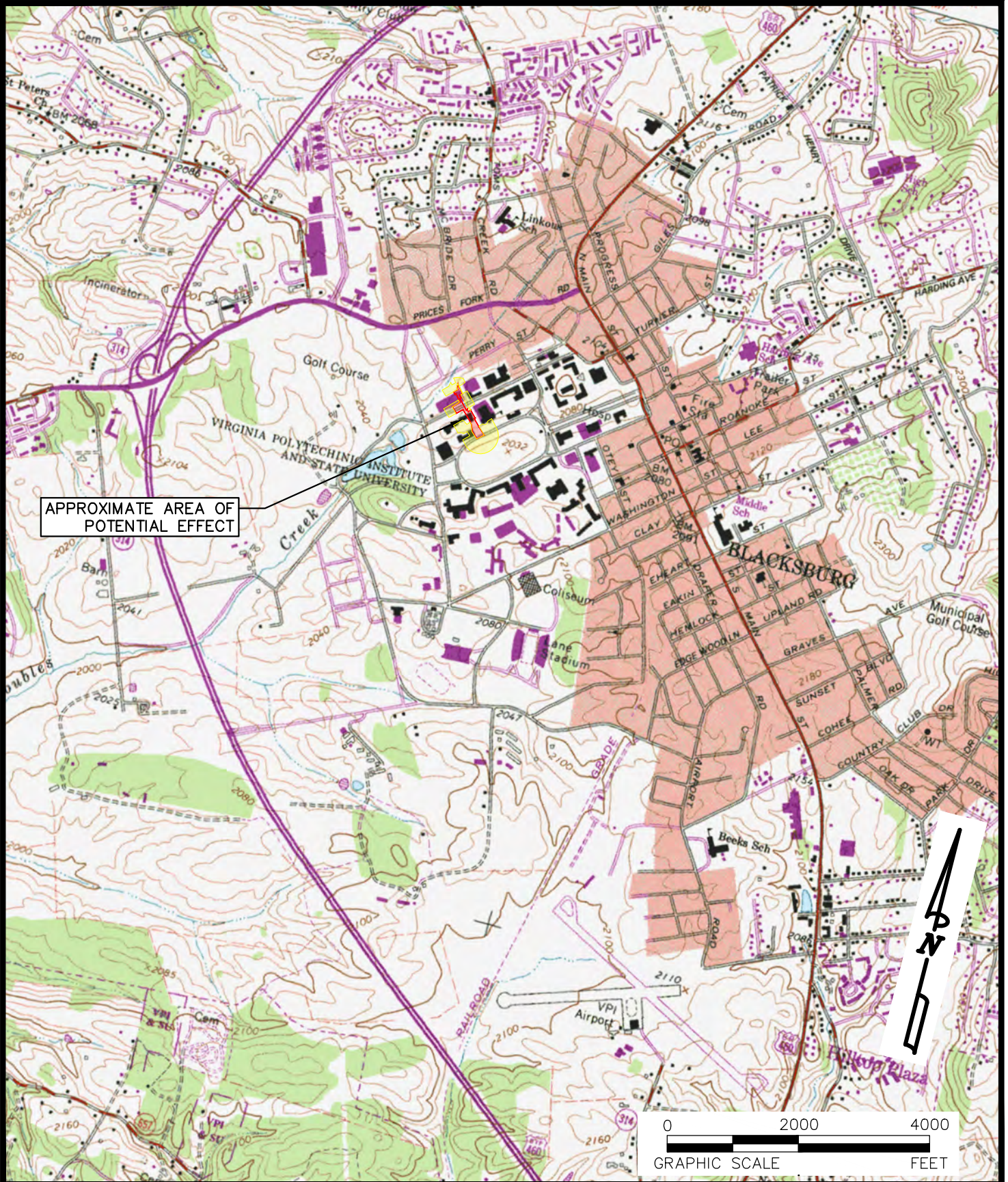
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The anticipated project start date is Spring 2024 with the goal to complete construction by Fall 2024. The anticipated project construction cost is approximately \$1,586,616.

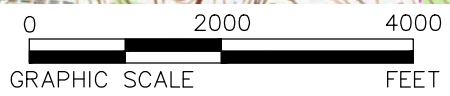
Project Title: Virginia Tech Greenlink Priority 2 Project

B. Proposed Facility

The outdoor public space will be designed to exceed current ADA standards when and where appropriate and in accordance with Universal Design principles. The Green Links concept uses the Appalachian landscape as an inspiration, re-imagining the experience of traversing campus as one through varied vegetation, with richness in texture, colors, and dimensions. Landscape and the site elements create moments of repose and enjoyment which provide social opportunities, Productive Collision Strategy, and destinations for rest and repose. Except where not practical nor feasible, the pathway run shall not exceed a 5% slope, and where needed accessible compliant ramps will constructed. Planting zones with the appropriate palette of tree, shrub, and groundcover to address pedestrian patterns, wayfinding, grading, erosion and surface stormwater runoff, etc. Architectural expression shall be consistent with the architectural and site elements as described in the Campus Design Principles.



APPROXIMATE AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECT



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VICINITY MAP

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November 20, 2023

Executive Director's Report

Economic Development:

- The NRV Recovery Ecosystem Program is in the process of getting under contract with the Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) and executing Operating Agreements with local partners. Four new employees were recently hired in order to launch the regional program. Walter Midkiff, Community Accountability Coordinator, and Anna Champion, Project Manager, will start December 1st. Kinsey Weaver, Community Accountability Coordinator, will start December 16th and Julie Fox, Education/Training Coordinator, will start on January 1st.
- Broadband: The bank accounts for both the Montgomery/Bland and Pulaski County projects have been set up with First Bank and Trust following an RFP process. The first project reimbursement for Montgomery/Bland took place in October. The Pulaski County project is finalizing field verification for pole attachments and anticipates their first reimbursement request in the coming weeks.
- The NRV/Danville Tech Hubs proposal for Additive Manufacturing and Advanced Materials was selected for a Strategy Development Grant by the US Economic Development Administration! This was a highly competitive national program. Collaborating with Virginia Tech's Center for Economic and Community Engagement proved to be a successful partnership in developing the consortium proposal. Approximately 200 consortia applied for designation, 31 were awarded the designation while an additional 18 regions received the strategy development grant. We are awaiting a contract from US EDA and will be holding a consortium kick-off meeting in the interim on 12/13. The Regional Commission will be advertising for a Regional Innovation Officer position to support this project in the coming weeks.
- A GO Virginia grant request for their capacity building program that dovetails with the Tech Hub program was recently recommended for approval by the GO VA Region 2 Regional Council. The state board for GO VA is scheduled to take action on the proposal in December.

Transportation:

- The NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority will meet on December 15th at 11:30am. The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority staff will be discussing upcoming public engagement focused on the required environmental review process. The nominating committee will also present a slate of officers for 2024.

Natural Resources:

- The Plant Southwest Virginia Natives program recently completed the Native Plant Guide for the region. Guides were shipped to the Regional Commission office and our team has been delivering boxes of the guides to government offices, libraries, partner organizations, and businesses across the region. If you are interested in receiving copies, please contact Aph Fanconb (afancon@nrvc.org) or Kathleen Armstrong (karmstrong@nrvc.org).

Regional:

- The NRV Housing Trust Fund (HTF) made their first investment of \$1.8M and selected projects in Pulaski and Blacksburg that represents 106 units of affordable housing being added to the regional inventory. The Pulaski project is a conversion of the Claremont School, a former elementary school, and the Blacksburg project is new construction on South Main Street.

Commission:

- Thanks to Pulaski County and Volvo for hosting a terrific annual dinner event in October. It was a great turnout and an impressive venue. A press release celebrating the award recipients ran in numerous local media outlets promptly after the event.
- Leo Priddy was hired in October to fill the Economic Development Specialist role. Leo has experience working with the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce and the Small Business Development Center serving as the New River Valley advisor. He has hit the ground running getting the Regional Economic Strategy committee membership updated along with the Revolving Loan Fund committee. Both will meet in December.
- Hats off to both Kathleen Armstrong and Leo Priddy for being nominated as Community Service Individual of the Year by the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce! Award winners will be announced on December 7th at the Chamber Annual Meeting.
- Staffing of the Regional Commission is going through the planned expansion that was included in the FY24 budget. Four people were hired to support the NRV Recovery Ecosystem, interviews are underway for an additional Finance Technician, and a Regional Innovation Officer will be advertised soon to support the Tech Hubs program. The organization will be at 22 employees in the next month or so, the largest to date. In order to accommodate the growth, seven existing staff members have moved work stations/offices and three areas in our leased space have three to five employees sharing space. Everyone's willingness to accommodate the growth and change has been greatly appreciated.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Kevin Byrd, Executive Director
Date: November 20, 2023
Re: Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport

At the November Regional Commission meeting the Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport (ROA) Executive Director, Mike Stewart, will speak to air service opportunities and how making the business case for the region is top of mind in discussions with the airlines. He will also highlight opportunities for growth included in the Airport Master Plan that was submitted to the FAA this summer for approval.

The Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport (ROA) offers nonstop service to eight destinations, including Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, New York City (LaGuardia), Orlando-Sanford, Philadelphia, St. Pete/Clearwater, and Washington, D.C. (Dulles) on four airlines – Allegiant Air, American, Delta, and United. On average, ROA sees 16-19 daily departures depending on the day of the week. In 2022, over 300,000 passengers departed from ROA, with 2023 passenger levels expected to exceed these numbers.

For more information about the airport, you can visit www.flyroa.com

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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Kevin Byrd, Executive Director
Date: November 20, 2023
Re: FY25 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 \$3.4 million for the agency which is reflected by services returned to members of the Commission.

The current FY24 assessment rate is \$1.32 per capita based on Census 2020 data. In the past, the Commission has used the annual population estimates from the Weldon Cooper Center since it provides for minor adjustments rather than more drastic adjustments with a decennial census. With the release of the 2020 Census data in 2021, the FY23 and FY24 assessments utilized those figures. **The Executive Committee is recommending a return to using the Weldon Cooper Center population estimates for FY25 while keeping with the existing rate of \$1.32.** The Commission typically adjusts the rate every two years, and this would be the third year of a level rate, although moving back to using Weldon Cooper data. The table includes a comparison of rate increases of two, three, and four cents for discussion purposes.

The per capita assessment as proposed for FY25 with Weldon Cooper data generates \$241,429.32 (a net increase of \$3,208.92 over the Census data) 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 (\$70,000), Appalachian Regional Commission (\$68,000), Ride Solutions (carpool matching program) (\$20,080), Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (\$18,000), New River Watershed Roundtable DEQ grant (\$4,000) and to support 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 operations, 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 FY25 comparing the Census 2020 and Weldon Cooper population figures by member along with a column for change in dues amount. 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. New River Community College is assessed based on their enrolled students who reside outside of the region. This approach avoids a double assessment for town residents as well as student populations.

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**New River Valley Regional Commission
Per Capita Assessment Rate FY25**

	Census 2020	Cooper Center Pop Estimate for 2022*	Current FY24 based on 2020 Census	FY25 same rate; 2022 Pop Estimate	\$ Change from 2020 Census to 2022 Pop Estimate	2022 Pop Estimate; 2 cent increase	\$ change from FY23 w/ 2 cent increase	2022 Pop Estimate; 3 cent increase	\$ change from FY24 w/ 3 cent increase	2022 Pop Estimate; 4 cent increase	\$ change from FY24 w/ 4 cent increase
			1.32	1.32		1.34		1.35		1.36	
Floyd County	15,476	15,160	\$20,428.32	\$20,011.20	-\$417.12	\$20,314.40	-\$113.92	\$20,466.00	\$37.68	\$20,617.60	\$189.28
Town of Floyd	448	449	\$591.36	\$592.68	\$1.32	\$601.66	\$10.30	\$606.15	\$14.79	\$610.64	\$19.28
Giles County	9,884	9,915	\$13,046.88	\$13,087.80	\$40.92	\$13,286.10	\$239.22	\$13,385.25	\$338.37	\$13,484.40	\$437.52
Pearisburg	2,909	2,832	\$3,839.88	\$3,738.24	-\$101.64	\$3,794.88	-\$45.00	\$3,823.20	-\$16.68	\$3,851.52	\$11.64
Narrows	2,093	2,046	\$2,762.76	\$2,700.72	-\$62.04	\$2,741.64	-\$21.12	\$2,762.10	-\$0.66	\$2,782.56	\$19.80
Rich Creek	749	735	\$988.68	\$970.20	-\$18.48	\$984.90	-\$3.78	\$992.25	\$3.57	\$999.60	\$10.92
Pembroke	1,152	1,129	\$1,520.64	\$1,490.28	-\$30.36	\$1,512.86	-\$7.78	\$1,524.15	\$3.51	\$1,535.44	\$14.80
Pulaski County	22,231	22,083	\$29,344.92	\$29,149.56	-\$195.36	\$29,591.22	\$246.30	\$29,812.05	\$467.13	\$30,032.88	\$687.96
Town of Pulaski	8,985	8,904	\$11,860.20	\$11,753.28	-\$106.92	\$11,931.36	\$71.16	\$12,020.40	\$160.20	\$12,109.44	\$249.24
Montgomery County	31,047	33,389	\$40,982.04	\$44,073.48	\$3,091.44	\$44,741.26	\$3,759.22	\$45,075.15	\$4,093.11	\$45,409.04	\$4,427.00
Blacksburg	35,826	36,610	\$47,290.32	\$48,325.20	\$1,034.88	\$49,057.40	\$1,767.08	\$49,423.50	\$2,133.18	\$49,789.60	\$2,499.28
Christiansburg	23,348	22,562	\$30,819.36	\$29,781.84	-\$1,037.52	\$30,233.08	-\$586.28	\$30,458.70	-\$360.66	\$30,684.32	-\$135.04
City of Radford	13,120	13,885	\$17,318.40	\$18,328.20	\$1,009.80	\$18,605.90	\$1,287.50	\$18,744.75	\$1,426.35	\$18,883.60	\$1,565.20
Radford University	2,950	2,950	\$3,894.00	\$3,894.00	\$0.00	\$3,953.00	\$59.00	\$3,982.50	\$88.50	\$4,012.00	\$118.00
Virginia Tech	9,500	9,500	\$12,540.00	\$12,540.00	\$0.00	\$12,730.00	\$190.00	\$12,825.00	\$285.00	\$12,920.00	\$380.00
New River Comm. Coll.	752	752	\$992.64	\$992.64	\$0.00	\$1,007.68	\$15.04	\$1,015.20	\$22.56	\$1,022.72	\$30.08
Total Assessed Pop	180,470	182,901	\$238,220.40	\$241,429.32	\$3,208.92	\$245,087.34	\$6,866.94	\$246,916.35	\$8,695.95	\$247,722.64	\$9,502.24

*FY25 Assessment Rate was based on Weldon Cooper Center 2022 Population Estimates released July, 2023

Town + university populations are removed from County populations

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



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Leo Priddy, Economic Development Planning Specialist

Date: November 20, 2023

Re: NRVRC Regional Economic Strategy - New Committee Members Appointment

Each year the New River Valley Regional Commission reviews and updates the region's Regional Economic Strategy (RES). The purpose of the RES is to continue federal and local partnerships to address economic development in the region. The RES also serves to document the planning efforts to identify economic development needs in the region, which is required for grant applications to the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), the Appalachian Regional Commission, and various other state and regional grant-making agencies.

The Commission's designation by the EDA as an Economic Development District (EDD) includes a requirement to engage a committee of regional representatives from public and private sector organizations and businesses in the development of the strategic document. The committee reviews content, strategies and assists in developing updates.

Since the Commission's original appointment of RES committee members, there has been some turnover in appointments. Staff is now recommending five (5) appointments that will provide their expertise on regional economic development issues. Additionally, you will note an open slot for the Town of Blacksburg, as an invitation will be extended to their future Deputy Town Manager. These recommended members are highlighted below in red.

Should you have any questions or wish to review information related to the RES, please contact me.

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Montgomery | Pulaski

City

Radford

Towns

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Floyd | Narrows | Pearisburg
Pembroke | Pulaski | Rich Creek

Higher Education

Virginia Tech | Radford University
New River Community College

Name	Affiliation	Sector
Ann Cassell	Blacksburg Partnership	small business
	Blacksburg, Town of	local government
Andrew Warren	Christiansburg, Town of	local government
Lydeana Martin	Floyd County	local economic development
Cora Gnegy	Giles County	tourism
*Jeff Dinger	Giles County	local economic development
Amanda Forrester	Greater Roanoke + NRV SBDC	small business resource
Ernie Maddy	Locus	finance institution
*Brian Hamilton	Montgomery County	local economic development
Susan Kidd	Narrows, Town of	local government
Diane Gray	New River Community College	higher education
Marty Holliday	New River Workforce Development Board	workforce; economic development
Holly Lesko	NRVRC	regional staff; public health
Kevin Byrd	NRVRC	regional staff
Leo Priddy	NRVRC	regional staff
Katie Boswell	Onward NRV	regional economic development
*Erica Tolbert	Pulaski County	tourism
*Drew Foxx	Pulaski County EDA	local economic development
Kim Repass	Radford City	local government; economic development
Angela Joyner	Radford University	higher education; economic development
*Charlie Jewell	Radford University: The HUB at Radford	higher education; economic development
Erin Burcham	VergeVA	regional innovation; economic development
Elli Travis	Virginia Tech	higher education
Emily Gibson	VT local government liaison	higher education



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Re: NRVRC Revolving Loan Fund - New Committee Member Appointment

The Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) committee has not met in the past several months due to low loan inquiries attributed to a staff vacancy supporting the program. With staff now in place, the committee is scheduled to meet in December to review existing loans, all of which are current on payments, and discuss recent loan inquiries.

Since the Commission’s original appointment of RLF committee members, several have had conflicting obligations or are no longer in a position allowing them to fully participate. Staff is now recommending one replacement to continue the mission of the revolving loan fund. The new recommended member is highlighted below in red. Staff recommends approval of these committee members.

Name	Title	Organization/Representation
Clyde Cornett	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	Locus (Formerly VCC)
Steve Fijalkowski	Board of Supervisors	Montgomery County, NRVRC
Kim Repass	Economic Development Director	City of Radford
Lydeana Martin	Community and Economic Development Director	Floyd County
Paul Mylum	Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer	National Bank of Blacksburg
Lydia Gilmer	Small Business Solutions Manager	Pulaski County
*Cora Gnegy	Tourism Director & Economic Development Coordinator	Giles County

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