



Agenda

February 28, 2019

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Minutes for January
 - B. [Approval of Treasurer's Report for January](#)
- III. **COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
 - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
 - None
 - B. Regular Project Review
 - None
 - C. Environmental Project Review
 - 1. [VT Undergraduate Laboratory Building](#)
 - 2. [Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0089991- Federal Mogul Powertrain, LLC](#)
 - 3. [VADEQ- 319h Watershed Project Funding](#)
- IV. **PUBLIC ADDRESS**
- V. **REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**
- VI. **CHAIR'S REPORT**
 - A. [Discussion on Office Renovation Report](#)
- VII. **[EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT](#)**
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. [Opportunity Zone Program Overview](#)
 - Presentation by: Kristen Dahlman, Senior Policy Analyst, VA Dept of Housing and Community Development
 - Commission Discussion
 - B. [NRV Passenger Rail Initiative Update](#)
 - Presentation by: Elijah Sharp, Deputy Executive Director
 - Commission Discussion
 - C. [Setting Community Development Block Grant Priorities](#)
 - Commission Action
 - D. Next meeting March 28th

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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

N R V R C . O R G

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Janet McNew, Finance Director
Date: February 15, 2019
Re: January 2019 Financial Statements

The January 2019 Revenue and Expenditure Reports and Balance Sheet are enclosed for your review. Financial reports are reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to inclusion in the meeting packet.

The Revenue and Expense report compares actual year to date receipts and expenses to the FY18-19 budget adopted by the Commission at the June 28, 2018 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, separate revenue and expense reports are now provided for Commission and Workforce Development Board activities.

As of month-end January 2019 (58% of the fiscal year), Commission overall year to date revenues are 48.32% and expenses are 50.00% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with fiscal year at 58.14% and 60.58%, respectively. The revenue lag monthly at (\$58K) and year to date at (\$18K), is due primarily to the fact that expenses have been incurred on projects that are not yet invoiced. This amount is reflected in Net Projects on the balance sheet. Commission revenue fluctuates as most projects are not invoiced on a monthly fixed amount basis.

We have previously reported on heavy expenses year to date in several line items. Printing expense is related to annual report production. Overages in Advertising and Professional Services are due to unbudgeted, but reimbursable, project expenses. The expenses for Communications, Office Supplies, and Dues/Publications are anticipated and budgeted as is Postage at 80% and Miscellaneous Fees at 68%.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable total is \$562,347. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$328,224 (58%) and current. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$138,790) represents current year project expenses, quarterly and benchmark projects, that cannot be invoiced yet and posted to receivables.

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**New River Valley Regional Commission
Revenue and Expenditures - January 2019**

FY18-19 Budget Adopted 6/28/2018	January 2019	YTD	Under/Over	(58% of FY)	
				Under/Over	% Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues					
ARC	68,666.00	0.00	34,334.00	34,332.00	50.00%
ARC - Prices Fork	369,552.13	0.00	135,104.76	234,447.37	36.56%
LOCAL ASSESSMENT	233,866.68	4,905.50	228,960.99	4,905.69	97.90%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	75,971.00	18,993.00	56,978.00	18,993.00	75.00%
EDA	70,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	50.00%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	65,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	25,000.00	61.54%
Workforce Pathways Fiscal Agent	50,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	50.00%
VDOT	58,000.00	0.00	34,371.09	23,628.91	59.26%
VDOT - Rocky Knob Project	73,000.00	0.00	2,490.21	70,509.79	3.41%
Floyd County	10,000.00	0.00	574.37	9,425.63	5.74%
Floyd Town	6,750.00	610.66	2,916.90	3,833.10	43.21%
Giles County	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%
Narrows Town	28,000.00	0.00	0.00	28,000.00	0.00%
Rich Creek Town	3,000.00	0.00	2,987.91	12.09	99.60%
Montgomery County	40,745.12	10,500.00	21,040.53	19,704.59	51.64%
Blacksburg Town	13,000.00	1,166.67	8,166.69	4,833.31	62.82%
Christiansburg Town	35,000.00	0.00	1,841.09	33,158.91	5.26%
Pulaski County	35,000.00	0.00	17,677.00	17,323.00	50.51%
Pulaski Town	41,500.00	0.00	1,499.52	40,000.48	3.61%
Radford University	55,500.00	0.00	0.00	55,500.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous (Meetings/Interest/Recovered Costs)	0.00	0.00	197.66	-197.66	0.00%
Virginia's First RIFA	27,500.00	2,291.66	16,041.62	11,458.38	58.33%
New River Community College	1,500.00	0.00	2,574.20	-1,074.20	171.61%
NRV MPO	35,000.00	0.00	18,036.04	16,963.96	51.53%
Pembroke Town	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00%
RV-ARC RideSolutions	33,680.00	0.00	19,780.92	13,899.08	58.73%
VHDA Regional Housing Local Support	30,000.00	0.00	1,937.41	28,062.59	6.46%
Dept of Environmental Quality	10,000.00	0.00	7,026.67	2,973.33	70.27%
VECF - Smart Beginnings	102,343.00	0.00	50,658.19	51,684.81	49.50%
VECF - Innovative Partnership	0.00	0.00	8,386.71	-8,386.71	0.00%
VA Housing Development Authority	55,312.50	0.00	23,681.15	31,631.35	42.81%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	100.00%
New River Health District	25,000.00	0.00	3,561.00	21,439.00	14.24%
New River Valley Development Corporation	25,000.00	1,808.33	12,658.31	12,341.69	50.63%
Friends of Southwest Virginia	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00%
One Care Southwest Virginia	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00%
United Way Southwest Virginia	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00	0.00%
Bucksburg Partnership (for Rail Study)	0.00	7,650.00	15,000.00	-15,000.00	0.00%
ReNew the New	3,444.57	0.00	727.95	2,716.62	21.13%
Region I Planning & Development (WV)	10,500.00	0.00	9,882.67	617.33	94.12%
Smart Beginnings Fund Raising	790.00	0.00	0.00	790.00	0.00%
Unprogrammed ARC Jan-Jun 2019	9,750.00	0.00	0.00	9,750.00	0.00%
Sub Total Revenues	1,742,871.00	48,925.82	842,093.56	900,777.44	48.32%
Expenses					
Salaries	760,103.00	64,609.39	441,958.30	318,144.70	58.14%
Fringe Benefits	198,032.00	18,528.15	119,970.96	78,061.04	60.58%
Travel	17,650.00	1,133.85	9,461.94	8,188.06	53.61%
Office Space	49,968.00	4,164.00	29,148.00	20,820.00	58.33%
Communications	9,789.00	982.13	7,063.07	2,725.93	72.15%
Office Supplies	29,355.00	6,331.36	24,768.17	4,586.83	84.37%
Postage	1,775.00	468.99	1,420.60	354.40	80.03%
Printing	4,400.00	0.00	4,341.66	58.34	98.67%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,800.00	156.31	1,115.02	684.98	61.95%
Outreach/Media Adv	900.00	110.00	1,236.96	-336.96	137.44%
Equipment Rent/Copier	4,219.00	351.52	2,460.64	1,758.36	58.32%
Fleet Vehicles	8,471.00	117.42	875.03	7,595.97	10.33%
Dues/Publications	15,807.00	0.00	13,936.80	1,870.20	88.17%
Training/Staff Development	15,250.00	190.00	5,210.86	10,039.14	34.17%
Insurance	3,200.00	246.33	1,724.31	1,475.69	53.88%
Meeting Costs	10,850.00	1,181.13	3,925.10	6,924.90	36.18%
Capital Outlay	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00%
Contractual Services	559,274.00	8,369.21	182,945.57	376,328.43	32.71%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	4,700.00	0.00	5,365.50	-665.50	114.16%
Miscellaneous/Fees	4,150.00	412.65	2,834.01	1,315.99	68.29%
Sub Total Expenses	1,719,693.00	107,352.44	859,762.50	859,930.50	50.00%
NRVRC Balance	23,178.00	-58,426.62	-17,668.94		

**New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
Revenue and Expenditures - January 2019**

NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues	January 2019	YTD	Under/Over	(58% of fiscal year)	
				Under/Over	% Budget
Workforce Development Area	2,241,650.00	172,877.91	1,187,084.73	1,054,565.27	52.96%
Sub Total Revenues	2,241,650.00	172,877.91	1,187,084.73	1,054,565.27	
Expenses					
Salaries	464,696.00	41,187.85	277,130.41	187,565.59	59.64%
Fringe Benefits	135,070.00	11,592.19	76,637.26	58,432.74	56.74%
Travel	28,000.00	1,309.55	11,853.45	16,146.55	42.33%
Office Space	52,000.00	11,263.84	33,214.60	18,785.40	63.87%
Communications	11,000.00	889.30	5,640.52	5,359.48	51.28%
Office Supplies	15,000.00	511.07	4,345.40	10,654.60	28.97%
Postage	250.00	0.00	121.28	128.72	48.51%
Printing	1,500.00	0.00	260.55	1,239.45	17.37%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,500.00	31.30	188.98	1,311.02	12.60%
Outreach/Media Adv	46,000.00	466.07	31,656.51	14,343.49	68.82%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,600.00	93.89	781.48	818.52	48.84%
Dues/Publications	3,500.00	19.00	3,217.00	283.00	91.91%
Training/Staff Development	14,500.00	0.00	1,317.82	13,182.18	9.09%
Insurance	2,500.00	0.00	2,237.00	263.00	89.48%
Meeting Costs	8,000.00	327.67	4,769.41	3,230.59	59.62%
Contractual Services	1,444,984.00	105,126.48	726,473.36	718,510.64	50.28%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	10,200.00	0.00	6,180.00	4,020.00	60.59%
Miscellaneous/Fees	1,350.00	59.70	1,059.70	290.30	78.50%
Sub Total Expenses	2,241,650.00	172,877.91	1,187,084.73	1,054,565.27	52.96%
NR/MR WDB Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00		

Total Agency R&E		January 2019	YTD	
Anticipated Revenue	3,984,521.00	221,803.73	2,029,178.29	50.93%
Anticipated Expense	3,961,343.00	280,230.35	2,046,847.23	51.67%
Balance	23,178.00	-58,426.62	-17,668.94	

New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
Period From : 07/01/2018 to 01/31/2019

Assets:

Operating Account	210,665.00
Certificate of Deposit	103,070.16
Money Market Account	84,713.18
Accounts Receivable	562,346.83
Prepaid Item	2,898.97
Total Assets:	\$963,694.14

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	91,115.91
Accrued Annual Leave	73,071.22
Accrued Unemployment	25,025.59
Unearned Revenue	39,587.50
Expense Reimbursement	773.21
Total Liabilities:	\$229,573.43

Projects:

(Equity Accounts)	Net Projects	(138,789.78)
	Current Year Unrestricted	128,766.33
	Unrestricted Net Assets	740,485.78
	Total Projects (Equity)	\$730,462.33
	Total Liabilities and Projects	\$960,035.76
	Net Difference to be Reconciled*	\$3,658.38
	Total Adjustments to Post*	\$3,658.38
	Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)	\$0.00

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



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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, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #1

CIRP Review

February 20, 2019

PROJECT: Virginia Tech Undergraduate Laboratory Building
DEQ #19-008S

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

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

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members

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1.0 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION

1.1 Introduction

Virginia Tech (VT) desires to construct a new academic building known as the Undergraduate Lab Building (ULB) on the existing Perry Street Lot 1. The proposed structure, in the design phase, is anticipated to be four stories high and 102,000 gross square feet. The ULB will include teaching labs, classrooms, discovery suite, specialty lab, offices, and collaboration areas. The building will be located on the east side of campus along Perry Street and West Campus Drive in Blacksburg, VA (Figures 1 and 2). A feasibility study completed by Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects LLP was completed in 2017 (Appendix A). Draper Aden Associates (DAA) was contracted to perform the Environmental Impact Review and prepare the required Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

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 January 12, 2018. 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 September 2017 (EIR Procedure Manual).

1.2 Background

The Undergraduate Science Laboratory Building site will be built on the current Perry Street Lot 1 of the Virginia Tech Campus. Figure 1, Site Topography Map, identifies the site's general location and the topographic relief of the site and vicinity. The site is bound by Perry Street to the south, West Campus Drive to the west, a drive lane and Prices Fork Lot 6 to the north and east portion of Perry Street Lot 1 and the parking garage to the east. Figure 2, Site Detail Map, illustrates existing site conditions on an aerial photograph with 1' topographic contours that illustrate the topography at the site and in the vicinity. Site photographs of exterior spaces taken in January 2018 are included in Appendix A.

1.3 Proposed Facility

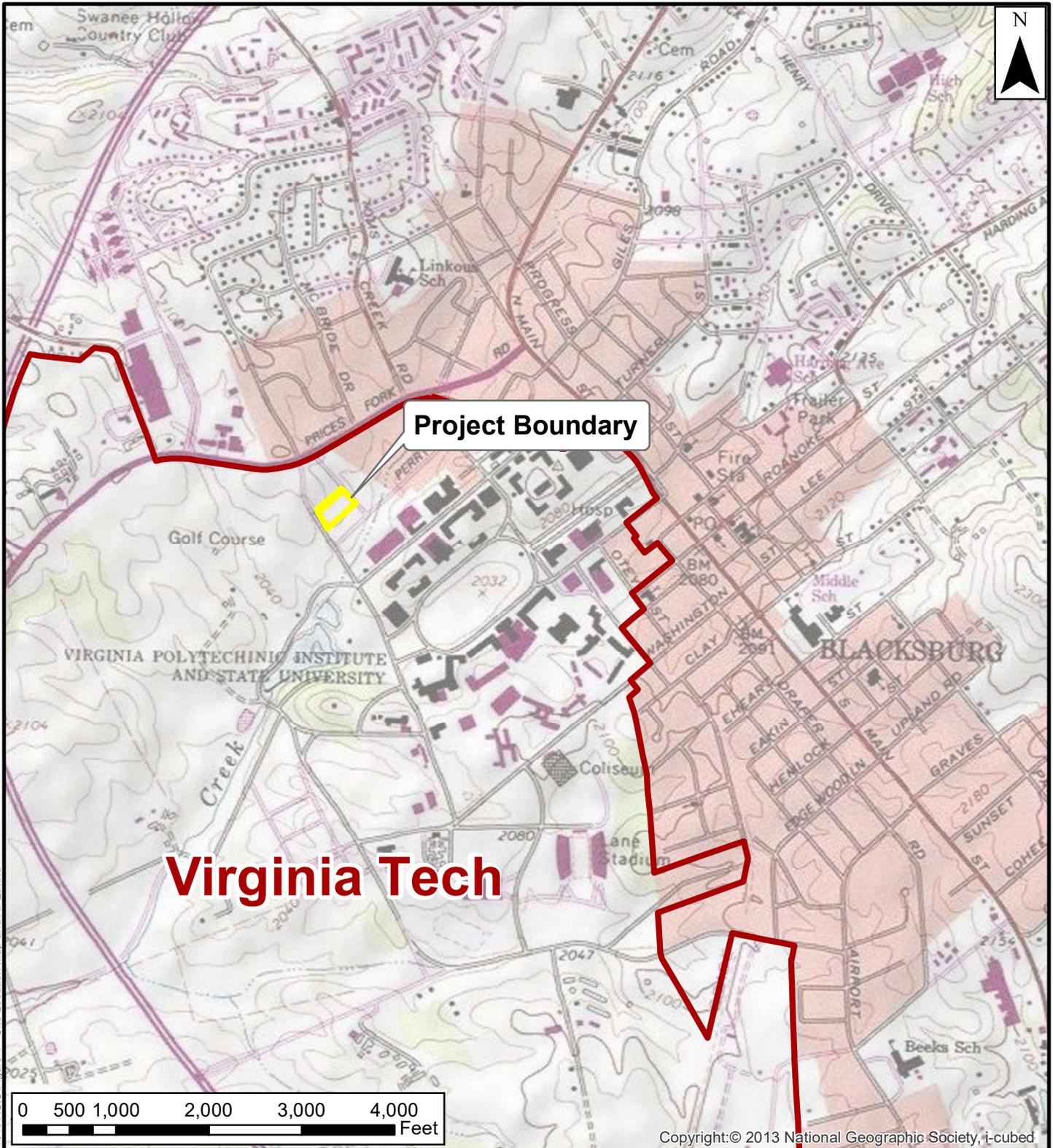
The proposed action is to construct a new academic building on the site identified in Figure 1 at the corner of Perry Street and West Campus Drive on an existing University parking Area (Perry Street Lot 1) in the north end of campus primarily used for academics and parking. The new facility is a proposed 102,000 gross square foot building to include teaching labs, classrooms, discovery suite, specialty lab, offices, and collaboration areas

This project is seen as a continuation to academic development of this area proceeded by construction of the New Classroom Building to the south. Nearby development includes parking and academic buildings on the Virginia Tech campus and mixed-use development including support facilities and residential properties across Prices Fork Road. Drainage and topography are being reviewed as part of the project design. The Feasibility Study, and a site topographic survey are also included in Appendix A as it relates to the current project, as planned. Additional site evaluations such as geotechnical and geophysical evaluations were also reviewed and referenced where appropriate. Project alternatives are discussed in Section 4.0.

1.4 Need for the Proposed Action

The Undergraduate Science Laboratory Building is intended to support Virginia Tech's growing science programs. The College of Science emphasizes the necessity of training students to

become scientists before they graduate through hands-on learning, which can be further implemented through the creation of the new laboratory building.



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Site Location Map and Area of Potential Effect (APE)

Virginia Tech
Undergraduate Science Lab Building
Blacksburg, VA

SCALE: 1" = 1800'
PROJECT: 17010146-010101



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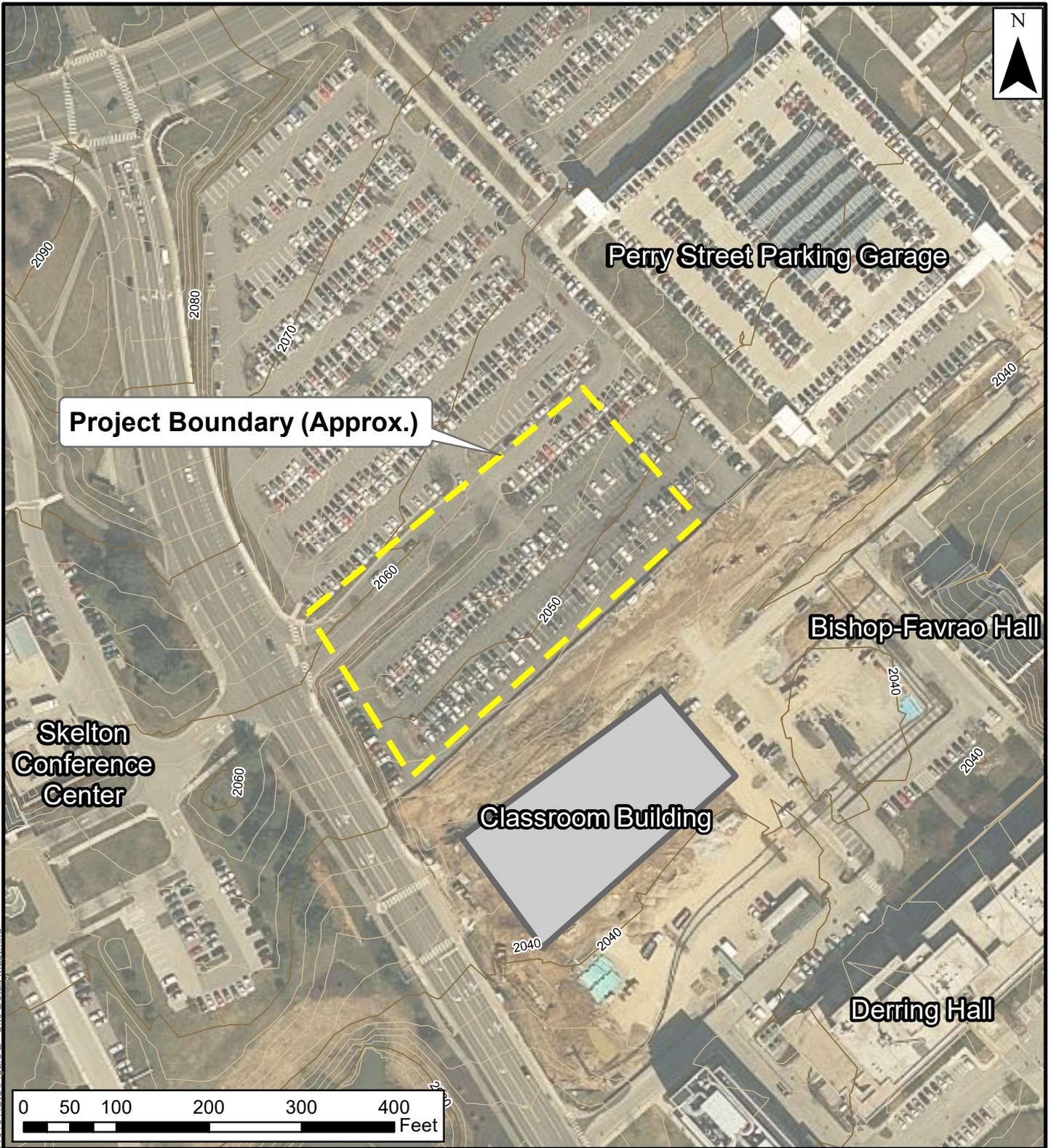
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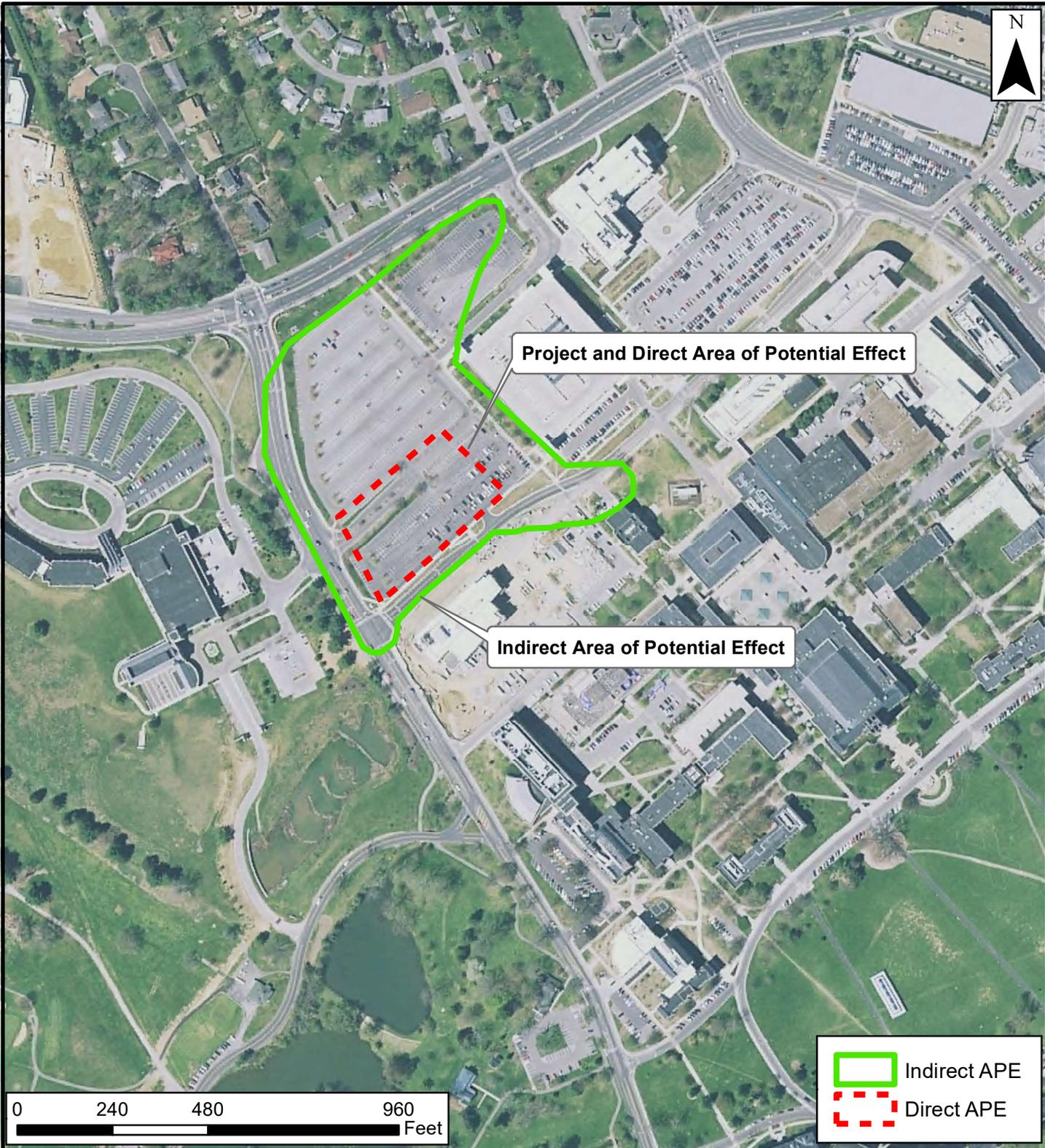
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CHECKED: KMW
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FIGURE
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Path: P:\2017\17010100\17010146\17010146-010101\GIS\Figure 2 - Site Detail Map.mxd

Site Detail Map		Virginia Tech Undergraduate Science Lab Building Blacksburg, VA	SCALE: 1" = 200' PROJECT: 17010146-010101
 Draper Aden Associates <i>Engineering • Surveying • Environmental Services</i>	2206 South Main Street Blacksburg, VA 24060 540-552-0444 Fax: 540-552-0291	Richmond, VA Charlottesville, VA Hampton Roads, VA	Raleigh, NC Fayetteville, NC Northern Virginia
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Area of Potential Effect Map

Virginia Tech
Undergraduate Science Lab Building
Blacksburg, VA

SCALE: 1" = 480'

PROJECT: 17010146-010101

Aerial: USDA NAIP 4-17-2016



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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, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #2

CIRP Review

February 20, 2019

PROJECT: Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0089991
VA190206-02800400121

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting scoping comments on a permit reissuance.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members, Montgomery County, and the Town of Blacksburg

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February 6, 2019

Mr. Kevin Byrd
Executive Director
New River Valley Regional Commission
6580 Valley Center Drive, Suite 124
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RE: Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0089991
Federal-Mogul Powertrain, LLC – Town of Blacksburg

Dear Sir:

Section 62.1-44.15:01 of the Code of Virginia requires DEQ to notify localities particularly affected when a permit action is pending. This letter transmits a copy of the public notice for a proposed permit action for your review. Public notice of this proposed action is also being published in a local newspaper. That publication will establish a 30 day public comment period for this proposal. If you wish to comment on this proposed action, please respond to:

Virginia DEQ
Blue Ridge Regional Office
3019 Peters Creek Road
Roanoke, Virginia 24019

If no response is received within the 30-day public notice period, it will be assumed that you have no objections to the proposed action. If you have any questions, please contact me at (540) 562-6787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn V. Wise".

Lynn V. Wise
Environmental Engineer, Sr.

Enclosure: Permit Public Notice

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated ground water into a water body in Montgomery County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: February 8, 2019 to March 11, 2019

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Federal-Mogul Powertrain LLC; 300 Industrial Park Rd SE, Blacksburg, VA 24060; VA0089991

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Federal-Mogul has applied for reissuance of a permit for the private ground water remediation system discharge. The applicant proposes to release treated ground water at a rate of 0.039 million gallons per day into a water body. The facility proposes to release the treated ground water into an unnamed tributary of Wilson Creek in Montgomery County in the North Fork Roanoke River/Bradshaw Creek watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: trichloroethylene

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing hand-delivery, by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Lynn V. Wise, Blue Ridge Regional Office, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019; Phone: (540) 562-6787; E-mail: lynn.wise@deq.virginia.gov; Fax:(540) 562-6725. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.



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TO: Regional Commission Board Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: III. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #3

CIRP Review

February 20, 2019

PROJECT: VADEQ - 319h Watershed Project Funding
VA190215-02900400400

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting comments on an application for Federal Assistance.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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Yes No

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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Michael W. Harvey, Board Chair

Date: February 21, 2019

Re: Office Space Renovation Project Report

The FY19 budget included funds to work with a consulting architect to evaluate the space needs for the agency and the development of schematic plans to renovate the current office suite. This work was needed since the Commission rents space external to the suite to accommodate staff, and over the years, technology and work space requirements have changed, resulting in poorly utilized space in the existing office suite. Following a public procurement process in the fall, Colley Architecture in Blacksburg was selected to conduct the evaluation and recently submitted the enclosed report as a summary of their findings and recommendations. The report includes a cost range to do the renovation work; however, it is redacted in the packet in the event the Commission decides to pursue a bid to do this work in the future. The range will be discussed at the meeting.

Regional Commission staff have been involved in this process at multiple points throughout. Staff helped craft and review the scope included in the request for proposals, they evaluated the proposals received, participated in a survey of office space needs, reviewed and provided feedback on the draft schematic plans and the final report enclosed. The Executive Committee has been apprised and has commented on the process and proposals.

There will be a discussion at the meeting under the Chair's Report to determine the next steps with this information and how the board would like to proceed.



Feasibility Study

for

New River Valley Regional Commission

**New River Valley Business Center
6580 Valley Center Drive, Suite 124
Radford, Virginia 24141**



Architects
Colley Architects, P.C.

February 12, 2019



February 12, 2019

Mr. Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director
New River Valley Regional Commission
New River Valley Business Center
6580 Valley Center Drive, Suite 124
Radford, Virginia 24141

Re: Feasibility Study for Renovation of NRV Regional Commission Offices.

Dear Mr. Byrd,

The following study details our team's findings and analysis of the NRV Regional Commission Offices located in the New River Valley Business Center at 6580 Valley Center Drive, Suite 124 Radford, Virginia 24141. On-site observation, owner provided drawings, and information provided by building occupants served as the basis for this component of the work.

This study examines the existing building conditions to include, accessibility, egress, spatial needs, functional adjacencies, and potential future needs of the organization. Recommendations and a conceptual cost estimate based on the existing conditions are identified at the end of the report.

The following study is not a building wide survey, but instead is focused on the NRV Regional Commission Offices. Total building occupancy, accessibility, plumbing fixture counts, and existing issues outside the limit of the NRV Regional Commission Offices area are beyond the scope of this feasibility study.

Please let us know if we can answer any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Colley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim Colley, AIA . LEED AP . SCUP
Colley Architects, P.C.
President

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study is to investigate the existing office space occupied by the NRV Regional Commission to determine if renovations to the existing space along with the acquisition of an adjacent office space will allow the NRV Regional Commission to accommodate its current and anticipated future needs within one office suite.

This study will explore the existing office layout, accessibility, egress, current space utilization, identify potential shortcomings and propose recommendations.

Required spaces, adjacencies and design considerations have been developed and discussed based on the internal NRV Regional Commission Office survey provided to the design team and a client meeting on site on December 19, 2019.

The following pages depict the existing conditions followed by recommendations and a conceptual cost estimate.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Introduction

The NRV Regional Commission's Offices are located in the North East corner of the New River Valley Business Center located at 6580 Valley Center Drive, Radford, Virginia 24141. The New River Valley Business Center was constructed in phases. The NRV Regional Commission occupies space in the portion completed in Phase 1, approximately 2000. This NRV Regional Commission Offices are comprised of approximately 3,325 gross square feet of rented office space, one office at 141 gross square feet not contained within the existing suite of offices, 345 gross square feet rented storage space adjacent to the offices, and access to communal meeting spaces and bathrooms within the New River Valley Business Center. Communal spaces provided by the New River Valley Business Center are not within the scope of this study. The North and East walls of the NRV Regional Commission Offices main office suite are exterior walls with windows, while the West and South are interior walls.

Building Code

The New River Valley Business Center was designed using The Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (1996 Edition)

The New River Valley Business Center Building is a Use Group 'B' Business/ 'F-1' Factory and Industrial Construction Classification – 3B Non-Separated Uses, F-1 as most restrictive use.

Under the current Virginia Construction Code (2012 Edition) there is no separation requirement between Use Groups 'F-1' and 'B'.

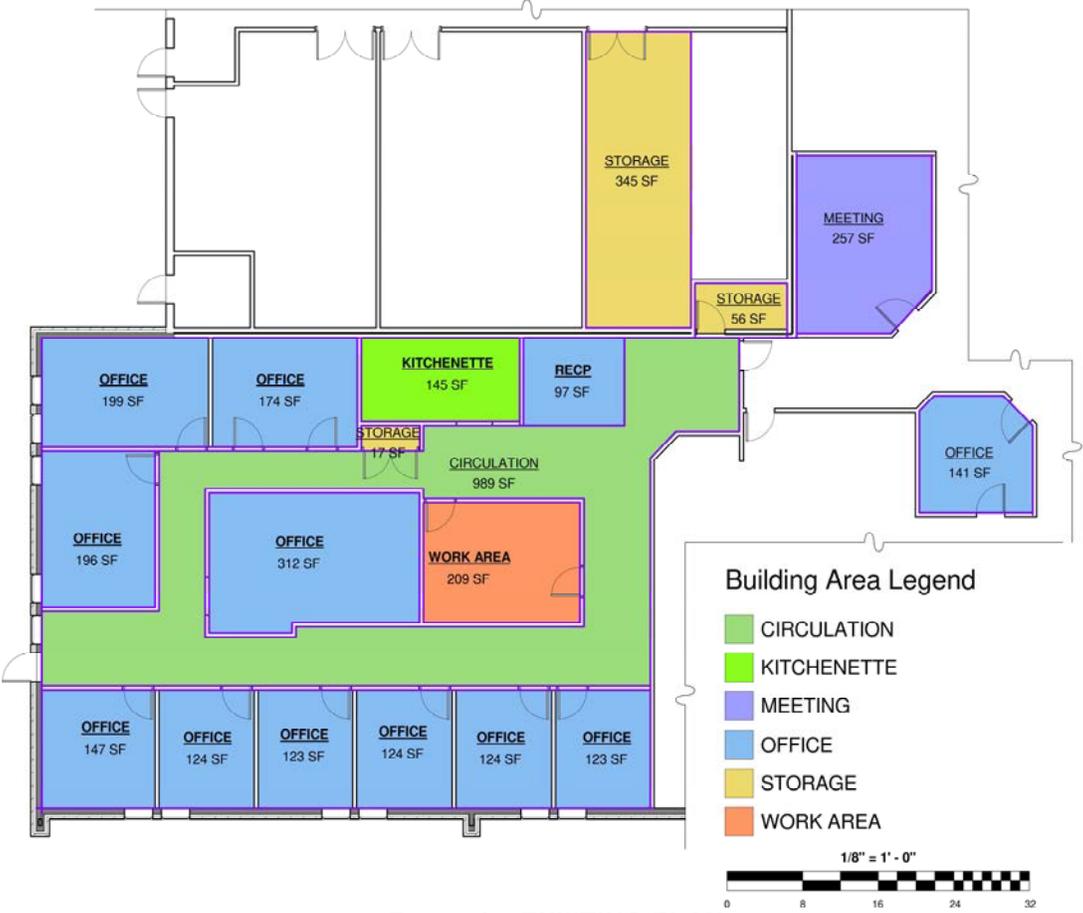


Figure 1 – EXISTING PLAN

The main existing office suite (Figure 1) is approximately 65’ long and 49’ wide. The ceiling consists of serviceable 2’x2’ acoustical ceiling tiles at approximately 8’-0” above the finish floor in the Typical Offices (Figure 3) and 8’-10” in the Corridors (Figure 2) with 2’x4’ lay-in fluorescent light fixtures. The light fixtures are not consistent throughout. The space is fully sprinkled. The area is served by forced air heating and cooling supplied through above ceiling ductwork. The existing wood doors and metal frames are in good condition. The existing walls are painted gypsum board, floors are carpet with rubber base molding throughout the main office, with the exception of the Work Area (Figure 4) and Kitchenette (Figure 5).



Figure 2 – CORRIDOR



Figure 3 – TYPICAL OFFICE

The Work Area (Figure 4) and Kitchenette (Figure 5) existing walls are painted gypsum board, vinyl composition tile flooring and rubber base molding. The ceiling consists of serviceable 2'x2' acoustical ceiling tiles and 2'x4' fluorescent light fixtures at approximately 8'-0" above the finish floor in the Work Area (Figure 4) and 8'-10" above the finish floor in the Kitchenette (Figure 5). Both rooms have plastic laminate upper and lower cabinetry with plastic laminate countertops and backsplashes. The Kitchenette (Figure 5) has a two-basin sink, mini-fridge, and under cabinet mounted microwave.



Figure 4 – WORK AREA



Figure 5 – KITCHENETTE

The Storage Room (Figure 6) located in room 144, Light Manufacturing is a mix of painted CMU and painted gypsum board walls, bare concrete floors, and rubber base molding. The ceiling is 2'x2' acoustic ceiling tile 11'-9" above the finish floor with surface mounted 1'-6"x4' fluorescent lights. The area is served by forced air heating and cooling. The space is fully sprinkled. The space has shelving units and filing cabinets and is utilized mainly for long term storage of records. The Commission utilizes approximately 30' x 12' (360 square feet) of space for 14 filing cabinets, (7) 3'Lx15"Dx5'H shelves, and (3) 3'Lx30"Dx5'H shelves.

Not shown is the satellite office with similar finish as the other offices within the suite, also not shown are the communal meeting spaces and bathrooms located in various parts of the New River Valley Business Center as they are not in the scope of this study.



Figure 6 – STORAGE ROOM

Accessibility

The existing NRV Regional Commission's Offices are on the ADA accessible routes and can be reached by entering through the main lobby of the New River Valley Business Center.

Egress

There are two distinct egress paths from the existing office suite (Figure 7). These two paths provide 5'-6" of egress allowing for egress of 440 occupants. One egress path leads directly to the exterior of the building and the other exits to the common way egress that leads to three exits, allowing for a total egress of 880 occupants.

The travel distance to an exit allowed by code is 200 feet. The existing and proposed spaces are within this distance.

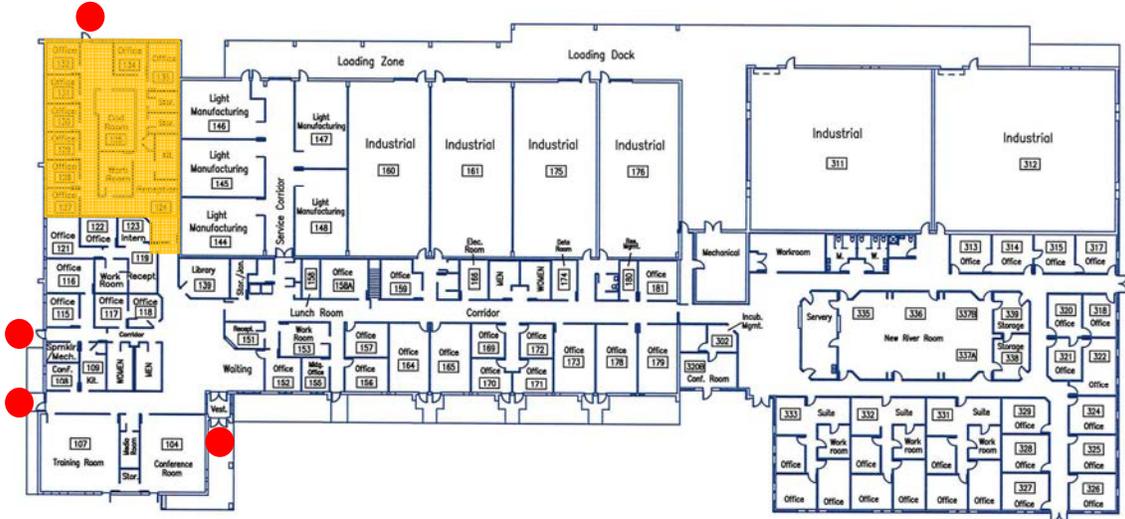


Figure 7 – EXIT LOCATIONS

- EXIT LOCATIONS
- NRV REGIONAL COMMISSION SUITE

Above Ceiling

Existing above the ceiling infrastructure has not been investigated in this study but may include ceiling grid, duct work, air handling units, chilled and hot water piping, sprinkler system, electrical conduit, and data cabling.

MECHANICAL REVIEW

Introduction

The NRV Regional Commission’s Offices’ heating, cooling, and ventilation air is delivered through a forced air handling system located above the ceiling. The system’s coil unit appears to be original with a manufacture date of 10/98 (Figure 8).

Please note that details of the existing system design were not investigated. The internal office survey revealed the system does not deliver a balanced load throughout the suite.



Figure 8 – COIL UNIT 4

ELECTRICAL REVIEW

Observations

Lighting

The suite is currently illuminated using standard 2'x4' two lamp T-8 fluorescent lay-in fixtures sufficient for existing use. The existing fluorescent fixtures appear to be well maintained and are good condition but do not match throughout (Figure 9). There are recessed can lights used as wall washers in a few hallway locations. The existing can light fixtures appear to be well maintained and are good condition.



Figure 9- EXISTING LIGHTING

Power

The existing lighting and receptacle power is fed from panelboards LF and LD in electric room #166. The HVAC fan coil unit 4 and air handler unit 4 are fed from panelboard LC.

Low Voltage Systems

In the suite there is one wall mounted fire alarm notification appliance (speaker & strobe) and one pull station located near the egress door in the north west corner of the suite.

There are surface mounted data outlets in offices, the work area, and some hallway locations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

ARCHITECTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

Internal Office Survey

The NRV Regional Commission provided an internally administrated survey covered the pros and cons of the current spaces, space utilization, discussed the desired changes to the existing space, and future needs for potential additional staff. Some of the key items highlighted were:

- Individual offices with all employees in one suite
- More access to natural light
- Updated finishes and fixtures
- An in-suite meeting space
- Collaborative spaces
- A more private workspace for the office manager
- More efficient use of underutilized spaces

Introduction

The currently occupied square footage does not provide adequate space for the desired programmatical needs and future growth. Relocating storage from Room 144 Light Manufacturing to Room 146 Light Manufacturing would provide adequate space to meet the Commission's needs as provided in the survey. With the additional space from Room 146, fourteen individual offices can be accommodated in-suite, a meeting space for twelve people, a work area with adequate layout space, a new kitchenette with ample room for dining with access to outdoor space that is under roof, and a new storage room.

Accessibility

Accessibility is not anticipated to be an issue. All new corridors, doors, and transitions will continue to be ADA compliant.

Egress

The anticipated calculated occupancy load of the NRV Regional Commission offices is 42 occupants. This is below the occupancy load the existing exit doors are capable of egressing. Code requires .15" per occupant. The renovated suite layout would provide three egress doors within the suite providing 8'-3" in egress, which could serve 660 persons.

The code required travel distance to an exit can easily be accommodated and does not present any issues. The travel distance to an exit allowed by code is 200 feet.

MECHANICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Existing HVAC System

As previously stated, the current mechanical system is in need of balancing. Given its age, sizing, and layout, the current system should be further evaluated prior to any work to determine if it is adequate to serve the renovated space layout and increased loads.

New Meeting Space

It is anticipated that one new HVAC unit is required to serve the meeting space.

New Space in Room 146

It is expected that one new HVAC unit will serve the New Kitchenette and New Storage Area. It is currently unknown how the Light Manufacturing Bays are supplied and will need to be determined prior to any new work.

ELECTRICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Lighting

Replace existing fluorescent lay-in fixtures with full light distribution LED lay-in fixtures and other LED luminaire types (direct or indirect) with dimming and occupancy controls. Existing lighting branch circuits will be used to supply new fixtures, should additional electrical lighting circuits be needed, they would come from existing lighting panelboard (LF).

Emergency egress lighting will be configured based on the new floor plan layout. New emergency egress lighting will be provided by a discrete number of new LED fixtures connected to the existing emergency lighting branch circuits. This is similar to the existing condition.

Power

Power (120/208V) loads for new receptacles, new monitors, new A/V equipment and new HVAC fan coils will need to be calculated and the existing panelboards evaluated to determine if they are adequate to support the changes.

Low Voltage Systems

New fire alarm notification appliances (speaker/strobe) may need to be added to the renovated area as existing devices may be insufficient for the proposed layout of the spaces.

Rough-in & cabling requirements for other low voltage systems: speakers, A/V equipment, Wireless Access Points and data will be determined by the Owners programmatic needs.

NRV REGIONAL COMMISSION'S OFFICE – CONCEPTUAL LAYOUTS

Introduction

Included are three new layout options that satisfy many of the items presented in the survey and in conversations with the client. In general all options have;

- Adjusted the hallways to be 4'-6" wide.
- An in-suite Meeting Space near the front of the suite that seats 12. The new space has glazed walls on the North and South walls to create an open feeling in the public spaces. Locating the new Meeting Space at the front of the suite creates wanted space to meet within the suite and will curtail unneeded traffic in the private areas of the office.
- Provided three options (Figure 11) for increasing the open feel of Typical Offices through the addition of glazing at the office door. Door Option 1 adds a full lite to the existing doors, Door Option 2 keeps the existing door but replaces the existing frame with one that includes a side lite frame, and Door Option 3 adds a full lite to the existing door and replaces the existing frame with one that includes a side lite frame.
- Provided a new Work Area for the copier, layouts, and office supply storage. The new Work Area doubles as a new corridor to connect the offices.
- Provided an enclosed space with more privacy for the office manager but still allows for visibility and interaction with guests.
- Two new Offices where the kitchenette is currently located.
- Reorganized the "CAD" offices into two separate Offices.
- Provided in-suite Storage Space
- Created a new Kitchenette with more seating capacity, lounge space, with the ability to double as break out space for internal collaboration. Access to under roof outdoor space is possible through to the Kitchenette egress door.

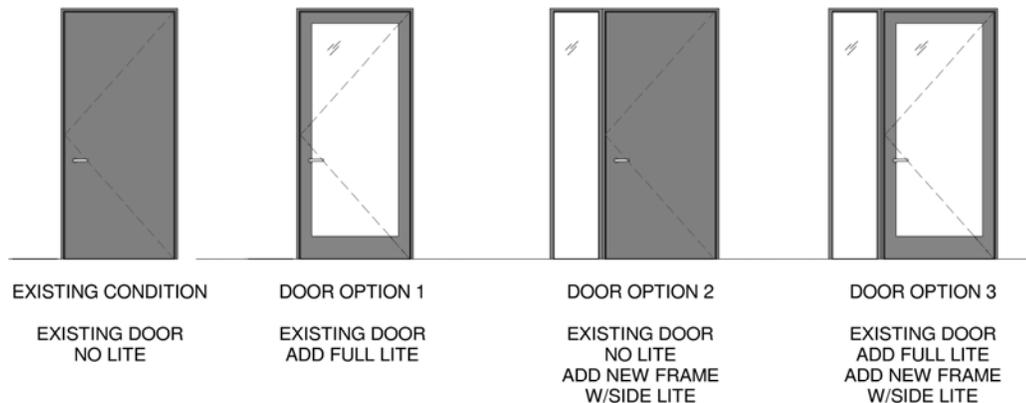


Figure 11 – DOOR OPTIONS

Option 1



Figure 12 – OPTION 1

Option 1 (Figure 12) provides a floor plan that closest resembles the existing floor plan with an additional corridor bisecting the central office space. The new Kitchenette provides a galley style kitchen utilizing the existing plumbing location, full sized fridge, and ample space for tables and seating. The Storage Space should be adequate to house existing storage.

Option 2



Figure 13 – OPTION 2

Option 2 (Figure 13) eliminates one hallway from the existing floor plan with an additional corridor bisecting the central office spaces. The new Kitchenette provides a galley style kitchen utilizing the existing plumbing location, full sized fridge, and a dining space slightly removed from the food prep area. The Storage Space may not be adequate to house existing storage without thorough reorganization.

Option 3



Figure 14 – OPTION 3

Option 3 (Figure 14) only investigates the new Kitchenette and Storage Space, the remainder of the floor plan matches Option 1. The new Kitchenette provides a galley style kitchen that would require plumbing modifications to the space, full sized fridge, and ample space for tables and seating. This layout does not eliminate the existing double doors from the space. The Storage Space should be adequate to house existing storage.

ESTIMATED COST

NRV Regional Commission Offices: [REDACTED]

The estimated construction cost for the mechanical systems is: [REDACTED]

The estimated construction cost for the electrical systems is: [REDACTED]

The estimated construction cost for the architectural work is: [REDACTED]

Estimated cost based on historical data from experience with similar projects in the area and R.S. Means.

OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

The existing 3,325 square feet of office space does not have the needed square footage to accommodate NRV Regional Commission’s desired renovations. However, it is possible, within the existing suite, if adjacent space within the New River Valley Business Center is acquired and folded into the existing suite. Connecting adjacent space internally to the existing suite allows the existing floor layout to be modified, offices added in-suite, the work area to be streamlined, and a new meeting space to be added.

Originally built in 2000 without any major renovations, the NRV Regional Commission Offices are in need of renovations and to provide desired alterations to the space. In general, the space is in fairly good condition given the age and use. This study identifies and provides general recommendations to existing elements of NRV Regional Commission’s Offices and the surrounding spaces required for the renovation.

The proposed schemes were developed to better facilitate and determine how the space can move toward a more connected office by creating new spaces for meeting and collaborating while maintaining the privacy and quiet needed for personal offices.





February 20, 2019

Executive Director's Report

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Economic Development:

- Congratulations to the towns of Pearisburg and Rich Creek on receiving significant Community Development Block Grants for the revitalization of their downtowns. The towns will be receiving just under \$700,000 each for building façade improvements and other critical infrastructure. The Commission staff has worked with both towns over several years through planning phases to identify the needs and prepare grant applications.
- Staff is working with Montgomery County and the City of Radford on a broadband planning grant through the Dept of Housing and Community Development. The Commission is finalizing a RFP for consulting services to develop broadband plans for both communities. Pulaski, Giles and Floyd counties all have recent plans or working closely with a provider to extend networks.

Transportation:

- The I-81 improvement plan continues to be a focal point for the 2019 General Assembly session. It appeared a study committee may be tasked with making a recommendation prior to mid-December, 2019. Per bill language, each PDC along I-81 would have representation on the committee along with state legislators and VDOT reps.
- VDOT released the ranking of Smart Scale projects submitted in late 2018 and no projects in the New River Valley were identified for funding. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is meeting on February 20th to make final decisions on funding allocations.

Regional:

- The Regional Commission is coordinating an Opportunity Zones workshop on February 28th afternoon. VA Dept of Housing and Community Development staff will deliver presentations on the program and there will be a presentation that evening to the Commission.
- The NRV Livability in Action Regional Exchange will take place on March 7th at the German Club in Blacksburg. This will be the 5th year the Commission has co-hosted this event with the Community Foundation of the NRV. Over 155 attendees are registered so far!

Commission:

- Interviews for the vacant regional planner position will take place on March 8th. The position advertisement was re-designed by staff to include community designer skill sets which Michael Gottfredson brought to the role and helped expand our service offerings.
- The office space redesign report was recently completed by Colley Architects. The report is attached to the Director's Report for your review. A discussion of this topic will be held under the Chair's Report at the February meeting. It is important to note, staff was involved with this initiative through a survey process, review of schematic plans and review of this report. The estimated dollar amounts for improvements are redacted in the report in the event the Commission decides to procure services in the future to make necessary renovations.
- The Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions is also celebrating their 50th anniversary this year. Attached is a handout we distributed while in Richmond for our Winter Conference held in conjunction with the Virginia Association of Counties.
- The Commission Awards are open for nominations until March 19th! [Champion of the Valley](#) (elected/appointed official), [Citizen of the Valley](#), [Friend of the Valley](#) (click link to nominate)

Virginia's Planning District Commissions and Regional Councils

Accomack-Northampton Planning District Commission, Website: www.a-npdc.org

Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission, Website: www.cspdc.org

Commonwealth Regional Council, Website: www.virginiashearthland.org

Crater Planning District Commission, Website: www.craterpdc.org

Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission, Website: www.cppdc.org

LENOWISCO Planning District Commission, Website: www.lenowisco.org

George Washington Regional Commission, Website: www.gwregion.org

Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, Website: www.hrpdcva.gov

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission, Website: www.mppdc.com

Mount Rogers Planning District Commission, Website: www.mrpdc.org

New River Valley Regional Commission, Website: www.nrvrc.org

Northern Neck Planning District Commission, Website: www.nnpdc.org

Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission, Website: www.nsvregion.org

Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Website: www.novaregion.org

Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission, Website: www.rrregion.org

Richmond Regional Planning District Commission, Website: www.richmondregional.org

Region 2000 Local Government Council, Website: www.region2000.org

Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, Website: www.rvarc.org

Southside Planning District Commission, Website: www.southsidepdc.org

Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission, Website: www.tjpd.com

West Piedmont Planning District Commission, Website: www.wppdc.org



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Celebrating 50 Years of Regional Collaboration

In the coming year, the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) will be celebrating 50 years since the formation of the first Planning District Commissions (PDCs) in the state. The Virginia General Assembly created the statutory framework for the creation of PDCs in 1968 through the passage of the Virginia Area Development Act, and over the course of the following year, regional boundary lines were established and 18 of the initial 22 commissions were established.

Now 21 in number, PDCs serve every region of the state as voluntary associations of local governments that bring



together local elected and appointed officials, and citizens, to facilitate regional solutions to community and state issues, as well as to provide technical and programmatic assistance to their members governments. PDCs benefit the Commonwealth of Virginia by 1) serving as a comprehensive statewide network that achieve economies of scale through regional approaches; 2) partnering with state agencies to accomplish state projects, thereby reducing the need for additional state personnel; and 3) leverage state funds to deliver essential services in communities across the Commonwealth.

The importance of regionalism in Virginia continues to grow. Most recently, the state enacted the *GO Virginia* initiative to grow and diversify the economy of each regions. PDCs were requested to craft boundaries for the nine *GO Virginia* regions, and in most cases, they remain

integral participants of the enacted regional councils. Several years ago, a Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission study on local collaboration focused on how the Commonwealth could help greater levels of regional cooperation among counties, cities and towns in K-12 education, public safety, public utilities and procurement.

Services to Local Member Governments

Virginia's PDCs are continually expanding the types of services they provide to their member governments. Some PDCs provide economic development activities to their members, while others have taken on a significant role in transportation planning and tourism development. More recently, many PDCs have been heavily involved in promoting expansion of highspeed broadband in both urban and rural communities. They also have worked with both state and federal agencies to obtain grants to help ensure that counties, cities and towns are ready for the new economy of the 21st century.



No doubt, the work of PDCs will continue to evolve as new demands are placed on state and local governments to do more with less. Regional cooperative activities that create efficiencies will help governments to continue to provide needed services, while keeping costs reasonable. PDCs are committed to promoting opportunities for regional collaboration and expanding the types of services they provide to their member governments.

The Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC) was established in 1987 to promote coordination and cooperation among the PDCs to heighten their effectiveness and efficiency; provide mutual assistance and the exchange of ideas; and promote understanding for how PDCs can help save their regions and the Commonwealth time and money.

Recognizing Regional Partners

Over the years, the VAPDC has recognized individuals that have been involved in, provided leadership for, and made outstanding contributions to, promoting planning district commissions and regional planning/regionalism. Regional entities that have initiated or built upon an innovative regional approach or activity that has contributed to regional cooperation also have been recognized. Six years ago, the VAPDC also began honoring a Legislator of the Year to recognize a lawmaker who has provided leadership or has contributed significantly to promoting regional planning and the planning district commissions. Previous winners are as follows: 2018 U.S. Senator Mark Warner; 2017 Senator Frank Ruff; 2016 Delegate Keith Hodges; 2015 Delegate Steve Landes; 2014 Senator Janet Howell; and 2013 Delegate Kirk Cox.





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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director
Date: February 21, 2019
Re: Opportunity Zone Program Overview

At the February Regional Commission meeting there will be a presentation by Kristen Dahlman, Senior Policy Analyst with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) on the new federal Opportunity Zone Program. Ms. Dahlman's presentation will be following a half-day workshop held earlier in the day at the Montgomery County Government Center with invitees including local government leadership, economic developers, bankers, investors, and developers. Information about the Opportunity Zone program found on the DHCD website is below.

The Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 included provisions for a new revitalization tool, the Opportunity Zone and Opportunity Fund. Broadly speaking, the Zones and Funds will allow investors to receive tax benefits on currently unrealized capital gains by investing those gains in qualified census tracts (Opportunity Zones).

The US Department of Treasury has officially designated 212 Qualified Opportunity Zones. Governor Northam was allowed to submit 212 nominations out of the 901 eligible low-income tracts in the Commonwealth in April, which represents the maximum number of zones the Governor was able to nominate under the new federal tax tool that targets low-income census tracts.

The nominations were based on the best available criteria and input to ensure fairness across the state and among rural, urban and suburban localities. The process gave priority to input received from localities in order to recognize the needs and opportunities at the level of government closest to the investors and residents. In addition, statewide strategic criteria ensured factors evaluating those census tracts in most need and with the most likelihood of future investment were balanced. The final designated Opportunity Zones also reflect proportionality at the GO Virginia region, Economic Development sub-region and the locality level.

An interactive map of the Opportunity Zones in Virginia can be found at this [link](#)

A PowerPoint presentation on Opportunity Zones can be found at this [link](#)



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director
Date: February 21, 2019
Re: NRV Passenger Rail Initiative Update

At the February Regional Commission meeting there will be a presentation by Elijah Sharp, Deputy Executive Director, on the progress to date on reintroduction of passenger rail service to the New River Valley. The presentation will focus on the most recently completed study for the Ownership and Operations of a passenger rail station in the region. There will also be a discussion on next steps.



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To: Regional Commission Board Members

From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

Date: February 19, 2019

Re: Setting 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Priorities

Each year the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) asks the Regional Commission to assist with identifying CDBG priorities for the region. The Block Grant Priorities for 2018 are listed in the left column and suggestions for 2019 priorities based on identified projects are listed in the right column. No changes are recommended for 2019. Also, DHCD requested a list of grant proposals which may be submitted by localities in the region for 2019. Projects which staff is aware of are listed below; if you know more please share those at the meeting. (Attached is a coordination memo with local governments on this topic.)

2018 Priorities

Priority #1

Community Service Facility (Utilities)
Economic Devel-Business District Revitalization
Housing – Housing Rehabilitation

Priority #2

Community Facility (Physical Structure)
Comprehensive Community Development
Economic Development- Development Readiness

Priority #3

Economic Development- Job Creation and Retention
Housing- Housing Production Assistance
Development- Site Redevelopment

2019 Suggested Priorities

Priority #1

Community Service Facility (Utilities)
Economic Devel-Business District Revitalization
Comprehensive Community Development

Priority #2

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Known potential projects are as follows:

Construction:

Kersey Bottom/Case Knife Housing – Pulaski Twn
Downtown Revitalization – Narrows
Downtown Revitalization – Pulaski Town
Prices Fork School Reuse – Montgomery Co
Skyview Subdivision Sewer – Pulaski County
Price’s Fork Connection to Rt. 114 – Montgomery Co (water)
Walton Road to Plum Creek from Rt. 114 – Mont Co (water)
Lafayette – Montgomery Co (water)
Belview – Montgomery Co (water)

Planning:

Rich Creek Comm. Bldg Revital. –Rich Cree
Rt. 99 Utility Service – Pulaski Twn/Co
Economic Assessment Planning – Floyd Co
Town Park Development – Glen Lyn
Rt. 177/Tyler Av. Utilities – Mont. Co.
Elliston Revital. (Brake Road) – Mont. Co.
Community Center Rehab - Pearisburg
Last-mile Fiber – Pulaski Twn
Comprehensive Community Devel - Pembroke

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Counties

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Montgomery | Pulaski
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