



Agenda
March 27, 2025
6:00 p.m.— Pulaski County Innovation Center, Fairlawn, VA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Minutes for February
 - B. [Approval of Treasurer's Report for February](#)
- III. **COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
 - A. Projects Signed-off by the staff
 - None
 - B. Regular Project Review
 - 1. [Radford University Softball Field Turf and Scoreboard Replacement Project](#)
- 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. [Economic Development Program Update](#)
 - Leo Priddy, Economic Development Planning Specialist
 - Commission Discussion
 - B. [Tech Hubs Program Update](#)
 - Emma Carroll, Regional Innovation Officer
 - Commission Discussion
 - C. Next Meeting: April 24th

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: March 19, 2025

Re: February 2025 Financial Statements

The February 2025 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 FY24-25 budget adopted by the Commission at the June 27, 2024 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 February 2025 (67% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 46% and expenses are 43% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 61% and 68%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$966,055. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$342,358 (35%) and current. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$363,471) represent in process projects that have not been invoiced and posted to receivables.

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New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
2/28/2025

<u>Assets:</u>		Prior Month	Current Month
	Operating Account	48,371	7,801
	First Bank & Trust - Bland/Montgomery Broadband	803,691	805,802
	First Bank & Trust - Pulaski County Broadband	1,733,380	1,737,835
	First Bank & Trust - Office Building Financing	1,283,345	1,287,047
	First Bank & Trust - Regional Housing Fund	424,669	471,240
	First Bank & Trust - Money Market	118,123	118,463
	US Bank - Bond Proceeds	55,902	56,098
	Accounts Receivable	1,105,660	966,055
	Utility Deposits	3,307	3,307
	Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	33,457	32,886
	Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	74,824	75,506
	Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
	Office Building	2,013,762	2,013,762
	Total Assets:	<u>7,730,856</u>	<u>7,608,167</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>	Accounts Payable	405,760	353,164
	Accrued Annual Leave	120,159	120,159
	Accrued Unemployment	36,242	37,300
	Expense Reimbursement	3,573	2,977
	Funds on Hand - Montgomery County Broadband	704,538	704,538
	Funds on Hand - Pulaski County Broadband	1,647,986	1,647,986
	Funds on Hand - Regional Housing Fund	424,669	471,240
	Loan Payable	1,945,000	1,945,000
	Bond Premium	169,220	169,220
	Total Liabilities:	<u>5,457,146</u>	<u>5,451,584</u>
<u>Projects:</u>	Net Projects	(271,811)	(363,471)
(Equity Accounts)	Current Year Unrestricted	195,209	160,819
	Office Building Project	1,317,081	1,320,783
	Unrestricted Net Assets	913,441	913,441
	Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	107,467	107,467
	Total Projects (Equity)	<u>2,261,387</u>	<u>2,139,039</u>
	Total Liabilities and Projects	<u>7,718,533</u>	<u>7,590,623</u>
	Net Difference to be Reconciled	<u>12,323</u>	<u>17,543</u>
	Total Adjustments to Post*	12,323	17,543
	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 - February 2025**

FY24-25 Budget		(67% of FY)			
		February 2025	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues					
	Budget				
ARC Annual Admin Grant	89,160	0	44,580	44,580	50.00%
ARC PemTel Painters School Road Broadband	0	0	4,316	(4,316)	0.00%
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	35,000	0	0	35,000	0.00%
ARC LDD READY Appalachia	35,319	0	27,775	7,544	78.64%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	20,000	0	0	20,000	0.00%
ARC Broadband Bland	449,764	0	0	449,764	0.00%
VATI/ARC Digital Opportunity Grant	75,000	0	0	75,000	0.00%
Local Assessment	241,429	0	241,429	0	100.00%
Office Project Member Contributions	0	0	1,307,527	(1,307,527)	0.00%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	114,971	0	86,228	28,743	75.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	31,462,712	0	12,727,969	18,734,743	40.45%
DHCD VATI 2022 VMRI	0	248,462	248,462	(248,462)	0.00%
DHCD Regional Digital Opportunity	75,000	14,019	14,019	60,981	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	93,884	(370)	32,018	61,866	34.10%
EDA	70,000	0	35,000	35,000	50.00%
EDA Tech Hub	168,000	0	127,113	40,887	75.66%
Go Virginia Scale Up	6,550	0	62,581	(56,031)	955.43%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	0	56,250	18,750	75.00%
Workforce Power Fiscal Agent	15,000	0	15,000	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Fiscal Agent	12,500	0	12,500	0	100.00%
Workforce Ready SWVA Fiscal agent	5,500	0	10,500	(5,000)	190.91%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	25,000	0	25,000	0	100.00%
Workforce WIOA Soft Skills Fiscal Agent	1,500	0	1,500	0	100.00%
Workforce WIOA Supplemental Fiscal Agent	1,500	0	1,500	0	100.00%
Workforce WIOA Technical Skills Fiscal Agent	2,000	0	2,000	0	100.00%
Workforce Trades Gap Fiscal Agent	25,000	0	25,000	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Build Your Career Fiscal Ager	20,000	0	25,000	(5,000)	125.00%
VDOT	58,000	0	32,517	25,483	56.06%
Floyd County	79,000	4,026	46,256	32,744	58.55%
Floyd Town	15,000	0	9,495	5,505	63.30%
Giles County	27,000	3,815	7,229	19,771	26.78%
Giles County Broadband	30,000	0	0	30,000	0.00%
Narrows Town	37,500	2,653	14,098	23,402	37.59%
Pearisburg Town	10,000	0	16,047	(6,047)	160.47%
Montgomery County VATI 2021	2,000	0	508	1,492	25.39%
Montgomery County VATI 2022	2,660,859	0	1,179,967	1,480,892	44.35%
Montgomery County Opiod Abatement	720,000	66,097	381,555	338,445	52.99%
Blacksburg Town	18,000	3,000	12,000	6,000	66.67%
Christiansburg Town	42,157	3,786	17,913	24,244	42.49%
Pulaski County	10,000	2,332	6,663	3,337	66.63%
Pulaski County VATI	966,429	0	352,014	614,415	36.42%
Pulaski Town	30,000	0	0	30,000	0.00%
Radford City	21,299	1,069	14,780	6,518	69.40%
MM Interest	4,500	341	3,336	1,164	74.13%
Interest Income - VATI	150,000	10,463	111,756	38,244	74.50%
Miscellaneous Income	0	5,000	6,048	(6,048)	0.00%
Virginia's First	16,080	2,500	10,000	6,080	62.19%
NRV MPO	108,216	0	28,261	79,955	26.12%
Pembroke	5,016	0	730	4,287	14.55%
Dept of Environmental Quality	65,750	0	8,232	57,518	12.52%
VHDA	54,375	0	32,797	21,578	60.32%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	11,500	0	11,400	100	99.13%
Virginia Recycling Association	15,000	0	11,250	3,750	75.00%
VDH New River Health District	125,000	0	99,524	25,476	79.62%
Pemtel	0	0	5,250	(5,250)	0.00%
RVARC	0	0	2,806	(2,806)	0.00%
Regional Housing Trust Fund	50,000	6,346	25,389	24,611	0.00%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	76,500	14,932	68,808	7,692	89.95%
New River Conservancy	45,000	4,331	4,331	40,669	9.62%
Revolving Loan - Interest	1,400	113	945	455	67.49%
Sub Total Revenues	38,575,370	392,915	17,655,173	20,920,197	45.77%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,757,236	136,088	1,075,101	682,135	61.18%
Fringe Benefits	495,526	42,053	334,927	160,599	67.59%
Travel	46,239	6,988	22,145	24,094	47.89%
Office Space	69,000	6,424	46,516	22,484	67.41%
Utilities	0	1,438	2,835	(2,835)	0.00%
Communications	21,000	2,078	15,631	5,369	74.43%
Office Supplies	126,278	463	48,176	78,102	38.15%
Postage	1,300	81	1,179	121	90.69%
Printing	8,000	0	7,920	80	99.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,400	169	1,000	400	71.43%
Outreach/Media Adv	18,001	526	18,027	(26)	100.15%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	1,787	1,213	59.57%
Fleet Vehicles	1,600	19	950	650	59.35%
Dues/Publications	19,955	104	15,111	4,844	75.73%
Training/Staff Development	49,500	5,225	32,074	17,426	64.80%
Insurance	5,000	0	3,851	1,149	77.02%
Meeting Costs	24,150	644	14,295	9,855	59.19%
Capital Outlay	50,000	0	0	50,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	35,740,330	272,701	14,683,482	21,056,848	41.08%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	56,150	39,770	87,982	(31,832)	156.69%
Miscellaneous/Fees	6,705	266	2,150	4,556	32.06%
Reimbursed Expenses	0	0	73	(73)	0.00%
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	121,831	(121,831)	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	38,500,370	515,261	16,537,042	22,085,159	42.95%
NRVRC Balance	75,000	(122,346)	1,118,131		

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
Revenue and Expenditures - February 2025

NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues				(67% of FY)	
		February 2025	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
Workforce Development Area	4,294,437	156,459	1,621,238	2,673,199	37.75%
Sub Total Revenues		156,459	1,621,238	2,673,199	
Expenses					
Salaries	766,620	77,270	615,445	151,175	80.28%
Fringe Benefits	275,983	25,490	201,412	74,571	72.98%
Travel	45,000	3,157	30,406	14,594	67.57%
Office Space	26,000	1,943	37,843	(11,843)	145.55%
Communications	16,000	2,714	19,776	(3,776)	123.60%
Office Supplies	34,000	3,349	19,011	14,989	55.92%
Postage	250	0	6	244	2.45%
Printing	2,000	0	0	2,000	0.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	5,500	0	165	5,335	3.00%
Outreach/Media Adv	88,000	1,031	10,591	77,409	12.04%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	354	1,286	414	75.64%
Dues/Publications	8,000	0	1,570	6,430	19.63%
Training/Staff Development	12,000	1,200	21,201	(9,201)	176.68%
Insurance	5,000	525	4,314	686	86.28%
Meeting Costs	61,000	370	9,054	51,946	14.84%
Contractual Services	2,898,794	39,057	649,098	2,249,696	22.39%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	12,200	0	59	12,141	0.48%
Miscellaneous/Fees	36,390	0	0	36,390	0.00%
Reimbursed Expenses	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	4,294,437	156,459	1,621,238	2,673,199	37.75%
NR/MR WDB Balance	0	0	0		

Total Agency R&E		February 2025	YTD	
Anticipated Revenue	42,869,807	549,373	19,276,411	44.97%
Anticipated Expense	42,794,807	671,720	18,158,280	42.43%
Balance		(122,346)	1,118,131	



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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 Projects, Item #1

CIRP Review

March 17, 2025

PROJECT: Radford University Softball Field Turf and Scoreboard Replacement Project

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Environmental Quality

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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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Review Agency Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (State Agency Code 440)

Project Radford University Softball Field Turf Replacement Project

Proponent Agency Radford University (State Agency Code 217)

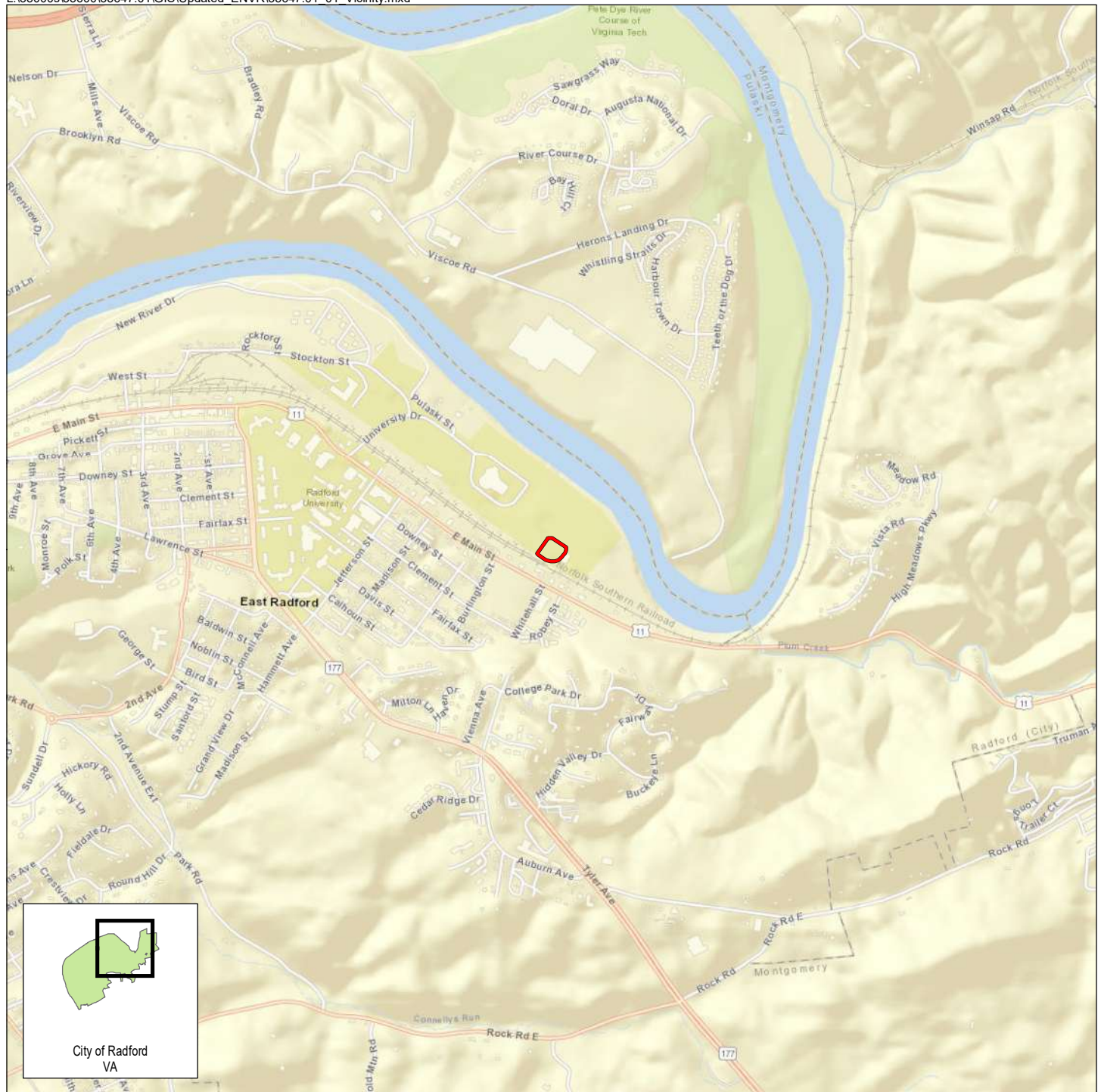
Agency Contact Richard Farthing
Radford University
Director, Capital Planning and Construction
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1.1 Purpose of the Environmental Impact Report

This Environmental Impact Report (EIR) assesses the environmental consequences associated with installing synthetic turf and a new video scoreboard at Radford University's (RU) softball field on the RU Central Campus in the city of Radford, Virginia. Since the cost of this state project would exceed \$500,000, the Proposed Action is classified as a "major State project." Therefore, an EIR is required under Code of Virginia §10.1-1188. This EIR was prepared in accordance with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) *Procedure Manual - Environmental Impact Review of Major State Facilities* (DEQ 2021).

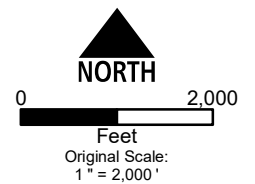
The project vicinity is shown on **Exhibit 1**, a topographic map is shown on **Exhibit 2**, and an aerial photograph showing the softball field and other campus facilities near the project site is provided as **Exhibit 3**. Exhibits are provided in **Appendix A**.

Section 1.0 of the EIR provides background information and context for the Proposed Action. Alternatives to the Proposed Action are described in **Section 2.0**. The existing resource conditions in the project area (affected environment) and potential impacts of the Proposed Action are described in **Sections 3.0** and **4.0**, respectively. Additional supporting information is presented in the appendices.

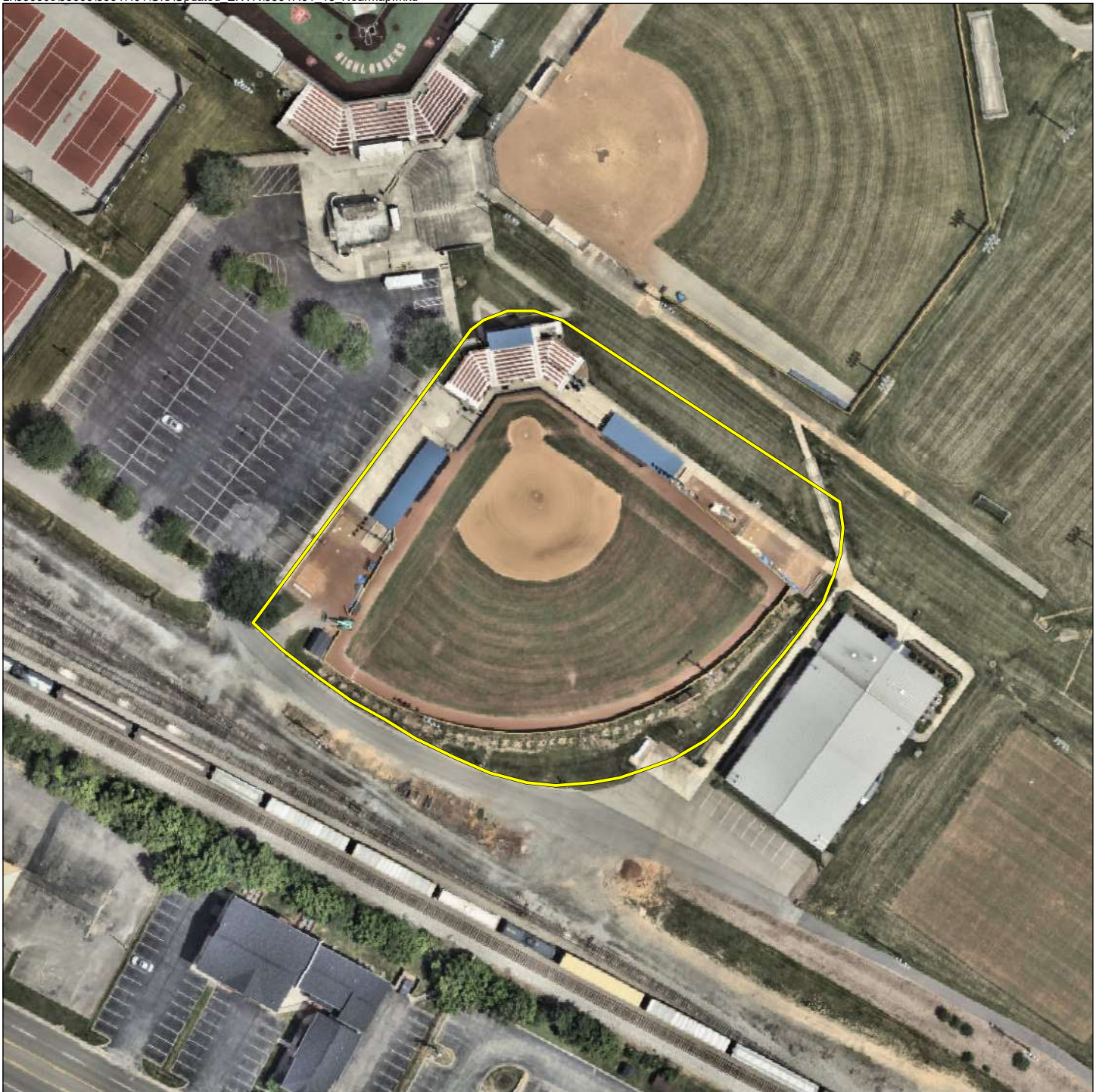


Site (±1.9 acres)

**Vicinity Map
RU Softball EIR
WSSI #35647.01**

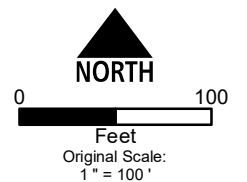


Source: World Street Map - ESRI



 Site

**June 2024 Natural Color Imagery
RU Softball EIR
WSSI #35647.01**



Source: Nearmap®

Exhibit 3



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March 21, 2025

Executive Director's Report

Economic Development:

- The NRV Recovery Ecosystem facilitated two input meetings this month with partner organizations and local government leadership in crafting the FY26 proposal to the Opioid Abatement Authority. There are 11 partner organizations identified to deliver services in the proposal with focus on expanded transportation services, implementation of peer recovery centers, additional prevention and treatment programming, and resources for emergency housing assistance.
- Broadband: The NRVRC is kicking-off the Digital Opportunities planning process to assist all four counties and the city in identifying strategies for residents and businesses to maximize the use of increased internet capacity. A regional meeting will be held later in spring with a wide audience to discuss strategies and formulate an action plan. Once the plan is developed over the next seven to eight months, communities will be able to make applications for implementation funds through the BEAD program.
- The Montgomery/Bland County VATI projects resumed regular construction in late February/early March after the winter weather passed. All Points Broadband in Pulaski County is working hard with AEP to get the make-ready work completed; however, AEP may need to bring on another vendor to support the workflow in order to get enough poles released to construction. All Points Broadband has submitted permits for two railroad crossings and cabinet leasing with a back-haul provider is complete.
- The Virginia AM2 Tech Hub will be featured at the Commission meeting this month. Information will be shared on the purpose of the program, progress made to date, and next steps such as a fall conference to be held in the New River Valley focused on the Tech Hub.
- The Regional Commission's role in economic development will also be featured at the meeting this month. Programs such as the Regional Economic Strategy, Revolving Loan Fund, water and sewer expansions, and technical assistance will be highlighted.

Transportation:

- The Virginia Passenger Rail Authority (VPRA) groundbreaking event for the New River Valley project in Cambria was rescheduled from 3/20 to April 24th at 10:30am due to the Governor being able to attend. The NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority will not meet as a full board in March and April. The board is anticipated to the May 22nd meeting will be held as scheduled.
- Later this spring the Regional Commission will be performing a Park and Ride Lot Count and Conditions Assessment in partnership with VDOT. This activity is supported by the Rural Transportation Work Program and provides valuable information for managing the commuter infrastructure around the region. Assessment information will be shared at a future meeting of the Regional Commission.

Housing:

- Virginia Housing recently opened up a second round of funding for Planning District Commission (PDC) housing projects. The first round provided each PDC with funds based on

population which helped the NRV establishing the Regional Housing Fund and invest in the Claremont School and Legacy projects. The second round is a competitive program statewide with overall less funding in the program. The Regional Commission submitted a proposal that included four concept projects from around the region. The proposal did not need to have definitive projects scoped at this time due to the quick turn around. This will allow the local projects more time to define their specific program while Virginia Housing is evaluating the proposals based on potential impact of the proposals in each region.

Natural Resources:

- Following the Water Supply Planning kick-off meetings held in February, two counties submitted requests to the VA Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to change their respective Regional Planning Unit geography. Floyd County requested to be moved into New River 1 to join Montgomery, Pulaski, Giles counties and the City of Radford. Bland County requested to be moved from New River 1 (group listed above) and into New River 2 which contains the counties of their planning district geography in Mount Rogers area. A grant to support the development of the Water Supply Plan is due to DEQ by 3/31 and will be submitted by the Regional Commission.
- The 2025 Ramps 'n Roads volunteer clean-up event for the New River along shorelines and boat launches in Giles County will take place on April 5th at 8:30am. More information is at www.renewthenew.org

Regional:

- The Regional Commission continues to support communities impacted by Hurricane Helene. The Commonwealth recently announced two Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) opportunities for communities impacted by the storm. One program is under the Urgent Need category and has \$5.0M available for impacted communities. Several NRV communities are holding the required public hearings so they will be able to submit smaller-scale projects. The second program is part of the federal disaster appropriation which is \$47M in CDBG funds through the Disaster Recovery program. Of this amount, 80% must be spent within Washington and Giles counties due to evaluation of impacts. A public input meeting was held on 3/19 in Giles County to discuss the program and eligible projects. The Regional Commission will support Giles County in developing projects to implement the funding as well as assisting other communities in accessing the 20% not reserved for Washington and Giles counties.

Commission:

- For the new office location, the architecture/engineering team is finalizing bid documents in the coming weeks that will be sent to the Town of Christiansburg for review before they can be released for the RFP process. The US Economic Development Administration has indicated an interest in funding the pre-construction portion of the project which will offset the local cost to deliver the A/E drawings. Hopefully a grant agreement will be in place soon so current/future A/E expenses can be covered by the EDA.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Commission Board Members
From: Leo Priddy, Economic Development Planning Specialist
Date: March 19, 2025
Re: Economic Development Administration (EDA) & Regional Support

Each year, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) provides support to the New River Valley Regional Commission (NRVRC) to advance economic development initiatives across the region. This funding enables NRVRC to facilitate long-term planning, support business growth, and pursue projects that strengthen the economic landscape of the New River Valley.

Two areas supported by EDA funding are the Regional Economic Strategy (RES) and the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). These programs allow NRVRC to collaborate with localities, economic development organizations, and business leaders to enhance economic opportunities in the region.

Regional Economic Strategy (RES) Update

The Regional Commission is responsible for preparing and maintaining the Regional Economic Strategy (RES), also known as the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). This planning document informs economic development activities in the region by analyzing economic trends, setting goals and objectives, and identifying priority projects submitted by local governments.

Each year, the RES is updated with significant input from a committee of public and private sector representatives appointed by NRVRC. The Regional Commission reviews and approves the document annually, keeping it responsive to local and regional economic priorities. The RES qualifies the region for funding assistance from the U.S. Department of Commerce-Economic Development Administration (EDA), making it an important tool in securing federal resources for economic development projects. The 2024 Regional Economic Strategy is now available, including an interactive online version with dynamic data and project details.

- [2024 Regional Economic Strategy \(Full Version\)](#)
- [2024 Regional Economic Strategy \(Consumer Version\)](#)
- [Online Interactive RES](#)

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Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Update

The Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) continues to be an important financing tool for local small businesses seeking capital for startup costs, expansions, and capital purchases. The program provides low-interest loans, typically ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000, to businesses that may not have access to traditional financing. NRVRC actively seeks new applicants so that funds are utilized to support business retention and growth. Connections with RES committee members, localities, and business support organizations have helped promote the RLF program, generating interest among potential borrowers.

As of February 28, 2025, the RLF has the following balances:

- Loans Receivable: \$32,886.36
- Restricted Cash: \$75,505.80

The RLF committee continues to market the loan program, field inquiries from businesses, and oversee loan approvals to maximize the impact of these funds in the region. For more information on the RLF program, we encourage you to check out the [Revolving Loan Fund Information one-pager](#) and [Revolving Loan Fund Application](#).

Additional EDA-Supported Economic Development Efforts

Beyond the RES and RLF, EDA funding enables NRVRC to pursue strategic initiatives and respond to special requests that improve the economic development landscape in the New River Valley. This includes collaboration with regional partners, industry stakeholders, and local governments to advance economic priorities.

For example, NRVRC is working with Onward NRV on a regional industrial site development strategic planning grant, aimed at identifying and advancing shovel-ready industrial sites to attract manufacturing and technology investment. Other EDA-supported efforts include:

- The Glen Lyn Power Plant Repurposing Project, which received EDA funding for a feasibility study on redevelopment opportunities to attract new industry and investment.
- Participation in the Future of Talent Summit, convening regional leaders to discuss workforce development, recruitment, and retention strategies.
- Assisting Pulaski County with resident surveys to support a Virginia Department of Health grant application for waterline expansion in Hilton Village.
- Responding to local government data requests on labor force participation, employment trends, and workforce availability to support reporting and grant writing.

Next Steps & Looking Ahead

In the coming months, NRVRC will continue to finalize the RES, actively promote the RLF program, and pursue additional funding opportunities to support priority projects. If you have any questions about these initiatives or would like to discuss economic development efforts, please contact me at lpriiddy@nrvc.org.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Emma Carroll, Regional Innovation Officer
Date: March 20, 2025
Re: Additive Manufacturing and Advanced Materials Tech Hub

Virginia's Additive Manufacturing and Advanced Materials (AM2) Tech Hub is a consortium of over 50 industry, higher education, local government, and support organization partners, supporting the growth and adoption of additive manufacturing and advanced materials technologies in the New River Valley-Danville region through lab-to-market commercialization, business scale-up, and talent development.

The leadership team has engaged in direct discussions with business leaders and researchers to pinpoint strategies and opportunities to align their technologies with emerging product markets. Through these discussions and quarterly meetings that incorporate lab tours and industry presentations, the Hub has cultivated a network of engaged members.

Leadership Team

- Kevin Byrd, Executive Director, NRVRC
- Leo Priddy, Economic Development Planning Specialist, NRVRC
- Emma Carroll, Regional Innovation Officer, NRVRC
- Katie Boswell, Executive Director, OnwardNRV
- Linda Green, Executive Director, SVRA
- John Provo, Executive Director, CECE
- Sarah Lyon-Hill, Director of Research Development, CECE
- Dylan Andrews, Economic Development Specialist, CECE
- Chris Williams, LS Randolph Professor and Director of DREAMS Lab, VT COE
- Robert Moore, Professor of Chemistry and Director of MII, VT COE

Strengthening the Region through Collaboration

Counties

Floyd | Giles
Montgomery | Pulaski
City
Radford

Towns

Blacksburg | Christiansburg
Floyd | Narrows | Pearisburg
Pembroke | Pulaski
Rich Creek

Higher Education

Virginia Tech
Radford University
New River Community College

Other key consortium members include industrial partners, such as, Nanci Hardwick with MELD Manufacturing, Vince Hatcher with Hollingsworth & Vose, Alan Pearce with FasTech, Harold Sears with IperionX, Scott Wallace with Corning, and others.

In addition to quarterly meetings and discussions, the Tech Hub has launched a [website](#) to promote its mission and objectives. It also supported a GO Virginia Region 2 grant application for GO TEC, a middle school CTE program, and is currently formulating a 10-year strategic roadmap for initiatives to further establish this region as a center for additive manufacturing and advanced materials technologies.

Looking ahead, the AM2 Tech Hub is organizing an Additive Manufacturing and Advanced Materials conference for the fall. The conference aims to showcase the region's manufacturing capabilities, connect manufacturers and entrepreneurs with regional resources in talent development, business scale-up, technology adoption, and lab-to-market commercialization, and highlight the 10-year roadmap and future steps for the manufacturing ecosystem.