



Agenda  
August 28, 2025  
6:00 p.m.— Pulaski County Innovation Center, Fairlawn, VA

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
- II. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Approval of Minutes for June
  - B. \*Treasurer's Report for June and July will be distributed once the FY25 audit is complete in early September
- III. **COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
  - A. Projects Signed-off by the staff
    - 1. Radford University Utilities Infrastructure Improvements
    - 2. Mountain Lake Lodge Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project
  - B. Regular Project Review
    - 1. Project Introduction Mountain Valley Pipeline Boost 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. **Onward NRV Overview**  
Katie Boswell, Executive Director  
Commission Discussion
  - B. **Regional Economic Strategy Committee for FY26**  
Kevin Byrd, Executive Director  
Commission Action
  - C. **Regional Commission Awards for 2025**  
Commission Action
  - D. Next Meeting: September 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

All meeting materials posted on the Commission website [www.nrvrc.org](http://www.nrvrc.org)

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**N R V R C . O R G**

July 28, 2025

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Valerie A. Fulcher, CAP, OM, Admin/Data Coordinator Senior

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director, NRV Regional Commission

SUBJECT: Regional Clearinghouse Review of:

**Radford University- Utilities Infrastructure Improvements**

**DEQ #25-112S**

This is to advise you that the NRVRC staff has reviewed the environmental impact report by the Department of Environmental Quality.

Staff has reviewed the project and determined it is not in conflict with regional plans, policies and goals.

Should you have any questions concerning the status of this review, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## **Environmental Impact Review**

Radford University Utilities Infrastructure Improvements  
801 E Main Street  
Radford, Virginia



***Prepared For:***

Wiley Wilson  
127 Nationwide Drive  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24502

***Issue Date:*** July 2, 2025

***F&R Project Number:*** 59D-0124



**Environmental Impact Review  
Radford University Utilities Infrastructure Improvements  
801 E Main Street  
Radford, Virginia**

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Froehling & Robertson, Inc. (F&R) has prepared an Environmental Impact Review (EIR) for the Radford University Utilities Infrastructure Improvements project. The Proposed Action includes a new 750-square foot electrical vault in the parking area adjacent to the University Police Station, switch gear installation, combined heat and power integration, sixth distribution loop, loop conductor separation, feeder congestion relief, loop configuration enhancement, elimination of Radford Electric Department overhead infrastructure dependence, and cable replacement.

The purpose of this EIR is to inform Wiley Wilson, oversight agencies, and other decision-makers of potential environmental consequences of the Proposed Action.

The services described herein have been performed in accordance with F&R's Proposal No. 2559-00077 issued February 14, 2025. The EIR was conducted in general accordance with the Procedures Manual for "Environmental Impact Review of Major State Facilities" prepared by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and dated October 2018. The objectives, criteria, and procedures developed by the DEQ discussed within this document are in accordance with Virginia Code §10.1-1188. Five subjects are discussed in this EIR as required:

- The environmental impact of the project including the impact on wildlife habitat and impact on farm and forest lands pursuant to Virginia Code §3.2-204-§3.2-205;
- Adverse effects that cannot be avoided if the project is undertaken;
- Measures proposed to minimize the impact of the project;
- Alternatives to the proposed construction; and
- Irreversible environmental changes which would be involved in the project.

## **2.0 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION, EXISTING CONDITIONS, AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Radford University Utilities Infrastructure Improvements project is being proposed by Radford University. F&R is part of the Wiley Wilson team. The contact person for Wiley Wilson is Kenneth L. Peery II whose contact information follows:





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Project Manager  
Wiley Wilson  
127 Nationwide Drive  
Lynchburg, VA 24502

434.455.3233 | direct  
kpeery@wileywilson.com

The budget for the Proposed Action has been estimated to be \$7,409,400. The project code for the project is 217-18600-001.

## **2.1 Existing Conditions**

The Proposed Action Site currently consists of a portion of the Radford University Campus located in Radford, Virginia. The Radford University Campus is located on an irregular-shaped parcel of land totalling approximately 67.7 acres located in Radford. Site maps can be referenced in Appendix A. The Proposed Action Site for the Radford University project consists of the areas surrounding Allen-Campus Police Department (PD), the Boiler House, Art Annex, Russell Hall, Walker Hall, Washington Hall, Bolling Hall, Moffett Hall, Buchanan Hall, Waldron Hall, Davis Hall, the Artis Center Building, and Covington Hall.

Appendix B includes site photographs which document existing conditions at the Proposed Action Site.

## **2.2 Project Description Overview**

The Proposed Action includes a new 750-square foot electrical vault in the parking area adjacent to the Allen-Campus PD Building (also referred to as the University Police Station), switch gear installation, combined heat and power integration, sixth distribution loop, loop conductor separation, feeder congestion relief, loop configuration enhancement, elimination of Radford Electric Department overhead infrastructure dependence, and cable replacement. The work will be focused underground and tied into the existing infrastructure. Existing manholes and ductbanks will be utilized when possible; however, some earthwork and ground disturbance is required.



### **3.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT**

#### **3.1 Topography, Hydrology, and Geology**

The United States Geological Survey (USGS), Radford South, Virginia Quadrangle(s) 7.5 minute series topographic maps were reviewed during the preparation of this report. These maps were published by the USGS in 2019. According to the contour lines on the topographic map, the Proposed Action Site sits approximately 1,842 feet above mean sea level. The contour lines in the area of the Proposed Action Site indicates the ground surface gradually slopes to the northwest. The USGS topographic map is included in Appendix A.

Stormwater considerations including Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plans will be implemented during construction and as part of the design of the project where warranted.

The Proposed Action Site lies within the Valley and Ridge Physiographic Province of Virginia (Division of Geology and Mineral Resources) and within the Ridge and Valley Eco-region (Level III and IV Eco-regions of EPA Region 3, 2013). According to a USGS document titled Ground-Water Dating to Assess Aquifer Susceptibility, "The Valley and Ridge province consists of a belt of northeastern-southeastern trending ridges and valleys (fig. 3) formed by the differential erosion of a thick sequence of folded and faulted sedimentary rocks (Pettijohn, 1970, p.1). The availability and quality of ground water vary depending on whether flow occurs in fractures, along faults and bedding planes, in colluvium in mountainous areas where sandstones dominate, or in solution channels in the carbonate valleys (karst areas)."

According to the Geologic Map of Virginia, the Proposed Action Site is underlain by the Elbrook Formation. The Elbrook Formation consists of "dolostone and limestone with lesser shale and siltstone. Dolostone, medium-to dark-gray, fine- to medium-grained, laminated to thick-bedded. Limestone, dark-gray, fine-grained, thin- to medium-bedded, with algal structures and sharpstone conglomerate. Shale and siltstone, light- to dark-gray, dolomitic, platy weathering, with minor grayish-red or olive-green shales. Interbedded limestone and dolostone dominate the upper part of the formation; dolomitic siltstone and shale and thin- bedded argillaceous limestone dominate the lower part. The formation ranges between 1500 and 2900 feet in thickness in the southeasternmost exposures but is incomplete elsewhere due to faulting. The Elbrook of northern Virginia is transitional with the Nolichucky and Honaker Formations (locally the limestone facies of the Nolichucky has been differentiated from the Elbrook by Bartlett and Biggs (1980). It is also approximately equivalent to the rock sequence comprised of the Nolichucky and Maryville Formations, the Rogersville Shale, and the Rutledge Formation. Farther southwest the Conasauga Shale is the Elbrook equivalent. The Elbrook appears to be conformable and gradational with the

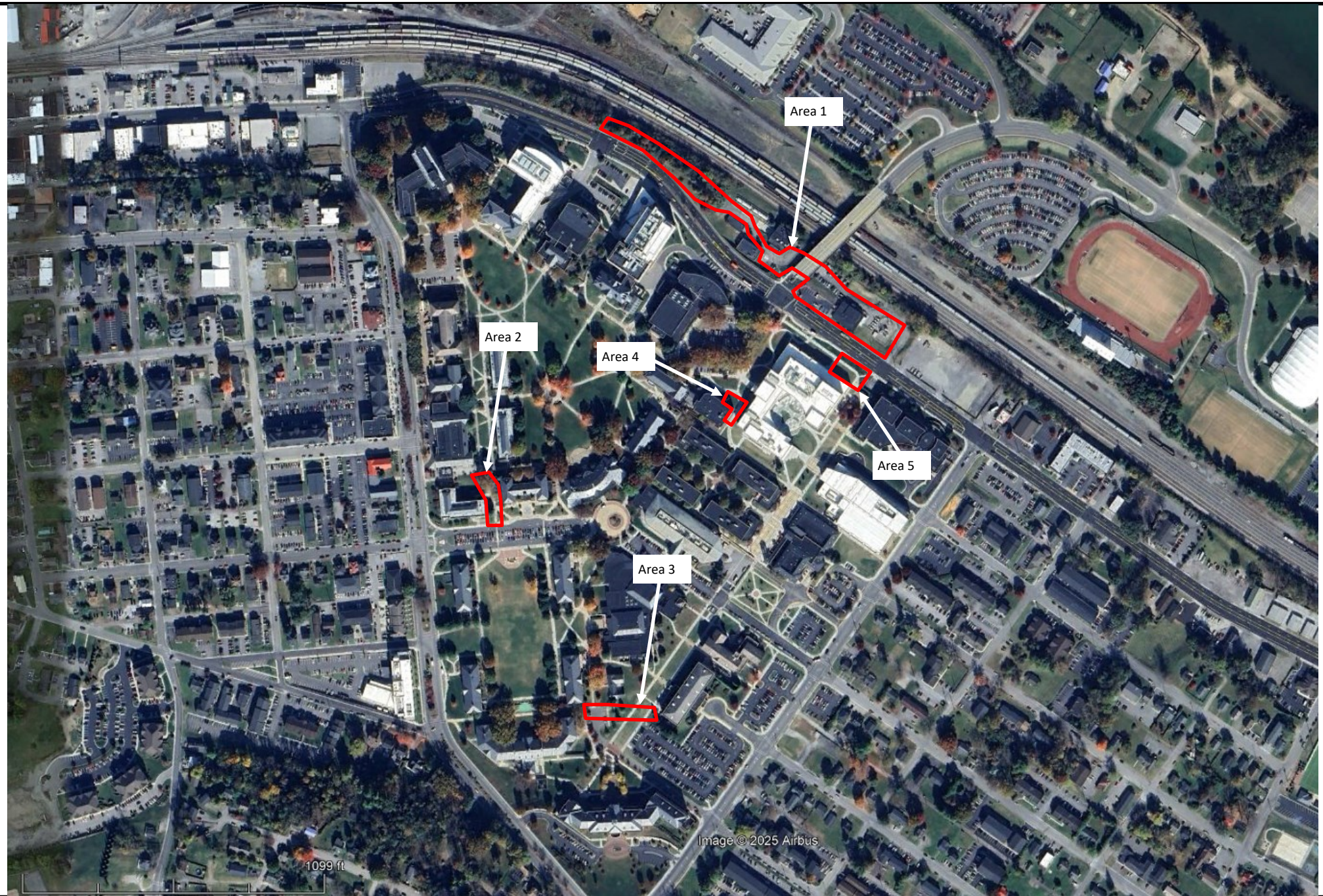




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**Aerial View**  
**Radford University Utilities Infrastructure Improvements**  
**801 E Main Street**  
**Radford, Virginia**  
**DATE:**  
**PROJ. #: 59D-0124**





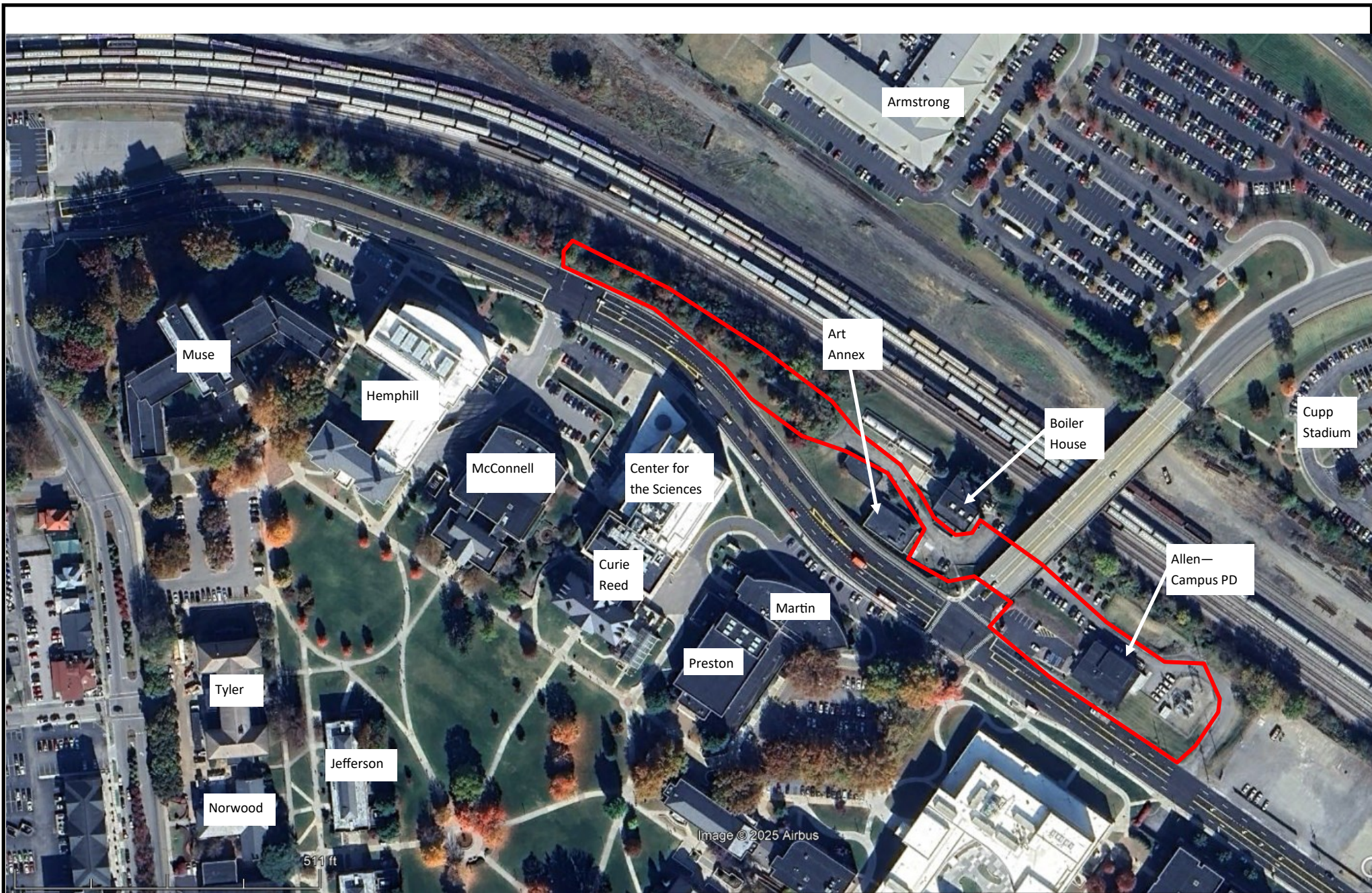
Overall Project Area Map



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| Client:         |  | WileyWilson  |
| Project:        |  | Radford University Utilities Infrastructure Improvements EIR |
| Location:       |  | 801 E. Main Street, Radford, Virginia 24142                  |
| Project Number: |  | 59D-0124   |
| Data Source:    |  | Google Earth   |
| Date:           |  | 2025   |
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|                 |  | FIGURE 1<br>No.:   |





Map of Area 1



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**FIGURE** 2  
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August 11, 2025      **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:**              Elijah Sharp, Deputy Director, NRV Regional Commission  
**FROM:**         Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director, NRV Regional Commission  
**SUBJECT:**      Regional Clearinghouse Review of:

**Mountain Lake Lodge Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project EDA Application**

**VA250811-00300400071**

This is to advise you that the NRVRC staff has reviewed the application by Giles County.

Staff has reviewed the project and determined it is not in conflict with regional plans, policies and goals.

Should you have any questions concerning the status of this review, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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## Mountain Lake Lodge Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project

### A. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed Mountain Lake Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project is aimed at improving extreme weather resiliency in Giles County, Virginia – reinvigorating the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem damaged by back-to-back national and state declared disasters. The proposed improvements will create new access to public wastewater systems for a significant local employer and historical destination of southwest Virginia. While EDA does not require that applicants complete environmental consultations before submitting an initial application, the applicant is currently completing the review process in an expeditious manner.

#### 1. **Beneficiaries**

Project Beneficiary and Financial Partner: Mountain Lake Lodge  
Betty Massey, Executive Director  
Mary Moody Northen Endowment  
2628 Broadway Boulevard  
Galveston, TX 77550  
409-599-0656  
Private investment: \$2,000,000  
Jobs retained: 50

Project Beneficiary and Owner/Operator of Proposed Improvements: Giles County, Virginia  
Chris McKlarney, County Administrator  
315 North Main Street  
Pearisburg, VA 24134  
540-921-2525  
Linear feet of wastewater installed: 20,690

#### 2. **Proposed Construction**

This proposed project will transform the existing sludge holding basin into a wet well equipped with two grinder pumps. The wastewater will then be conveyed in a 4-inch force main/gravity line until reaching the Doe Creek pump station. The pump station is currently tied into the GCPSA's system, and therefore the wastewater will be conveyed by the GCPSA's system to the Town of Pembroke's WWTP for treatment. The preliminary design vision is to provide improved stormwater control around the headworks facilities, have the screened wastewater flow into the existing sludge holding basin (9,000 gallons), and then install two sewage pumps that will ultimately convey the wastewater to the Doe Creek pump station, with one pump designed to handle the entire flow of 48 GPM.

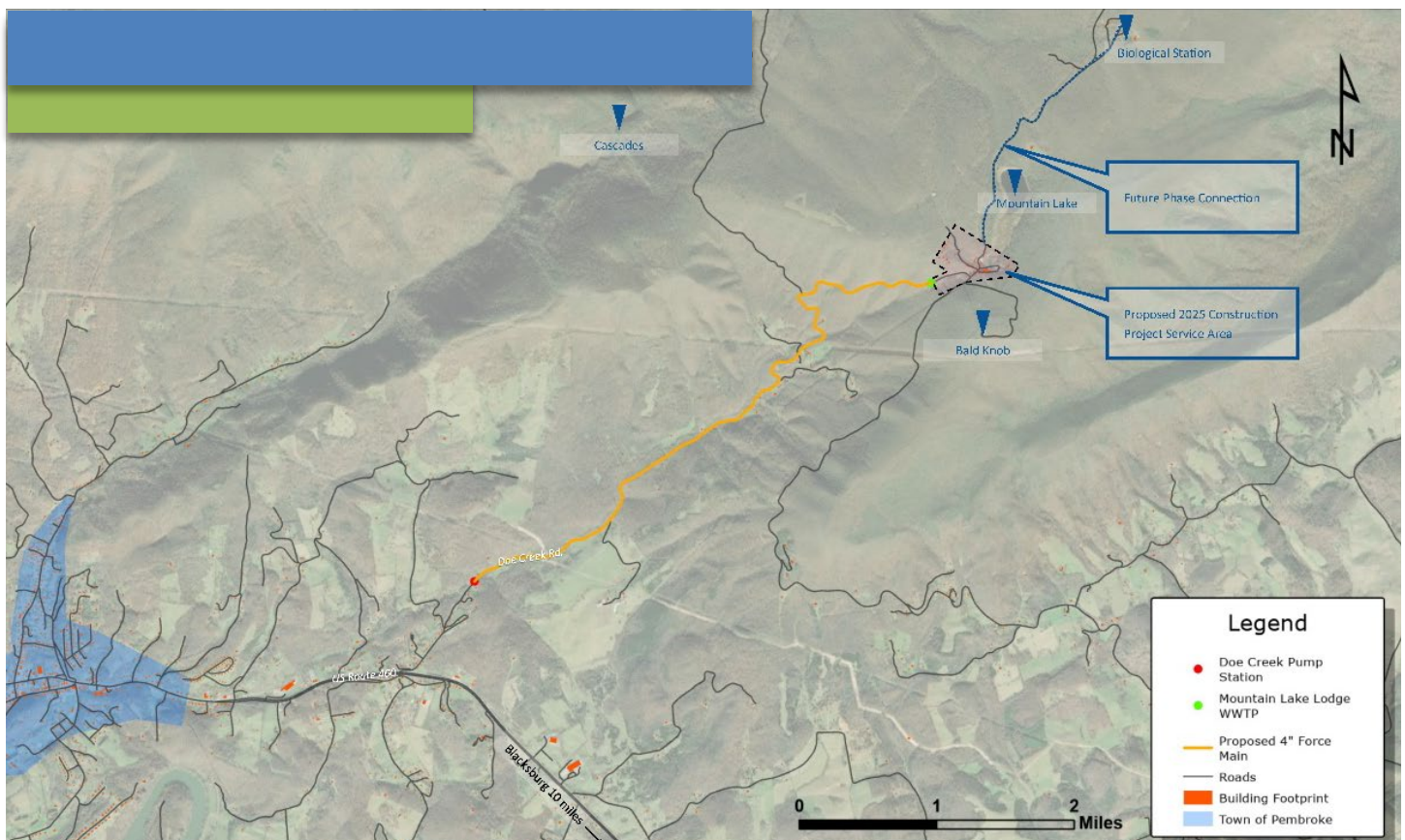
Upon design, should the existing sludge holding basin prove to be too small, the existing equalization tank will be used. Should the existing sludge holding basin prove to be too large, the existing sludge holding basin will be filled in or sectioned off to make the volume smaller. Controls for the grinder pumps will also be installed. At the same time, the Doe Creek pump station's pumps will be upgraded to be able to handle the additional flow of 70,000 gpd. There would be no additional customers that would initially tie into this line other than the Mountain Lake Lodge's facilities.

The elevation difference from the typical water level in the aeration basin to the Doe Creek pump station's wet well level is approximately 3,748 feet to 2,023 feet, or a difference of 1,725 feet. For 48 GPM and a full-flowing 4-inch smooth pipe, the head loss is 38 feet using Manning's equation, which would mean that the slope is steep enough such that gravity flow would take over and "pumping downhill" wouldn't be required. However, this slope is not constant, but gets less steep toward the pump station, and likely some undulations with high points will be encountered.

Therefore, combination air valves will be installed at high points along this force main. Another issue would be the slow velocity (less than 2 feet per second, which is the minimum scour velocity) at some points toward the end (since it's a 4-inch force main and not a 2-inch), and therefore cleanouts will be installed for maintenance in areas where the slopes are likely to cause solids deposition. The Doe Creek pump station's pumps will be upgraded as well. A new generator will be installed at the WWTP.

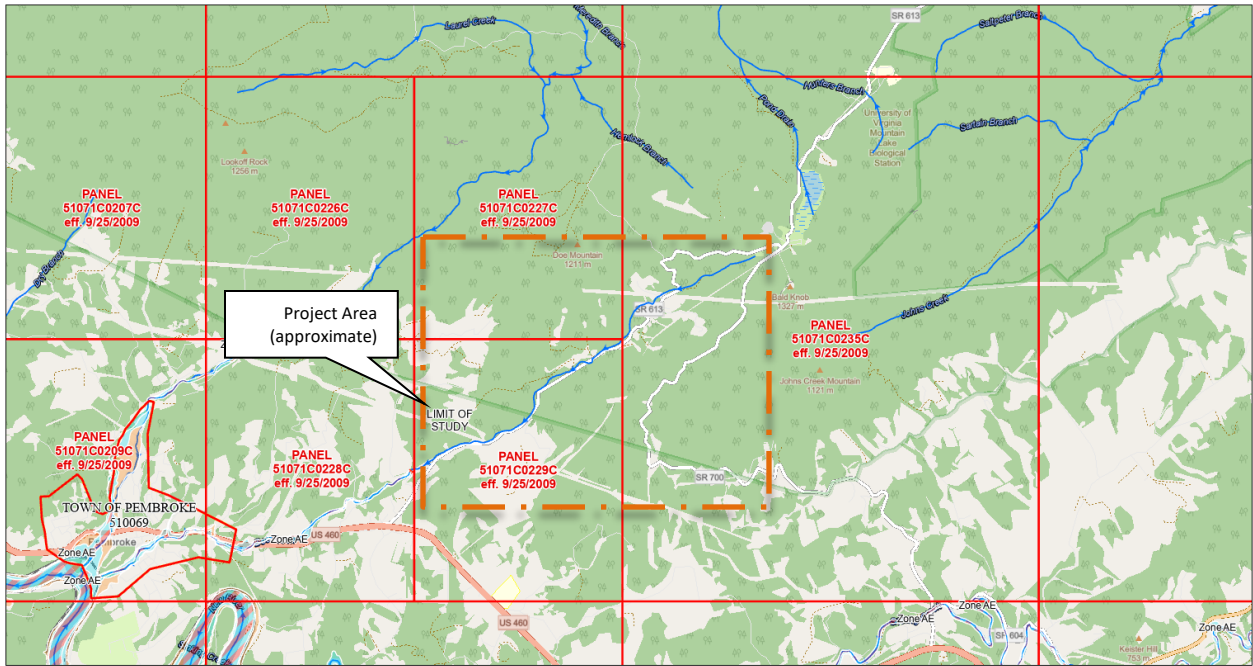
This is more technically feasible than Alternative 2 because the entire line will be small-diameter line from the WWTP to the Doe Creek pump station. Construction at this point is intended to be on the opposite side of the creek. Given the curvy nature and small width of the road in some places, a small diameter sewer is more feasible than traditional gravity. Preliminary design indicates the total new line length to be 3.92 miles. A higher-than-normal contingency was factored into this alternative to account for the potential presence of rock. The preliminary probable project cost for this alternative is \$5,059,000.

The Preliminary Engineering Report was updated in July 2025 and is provided as a separate attachment in the grant application. The map below illustrates the improvements described.

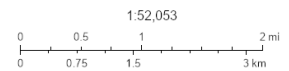




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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Commission Board Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

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

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CIRP Review

August 8, 2025

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PROJECT: Project Introduction Mountain Valley Pipeline Boost Project

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting scoping comments.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members

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August 1, 2025

Ms. Bettina Rayfield, Manager  
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Office of Environmental Impact Review  
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*Via email*

**Subject: Project Introduction  
Mountain Valley Pipeline Boost Project**

Dear Ms. Rayfield,

Mountain Valley Pipeline, LLC, a joint venture, is hereby providing background information on the proposed Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP) Boost Project (Project). The Project is planned to consist of the expansion of three existing compressor stations located along the existing Mountain Valley Pipeline in Wetzel, Braxton and Fayette Counties in West Virginia (WV), and the construction and operation of one new compressor station in Montgomery County, Virginia (VA).

The Project is proposed to add a total of approximately 265,750 horsepower of compression along the Mountain Valley Pipeline system, to provide timely and cost-effective access to the growing demand for natural gas for use by local distribution companies (LDCs), industrial users, and power generation in the Mid-Atlantic and southeastern markets, as well as potential markets in the Appalachian region. The proposed facilities include: 1) the expansion of the existing Bradshaw Compressor Station in Wetzel County, WV, with the addition of one turbine and related mechanical and electrical upgrades; 2) the expansion of the existing Harris Compressor Station in Braxton County, WV, with one additional turbine and related mechanical and electrical upgrades; 3) the expansion of the existing Stallworth Compressor Station in Fayette County, WV, with the addition of two turbines and related mechanical and electrical upgrades; and 4) the construction and operation of a new Swann Compressor Station in Montgomery County, VA, containing three turbines, mechanical and electrical equipment. Approximately 0.2 miles of new 42-inch dual lay suction and discharge facilities are proposed to connect the Swann Compressor Station to the existing Mountain Valley Pipeline system. The Project will also require use of temporary and permanent access roads, staging/parking areas and contractor yards in the vicinity of each of the compressor stations, to support construction and operations activities at those locations. A Project map has been included as an attachment to this letter.



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will serve as the lead agency for the Project. MVP anticipates filing a formal application with the FERC in the third quarter of 2025. The FERC will then prepare an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement to satisfy the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the Project.

The Companies will be consulting with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) as necessary during preparation of the required permit applications. However, in order to assist the Companies in preparing the FERC application and identifying possible issues to be addressed during the NEPA process, the purpose of this letter is to notify the VDEQ of the Companies' upcoming intent to file a FERC application, and to request information on resources under your agency's jurisdiction that could be potentially affected by the Project.

The Companies look forward to working with your agency as they move forward with the development of this Project. We appreciate your assistance and thank you in advance for any help you can provide. A representative of the Companies will be in contact with you soon to discuss the Project in further detail.

If you have questions or would like additional information about the Project, please contact me at (304) 841-2086 or [megan.neylon@eqt.com](mailto:megan.neylon@eqt.com), or Sabrina Hepburn at (303) 980-3605.

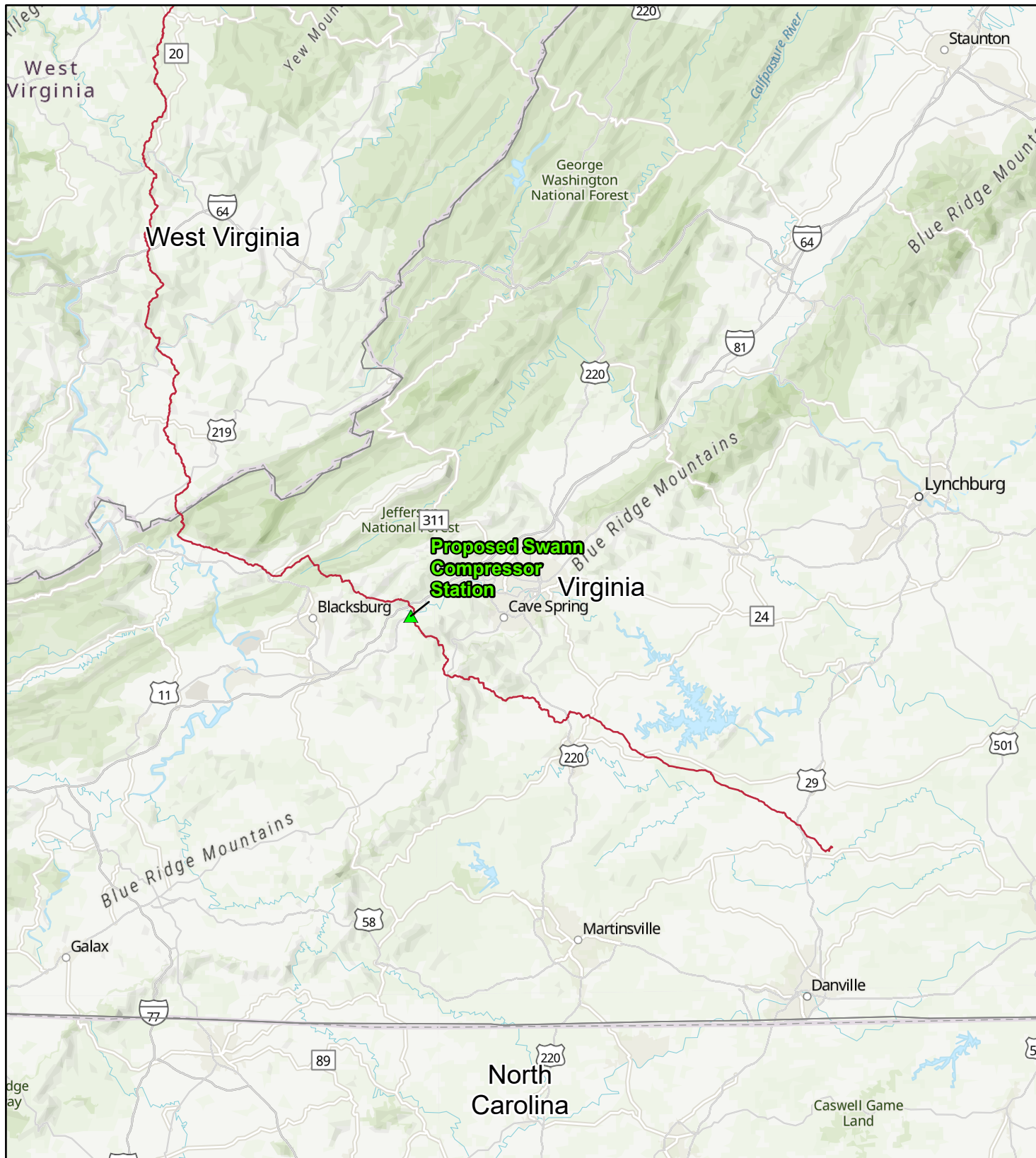
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Megan E. Neylon'.

Megan Neylon  
Permitting Regional Manager

cc: Jesse Killosky, MVP HoldCo  
Ashley Merks, MVP HoldCo  
John Scott, Tetra Tech





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| <b>Mountain Valley Pipeline Boost Project</b>   |  | N<br>NAD 1983 UTM 17N<br>Scale: 1:987,098<br>0 2.5 5 10 15 20 Miles |
| <br><b>Figure 1:<br/>Mountain Valley<br/>Pipeline Boost<br/>Project<br/>(Virginia)</b><br>July 2025<br><br><small>Data Sources: ESRI Topographic, All Issued for<br/>Construction data was filed with FERC on 12/20/2017.</small> | <b>Legend</b><br>Compressor Station<br>Existing MVP Pipeline<br>State Boundary |   |
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Director

August 1, 2025

Megan Neylon  
EQT  
Via email: [megan.neylon@eqt.com](mailto:megan.neylon@eqt.com)

RE: Scoping Request –Mountain Valley Pipeline Boost Project, Montgomery County, VA

Dear Ms. Neylon:

This letter is in response to the scoping request for the above-referenced project.

As you may know, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), through its Office of Environmental Impact Review (DEQ-OEIR), is responsible for coordinating Virginia's review of federal environmental documents prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and responding to appropriate federal officials on behalf of the Commonwealth.

**DOCUMENT SUBMISSIONS**

In order to ensure an effective coordinated review of the NEPA document, federal consistency, and EIR documentation, notification should be sent directly to OEIR. We request that you submit one electronic to [eir@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:eir@deq.virginia.gov) (25 MB maximum) or make the documents available for download at a website, file transfer protocol (ftp) site or the VITA LFT file share system (Requires an "invitation" for access. An invitation request should be sent to [eir@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:eir@deq.virginia.gov)). We request that the review of these documents be done concurrently, if possible. Please allow adequate time for these concurrent reviews. Specifically, we request a minimum of a 60-day review period.

The NEPA document should include U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps as part of their information. We strongly encourage you to issue shape files with the NEPA document. In addition, project details should be adequately described for the benefit of the reviewers.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT:  
PROJECT SCOPING AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

While this Office does not participate in scoping efforts beyond the advice given herein, other agencies are free to provide scoping comments concerning the preparation of the NEPA document. Accordingly, we are providing notice of your scoping request to several state agencies and those localities and Planning District Commissions, including but not limited to:

Department of Environmental Quality:

- DEQ Regional Office
  - Air Division
  - Office of Wetlands and Stream Protection
  - Office of Local Government Programs
  - Division of Land Protection and Revitalization
  - Office of Stormwater Management
- Department of Conservation and Recreation  
 Department of Health  
 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
 Department of Wildlife Resources  
 Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
 Department of Historic Resources  
 Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy  
 Department of Forestry  
 Department of Transportation

## DATA BASE ASSISTANCE

Below is a list of databases that may assist you in the preparation of a NEPA document:

- DEQ Online Database: Virginia Environmental Geographic Information Systems  
 Information on Permitted Solid Waste Management Facilities, Impaired Waters, Petroleum Releases, Registered Petroleum Facilities, Permitted Discharge (Virginia Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permits) Facilities, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Sites, Water Monitoring Stations, National Wetlands Inventory:
  - [www.deq.virginia.gov/ConnectWithDEQ/VEGIS.aspx](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/ConnectWithDEQ/VEGIS.aspx)
- DEQ Virginia Coastal Geospatial and Educational Mapping System (GEMS)  
 Virginia's coastal resource data and maps; coastal laws and policies; facts on coastal resource values; and direct links to collaborating agencies responsible for current data:
  - [https://www.deq.virginia.gov/?splash=https%3a%2f%2fgaia.vcu.edu%2fportal%2fapps%2fsites%2f%23%2fgemsmaps&\\_\\_isexternal=true](https://www.deq.virginia.gov/?splash=https%3a%2f%2fgaia.vcu.edu%2fportal%2fapps%2fsites%2f%23%2fgemsmaps&__isexternal=true)
- MARCO Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal  
 The Mid-Atlantic Ocean Data Portal is a publicly available online toolkit and resource center that consolidates available data and enables users to visualize and analyze ocean resources and human use information such as fishing grounds, recreational areas, shipping lanes, habitat areas, and energy sites, among others.
  - <http://portal.midatlanticocean.org/visualize/#x=-73.24&y=38.93&z=7&logo=true&controls=true&basemap=Ocean&tab=data&legends=false&layers=true>
- DHR Data Sharing System.  
 Survey records in the DHR inventory:
  - [www.dhr.virginia.gov/archives/data\\_sharing\\_sys.htm](http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/archives/data_sharing_sys.htm)

- DCR Natural Heritage Search  
Produces lists of resources that occur in specific counties, watersheds or physiographic regions:
  - [www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural\\_heritage/dbsearchtool.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/dbsearchtool.shtml)
- Wetland Condition Assessment Tool (WetCAT)
  - <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/our-programs/water/wetlands-streams/wetcat>
- DWR Fish and Wildlife Information Service  
Information about Virginia's Wildlife resources:
  - <http://vafwis.org/fwis/>
- Total Maximum Daily Loads Approved Reports
  - <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/programs/water/waterqualityinformationtmdls/tmdl/tmdldevelopment/approvedtmdlreports.aspx>
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation: Identify VOF-protected land
  - <http://vof.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) Database: Superfund Information Systems  
Information on hazardous waste sites, potentially hazardous waste sites and remedial activities across the nation, including sites that are on the National Priorities List (NPL) or being considered for the NPL:
  - [www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/cursites/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/cursites/index.htm)
- EPA RCRAInfo Search  
Information on hazardous waste facilities:
  - [www.epa.gov/enviro/facts/rcrainfo/search.html](http://www.epa.gov/enviro/facts/rcrainfo/search.html)
- Total Maximum Daily Loads Approved Reports
  - <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/our-programs/water/water-quality/tmdl-development/approved-tmdls>
- EPA Envirofacts Database  
EPA Environmental Information, including EPA-Regulated Facilities and Toxics Release Inventory Reports:
  - [www.epa.gov/enviro/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/enviro/index.html)
- EPA NEPAassist Database  
Facilitates the environmental review process and project planning:
  - <http://nepaassisttool.epa.gov/nepaassist/entry.aspx>

If you have questions about the environmental review process, please feel free to contact me. I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bettina Rayfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bettina" and last name "Rayfield" clearly distinguishable.

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**August 21, 2025**

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Economic Development:**

- The US Economic Development Administration released a Notice of Funding Opportunity for Hurricane Helene Disaster Supplemental in June. Regional Commission staff is supporting the development of grant applications for several projects in the region. Currently, each of the projects are focused on water/waste water improvements for economic development needs.
- The NRV Recovery Ecosystem recently coordinated a trip to Harrisonburg to visit their Navigation Center, a year-round overnight shelter with wrap-around services. 17 people from the NRV met with leaders in Harrisonburg to discuss their decade-plus long effort to establish the center. The NRV Recovery Ecosystem will continue to bring information to the region about how other communities in Virginia are tackling similar challenges. More information about the Navigation Center can be found [here](#).
- The Regional Commission will be reviewing updates to the Regional Economic Strategy Committee member list at the August board meeting.
- The AM2 Tech Hub will be holding a conference on September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Inn at Virginia Tech from 9:00am-4:00pm. This will be in conjunction with the Future of Manufacturing Workforce Workshop that starts on the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. Scheduling the two events adjacent to each other will help leverage registration and lab tours. The targeted audience includes industry, federal partners, faculty, and economic developers. More information about the AM2 Conference can be found [here](#).

### **Broadband:**

- All Points Broadband, the internet service provider building the Pulaski County broadband project, recently came to an agreement with Appalachian Power to complete the Make-Ready phase of work. As a result, make-ready will be complete by April 2026 with network construction starting as early as September 2025.
- The Montgomery County VATI 2021 project focused in the eastern portion of the county officially closed its grant funding. Customer connections are continuing to be made in the project area. The larger VATI 2022 project spanning the rest of Montgomery County and Bland County continues to make construction progress.

### **Transportation:**

- The NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority will meet on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The focus of this meeting will be receiving a site construction update from the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority along with securing input from the Station Authority on the station building concept plans.
- The Regional Commission has several projects in FY26 supporting the NRV MPO to include a Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Study Update, Regional Transit Connections Study, and a public engagement process to determine the preferred alignment of the Valley to Valley multi-region trail.

### **Housing:**

- The New River Valley Housing Fund made its first investment of the program by committing local funds to the next phase of housing development at the Prices Fork School project. The



availability of local funds enabled the developer to secure over \$900K in low interest loans through the recently established Governor's Workforce Housing Development program. As a result, 28 townhouses will be constructed on the rear portion of the property for families making 80% to 120% of the average median income. This project could not have occurred without the region committing to investing in the NRV Housing Fund.

#### **Natural Resources:**

- The Regional Commission kicked-off the Water Supply Plan planning process this week. A regional meeting was held with local governments and public water providers to review the data being collected in this initial phase of work on the Water Source chapter. The overall plan is not due to the Department of Environmental Quality until 2029.
- The New River Watershed Roundtable met on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and discussed details for ReNew the New being held on September 6th. Registration information is [here](#). The Regional Commission continues to purchase gloves for all volunteers and coordinates trash bag distribution in partnership with VDOT.

#### **Regional:**

- The Regional Commission continues to support communities impacted by Hurricane Helene. Funds currently available include Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for Urgent Needs; GO Virginia recently opened a special Hurricane Helene Business Recovery program; CDBG for Disaster Recovery; and the 2025 General Assembly appropriation for Hurricane Helene/Winter Storm 2025. The Regional Commission will serve in an administrative capacity to support the General Assembly funds in partnership with VA Dept of Housing and Community Development. This approach will take administrative tasks off of each impacted county/city. As a result, the Regional Commission will be hiring a Disaster Recovery Coordinator position.
- Congratulations to Randy Wingfield, Christiansburg Town Manager, as he recently announced his plan to retire at the end of the calendar year!

#### **Commission:**

- This week, the Regional Commission welcomed two new employees. Will Shelbourne was hired to fill the position of Community Designer/Facilitation Specialist. He comes to the agency with experience in private sector engineering consulting and landscape design. Erika Slagel-Perry was hired to fill the position of Education & Training Coordinator largely supporting the NRV Recovery Ecosystem. She comes to the agency with experience in nursing and school-based health care programs. Both have quickly proven to fit right into the team at the Regional Commission.
- Perhaps one of the most common questions these days is, "When will the Regional Commission move to its new location?" We are making progress! The building plans went through two rounds of review and nearing final approval by the Town of Christiansburg. Once approved, a RFP for construction will be issued. Through the RFP process a timeline for construction will be established and we will be able to better answer the move question. Stay tuned for more information as this project advances!
- **SAVE THE DATE!** The NRVRC Annual Dinner will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Highlander Hotel in Radford 6:00-8:00pm. Radford University will be the host and a mobile workshop will be available in the afternoon before the dinner event.



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** NRVRC Board Members  
**From:** Kevin Byrd, Executive Director  
**Date:** August 21, 2025  
**Re:** Onward NRV Overview

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Onward New River Valley is the regional economic development organization that serves Virginia's New River Valley. The organization's mission is to attract and retain world-class jobs, investment, and talent in the region. They work in close collaboration with local economic developers from the localities across the NRV, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), and other regional organizations contributing to economic development such as the Regional Commission.

Onward partners frequently with the Regional Commission on economic development initiatives. Recent examples include serving on the committee to update the Regional Economic Strategy (RES), supporting the growth of the Virginia's AM<sup>2</sup> (Additive Manufacturing and Advanced Materials) Tech Hub, and collaborating on the NRV Site Advancement Strategy planning grant recently approved by GO Virginia.

Katie Boswell, Executive Director, will be providing an overview about Onward NRV and the organization's initiatives to the Board of Directors of the Regional Commission at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. You can learn more about Onward NRV by visiting the organization website [www.onwardnrv.org](http://www.onwardnrv.org) and the regional marketing site [www.newrivervalley.org](http://www.newrivervalley.org)

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### Strengthening the Region through Collaboration

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#### 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



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To: NRVRC Board Members**

**From: Leo Priddy, Economic Development Planning Specialist**

**Date: August 28, 2025**

**Re: NRVRC Regional Economic Strategy - New Committee Members Appointment**

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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.

Over time, adjustments to the RES Committee reflect leadership transitions and evolving representation across the region. Staff now recommends three (3) appointments to support a well-rounded committee with experience across key areas of regional economic development. These members are highlighted below in green.

Should you have any questions or wish to review information related to the RES, please contact Leo Priddy at [lpriddy@nrvc.org](mailto:lpriddy@nrvc.org).

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Floyd | Giles  
Montgomery | Pulaski

### **City**

Radford

### **Towns**

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

### **Higher Education**

Virginia Tech | Radford University  
New River Community College



## 2025 Committee Members



| Name             | Affiliation                           | Sector                                    |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Ann Cassell      | Blacksburg Partnership                | small business                            |
| Matt Hanratty    | Blacksburg, Town of                   | local government                          |
| Angie Marcolini  | Blacksburg, Town of                   | local government; small business support  |
| Retta Jackson    | Christiansburg, Town of               | local government                          |
| Miles Campbell   | Christiansburg, Town of               | local government; small business support  |
| Lydeana Martin   | Floyd County                          | local economic development                |
| Cora Gnegy       | Giles County                          | local economic development; tourism       |
| Jeff Dinger      | Giles County                          | local economic development                |
| Heather Fay      | Greater Roanoke + NRV SBDC            | small business support                    |
| Ernie Maddy      | Locus                                 | finance institution                       |
| Brian Hamilton   | Montgomery County                     | local economic development                |
| Samantha Livesay | Montgomery County                     | local government; tourism                 |
| Terry Nicholson  | Narrows, Town of                      | local government                          |
| Mark Rowh        | New River Community College           | higher education                          |
| Jenny Bolte      | 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                            |
| Emma Carroll     | NRVRC                                 | regional staff; tech hub                  |
| Katie Boswell    | Onward NRV                            | regional economic development             |
| Erika Tolbert    | Pulaski County                        | tourism                                   |
| Lydia Crockett   | Pulaski County                        | local government; small business support  |
| Drew Foxx        | Pulaski County EDA                    | local economic development                |
| Shannon Ainsley  | Pulaski, Town of                      | local economic development                |
| Kim Repass       | Radford City                          | local government; economic development    |
| Angela Joyner    | Radford University                    | 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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**To: Regional Commission Board Members**

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**From: Kevin Byrd, Executive Director**

**Date: August 21, 2025**

**Re: 2025 Regional Commission Awards**

In June, the Commission began soliciting nominations for the awards program. The awards solicitation was sent to all Commissioners, local government managers and numerous community partner organizations via constant contact email. The program was also promoted on Commission social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram). The nominations closed on August 15<sup>th</sup> with numerous highly qualified nominations received.

The names of the nominees, and the statements submitted on their behalf, will be sent directly to Regional Commission Board Members. *This information is for board member review only and not to be shared or distributed.* Commissioners will vote for award recipients at the August meeting.

The three award categories are as follows:

**Champion of the Valley** – An elected or appointed official (past or present) from within or representing the New River Valley that has made significant contributions for the betterment of the region. Focus will be on candidates that improve communities through their dedication, collaborative approach and impact.

**Citizen of the Valley** – A citizen or organization in the New River Valley that has made significant contributions to the betterment of the region. Focus will be on candidates that improve communities through their dedication, collaborative approach and impact.

**Friend of the Valley** – An individual or organization outside the New River Valley that has made significant contributions to the betterment of the region.

Past Award Winners:

### Champion of the Valley

2014 – Mr. Joseph Sheffey  
2015 – Mr. Rick Boucher  
2016 – Del. Joseph Yost  
2016 – Mr. Bill Brown  
2017 – Mr. Chris McKlarney  
2018 – Ms. Susan Kidd  
2019 – Del. Nick Rush  
2020 – Mr. Chris Tuck  
2021 – Mr. Craig Meadows  
Ms. Lydeana Martin  
2022 – Ms. Penny Franklin  
2023 – Del. Jason Ballard  
Mr. Robert Graham  
2024 – Mr. Jonathan Sweet

### Citizen of the Valley

2014 – Dr. Charles Steger  
2015 – Mr. Ken Anderson  
2016 – Ms. Penelope Kyle  
2017 – Mr. Woody Crenshaw  
2018 – Mr. David Hagan  
2018 – Ms. P. Buckley Moss  
2019 – Mr. Raymond Smoot  
2020 – Mr. Bill Ellenbogen  
2021 – Ms. Shelley Fortier  
Mr. John Dooley  
2022 – Mr. Janaka Casper  
2023 – Ms. Cathy Hanks  
2024 – Dr. Pat Huber  
Ms. Sandy Davis

### Friend of the Valley

2016 – Mary Moody Northen Foundation  
2017 – Mr. Bill Shelton  
2019 – Mr. John Smolak, III  
2022 – New River Conservancy