

Agenda September 23, 2021

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for August
- B. Approval of Treasurer's Reports for August

III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

- A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff) None
- B. Regular Project Review None
- C. Environmental Project Review
 - 1. Implementation of Master Planning Actions at the Industrial Core District, Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Virginia
 - 2. Virginia Tech Baseball New Pitching Lab
- 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. Habitat for Humanity of the NRV Presentation: Jim Drader, Executive Director Commission Discussion
 - B. NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority Upcoming Process Presentation: Kevin Byrd, Executive Director Commission Discussion
 - C. Next Commission Meeting:
 - a. Need to Cancel October due to Annual Dinner event conflict Commission Action Needed
 - b. Next meeting will be November, need to set date, typically 3rd Thursday to avoid Thanksgiving holiday Commission Action Needed

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: September 15, 2021

Re: August 2021 Financial Statements

The August 2021 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 FY21-22 budget adopted by the Commission at the June 24, 2021 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 August 2021 (16.67% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 14.32% and expenses are 15.63% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 15.71% and 18.18%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$561,821. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$273,490 (49%) and current. Fiscal year-end procedures require all outstanding projects at year-end be closed into accounts receivable, resulting in an above average current balance. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$197,808) represents project expenses, primarily benchmark projects, that cannot be invoiced yet and posted to receivables.

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New River Valley Regional Commission Balance Sheet 8/31/2021

Assets:		
	Operating Account	190,708
	Certificate of Deposit	108,586
	Money Market Account	84,782
	Accounts Receivable	561,821
	Prepaid Item	7,337
	Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	35,614
	Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	68,246
	Total Assets:	1,057,095
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Liabilities:	Accounts Payable Accrued Annual Leave	11,544 87,809
	Accrued Unemployment	25,333
	Funds Held for Others	28,250
	Funds field for Others	28,230
	Total Liabilities:	152,935
	Net Projects	(197,808)
	Current Year Unrestricted	198,981
Projects:	Unrestricted Net Assets	801,987
(Equity Accounts)	Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	103,507
	Total Projects (Equity)	906,666
	Total Liabilities and Projects	1,059,601
	Net Difference to be Reconciled	(2,506)
	Total Adjustments to Post*	2,506
	Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)	0

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

New River Valley Regional Commission Revenue and Expenditures - August 2021

FY21-22 Budget			1/TD		(16.67% of FY)
Adopted 6/24/2021 NRVRC Anticipated Revenues		August 2021	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
ARC	68,666	0	17,167	51,500	25.00%
ARC - New River Water Trail Expansion	20,340	0	0	20,340	0.00%
Local Assessment	236,249	0	236,249	20,540	100.00%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	89,971	0	0	89,971	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	63,570	0	0	63,570	0.00%
EDA	70,000	0	0	70,000	0.00%
EDA COVID19 CARES Act	202,500	0	0	202,500	0.00%
GO Virginia	125,000	0	0	125,000	0.00%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	70,000	0	0	70,000	0.00%
Workforce Pathways Fiscal Agent	25,000	0	0	25,000	0.00%
Workforce RSVP Fiscal Agent	25,000	0	0	25,000	0.00%
Workforce Power Fiscal Agent	25,000	12,500	12,500	12,500	0.00%
VDOT	58,000	0	0	58,000	0.00%
VDOT - Rocky Knob Project	70,000	0	0	70,000	0.00%
Floyd County	88,371	0 0	0 0	88,371	0.00%
Giles County Narrows Town	20,960 16,513	0	0	20,960 16,513	0.00% 0.00%
Montgomery County	41,650	0	0	41,650	0.00%
Blacksburg Town	41,030 14,000	2,333	2,333	41,050	16.67%
Christiansburg Town	15,000	2,335	2,333	15,000	0.00%
Pulaski County	5,000	818	818	4,182	0.00%
Pulaski Town	11,923	0	0	11,923	0.00%
Radford City	30,000	0	0	30,000	0.00%
Miscellaneous Income	0	61	61	(61)	0.00%
Virginia's First RIFA	13,000	1,083	2,167	10,833	16.67%
NRV MPO	30,000	0	0	30,000	0.00%
CDBG COVID19	338,000	0	0	338,000	0.00%
CDBG Business Continuity	11,580	2	2	11,578	0.02%
Dept of Environmental Quality	19,465	0	0	19,465	0.00%
VDEM	12,500	0	0	12,500	0.00%
Virginia Outdoors Foundation	50,000	0	0	50,000	0.00%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	2,000	0	0	2,000	0.00%
Virginia Recycling Association	14,000	0	0	14,000	0.00%
Calfee Community Center	1,200	0	0	1,200	0.00%
New River Health District	5,000	0 0	0 0	5,000	0.00%
Friends of SWVA Taylor Hollow Construction	19,000 7,500	3,750	3,750	19,000 3,750	0.00% 100.00%
Revolving Loan - Interest	7,500	3,750	3,730	(389)	0.00%
Local Match (unprogrammed ARC)	7,500	0	0	7,500	0.00%
Sub Total Revenues	1,923,458	20,852	275,436	1,648,022	14.32%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,152,949	89,728	181,080	971,869	15.71%
Fringe Benefits	282,918	25,948	51,436	231,482	18.18%
Travel	34,650	3,880	5,567	29,083	16.07%
Office Space	76,175	5,181	23,099	53,076	30.32%
Communications	19,911	1,442	2,418	17,494	12.14%
Office Supplies	65,781	8,635	9,783	55,998	14.87%
Postage	2,025	47	66	1,959	3.25%
Printing Copier Usage/Maintenance	5,100 2,000	26 165	26 165	5,074 1,835	0.52% 8.24%
Outreach/Media Adv	2,600	810	1,007	1,855	38.75%
Equipment Rent/Copier	4,219	447	670	3,549	15.88%
Fleet Vehicles	38,024	116	185	37,839	0.49%
Dues/Publications	17,384	1,790	7,992	9,392	45.97%
Training/Staff Development	14,115	1,380	1,580	12,535	11.19%
Insurance	4,682	322	643	4,039	13.73%
Meeting Costs	10,950	808	2,018	8,932	18.43%
Contractual Services	167,294	956	5,811	161,483	3.47%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	4,540	2,237	2,237	2,304	49.26%
Miscellaneous/Fees	4,700	437	979	3,721	20.83%
Reimbursed Expenses	0	80	3,791	(3,791)	0.00%
Unassigned Expenses	13,441	0	0	0	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	1,923,458	144,434	300,552	1,609,465	15.63%
NRVRC Balance	0	(123,582)	(25,117)		

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NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues		August 2021	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
Workforce Development Area	3,580,889	69,671	167,782	3,413,107	4.69%
Sub Total Revenues	3,580,889	69,671	167,782	3,413,107	
Expenses					
Salaries	475,083	43,979	85,331	389,752	17.96%
Fringe Benefits	142,525	12,019	22,982	119,543	16.12%
Travel	20,000	2,341	3,167	16,833	15.83%
Office Space	36,000	2,241	5,689	30,311	15.80%
Communications	12,000	1,110	3,554	8,446	29.62%
Office Supplies	26,000	1,217	19,257	6,743	74.07%
Postage	250	0	0	250	0.00%
Printing	1,000	109	176	824	17.58%
Outreach/Media Adv	44,800	311	1,593	43,207	3.56%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	156	235	1,465	13.80%
Dues/Publications	4,700	0	0	4,700	0.00%
Training/Staff Development	7,000	0	0	7,000	0.00%
Insurance	3,000	0	1,793	1,207	59.77%
Meeting Costs	5,000	22	369	4,631	7.38%
Contractual Services	2,700,725	6,165	20,337	2,680,388	0.75%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	10,200	0	1,200	9,000	11.76%
Miscellaneous/Fees	90,906	0	900	90,006	0.99%
Workforce Grants Admin	0	0	1,200	(1,200)	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	3,580,889	69,671	167,782	3,413,107	4.69%
NR/MR WDB Balance	0	0,,,,1	0	5,115,107	-1009 / 0
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Total Agency R&E		August 2021	YTD		
Anticipated Revenue	5,504,347	90,523	443,218	8.05%	
Anticipated Expense	5,504,347	214,105	468,334	8.51%	:
Balance	0	(123,582)	(25,117)		

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board Revenue and Expenditures - August 2021



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COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

то:	Regional Commission Board Members
FROM:	Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director
AGENDA ITEM:	III. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #1
CIRP Review	September 17, 2021
PROJECT:	Implementation of Master Planning Actions at the Industrial Core District, Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Virginia VA210831-00500400400
SUBMITTED BY:	DEQ
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting scoping comments on a master plan report.
PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO:	Commission Board Members

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY RADFORD ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT PO BOX 2 RADFORD, VIRGINIA 24143-0002

July 30, 2021

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

SUBJECT: Implementation of Master Planning Actions at the Industrial Core District, Radford Army Ammunition Plant, Virginia

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Impact Review Attn: Valerie Fulcher PO Box 1105 Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Ms. Fulcher:

The Army is requesting a project review for the implementation of master planning actions at the Industrial Core District of the Radford Army Ammunition Plant (RFAAP) in Pulaski County, Virginia and Montgomery County, Virginia. This undertaking is to implement a comprehensive approach to developing the installation using planning strategies that reinforce capabilities to support the RFAAP's mission, promote quality of life, and enhance sustainability and environmental viability on the installation. The projects identified in the master planning process, principally located in the Industrial Core District Area Development Plan (ADP), that are planned to be implemented in the next approximately 5 years are listed in Table 1 and depicted on Enclosure 1:

Project Number*	Project Name	Description
1	Water Distribution System Upgrade	Replace water distribution lines as part of an ongoing multi-phased project. The upgraded systems would include installation of water meters and replacement of approximately 878,730 linear feet of water pipes of various diameters (ranging from 0.5 to 30 inches), associated hardware, and fire hydrants.
2	Solvent Propellant Manufacturing Facilities	Construction of modernized solvent propellant manufacturing facilities with the capability to meet current and future production requirements of single-base and multi-based solvent base propellant.
3	Solventless Propellant Manufacturing Facilities	Replace solventless propellant manufacturing lines.
4	Acid Area Tank Farm Replacement	Modernize remaining individual acid storage facilities located in the Acid Area Tank Farm.

Table 1.	Real Property	Master Planning Actions
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Project Number*	Project Name	Description
5	Steam Distribution System Modernization	Strategically replace steam distribution lines (460,297 linear feet) as a part of an ongoing multi-phased project to continue supply of steam for manufacturing propellants.
6	NG-2 Demolition	Demolish current NG-2 (nitroglycerin) facilities, a total of 49 structures.
7	Caustic Dip Demolition	Demolish Buildings 4942 and 2504 after construction of new chemical grind and caustic cleaning facilities are constructed.

Table 1. Real Property Master Planning Actions

Note: *Project Number is depicted on Enclosure 1.

The Army anticipates the Area of Potential of Effect (APE) for this undertaking would include the areas where the following would occur:

- a. ground-disturbing activities,
- b. building renovations/modifications, and
- c. building demolitions.

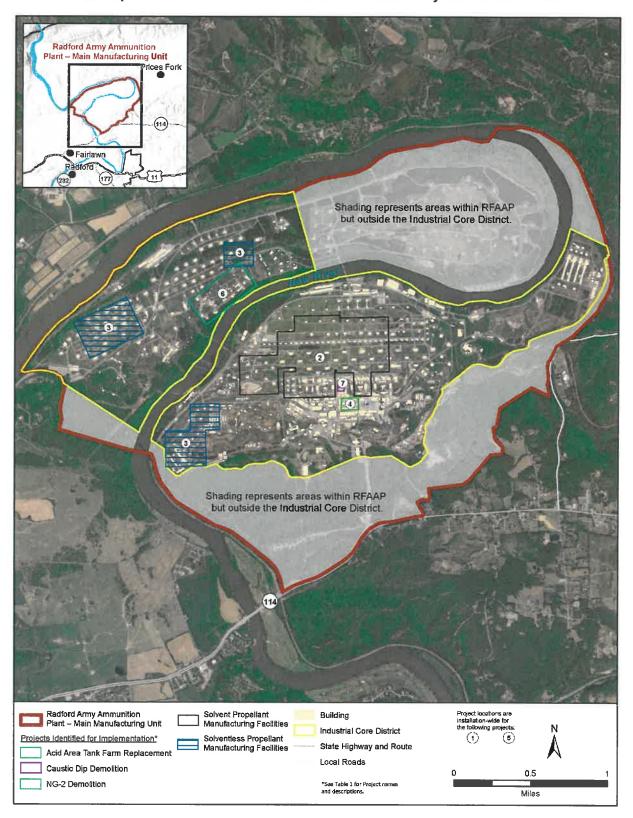
As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance process, we request your review of the proposed project site, along with any information about wetlands, surface waters, or other resources that may occur on or near the property. Our intent is to address your agency's concerns and incorporate any recommendations into the planning process at the earliest possible time. Your response will be incorporated into the Environmental Assessment.

Correspondence may be sent to Ms. Laura M. Dickerson at the address on this letterhead. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Ms. Dickerson directly at the address above, by telephone (540) 731-5786, or by email at <u>laura.m.dickerson2.civ@mail.mil</u>.

Sincerely,

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Russell Jones Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Army Commanding



Enclosure 1. Map of Area of Potential Effects and Radford Army Ammunition Plant



Commonwealth of Virginia

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Matthew J. Strickler Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources

August 21, 2021

David K. Paylor Director (804) 698-4000

Laura Dickerson Department of the Army Radford Army Ammunition Plant PO Box 2 Radford, Virginia 24143-0003 Laura.m.dickerson2.civ@mail.mil

RE: Implementation of Master Planning Actions, Radford Army Ammunition Plant, NEPA Scoping Request

Dear Ms. Dickerson:

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

As you may know, the Department of Environmental Quality, 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, notification of the NEPA document documentation should be sent directly to OEIR. We request that you submit one electronic to <u>eir@deq.virginia.gov</u> (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 <u>eir@deq.virginia.gov</u>.).

The NEPA document should include U.S. Geological Survey topographic. 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

As you may know, NEPA (PL 91-190, 1969) and its implementing regulations (Title 40, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Parts 1500-1508) requires a draft and final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

for federal activities or undertakings that are federally licensed or federally funded which will or may give rise to significant impacts upon the human environment. An EIS carries more stringent public participation requirements than an Environmental Assessment (EA) and provides more time and detail for comments and public decision-making. The possibility that an EIS may be required for the proposed project should not be overlooked in your planning for this project. Accordingly, we refer to "NEPA document" in the remainder of this letter.

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
- o 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:

o <a>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: o http://128.172.160.131/gems2/

- 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.

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• DHR Data Sharing System

Survey records in the DHR inventory:

- o 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

• DWR Fish and Wildlife Information Service

Information about Virginia's Wildlife resources:

- o <u>http://vafwis.org/fwis/</u>
- Total Maximum Daily Loads Approved Reports
 - https://www.deq.virginia.gov/programs/water/waterqualityinformationtmdls/tmdl/tmdlde velopment/approvedtmdlreports.aspx
- 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:

- o <u>www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/cursites/index.htm</u>
- EPA RCRAInfo Search

Information on hazardous waste facilities:

- o <u>www.epa.gov/enviro/facts/rcrainfo/search.html</u>
- EPA Envirofacts Database

EPA Environmental Information, including EPA-Regulated Facilities and Toxics Release Inventory Reports:

- o <u>www.epa.gov/enviro/index.html</u>
- EPA NEPAssist 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 (telephone (804) 698-4204 or e-mail bettina.rayfield@deq.virginia.gov).

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,

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Bettina Rayfield, Program Manager Environmental Impact Review and Long-Range Priorities



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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 #2
CIRP Review	September 17, 2021
PROJECT:	Virginia Tech Baseball New Pitching Lab DEQ#21-113S
SUBMITTED BY:	DEQ
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting comments on an environmental impact report.
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VIRGINIA TECH BASEBALL NEW PITCHING LAB

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW

Sponsoring Agency:

Virginia Tech Campus Planning Infrastructure and Facilities Sterrett Facilities Complex Virginia Tech 230 Sterrett Drive Blacksburg, VA 24061

Located in:

Blacksburg, Virginia

Project Number: 3049

Date: July 22, 2021 Revised: August 10, 2021 **Revised: August 23, 2021**



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I. Project Identification and Description

A. Background

Gay and Neel, Inc. (GNI) is assisting Virginia Tech with the proposed site improvements to the existing baseball facilities site in Blacksburg, Virginia (see Figure 1). The site area to be improved is located on the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, Virginia and borders intersection of Southgate Drive and Duck Bond Drive. The project will consist of building a separate facility South of the existing Weaver Baseball Center along with new sidewalks and landscaping around the facility. The total area of land disturbance for this project is 0.45 acres. It is estimated that the project will take less than 12 months from the time the grading permit is issued until completion.

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

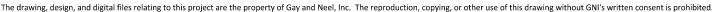
Rich Stokes Facilities Renovations Project Manager, Athletics Virginia Tech, (MC 0529) 230 Sterrett Drive, 48J Blacksburg, VA 24061 Office: (540) 231-1879

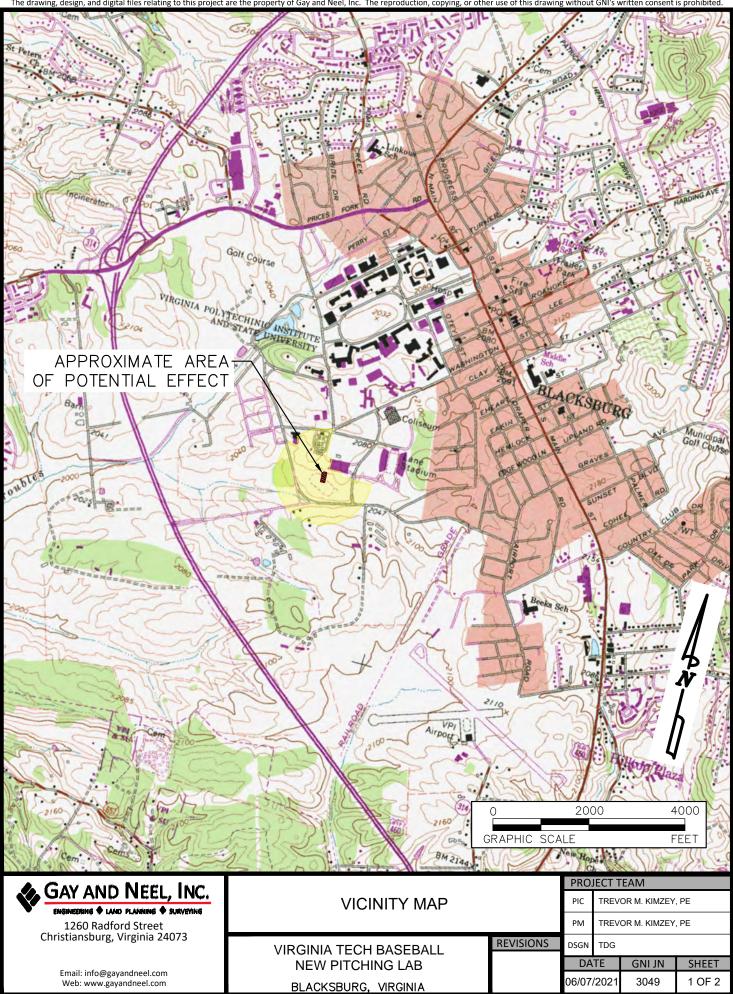
The anticipated project start date is Winter 2021-2022 with the goal to complete construction of the site in Fall 2022. The anticipated project construction cost is approximately \$1.2 million.

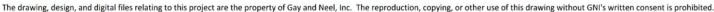
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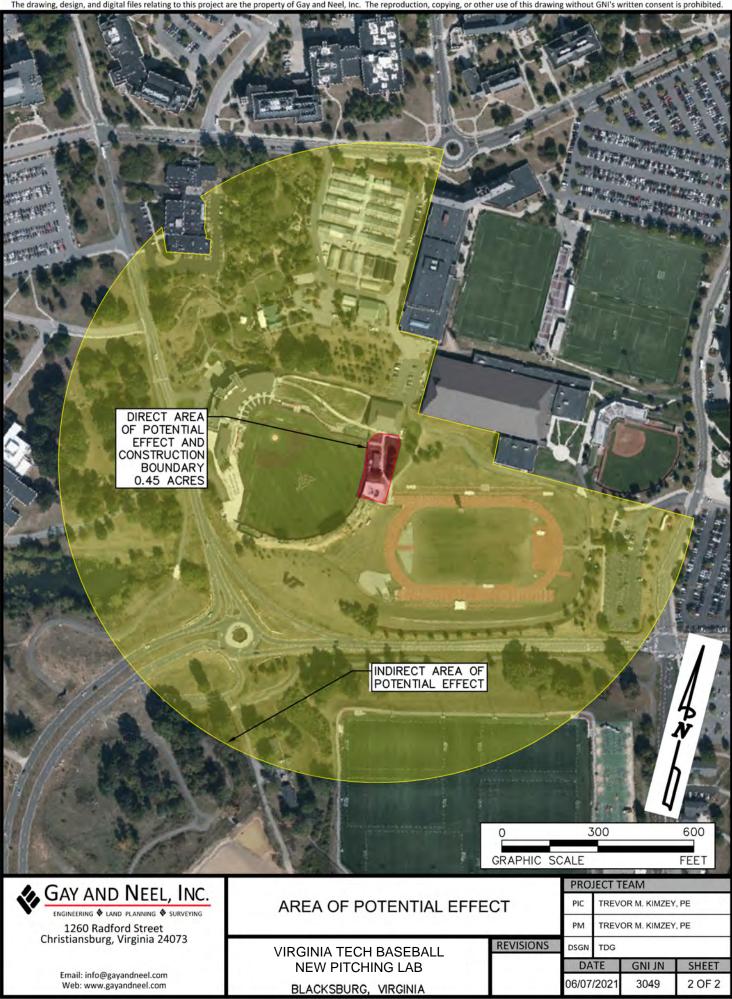
B. Proposed Facility

The proposed improvements will consist of the construction of a new building to be used as a pitching lab. The building will be approximately 2,400 sf in size; it will also have two pitching lanes inside to accommodate athletes. This facility addition will include sidewalk improvements outside, utility connections and minor grading around the area to blend the addition into the existing facilities.









II. Affected Environment

A. General

The existing Weaver Baseball Center site is located near the north area inside Union Park at English Field. The site is bordered by the Horticulture Gardens to the north, Rector Field House to the east, Duck Pond Drive to the west and Southgate Drive to the south. The existing storage shed that will be replaced by the new Pitching Lab is located just beyond the left field fence.

B. Topography

The proposed site is presently an area that has a storage facility with landscaping and sidewalks around the facility. Slopes average from 1 to 33 percent. Stormwater on the site generally drains to the nearby existing storm drainage system. The runoff is then carried toward the intersection of Southgate and Duck Pond Drive, and then drains to Stroubles Creek in the New River Basin. No springs, creeks or surface water are on the site.

C. Current Land Use

The overall baseball facility is currently used by students, alumni, faculty, and the general community. The existing storage shed that will be removed for the new facility is currently used for storage of existing baseball field equipment.



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September 16, 2021 Executive Director's Report

Economic Development:

- The Regional Commission was asked to be the grant applicant for a broadband application to the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) program on behalf of Montgomery, Pulaski and Bland counties. The proposal was in partnership with AEP (electric utility), GigaBeam and All Points Broadband to deploy universal fiber to the premise for all unserved locations in the three counties. The grant request was for \$69M and a total project cost of \$138M.
- Two projects continue to take shape for the recently announced US Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding opportunities with \$3 Billion worth of investments for communities through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). One would be in the Good Jobs Challenge to help develop a construction trades career pathway and employment market place. The second would be in the Build Back Better Regional Challenge to advance the automation/autonomous economic sector of the region.

Transportation:

- The NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority organization documents were discussed at the Mayors/Chairs meeting last month. Local governments will begin consider adopting organizational documents in October/November timeframe. Outreach to higher education members is underway.
- The Valley to Valley Trail project will begin soliciting public input within the next month. Focus will be on potential trail corridors.
- The NRVMPO approved a task order for the Regional Commission to prepare the first master plan for the Huckleberry Trail. Friends of the Huckleberry recently produced a high quality map and installed mileage markers along the entire length of the trail.

Natural Resources:

- The ReNew the New annual fall clean-up event took place on August 28th. Final numbers of participants and weight of debris removed will be shared soon! **Regional:**
- The Business Continuitty Team held two workshops for businesses in August and has a webinar scheduled for 9/21 with Cowan Perry, legal advisors on employment law. BCT continues to facilitate weekly conference calls with superintendents.

Commission:

- The Economic Development Planner position is being filled by Joy Rumley. She will start October 1st and is coming to the Commission following 16 years of experience with the VA Dept of Housing and Community Development. She will be a tremendous resource for our members given her depth of knowledge with CDBG, Main Street programs and several others.
- The Finance Technican applications are currently under review. We are also hiring at least one additional grant management position, if not two.
- The Regional Commission annual dinner event will be held on October 28th at 6:00pm at Moon Hollow Brewing at the Old Prices Fork Elementary School. Mobile workshops will take place in the afternoon. Invitations will go out next week.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

Date: September 16, 2021

Re: Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley Overview

At the September Regional Commission meeting we will be joined by Jim Drader, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley. He has been with the organization for approximately one year and came in at a busy time. The organization had recently completed The Homes on Church Street, a Blacksburg townhouse project which was their first multifamily project. Also, a strategic plan was launched soon after he started in the new role that is providing focus for future projects and programs such as a townhome project in Floyd County on Newtown Road. Habitat has long been a partner with the Regional Commission and the NRV HOME Consortium as an implementer of affordable housing in the region.

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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

Date: September 16, 2021

Re: NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority – Upcoming Process

At the September Regional Commission meeting I will provide an overview presentation of the NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority process. The presentation will briefly cover the major milestones accomplished with passenger rail to date to include the ridership and station location study, the ownership and operations study, and enabling legislation to create the station authority followed by a review of the organizational documents authority members will be considering. Potential authority members will be taking action on the organizational documents in the October/November timeframe, so this will be a good opportunity to ask questions. Attached you will find the organizational documents previously distributed to local government managers for review.

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ORDINANCE CREATING NEW RIVER VALLEY PASSENGER RAIL STATION AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT SETTING FORTH RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF AUTHORITY MEMBERS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Chapter 38 of Title 33.2 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Act") the governing bodies of the County of Floyd, the County of Giles, the County of Montgomery, the County of Pulaski, the City of Radford, the Town of Blacksburg, the Town of Christiansburg, the Town of Pulaski, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Radford University (the "Member Localities") desire to create the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority (the "Authority") for the purposes set forth in the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act defines facilities as including any structure, including real estate and improvements, used for operating passenger rail service and complementary activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE [BOARD OF SUPERVISORS] [CITY COUNCIL] [TOWN COUNCIL] OF THE ______ OF _____, VIRGINIA AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The name of the Authority is the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority.
- The Member Localities of the Authority are the County of Floyd, the County of Giles, the County of Montgomery, the County of Pulaski, the City of Radford, the Town of Blacksburg, the Town of Christiansburg, the Town of Pulaski, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and Radford University.
- 3. The [Board of Supervisors] [City Council] [Town Council] finds that the economic growth and development of the of [County] [City] [Town] of ______ and the comfort, convenience and welfare of its citizens require the development of facilities, as defined in the Act, and that the creation of the Authority will facilitate the development of the needed facilities.
- 4. The _______ is authorized to execute the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority Agreement establishing the respective rights and obligations of the Member Localities with respect to the Authority consistent with the purposes of the Act in substantially the form attached hereto and to take any other actions confirming the creation of the Authority, including filing this Ordinance with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as required by the Act for the creation of the Authority.
- 5. All other actions of [County] [City] [Town] officials in conformity with the purposes and intent of this Ordinance and in furtherance of the creation of the Authority are ratified, approved and confirmed.
- 6. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

On motion of ______, seconded by ______, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted at a [regular] [special] meeting of the [Board of Supervisors] [City Council] [Town Council] on ______, 2021. Members of the [Board of Supervisors] [City Council] [Town Council] voted as follows:

<u>YES</u> <u>NO</u>

ABSTAINED ABSENT

The undersigned Clerk of the _____ of the _____ of _____, Virginia, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted at a meeting of the ______ of _____, held on ______, 2021. I hereby further certify that such a meeting was a [regular] [special] meeting, duly called and held, and that during the consideration of the foregoing Ordinance, a quorum was present.

_____, Clerk _____, Virginia

NEW RIVER VALLEY PASSENGER RAIL STATION AUTHORITY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, in compliance with, Chapter 38 of Title 33.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended (the "Act"), the undersigned governing bodies of the creating political subdivisions and institutions of higher education (the "Members") have determined that the economic growth and development of the localities and the comfort, convenience and welfare of their citizens, students, and/or faculty require the development of Facilities (as defined in the Act); and,

WHEREAS, such governing bodies have further determined that joint action through a regional passenger rail station authority will facilitate the development of the needed Facilities, and by adoption of concurrent ordinances and resolutions, as applicable, have created the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority, a public body politic and corporate created pursuant to the Act.

NOW THEREFORE, the Members hereby agree to establish the respective rights and obligations of the Members regarding the Authority consistent with the Act as follows:

I. NAME

The name of the Authority is the "New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority," and the address of its principal office is 6580 Valley Center Dr, Suite 124, Radford, VA 24141.

II. PARTIES TO THE NEW RIVER VALLEY PASSENGER RAIL STATION AUTHORITY AGREEMENT

The initial Members of the Authority are:

The County of Floyd, Virginia	The Town of Blacksburg, Virginia
The County of Giles, Virginia	The Town of Christiansburg, Virginia
The County of Montgomery, Virginia	The Town of Pulaski, Virginia
The County of Pulaski, Virginia	Virginia Tech
The City of Radford, Virginia	Radford University

Each Member is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia or an eligible institution of higher education, and authorized by the Act to participate in the Authority.

III. BOARD OF THE AUTHORITY

There shall be two (2) representatives appointed by each Member to serve on the Board of Directors of the Authority which shall exercise the powers of the Authority. Representatives of the Members shall be appointed, serve, and be governed by the provisions of the Act and other applicable law. The initial terms of office of such representatives shall begin on the date of the written certification from the Secretary of the Commonwealth that the ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Members for

creation of the Authority have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Subsequent appointments shall be for terms of four years, except appointments to fill vacancies, which shall be for the unexpired terms. The terms of office of all representatives appointed to serve on the Board of Directors shall begin and end on the same date. Each representative to the Board, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of the office, shall take and subscribe to the oath prescribed in § 49-1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

IV. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE AUTHORITY IS CREATED

The Members hereby agree to the following findings and purposes for which the Authority is created:

- A. The creation of a regional passenger rail station authority will enable the Members to share the costs of developing, owning and operating an economic development asset that would be cost prohibitive to individual Members.
- B. The Authority will directly benefit and enhance the economic base of the Members by allowing development, ownership, and operation of a facility on a cooperative basis.
- C. The exercise of the powers of the Authority shall be for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Commonwealth, for the increase of commerce in the geographic area of the Members, and for the promotion of the safety, health, welfare, convenience, and prosperity of the inhabitants of the geographic region included within the Members (the "Region").

V. FACILITIES

The Authority may exercise any and all powers as allowed by the Act and other applicable law, including developing Facilities.

VI. PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS

The Authority may enter into participation agreements with one or more Members by which Facilities may be constructed and developed in the Region ("**Participation Agreements**"). Such Participation Agreements may include participation by public and private entities that are not Members.

Each Member may participate in the development of each proposed Facility (a "**Project**") in accordance with the terms of the applicable Participation Agreement. Payment of the costs of a Project and receipt of any Project revenues by Members shall be in accordance with the terms of the Participation Agreement. The Authority may finance a Project through the issuance of "bonds" as defined in the Act ("**Bonds**"). Such Bonds shall be limited obligations of the Authority to be paid solely from revenues and receipts of that particular Project received by the Authority and from revenues that may be received by the Authority pursuant to any Participation Agreement or other agreement related to the Project being financed (which may include financial contributions from Members who have entered into the applicable Participation Agreement), and may be secured by collateral encumbered or pledged in support of the financing ("**Project Based Financing**"). Project Based Financing is approved and consented to by the Members. Any individual Member may, at its discretion and as allowed by law, choose to enter into or not enter into a specific Participation Agreement in support of any particular Project. Any Member Locality not entering into a Participation Agreement in support of a Project shall have no monetary obligation or other duty or responsibility in relation to that Project.

VII. GENERAL OPERATIONS OF THE AUTHORITY

The general business of the Authority shall be conducted by the Board of Directors of the Authority, provided, such Board may create an executive committee and such other advisory committees as the Board may choose, including project committees. The Authority shall, from time to time, establish such fees as shall be necessary to be paid by the Members to support the general activities of the Authority. In accordance with the Act, a quorum of the Board shall exist when a majority of Members are represented by at least one representative to the Board, and the affirmative vote of a quorum of the Board, meaning a majority vote of all Members, shall be necessary for the Board to take any action. Conflicting votes cast by two (2) representatives to the Board from a single Member shall not count as a vote of such Member.

VIII. POWERS OF THE AUTHORITY

The Authority is vested with the powers of a body corporate, including the power to sue and be sued in its own name, plead and be impleaded, and adopt and use a common seal and alter the same as may be deemed expedient. The Authority shall have all rights, duties and powers provided by the provisions of the Act, as amended, including the power to issue Bonds for any valid purpose. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Governing Bodies identified, by authorized action, have caused this Agreement to be executed, and their respective seals to be affixed hereto and attested by their respective clerks or secretaries commencing this ____ day of _____, 2021.

SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW:

The County of Floyd, Virginia The County of Giles, Virginia The County of Montgomery, Virginia The County of Pulaski, Virginia The City of Radford, Virginia The Town of Blacksburg, Virginia The Town of Christiansburg, Virginia The Town of Pulaski, Virginia Virginia Tech Radford University