



Agenda
September 25, 2025
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 Report for June, July, and August](#)
- III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
 - A. Projects Signed-off by the staff
None
 - B. Regular Project Review
None
- 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. [Regional Commission FY26 Program of Work](#)**
 - Elijah Sharp, Deputy Executive Director
 - Jennifer Wilsie, Director of Housing
 - Holly Lesko, Director of Community Health
 - Christy Straight, Director of Environmental Resources
 - Commission Action
 - B. [Community Flood Preparedness Fund FY26 Grant Application](#)**
 - Christy Straight, Director of Environmental Resources
 - Commission Action
 - C. [Remote Meeting Participation Policy](#)**
 - Kevin Byrd, Executive Director
 - Commission Action
 - D. [Set the November Meeting Date and Time](#)**
 - Commission Action
 - E. Next Meeting: Annual Dinner, October 23rd 6:00pm**

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The New River Valley Regional Commission provides area wide planning for the physical, social, and economic elements of the district; encourages and assists local governments in planning for their future; provides a means of coordinating federal, state, and local efforts to resolve area problems; provides a forum for review of mutual concerns; and implements services upon request of member local governments.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Jessica Barrett, Finance Director
Date: September 17, 2025
Re: June 2025 Financial Statements

The June 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 June 2025 (100% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 69% and expenses are 66% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 91% and 101%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$2,165,627. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$366,614 (17%) and current. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Current Year Unrestricted fund balance, ending the year at a negative \$8,105, rolled to Unrestricted Net Assets at closeout. Final year-end leave accrual at \$7,802 was posted to Accrued Annual Leave at closeout.

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New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
6/30/2025

<u>Assets:</u>		Prior Month	Current Month
	Operating Account	90,008	836,865
	First Bank & Trust - Bland/Montgomery Broadband	2,026,091	1,860,886
	First Bank & Trust - Pulaski County Broadband	1,661,844	1,666,267
	First Bank & Trust - Office Building Financing	1,264,119	1,267,855
	First Bank & Trust - Regional Housing Fund	461,816	463,181
	First Bank & Trust - Money Market	312,332	313,255
	US Bank - Bond Proceeds	13,896	13,948
	Accounts Receivable	744,589	2,165,627
	Utility Deposits	3,307	3,307
	Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	31,164	30,587
	Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	77,551	78,233
	Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
	Office Building	2,013,762	2,013,762
	Total Assets:	8,732,843	10,746,137
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
	Accounts Payable	257,412	1,386,609
	Accrued Annual Leave	120,159	127,961
	Accrued Unemployment	36,586	36,606
	Expense Reimbursement	4,099	3,656
	Funds Held for Others	0	11,224
	Funds on Hand - Montgomery County Broadband	2,014,671	1,843,952
	Funds on Hand - Pulaski County Broadband	1,647,986	1,647,986
	Funds on Hand - VMRI Craig-Botetourt	0	542,750
	Funds on Hand - VMRI Montgomery Co.	0	289,241
	Funds on Hand - Regional Housing Fund	461,816	463,181
	Unearned Revenue	39,310	52,087
	Loan Payable	1,945,000	1,945,000
	Bond Premium	169,220	158,815
	Total Liabilities:	6,696,259	8,509,068
<u>Projects:</u>			
(Equity Accounts)	Net Projects	(497,041)	0
	Current Year Unrestricted	151,094	0
	Office Building Project	1,332,660	1,222,894
	Unrestricted Net Assets	913,441	905,336
	Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	107,467	108,839
	Total Projects (Equity)	2,007,621	2,237,069
	Total Liabilities and Projects	8,703,880	10,746,137
	Net Difference to be Reconciled	28,964	0
	Total Adjustments to Post*	28,964	0
	Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)	0	0

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

**New River Valley Regional Commission
Revenue and Expenditures - June 2025**

FY24-25 Budget		(100% of FY)			
		June 2025	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues					
	Budget				
ARC Annual Admin Grant	89,160	39,954	84,534	4,626	94.81%
ARC Pen/Tel Painters School Road Broadband	0	0	4,316	(4,316)	0.00%
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	35,000	31,571	31,571	3,429	90.20%
ARC LDD READY Appalachia	35,319	0	34,484	835	97.64%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	20,000	43,612	44,365	(24,365)	0.00%
ARC Broadband Bland	449,764	0	0	449,764	0.00%
ARC Helene Recovery	0	45,748	51,695	(51,695)	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	114,971	0	100.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	31,462,712	1,052,872	17,839,891	13,622,821	56.70%
DHCD VATI 2022 VMRI	0	0	533,498	(533,498)	0.00%
DHCD Regional Digital Opportunity	75,000	4,483	41,618	33,382	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	93,884	24,841	77,706	16,178	82.77%
EDA	70,000	17,500	70,000	0	100.00%
EDA Tech Hub	168,000	66,585	226,759	(58,759)	134.98%
Go Virginia Scale Up	6,550	0	85,069	(78,519)	1298.76%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	0	75,000	0	100.00%
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	20,000	5,000	80.00%
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 Agen	20,000	0	10,000	10,000	50.00%
VDOT	58,000	21,815	58,000	0	100.00%
Floyd County	79,000	7,846	53,952	25,048	68.29%
Floyd Town	15,000	0	15,312	(312)	102.08%
Giles County	27,000	519	8,441	18,559	31.26%
Giles County Broadband	30,000	3,468	19,593	10,407	65.31%
Narrows Town	37,500	4,513	26,747	10,753	71.33%
Pearisburg Town	10,000	5,055	35,440	(25,440)	354.40%
Rich Creek Town	0	2,381	2,381	(2,381)	0.00%
Montgomery County VATI 2021	2,000	1,250	1,758	242	87.89%
Montgomery County VATI 2022	2,660,859	170,719	2,040,553	620,306	76.69%
Montgomery County Opiod Abatement	720,000	68,391	651,866	68,134	90.54%
Blacksburg Town	18,000	1,500	18,000	0	100.00%
Christiansburg Town	42,157	0	21,439	20,718	50.86%
Pulaski County	10,000	0	11,721	(1,721)	117.21%
Pulaski County VATI	966,429	0	352,014	614,415	36.42%
Pulaski Town	30,000	11,250	11,250	18,750	37.50%
Radford City	21,299	4,819	25,356	(4,057)	119.05%
MM Interest	4,500	923	6,994	(2,494)	155.43%
Interest Income - VATI	150,000	13,726	163,073	(13,073)	108.72%
Miscellaneous Income	0	350	12,207	(12,207)	0.00%
Virginia's First	16,080	1,250	15,000	1,080	93.28%
NRV MPO	108,216	10,546	86,292	21,924	79.74%
Pembroke	5,016	3,845	5,353	(337)	106.71%
Dept of Environmental Quality	65,750	1,259	12,888	52,862	19.60%
VHDA	54,375	1,070,569	1,848,709	(1,794,334)	3399.92%
Citizens ARC Fiber Deployment	0	4,500	4,500	(4,500)	0.00%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	11,500	0	11,400	100	99.13%
Virginia Recycling Association	15,000	0	15,000	0	100.00%
VDH New River Health District	125,000	0	99,524	25,476	79.62%
APB Partners Pulaski, LLC	0	7,500	7,500	(7,500)	0.00%
Pemtrel	0	0	10,500	(10,500)	0.00%
RVARC	0	0	2,806	(2,806)	0.00%
Regional Housing Trust Fund	50,000	0	38,000	12,000	0.00%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	76,500	0	83,372	(6,872)	108.98%
New River Conservancy	45,000	0	11,388	33,612	25.31%
Revolving Loan - Interest	1,400	104	1,372	28	97.99%
Direct Charge Reimbursement	0	0	1,316	(1,316)	0.00%
Sub Total Revenues	38,500,370	2,745,264	26,753,448	11,746,922	69.49%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,757,236	123,940	1,605,303	151,933	91.35%
Fringe Benefits	495,526	37,654	500,384	(4,858)	100.98%
Travel	46,239	963	32,237	14,002	69.72%
Office Space	69,000	5,727	68,729	271	99.61%
Utilities	0	1,994	8,978	(8,978)	0.00%
Communications	21,000	1,856	21,988	(988)	104.71%
Office Supplies	126,278	752	59,544	66,734	47.15%
Postage	1,300	29	1,320	(20)	101.53%
Printing	8,000	0	7,920	80	99.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,400	105	1,472	(72)	105.13%
Outreach/Media Adv	18,001	6,543	25,417	(7,416)	141.20%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	2,681	319	89.36%
Fleet Vehicles	1,600	40	1,198	402	74.90%
Dues/Publications	19,955	40	17,137	2,818	85.88%
Training/Staff Development	49,500	7,760	40,916	8,584	82.66%
Insurance	5,000	0	5,095	(95)	101.90%
Meeting Costs	24,150	2,354	22,457	1,693	92.99%
Capital Outlay	50,000	0	0	50,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	35,740,330	2,279,575	22,798,592	12,941,738	63.79%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	56,150	58,035	157,687	(101,537)	280.83%
Miscellaneous/Fees	6,705	578	4,199	2,506	62.62%
Reimbursed Expenses	0	(1,948)	0	0	0.00%
Interest Expense	0	0	42,607	(42,607)	0.00%
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	121,831	(121,831)	0.00%
Bond Interest Expense	0	(10,405)	(10,405)	10,405	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	38,500,370	2,515,816	25,537,288	12,963,083	66.33%
NRVRC Balance	0	229,448	1,216,161		

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

(100% of FY)

NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues		June 2025	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
Workforce Development Area	4,294,437	198,967	2,422,246	1,872,191	56.40%
Sub Total Revenues		198,967	2,422,246	1,872,191	
Expenses					
Salaries	766,620	78,456	925,891	(159,271)	120.78%
Fringe Benefits	275,983	25,769	304,789	(28,806)	110.44%
Travel	45,000	3,047	46,417	(1,417)	103.15%
Office Space	26,000	1,943	56,165	(30,165)	216.02%
Communications	16,000	2,125	28,813	(12,813)	180.08%
Office Supplies	34,000	4,181	28,284	5,716	83.19%
Postage	250	0	6	244	2.45%
Printing	2,000	13	13	1,988	0.63%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	5,500	0	471	5,029	8.57%
Outreach/Media Adv	88,000	1,152	19,760	68,240	22.45%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	172	1,974	(274)	116.10%
Dues/Publications	8,000	1,161	2,926	5,074	36.58%
Training/Staff Development	12,000	0	23,145	(11,145)	192.87%
Insurance	5,000	0	4,314	686	86.28%
Meeting Costs	61,000	936	14,615	46,385	23.96%
Contractual Services	2,898,794	79,396	950,151	1,948,643	32.78%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	12,200	0	8,638	3,562	70.80%
Miscellaneous/Fees	36,390	0	0	36,390	0.00%
Workforce Grants Admin	0	617	5,876	(5,876)	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	4,294,437	198,967	2,422,246	1,872,191	56.40%
NR/MR WDB Balance	0	0	0		

Total Agency R&E		June 2025	YTD	
Anticipated Revenue	42,794,807	2,944,231	29,175,694	68.18%
Anticipated Expense	42,794,807	2,714,783	27,959,533	65.33%
Balance		229,448	1,216,161	



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As of month-end July 2025 (8% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 3% and expenses are 2% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 7% and 9%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$2,088,544. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$351,797 (17%) and current. Commission receivables are heavy due to closing projects to fiscal year-end. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$255,085) represent in process projects that have not been invoiced and posted to receivables.

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New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
7/31/2025

<u>Assets:</u>	Prior Month	Current Month
Operating Account	836,865	284,588
First Bank & Trust -Montgomery/Bland Broadband	1,860,886	2,587,226
First Bank & Trust - Pulaski County Broadband	1,666,267	1,671,008
First Bank & Trust - Office Building Financing	1,267,855	1,215,072
First Bank & Trust - Regional Housing Fund	463,181	459,431
First Bank & Trust - Money Market	313,255	314,229
US Bank - Bond Proceeds	13,948	13,948
Accounts Receivable	2,165,627	2,088,544
Utility Deposits	3,307	3,307
Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	30,587	30,007
Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	78,233	78,914
Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
Office Building	2,013,762	2,013,762
Total Assets:	<u>10,746,137</u>	<u>10,792,401</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	1,386,609	1,254,931
Accrued Annual Leave	127,961	127,961
Accrued Unemployment	36,606	36,619
Expense Reimbursement	3,656	3,227
Funds Held for Others	11,224	11,224
Funds on Hand - Montgomery County Broadband	1,843,952	1,843,952
Funds on Hand - Pulaski County Broadband	1,647,986	1,647,986
Funds on Hand - VMRI Craig-Botetourt	542,750	542,750
Funds on Hand - VMRI Montgomery Co.	289,241	289,241
Funds on Hand - Regional Housing Fund	463,181	459,431
Unearned Revenue	52,087	95,166
Loan Payable	1,945,000	1,945,000
Bond Premium	158,815	158,815
Total Liabilities:	<u>8,509,068</u>	<u>8,416,305</u>
<u>Projects:</u>		
(Equity Accounts)		
Net Projects	0	(255,085)
Current Year Unrestricted	0	244,592
Office Building Project	1,222,894	1,379,875
Unrestricted Net Assets	905,336	905,336
Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	108,839	108,839
Total Projects (Equity)	<u>2,237,069</u>	<u>2,383,557</u>
Total Liabilities and Projects	<u>10,746,137</u>	<u>10,799,862</u>
Net Difference to be Reconciled	<u>0</u>	<u>(7,461)</u>
Total Adjustments to Post*	0	7,461
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 - July 2025**

FY25-26 Budget		(8% of FY)			
		July 2025	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues					
	Budget				
ARC Annual Admin Grant	92,660	28,448	28,448	64,212	30.70%
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	35,000	0	0	35,000	0.00%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	40,500	0	0	40,500	0.00%
ARC Broadband Bland	455,389	0	0	455,389	0.00%
ARC Helene Recovery	42,500	0	0	42,500	0.00%
ARC Inspire Ecosystem Recovery	50,000	0	0	50,000	0.00%
Local Assessment	244,023	244,023	244,023	0	100.00%
Office Project Member Contributions	153,159	153,159	153,159	0	0.00%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	114,971	0	0	114,971	0.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	11,354,803	0	0	11,354,803	0.00%
DHCD Regional Digital Opportunity	52,500	0	0	52,500	0.00%
DHCD Giles Co Disaster Recovery	60,000	0	0	60,000	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	80,340	0	0	80,340	0.00%
EDA	70,000	0	0	70,000	0.00%
EDA Tech Hub	159,195	0	0	159,195	0.00%
EDA Helene NRV Recovery Team	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%
Go Virginia Scale Up	85,497	0	0	85,497	0.00%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	0	0	75,000	0.00%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	11,250	0	0	11,250	0.00%
Workforce Trades Gap Fiscal Agent	10,000	0	0	10,000	0.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Build Your Career Fiscal Agent	45,000	0	0	45,000	0.00%
VDOT	27,600	0	0	27,600	0.00%
Floyd County	51,541	0	0	51,541	0.00%
Floyd Town	80,000	0	0	80,000	0.00%
Giles County	19,250	0	0	19,250	0.00%
Giles County Broadband	35,000	0	0	35,000	0.00%
Narrows Town	15,000	0	0	15,000	0.00%
Pearisburg Town	12,550	0	0	12,550	0.00%
Rich Creek Town	4,500	0	0	4,500	0.00%
Montgomery County VATI 2022	663,225	0	0	663,225	0.00%
Montgomery County Opiod Abatement	720,000	0	0	720,000	0.00%
Blacksburg Town	18,000	1,500	1,500	16,500	8.33%
Christiansburg Town	18,597	0	0	18,597	0.00%
Pulaski County VATI	481,973	0	0	481,973	0.00%
Pulaski Town	32,500	0	0	32,500	0.00%
Dublin Town	40,000	0	0	40,000	0.00%
Wytheville Town	10,000	0	0	10,000	0.00%
MM Interest	5,000	974	974	4,026	19.48%
Interest Income	65,000	15,938	15,938	49,062	24.52%
Virginia's First	16,080	1,300	1,300	14,780	8.08%
NRV MPO	154,819	0	0	154,819	0.00%
Dept of Environmental Quality	78,006	0	0	78,006	0.00%
VHDA	999,306	0	0	999,306	0.00%
Citizens ARC Fiber Deployment	22,500	0	0	22,500	0.00%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	7,000	0	0	7,000	0.00%
Virginia Recycling Association	15,000	0	0	15,000	0.00%
GigaBeam Networks, LLC	60,000	0	0	60,000	0.00%
APB Partners Pulaski, LLC	30,000	2,500	2,500	27,500	0.00%
VAPDC	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%
Pemtel	45,000	0	0	45,000	0.00%
Regional Housing Trust Fund	38,000	0	0	38,000	0.00%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	76,500	0	0	76,500	0.00%
New River Conservancy	30,000	0	0	30,000	0.00%
Revolving Loan - Interest	1,400	102	102	1,298	7.28%
	17,115,135	452,944	452,944	16,662,191	2.65%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,601,612	117,639	117,639	1,483,973	7.35%
Fringe Benefits	468,239	40,643	40,643	427,596	8.68%
Travel	63,505	782	782	62,723	1.23%
Office Space	109,000	5,727	5,727	103,273	5.25%
Utilities	0	1,504	1,504	(1,504)	0.00%
Communications	21,350	9,137	9,137	12,213	42.79%
Office Supplies	66,931	341	341	66,590	0.51%
Postage	1,300	10	10	1,290	0.81%
Printing	8,000	0	0	8,000	0.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,400	127	127	1,273	9.09%
Outreach/Media Adv	26,571	200	200	26,371	0.75%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	223	2,777	7.45%
Fleet Vehicles	1,600	3,582	3,582	(1,982)	223.87%
Dues/Publications	19,995	4,140	4,140	15,855	20.71%
Training/Staff Development	77,250	0	0	77,250	0.00%
Insurance	6,500	1,603	1,603	4,898	24.65%
Meeting Costs	24,120	456	456	23,664	1.89%
Capital Outlay	65,000	0	0	65,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	14,271,394	120,068	120,068	14,151,326	0.84%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	16,225	0	0	16,225	0.00%
Miscellaneous/Fees	108,999	273	273	108,726	0.25%
Bond Interest Expense	153,144	0	0	153,144	0.00%
	17,115,135	306,456	306,456	16,808,679	1.79%
	0	146,488	146,488		

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
Revenue and Expenditures - 2026

NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues				(8% of FY)	
		July 2025	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
Workforce Development Area	4,294,437	154,415	154,415	4,140,022	3.60%
		154,415	154,415	4,140,022	
Expenses					
Salaries	766,620	62,424	62,424	704,196	8.14%
Fringe Benefits	275,983	21,744	21,744	254,239	7.88%
Travel	45,000	3,039	3,039	41,961	6.75%
Office Space	26,000	0	0	26,000	0.00%
Communications	16,000	0	0	16,000	0.00%
Office Supplies	34,000	3,264.58	3,264.58	30,735	9.60%
Postage	250	0	0	250	0.00%
Printing	2,000	0	0	2,000	0.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	5,500	0	0	5,500	0.00%
Outreach/Media Adv	88,000	0	0	88,000	0.00%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	0	0	1,700	0.00%
Dues/Publications	8,000	0	0	8,000	0.00%
Training/Staff Development	12,000	0	0	12,000	0.00%
Insurance	5,000	3,986	3,986	1,014	79.72%
Meeting Costs	61,000	0	0	61,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	2,898,794	0	0	2,898,794	0.00%
Contractual: Training & SS	0	32,472	32,472	(32,472)	0.00%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	12,200	0	0	12,200	0.00%
Business Services	0	10,150	10,150	(10,150)	0.00%
Sector Partnership Activities	0	2,850	2,850	(2,850)	0.00%
Outreach	0	1,464	1,464	(1,464)	0.00%
Outreach Activities	0	6,150	6,150	(6,150)	0.00%
Miscellaneous/Fees	36,390	0	0	36,390	0.00%
Occupancy	0	4,197	4,197	(4,197)	0.00%
Communications	0	1,694	1,694	(1,694)	0.00%
Copier Usage	0	172	172	(172)	0.00%
Meeting Expenses	0	217	217	(217)	0.00%
Platforms	0	591	591	(591)	0.00%
	4,294,437	154,415	154,415	4,140,022	3.60%
	0	0	0		

		July 2025	YTD	
	21,409,572	607,359	607,359	2.84%
	21,409,572	460,871	460,871	2.15%
		146,488	146,488	

MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Jessica Barrett, Finance Director
Date: September 19, 2025
Re: August 2025 Financial Statements

The August 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 FY25-26 budget adopted by the Commission at the June 26, 2025 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 2025 (16.67% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 17% and expenses are 18% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 15% and 17%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$1,044,195. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$524,718 (50%) and current. Commission receivables are heavy due to closing projects to fiscal year-end. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$520,101) represent in process projects that have not been invoiced and posted to receivables.

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Montgomery | Pulaski

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Pembroke | Pulaski | Rich Creek

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New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
8/31/2025

<u>Assets:</u>	Prior Month	Current Month
Operating Account	284,588	1,202,712
First Bank & Trust -Montgomery/Bland Broadband	2,587,226	2,070,476
First Bank & Trust - Pulaski County Broadband	1,671,008	1,675,916
First Bank & Trust - Office Building Financing	1,215,072	1,219,120
First Bank & Trust - Regional Housing Fund	459,431	460,962
First Bank & Trust - Money Market	314,229	315,275
US Bank - Bond Proceeds	13,948	13,948
Accounts Receivable	2,088,544	1,044,195
Utility Deposits	3,307	3,307
Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	30,007	29,425
Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	78,914	79,596
Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
Office Building	2,013,762	2,013,762
Total Assets:	<u>10,792,401</u>	<u>10,161,059</u>
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	1,254,931	1,237,103
Accrued Annual Leave	127,961	127,961
Accrued Unemployment	36,619	36,720
Expense Reimbursement	3,227	2,653
Funds Held for Others	11,224	8,000
Funds on Hand - Montgomery County Broadband	1,843,952	1,495,939
Funds on Hand - Pulaski County Broadband	1,647,986	1,647,986
Funds on Hand - VMRI Craig-Botetourt	542,750	542,750
Funds on Hand - VMRI Montgomery Co.	289,241	289,241
Funds on Hand - Regional Housing Fund	459,431	460,962
Unearned Revenue	95,166	95,166
Loan Payable	1,945,000	1,945,000
Bond Premium	158,815	158,815
Total Liabilities:	<u>8,416,305</u>	<u>8,048,295</u>
<u>Projects:</u>		
(Equity Accounts)		
Net Projects	(255,085)	(520,101)
Current Year Unrestricted	244,592	244,116
Office Building Project	1,379,875	1,383,923
Unrestricted Net Assets	905,336	905,336
Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	108,839	108,839
Total Projects (Equity)	<u>2,383,557</u>	<u>2,122,113</u>
Total Liabilities and Projects	<u>10,799,862</u>	<u>10,170,408</u>
Net Difference to be Reconciled	<u>(7,461)</u>	<u>(9,349)</u>
Total Adjustments to Post*	7,461	9,349
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 - August 2025

FY25-26 Budget		(17% of FY)			
		August 2025	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues	Budget				
ARC Annual Admin Grant	92,660	0	28,448	64,212	30.70%
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	35,000	0	0	35,000	0.00%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	40,500	0	0	40,500	0.00%
ARC Broadband Bland	455,389	0	0	455,389	0.00%
ARC Helene Recovery	42,500	0	0	42,500	0.00%
ARC Inspire Ecosystem Recovery	50,000	0	0	50,000	0.00%
Local Assessment	244,023	0	244,023	0	100.00%
Office Project Member Contributions	153,159	0	153,159	0	0.00%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	114,971	0	0	114,971	0.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	11,354,803	2,004,053	2,004,053	9,350,749	17.65%
DHCD Regional Digital Opportunity	52,500	0	0	52,500	0.00%
DHCD Giles Co Disaster Recovery	60,000	0	0	60,000	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	80,340	0	0	80,340	0.00%
EDA	70,000	0	0	70,000	0.00%
EDA Tech Hub	159,195	0	0	159,195	0.00%
EDA Helene NRV Recovery Team	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%
Go Virginia Scale Up	85,497	0	0	85,497	0.00%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	0	0	75,000	0.00%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	11,250	0	0	11,250	0.00%
Workforce Trades Gap Fiscal Agent	10,000	0	0	10,000	0.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Build Your Career Fiscal Agent	45,000	0	0	45,000	0.00%
VDOT	27,600	0	0	27,600	0.00%
Floyd County	51,541	0	0	51,541	0.00%
Floyd Town	80,000	0	0	80,000	0.00%
Giles County	19,250	0	0	19,250	0.00%
Giles County Broadband	35,000	0	0	35,000	0.00%
Narrows Town	15,000	0	0	15,000	0.00%
Pearisburg Town	12,550	0	0	12,550	0.00%
Rich Creek Town	4,500	0	0	4,500	0.00%
Montgomery County VATI 2022	663,225	348,014	348,014	315,211	52.47%
Montgomery County Opiod Abatement	720,000	103,940	103,940	616,060	14.44%
Blacksburg Town	18,000	1,500	3,000	15,000	16.67%
Christiansburg Town	18,597	0	0	18,597	0.00%
Pulaski County VATI	481,973	0	0	481,973	0.00%
Pulaski Town	32,500	0	0	32,500	0.00%
Dublin Town	40,000	0	0	40,000	0.00%
Wytheville Town	10,000	0	0	10,000	0.00%
MM Interest	5,000	1,047	2,021	2,979	40.41%
Interest Income	65,000	16,434	32,372	32,628	49.80%
Virginia's First	16,080	1,300	2,600	13,480	16.17%
NRV MPO	154,819	0	0	154,819	0.00%
Dept of Environmental Quality	78,006	0	0	78,006	0.00%
VHDA	999,306	0	0	999,306	0.00%
Citizens ARC Fiber Deployment	22,500	0	0	22,500	0.00%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	7,000	0	0	7,000	0.00%
Virginia Recycling Association	15,000	0	0	15,000	0.00%
GigaBeam Networks, LLC	60,000	0	0	60,000	0.00%
APB Partners Pulaski, LLC	30,000	2,500	5,000	25,000	0.00%
VAPDC	5,000	0	5,000	0	0.00%
Pemtrel	45,000	0	0	45,000	0.00%
Regional Housing Trust Fund	38,000	0	0	38,000	0.00%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	76,500	0	0	76,500	0.00%
New River Conservancy	30,000	0	0	30,000	0.00%
Revolving Loan - Interest	1,400	100	202	1,198	14.43%
Direct Charge Reimbursement	0	290	290	(290)	0.00%
	17,115,135	2,479,177	2,932,121	14,183,014	17.13%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,601,612	129,858	247,498	1,354,114	15.45%
Fringe Benefits	468,239	40,989	81,632	386,607	17.43%
Travel	63,505	1,809	2,591	60,914	4.08%
Office Space	109,000	5,727	11,455	97,545	10.51%
Utilities	0	1,441	2,944	(2,944)	0.00%
Communications	21,350	1,828	10,965	10,385	51.36%
Office Supplies	66,931	4,978	5,319	61,612	7.95%
Postage	1,300	99	109	1,191	8.42%
Printing	8,000	0	0	8,000	0.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,400	121	249	1,151	17.76%
Outreach/Media Adv	26,571	170	370	26,201	1.39%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	447	2,553	14.89%
Fleet Vehicles	1,600	(3,107)	475	1,125	29.72%
Dues/Publications	19,995	30	4,170	15,825	20.86%
Training/Staff Development	77,250	392	392	76,858	0.51%
Insurance	6,500	0	1,603	4,898	24.65%
Meeting Costs	24,120	1,050	1,506	22,614	6.24%
Capital Outlay	65,000	0	0	65,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	14,271,394	2,553,849	2,673,917	11,597,477	18.74%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	16,225	813	813	15,413	5.01%
Miscellaneous/Fees	108,999	350	623	108,376	0.57%
Bond Interest Expense	153,144	0	0	153,144	0.00%
	17,115,135	2,740,621	3,047,077	14,068,059	17.80%
	0	(261,444)	(114,956)		

New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
Revenue and Expenditures - 2026

		(17% of FY)			
NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues		August 2025	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
Workforce Development Area	4,294,437	194,567	348,982	3,945,455	8.13%
		194,567	348,982	3,945,455	
Expenses					
Salaries	766,620	64,911	127,336	639,284	16.61%
Fringe Benefits	275,983	19,980	41,724	234,259	15.12%
Travel	45,000	2,697	5,735	39,265	12.75%
Office Space	26,000	0	0	26,000	0.00%
Communications	16,000	0	0	16,000	0.00%
Office Supplies	34,000	924.69	4,189.27	29,811	12.32%
Postage	250	0	0	250	0.00%
Printing	2,000	0	0	2,000	0.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	5,500	0	0	5,500	0.00%
Outreach/Media Adv	88,000	0	0	88,000	0.00%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	0	0	1,700	0.00%
Dues/Publications	8,000	0	0	8,000	0.00%
Training/Staff Development	12,000	0	0	12,000	0.00%
Insurance	5,000	0	3,986	1,014	79.72%
Meeting Costs	61,000	0	0	61,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	2,898,794	0	0	2,898,794	0.00%
Contractual: Training & SS	0	67,360	99,832	(99,832)	0.00%
Contractual: Literacy NRV	0	6,943	6,943	(6,943)	0.00%
Contractual: NRCA	0	1,219	1,219	(1,219)	0.00%
Contractual: RACE1	0	2,812	2,812	(2,812)	0.00%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	12,200	0	0	12,200	0.00%
Business Services	0	0	10,150	(10,150)	0.00%
Sector Partnership Activities	0	496	3,346	(3,346)	0.00%
Professional Development	0	30	30	(30)	0.00%
Outreach	0	280	1,744	(1,744)	0.00%
Outreach Activities	0	0	6,150	(6,150)	0.00%
Miscellaneous/Fees	36,390	0	0	36,390	0.00%
Occupancy	0	5,930	10,127	(10,127)	0.00%
Communications	0	1,769	3,463	(3,463)	0.00%
Copier Usage	0	172	344	(344)	0.00%
Meeting Expenses	0	743	960	(960)	0.00%
Platforms	0	18,300	18,891	(18,891)	0.00%
	4,294,437	194,567	348,982	3,945,455	8.13%
	0	0	0		

	August 2025	YTD	
21,409,572	2,673,744	3,281,103	15.33%
21,409,572	2,935,188	3,396,059	15.86%
	(261,444)	(114,956)	



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September 18, 2025

Executive Director's Report

Economic Development:

- The AM2 Tech Hub held a conference on September 15th at the Inn at Virginia Tech with over 100 attendees. Participants represented a good cross section of industry, higher education research, and government focused on economic development. The 10-year Road Map was presented which is the primary output of the Tech Hub Strategy Development Grant. Four strategic implementation tracts include: Build AM2 Innovation Studios (Blacksburg/Danville collaboration spaces); Embed AM2 Innovation Fellows (assist with the AM2 discovery pipeline); Launch AM2 Career Network; Continue Development of AM2 Consortium. The AM2 Tech Hub will be making a significant grant application to the US Economic Development Administration in March in pursuit of Disaster Recovery funds for consortium-based projects. The roadmap will be posted to the project website soon, so please check back [here](#).

Broadband:

- The Pulaski County broadband project is seeing significant progress on pole replacements throughout the county. One section of the project area will have fiber strung on the new pole starting the end of this month. The County and All Points Broadband will be holding a ground breaking ceremony on September 29th.
- The Montgomery/Bland County VATI 2022 project continues to make construction progress. A site visit with the Virginia Dept of Housing and Community Development will be held on September 30th.

Transportation:

- The NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority will not meet in September. The next meeting will take place on October 23rd. Currently, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority staff is working with the Station Authority staff on developing a scope for the CRISI grant (\$2.0M for project implementation) and submitting it to the Federal Railroad Administration by the end of October.
- The Valley to Valley Trail project will have a public survey launching this month. The purpose of the survey is to solidify the final trail alignment. NRVRC staff designed the interactive survey using a software platform new to the agency called Social Pinpoint. This was purchased through a collaborative agreement with other PDCs in Virginia. Be on the lookout for the survey and please help distribute.

Housing:

- We are in early conversations with Virginia Housing about developing an update to the Regional+Local Housing Study. The target is to get it started in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. Several partners in the region to include local government and higher education have recently requested the update.

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 23rd 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. The Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund (VDAF) program is open for applications. The Regional Commission is serving as the administrative entity. In this role, the agency will assist property owners directly, review applications, and verify all content before submitting to the Commonwealth for its review. Giles County held a community meeting for the VDAF program on 9/17 which I attended and we all assisted with application development. As of today, seven complete applications have been received and under review by the Regional Commission. More information about the program is on our website site [here](#).

Commission:

- **SAVE THE DATE!** The NRVRC Annual Dinner will be held on October 23rd 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 starting at 4:30 departing from the hotel. Award recipients this year include: Champion of the Valley, Judge Lee Harrell; Citizen of the Valley, Angie Covey; Friend of the Valley, Tamarah Holmes.
- There is an open position for Disaster Recovery Coordinator that will hopefully be filled in the coming weeks. This position is funded by the Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund and anticipate future funding for the position by administering implementation projects that are awarded through the program.
- We are putting the pieces together with our management team on the annual staff retreat likely to be held on October 30th. The focus this year will be professional leadership development.
- I am looking forward to working with the Radford City Council in an extended work session on 9/30 to discuss goal development for short-term and long-term initiatives.

MEMORANDUM

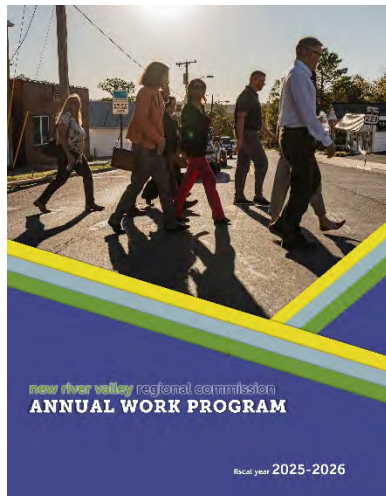
To: Regional Commission Board Members

From: Elijah Sharp, Deputy Executive Director

Date: September 19, 2025

Re: FY26 Annual Work Program

The FY26 Annual Work Program documents a comprehensive list of projects and program offerings that will be undertaken by Commission Staff July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. The broader intent of the work program is to provide the most benefit in the region at the least direct cost to local members. This year our work program includes more than 60 projects.



The Commission is excited to be working on multiple projects that reach all four corners of the New River Valley. Key focus areas include significant programming for disaster recovery, expanding the New River Water Trail, NRV Passenger Rail station A/E, and ensuring that 100% of the region has access to broadband. In addition, the Commission continues to partner with local and regional organizations to improve community health, evaluate transportation systems, redevelop derelict properties, expand public infrastructure, and update local comprehensive plans and ordinances.

The FY26 Commission budget is \$2.1M and it supports 21 full-time and four part-time staff. In addition, the Commission will be administering more than \$17M in contractual funds. Staff utilizes the Annual Work Program throughout the year to ensure that progress and resources are aligned for every project.

Our multi-disciplinary team is ready to provide the highest level of quality, capacity, and accountability for local members again this year! Staff will be available at the August Commission meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Strengthening the Region through Collaboration

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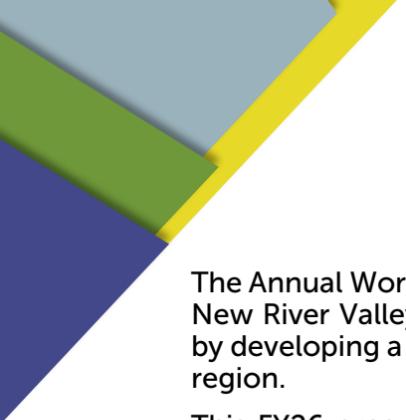
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new river valley regional commission
ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM

fiscal year **2025-2026**



New River Valley Regional Commission
ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026

The Annual Work Program is the foundation for achieving the objectives and strategies of the New River Valley Regional Commission. The Commission strives to maximize its resources by developing a comprehensive work plan that is based on current needs and priorities of the region.

This FY26 program is a compilation of projects presented by Council members, including managers and administrators, local partners, regional organizations, and staff. The intent is to provide the most benefit from the least direct cost to our local government members. Program tasks are grouped as regional projects, local projects, or finance & administration.

Executive Team

Kevin Byrd, AICP, Executive Director
Elijah Sharp, Deputy Executive Director/Director of Planning & Programs
Jessica Barrett, CPA, Director of Finance

Administrative & Finance Team

Kelly Patton, Finance Technician II
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Julie Phillips, Office Manager

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Erika Slagel-Perry, Education and Training Coordinator

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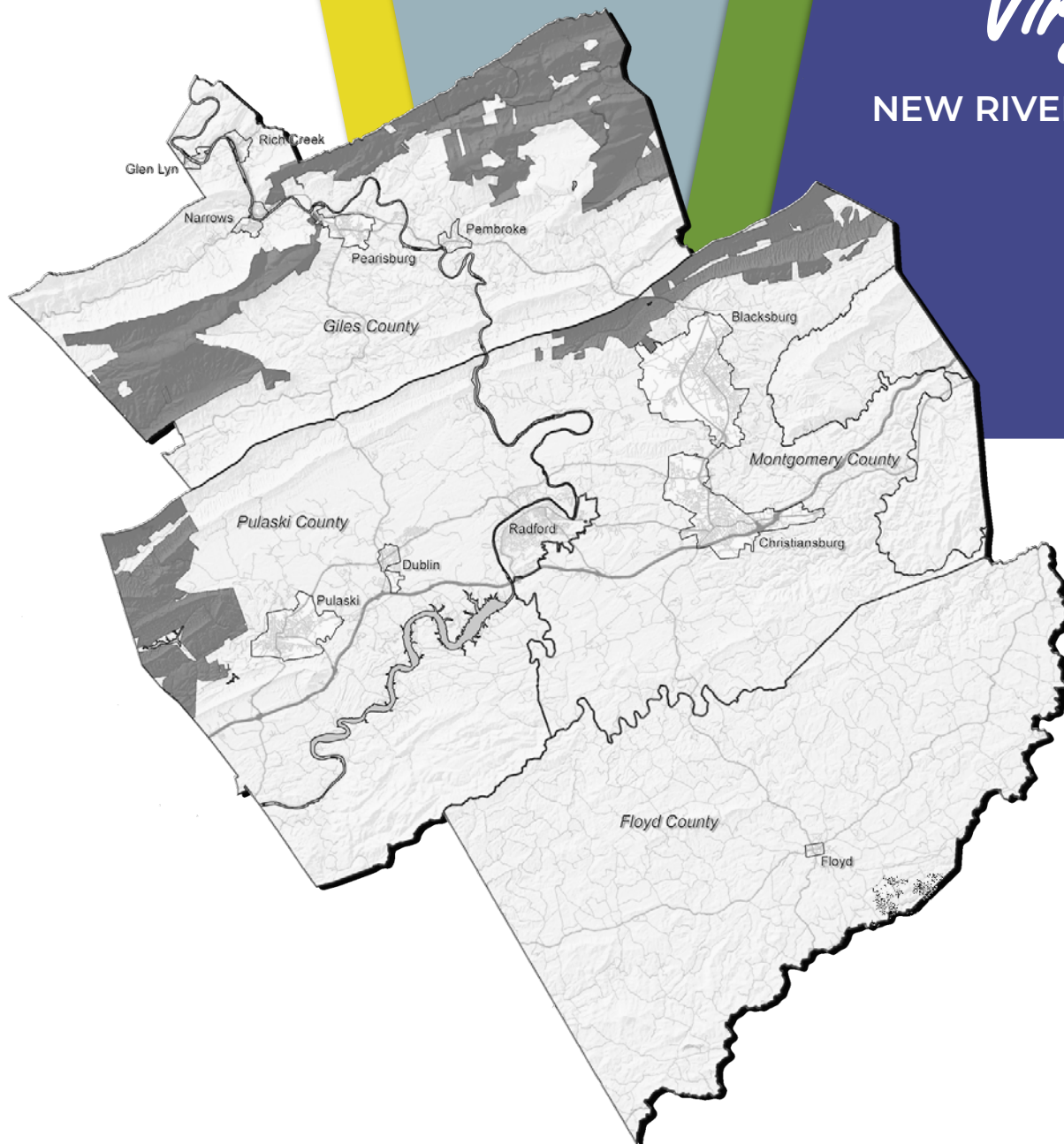
AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners)

CPA (Certified Public Accountant)

GISP (Geographic Informational Systems Professional)

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NEW RIVER VALLEY



BACKGROUND

In September 1969, the New River Valley Regional Commission was organized by its member jurisdictions - Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski Counties, the City of Radford, and the Towns of Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Pulaski. Together they accepted the charge of the general provisions of the Virginia Area Development Act which authorized the creation of the Commission.

The 1995 General Assembly amended and reenacted a Bill entitled the "*Regional Cooperation Act*." The Act added governmental cooperation to purposes of the Commission. The Commission's overall goals are based in the provisions of the Regional Cooperation Act. The 1997 General Assembly re-codified the Act as 15.2-4200 et al.

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ACRONYM DESCRIPTIONS

AFID	Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund
ARC	Appalachian Regional Commission
BCT	Business Continuity Team
CAMS	Central Application Management System
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CEDS	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
DA	Development Area
DEQ	Department of Environmental Quality
DGIF	Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
DHCD	Department of Housing & Community Development
DRPT	Department of Rail and Public Transportation
EDA	Economic Development Administration
EDD	Economic Development District
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
GIS	Geographic Information System
GOVA	Virginia Initiative for Growth and Opportunity
HOME	Housing Opportunities Made Equal
HUD	Department of Housing & Urban Development
LDD	Local Development Districts
L RTP	Long Range Transportation Plan
LWEG	Live Work Eat Gather
MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
NRCC	New River Community College
NRVDC	New River Development Corporation
NRHD	New River Health District
NRV	New River Valley
NRVRC	New River Valley Regional Commission
NRWT	New River Water Trail
OAA	Opioid Abatement Authority
PDC	Planning District Commission
RTCC	Regional Transit Coordinating Council
RU	Radford University
SERCAP	Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project
SVSWMA	Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association
SWVA	Southwest Virginia
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
VAPDC	Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions
VATI	Virginia Telecommunication Initiative
VBAF	Virginia Brownfields Assistance Fund
VCCS	Virginia Community College System
VDEM	Virginia Department of Emergency Management
VDOT	Virginia Department of Transportation
VDRPT	Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation
VFRIFA	Virginia's First Regional Industrial Authority
VHDA	Virginia Housing Development Authority
VRA	Virginia Recycling Association
VT	Virginia Tech

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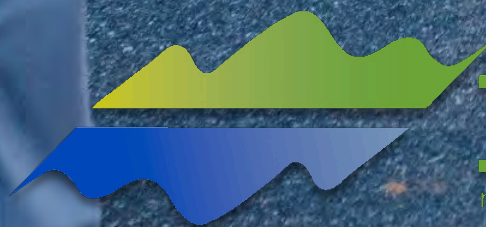
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Regional Cooperation

Disaster Recovery

In late September 2024, Category 4 Hurricane Helene made landfall just west of Florida before charting a massive path of destruction through the heart of southeastern United States. As the storm traveled north, the hurricane weakened to a tropical storm that overwhelmed the New River watershed with rainfall. The New River watershed was inundated with overflowing tributaries impacted in the Carolinas. NRV communities experienced flood levels that reached 20 feet in certain areas of their communities. FY26 anticipated recovery activities include:

ARC Helene Recovery Planning

The Appalachian Regional Commission provided over \$50,000 to support staffing needs of impacted communities across southwest Virginia. The Regional Commission has been working with communities to quantify the impacts and **pursue opportunities to address immediate, short-term, and longer-term needs.**

DHCD Disaster Recovery

Giles County has received an **\$18+ million direct allocation** of Disaster Recovery Funds from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The Commission will be assisting the County with funding implementation, which will focus on a county-wide assessment and the creation of a Disaster Recovery Plan.

Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund

The Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund (VDAF) is a \$50 million state program providing financial relief to **Virginians whose homes, businesses, farms, or community infrastructure were destroyed** or heavily damaged by Tropical Storm Helene or the February 2025 storms, and funding mitigation projects to protect against future disasters. Learn more about the program online here: <https://nrvc.org/natural-resources>

EPA Debris Removal Plan

The Regional Commission will partner with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and Mount Rogers PDC to **offset costs for debris removal, develop a disaster debris plan,** and staffing needs required to deliver the program.



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NRV Recovery Ecosystem

The NRV Recovery Ecosystem is a Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority funded program to address addiction prevention, treatment and recovery. The five-year program began in FY24 and supports local government and regional partner agencies in addressing underlying causes of and impacts from opioid use disorder. The NRV Recovery Ecosystem is a regional collaboration to leverage partner expertise with local governmental oversight to strategically and holistically address this issue in the region. The FY26 anticipated work plan occur from July 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, activities include:

Education & Training

Supporting the broader logistics of the Resiliency Network, the Program Coordinator will **engage with school-based partners** to deliver Just Say Know prevention curriculum and continue expanding fentanyl awareness and prevention. The FY26 Work Plan also includes developing outreach materials and trauma sensitive resources to support shelter alternatives for recovery.

Housing & Transportation Resources

The Community Health team will continue to coordinate and facilitate regular technical and leadership committee meetings. FY26 goals include **increasing public transit ridership by 15% and decreasing denied on-demand trips by 25%** and supporting the establishment of recovery housing for people successfully completing treatment.

New River Health District Technical Support

With the completion of the ARPA funded programs last fiscal year, this Commission will provide mapping, outreach and expanded partnership development. FY26 work plan activities include developing **strategic mapping and interactive elements for the Road to Wellness website** and supporting the integration of Health District services with the mobile outreach efforts across the region.

The NRV Recovery Ecosystem also hopes to launch and support the Giles Day Won Center, Floyd Peer Center, Pulaski County Community Collaboration Center, and the expansion of Instill Mindfulness Peer Respite Center. The Commission will also support regional partners with establishing a non-profit status for the NRV Peer Coalition.



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Broadband Deployment

The New River Valley Regional Commission continues to administer grant funding to increase the accessibility of broadband throughout the region. FY26 anticipated activities include:

Montgomery County

Since 2021, Department of Housing and Community Development has awarded more than \$40 million to bring fiber to the homes of underserved citizens in Montgomery and Bland Counties. **1,292 connections will be completed by December 2025 and an additional 14,154 connections will be achieved by the end of the fiscal year.** GigaBeam and the counties have committed an additional \$38 million to complete the project.

Pulaski County

The Department of Housing and Community Development awarded Pulaski County more than \$29 million to bring fiber to the homes of 8,822 underserved citizens. All Points and the County have committed an additional \$26 million to complete the project by the end of the 2026 calendar year. Citizen's Telephone Cooperative was also awarded \$540,000 by the Appalachian Regional Commission to install 5-miles of fiber that will **support 285 businesses in Pulaski, Montgomery, and Grayson Counties.**

Giles County

Over the next three fiscal years, Giles County will partner with the Department of Housing and Community Development and PemTel **to construct 125 miles of fiber** that will serve nearly 650 homes and nearly a dozen businesses. Areas in and around Pembroke, White Gate, Staffordsville, Poplar Hill, Sugar Run, Wilburn Valley, and Walker Creek will have access to reliable, high-speed services – bridging the digital divide and creating opportunities for economic growth in the County.

VATI Digital Opportunities

The Commission, City of Radford, and Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski Counties were awarded Virginia Broadband Affordability and Adoption Planning Grant funds in September 2024. The funding is being utilized to develop a regional plan that **inventories local unmet needs and implementation-ready projects.** The plan will be available in early 2026.



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Regional + Local Housing

The New River Valley Regional Commission recognizes the importance of housing and actively works with local and state partners to address housing affordability throughout the region. FY26 anticipated activities include:

Regional Housing Fund

The Regional Commission received \$2 million in funding from Virginia Housing to foster a regional approach to housing development for low-to-moderate income renters and homeowners. NRV local government partners committed \$1.5 million in additional match funding through FY29. The Commission is using this funding to pilot the creation of a regional Housing Trust Fund (HTF). Partners will include NRV local government staff, anchor health institutions, universities, and other major employers. To date, \$1.8 million of below market interest loan funding has been awarded to **support the development of more than 100 housing units.**

HOME Program

The New River Valley **became a HOME Consortium in 2007** and is supported by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Funds are directed towards low-to-moderate income households for activities such as homeowner rehabilitation, new construction of single family or multi-family homes, acquisition of property, demolition of substandard housing, architectural fees, feasibility studies, homebuyer's counseling, and other finance-related costs.

Floyd County

The County successfully wrapped up a scatter-site housing rehab project last fiscal year. The program was among the first of its kind statewide and local partners were successful in pursuing a second round of funding, beginning this fiscal year. **The initial phase included a \$1.08 million award** from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. Local partners were able to leverage an additional \$231,140, rehabilitate six homes, and rebuild three homes.

Regional + Local Housing Study Update

Later this fiscal year, the Regional Commission plans to initiate the update process for the regional housing study. The process will include **refreshing housing market analysis**, training, and strategy development. The anticipated project timeline will be April 1, 2026 through March 30, 2028



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Passenger Rail

The New River Valley Regional Commission collaborates with regional partners to provide technical assistance and staffing resources to support the expansion of passenger rail service to the region. FY26 anticipated activities include:

NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority

The Authority serves as the **responsible entity for owning, operating, and maintaining the NRV station**. Responsibilities



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of the Authority include, but are not limited to: 1) delivering administrative and finance staff support to the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority; and 2) serving as the administrative point of contact for the Authority and will help coordinate local initiatives with state offices such as the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit.

ARC Station A/E Planning Grant

The New River Valley Passenger Rail Service Authority (NRVPSA) received \$318,000 in Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds for the NRV Passenger Rail Station in Christiansburg Virginia. NRVPSA, in conjunction with the Virginia Passenger Rail Service Authority (VPSA), have been striving to meet the 2028 goal to have passenger rail service in the New River Valley. This ARC Planning Grant will help the NRVPSA to propel the project into the next phase by **providing all the construction documents needed to construct a passenger rail station**. These planning grant funds will be used to procure Architectural/Engineering (A/E) Services for the Environmental Review and Design to include cost estimates, surveying and permits.



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New River Water Trail Expansion

The New River Valley Regional Commission has been assisting community partners with water trail enhancement projects since 2012. What is now 37-miles may soon expand into West Virginia and North Carolina. FY26 anticipated activities include:

Watershed Roundtable

The New River Watershed Roundtable continued to serve as a convenor of water quality interests across the region. At quarterly meetings, partners gathered to learn about regional watershed projects, discuss water quality, and elevate ideas for collaboration. Commission staff also supported and participated in the annual **ReNew the New** cleanup in September 2025. The group is supported by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, who provide approximately \$10,000 to support staffing needs.

Boat Access Facility and Trail Signage

The Appalachian Regional Commission awarded the Regional Commission **\$1.5 million to construct four new public boat access facilities**. Local partners in the City of Radford, and Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski Counties are providing an additional \$1.8 million in local match. The project is also supported by the Department of Conservation and Recreation through its Recreational Trails Program. DCR is providing an additional \$60,000 to install trail kiosk signage and up to 20 wayfinding signs along the water trail. Montgomery County will be advertising for construction in the Fall of 2025. Giles and Pulaski Counties will also begin A/E soon and ready to advertise in Spring/Summer of 2026.

New River Action Plan (NC, VA, WV)

The Appalachian Regional Commission awarded \$500,000 to partners at the New River Conservancy, through a collaborative application process that was supported by the Commission. Partners in Virginia, North Carolina, and West Virginia are leveraging more than \$150,000 in additional project match. The **Comprehensive New River Action Plan** aims to significantly advance regional outdoor economies by creating a multi-state water trail that stretches over 200 miles. Community engagement and outreach will be collaboratively conducted by partners from multiple states to explore factors that enrich the experience of the New River for communities of Appalachia, as well as to leverage the natural assets of multiple regional geographies. The project kicked-off in early 2025 and is anticipated to be completed by early 2027.



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Regional Water Supply & Quality

The New River Valley Regional Commission is partnering with the Virginia Department of Conservation to improve water resource management. FY26 anticipated activities include:

Water Supply Plan Update

According to Virginia Water Supply Planning Regulation (9VAC25-780), localities within each Regional Planning Area (RPA) must submit **a single, jointly prepared Regional Water Supply Plan** to Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) by October 9, 2029. The New River RPA includes the Counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski, City of Radford and the Towns of Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Dublin, Floyd, Pearisburg, Pembroke, Pulaski, Narrows, and Rich Creek. The NRVRC is responsible for coordinating the development of the Plan.

While Part 1 of the project is anticipated to wrap up in October, the Commission anticipates DEQ supporting a second phase of work later this year. Part 1 and 2 should be complete by the end of the fiscal year.

Crab Creek Beautification Phase II

Phase 1 of the beautification project was received very well by town residents and the surrounding community. A total of 13 Best Management Practices (BMPs) were installed and registered in the State Clearinghouse. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality provided nearly **\$90,000 which leveraged about \$69,000 in private investment**. The Commission received more applications than the initial round could fund, so a phase was developed with DEQ.

The results of the 2015 stressor analysis of Crab Creek indicated that sediment is the Most Probable Stressor and therefore implementing BMPs that address reducing stormwater runoff was a priority. Phase 2 of the Crab Creek Implementation Plan calls for additional BMP installations that include increasing tree canopy to reduce runoff, removal of impervious surfaces, rainwater harvesting and conservation landscaping in the Town of Christiansburg and are included in this proposal as BMPs available to the community through this project.



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Transportation

Planning & Project Readiness

The Regional Commission provides transportation planning assistance across the region. Through a partnership with the Virginia Department of Transportation, the regional commission manages an annual Rural Work Program that is guided by multi-jurisdictional input.

The New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (NRVMPO) is a transportation policymaking organization serving the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, the City of Radford, and parts of Montgomery and Pulaski counties. The MPO provides the information, tools, and public input necessary to improve the performance of the transportation system of the region. FY26 anticipated activities include:

MPO 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan

The Long-Range Transportation Plan is the New River Valley's fiscally constrained **multimodal plan, which identifies major roadway, transit, non-motorized system improvements,** and travel demand management projects. The MPO planning area includes both the urbanized area, as defined by the Bureau of the Census, and the area that is expected to be urbanized within a 20-year forecast period.

Public meetings are currently underway and will wrap up in early October 2025. The final plan will be available before the end of the calendar year. To learn more about the project and to also share your input, please visit: <https://engagenrv.org/mpo-2050>

Valley to Valley Study

The New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization is partnering with the Regional Commission to conduct a study to help **identify the best route to connect the Roanoke River Greenway in Roanoke County to the New River Trail in Pulaski County,** while also tying in other key recreational assets in the New River Valley, such as the Huckleberry Trail. The goal is to find a route that reflects community priorities and can be built in stages--starting with sections that are ready for near-term construction and eventually creating a larger, connected trail network.

A community survey recently launched in August 2025 and will remain open until the Fall of 2025. To learn more about the project and to also share your input, please visit: <https://connectnrvmysocialpinpoint.com/valley-to-valley>



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Public Transportation Systems

The New River Valley Regional Commission has partnered with the Metropolitan Planning Organization over the last 15 years to improve collaboration amongst the region's public transportation providers. Work is strongly supported by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. FY26 anticipated activities include:

Bus Stop Safety & Accessibility Studies

The New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization is partnering with the Regional Commission to update Bus Stop Safety and Accessibility Studies for Blacksburg Transit, Radford Transit, and Pulaski Area Transit. The purpose of this project is to utilize a data-driven prioritization tool to guide the efficient allocation of resources for bus stop improvements within the NRV's service areas.

The process will be led by Working Committees composed of representatives from each transit service provider, local government and higher education partners, and the MPO. Prioritization criteria will be individually tailored for each transit service provider and used to evaluate and rank up to a maximum of 120 total bus stop locations. **Conceptual planning visualizations and preliminary cost estimates** will be developed for up to ten "high priority" bus stops for each service. Work will begin in early 2026 and be completed by September 2027.

Regional Transit Study Update

The NRVMPPO and Regional Commission will also be collaborating to update the original 2016 strategies that investigated potential enhancements at overlapping service and high-volume bus stop locations. Specifically, the updated study recommendations will **identify methods to improve the design of physical safety and convenience features** and increase accessibility to information about alternative transportation systems/services in the region. Plan recommendations will outline potential partnerships, investments, and changes that elevate the presence and encourage increased use of public transit.

Work will begin in March 2026 and conclude in September 2027.



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Mobility Access

Public and employment mobility has been an area of focus for the Virginia Department of Transportation since 2005. The Regional Commission collaborated with VDOT to complete the initial study phase and second phase in 2009. FY26 anticipated activities include:

Mobility Management Guidebook

In 2009, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) awarded the Regional Commission a Mobility Management grant under DRPT's New Freedom program. The grant allowed the Regional Commission to gather extensive data on existing transit providers in the New River Valley for the purpose of creating a working resource manual.

The manual served as a **comprehensive transit guide for citizens and mobility managers in the region**, providing important contact information, delineating service areas, identifying existing routes and route schedules, and answering frequently asked questions about service. The manual was later updated by the New River Valley Agency on Aging in 2022.

The next iteration of the resource guide will begin in April 2026 and be completed by December 2027. The guidebook will continue to provide detailed information to encourage travel independence.

Employment Mobility Study Update

This New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization is partnering with the Regional Commission to **re-evaluate existing commuter patterns, barriers to transportation, and explore potential solutions**. Work is anticipated to begin in April 2026 and be completed by December 2027.

Task included in the upcoming work program include initial project branding, developing community outreach materials, and documenting what's been achieved since the last plan update.



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NRV Programs

The New River Valley Regional Commission has collaborated with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation and the Department of Transportation to administer regional programs and provide local technical assistance. FY26 anticipated activities include:

RIDE Solutions

RIDE Solutions is a multi-regional program to **provide ridesharing matching and information on alternative transportation** modes to the commuters in the New River Valley. The Commission partners in execution of the program at the multi-region level with the Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission, and the West Piedmont PDC. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of single-occupant-vehicle commuter trips by shifting SOV trips to carpool, vanpool, transit, and bicycle commuting. The NRV program focuses on reaching commuters, particularly through their employers and at community events, and on employers to provide information and technical assistance to invest in more sustainable and affordable transportation decision-making.

VDOT Rural Work Program

The Virginia Department of Transportation allocates part of its federal State Planning and Research (SPR) funding for the Regional Commission to provide planning assistance for non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. The Regional Commission is responsible for partnering with member local governments to develop and execute an annual scope of activities that address transportation related issues that are specific to the region. The partnership also requires the Regional Commission to actively take part in statewide and federal transportation planning and training opportunities.

The program allows the Regional Commission to offer local technical assistance and also maintain important regional plans, including the regional Bike, Ped, Paddle Plan and the Rural Long-Range Transportation Plan. The Regional Commission coordinates annual meetings with the Commonwealth Transportation Board's Salem District Representative and actively participates on several transportation related working committees.



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Economic Development

Regional Economic Strategy

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) provides resources to support a variety of tasks related to the functions of the Regional Commission as an Economic Development District (EDD). FY26 anticipated activities include:

EDA Work Program

As the regional EDD, the Regional Commission receives support to perform the **annual update to the Regional Economic Strategy (RES)** planning document that aligns with EDA-supported grant funding programs. In addition, the EDA provides support for NRVRC staff to undertake a variety of regional economic development planning and implementation projects, including: administration of the New River Valley Revolving Loan Fund, entrepreneurship support, data collection and analysis, and regional economic development activities, workforce development, and related fields.

Go Virginia Site Planning

GO Virginia Region 2 has awarded the New River Valley a Site Advancement Strategy grant, matched by regional contributions, to strengthen the competitiveness of industrial sites across the region. The project will engage NRV leadership to evaluate infrastructure gaps, environmental constraints, and development needs.

The project aims to **position sites for higher readiness levels under the Virginia Business Ready Sites Program (VBRSP)**. This work will help business expansion opportunities, attract employers, and foster long-term job growth.

Market Study & Conceptual A/E

The Town of Floyd was recently awarded a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Planning Grant to support redevelopment of a vacant industrial property into a mixed-use, mixed-income project. Administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), this grant will allow the Town to **evaluate housing and commercial demand, engage the community in visioning,** and prepare Preliminary Engineering/Architectural Reports. Outcomes will position the Town for future implementation funding and redevelopment, transforming a vacant property into a catalyst for growth on Floyd's west side.



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Regional Innovations – Tech Hub

In 2023, the New River Valley and Danville regions were awarded a U.S. EDA Tech Hub Strategic Development grant to identify strategies and projects that bolster additive manufacturing and advanced materials technologies. Additive Manufacturing and Advanced Materials (AM²) Tech Hub program activities, including hosting the first annual AM² Hub Conference, continue into 2025 with strong support from private industry, local government, and higher education. The Tech Hub leadership team also plans to submit two grant proposals in FY26 to implement projects identified during the strategic development process. FY26 anticipated activities include:

Host AM² Hub Conference

In September 2025, the Regional Commission partnered with the Virginia Tech Center for Economic & Community Engagement to **connect industry leaders who are leveraging additive manufacturing and advanced materials** to transform how they design, create, and innovate. Participants were able to hear firsthand how these technologies are creating real-world impact—and where they think opportunity is headed next.

In addition, attendees explored the real challenges facing manufacturers today—from tech adoption to workforce gaps—and gained practical insights through expert 1-on-1 sessions and collaborative peer breakouts. The conference concluded with a behind the scenes of innovation and tour Virginia Tech's innovative labs.

10-Year Roadmap

Regional entities are making transformative advancements in additive manufacturing (AM) with revolutionary applications of ne polymers and composites, metals, ceramics, and even concrete. The **NRV is globally competitive in large AM systems** (e.g., capable of manufacturing parts larger than six cubic feet) that meet the needs of those in heavier industries. The Roadmap will identify how to expand and deploy large-scale additive manufacturing and material sciences technology that will propel the region to economic success.



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Community Development

Local Planning Assistance

The New River Valley Regional Commission is partnering with several communities on local planning projects that are geared towards improving policy and increasing construction readiness. FY26 anticipated activities include:

Town of Dublin

The Town of Dublin was awarded a \$1 million U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Multipurpose Grant to advance both environmental assessments and cleanup activities, along with reuse planning and community engagement activities. Unlike typical single-purpose EPA grants, this flexible award allows the Town to **move from site investigation directly into remediation** and redevelopment planning.

This five-year project, running through June 2029, will help Dublin address environmental hazards, reduce blight, and prepare properties for new investment. The effort will strengthen redevelopment opportunities and support long-term economic growth by making underutilized sites viable for housing, business, and community uses.

Town of Christiansburg

The Town of Christiansburg is nearing the completion of their Comprehensive Plan update effort. The plan will **capture the community's vision for the Town**, and guide the growth, development, investments, and services to enhance quality of life. The Town will evaluate current issues and opportunities, discuss solutions, and select options to address the issues. Changes to the comprehensive plan will also be made to comply with new State regulations. The final plan is anticipated to be available in the Spring of 2026.

The Regional Commission is also assisting the Town with its ARC downtown implementation grant, to **further develop a community gathering space**. In addition, the Commission may also work with the Town to support planning and community engagement activities related to its recent Safe Streets & Roads for All project.



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Town of Narrows

The Town of Narrows is updating its zoning ordinance. The key goals are enhancing the Town's unique character, **improving economic vitality and maximizing the business and commercial potential**. This update aims to implement the recently adopted comprehensive plan, remove outdated uses, and add new ones to meet changing community needs. Additionally, the update seeks to reduce complexity, make the ordinance easier to use, and minimize the need for interpretations and ensure compliance with new Supreme Court rulings.

The Commission is also completing environmental review reports and managing grant funding for the Town's **Urgent Need Emergency Generator project, and trailhead improvements for Mill Creek Trails**. The generator project is funded through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's Disaster Recovery Program and the trail enhancements are being funded by the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Recreational Trails Program.

Town of Pearisburg

The Regional Commission will be collaborating with the Town of Pearisburg to update its Comprehensive Plan, starting in October 2025. Work plan activities for this fiscal year will include checking in on the anticipated scope of work with the new Town Manager, **developing a project branding and communication plan**, and refreshing population and demographic data. The initial community survey and public engagement site should also be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

Town of Pulaski

The Regional Commission is partnering with the Town of Pulaski and the Calfee Community & Cultural Center to administer two projects. Funded through the Appalachian Regional Commission and National Park Service, this project is the second phase of construction to **convert the former Calfee Elementary School in the Town of Pulaski into a childcare facility, commercial kitchen, and cultural museum**.

The Commission is also providing **general technical support** to Town staff with local ordinances and planning initiatives. Commission staff will prepare content, conceptual visualizations, develop and support community engagement activities, and other general technical assistance as needed.



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Town of Floyd

The Town of Floyd is amending sections of their zoning ordinance and code of ordinance and Regional Commission staff will provide support to prepare content, illustrations, prepare permits and provide other general technical assistance as needed. The scope also includes on-call technical assistance across a variety of implementation supporting activities.

Town of Wytheville

The Town of Wytheville is developing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This initiative includes two key components: a town-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan and a site-specific master plan for the Crystal Springs Recreation Area. **NRVRC and Mount Rogers Planning District staff will collaborate with Town** staff to define goals, policies for community's park system, recreational facilities, and program development for the next five to ten years.

NRVRC staff will also work with a local working group to identify existing characteristics of the Crystal Springs Recreation Area property, engage the local community, build consensus around potential improvements, develop detailed renderings and overall conceptual site plan and identify strategies for implementation.

Floyd County

Floyd County continues to make progress on its Comprehensive Plan update. This long-range plan outlines the community's vision for the future, directs physical development, guides decision-making, and prioritizes programs to meet community needs. The anticipated scope of the project includes updating individual sections of the plan; **engaging the public to guide planning outcomes**; and developing a final product that allows local partners to establish priorities and track their progress.

Regional Commission staff is also exploring funding scenarios to update a housing market assessment and community engagement strategy.



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Giles County

Giles County is updating their Comprehensive Plan. The plan will capture the County's vision for the future, and guide decision-making about growth, development, investments, and services. The Regional Commission will conduct data collection and analysis, **facilitate a review of the County's goals, objectives, policies, and strategies**, and create a publication-quality draft of the updated Comprehensive Plan.

The Regional Commission is also assisting the County with grant writing to expand public water and sewer infrastructure. A second application was successfully submitted for the Cross Avenue community, located just outside of Pearisburg. The County also submitted an application that would extend sanitary sewer services to Mountain Lake Lodge.

City of Radford

The City of Radford is rewriting its zoning ordinance that was developed in 1993. While there have been periodic revisions, the zoning rewrite will allow the City to **expand allowable uses in various zoning districts**. In addition, amendments will update the local ordinance to keep in pace with new types of uses and establish performance standards for some uses for development and redevelopment considerations. Illustrations will also be provided to better communicate the requirements of the ordinance and make it easier to understand.

The Commission is also supporting the City with its East Main Downtown project that was awarded \$700,000 in 2022 by the Appalachian Regional Commission.



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Finance & Administrative Support

Workforce Development

The Regional Commission provides financial support to the Workforce Development Board by maintaining an accounting of revenue and expenditures for all Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other funds allocated to the local workforce area. Responsible for fund receipt, disbursement, reconciliation and reporting. Provide payroll and benefit administration services to Workforce Development Board staff. FY26 anticipated activities include:

Workforce Supplemental Contracts

Provide financial support to the Workforce Development Board for additional grant-funded projects, including, but not limited to: YouthBuild, WORC, Build Your Career, and Filling the Trades. Maintain an accounting of revenue and expenditures for grant funds from the U.S. Department of Labor. Responsible for fund receipt, disbursement, reconciliation and reporting. Provide payroll and benefit administration services to Workforce Development Board staff funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds.

The Workforce Development Board requires financial oversight on each of the four grant-funded projects. Typical work plan activities include monthly accounts payable, payroll processing and benefits administration, and monthly expense reports.



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Partner Organization Support

The Regional Commission provides financial and administrative support for multiple organizations. FY26 anticipated activities include:

Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority

Virginia's First is the regional industrial facility authority formed to cooperatively develop economic projects with regional impact. The Commission provides administrative and finance support to the authority at the direction of a part-time executive director. The project's activity includes quarterly financial reporting, accounts payable and receivable, annual meeting support, document management, coordinating and/or responding to information requests from the public and authority member representatives, and other tasks as directed by the executive director and board members. These additional tasks may include grant preparation, prospect site visit support, and coordination of miscellaneous site activities.

Local Organization Support

Provide financial support to the Virginia Recycling Association, Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association, and Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions by maintaining QuickBooks accounts, preparing financial statements for the Association Treasurers monthly, collecting membership dues annually, depositing all funds received into Association's bank account, and reconciling and transferring all funds received by the PayPal account into the Association's checking account.

Provide Administrative support to each of the three Associations by maintaining membership database in excel, collecting membership renewals and quarterly meeting/conference registration, attending monthly board meetings and planning and attending quarterly meetings and annual conferences, issuing certificates to members for Continuing Education credits, routine WordPress site updates, and sending communications to members.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Christy Straight, Director of Infrastructure and Environmental Resources

Date: September 18, 2025

Re: Community Flood Preparedness Fund FY26 Grant Application

The Community Flood Preparedness Fund was created to provide support to local governments across Virginia to reduce flooding impacts and is administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). This fund offers two types of program grants – Capacity Building and Planning and Resilience Projects. Access to Resilience Projects funding requires a DCR-approved resiliency plan which could be funded through the Capacity Building and Planning grant. Short and long term loans are another funding option available through the program.

The grant application guidance is still in development. Applications are expected to open by early October and be due within 30 days. Planning grants have \$50 million available this year with grant awards allowable from \$5,000 to a number to be determined before the application opens. The resilience projects range is \$50,000 to \$7.5 million. The grants have a 50/50 (DCR/Local funds) match rate unless the applicant is in a low-income geographic area where the match rate becomes 90/10.

The Commission is proposing to apply for a Capacity Building grant to create a resiliency plan for interested localities who do not already have one. A successful applicant has five years to complete the plan. An approved plan is valid for five years and makes the region eligible for flood prevention and reduction project funding through DCR.

Plans must be adopted by the local government and approved by a Certified Floodplain Manager and address the entire approach to flooding, not just hotspots or particular elements of flooding issues. Nine elements must be addressed and if a current plan addresses any of those could be incorporated as part of the approved plan without repeating the work already done if the existing plan is current. DCR provides clear guidelines on the data that must be considered and the elements that must be presented in the plan. The nine elements:

1. project-based focused on flood control and resilience
2. incorporates nature-based infrastructure to the maximum extent possible
3. includes considerations of all parts of a locality and addresses flood resilience needs of underserved populations within the community

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4. identifies and includes all flooding occurring in all areas of the community, not just within the SFHAs, and provides the number and location of repetitive loss and severe repetitive loss properties
5. guidelines include equitable relocation strategies for all affected and where land is acquired along with property acquisition and/or relocation guidelines
6. includes a strategy for debris management.
7. includes administrative procedures for substantial development/substantial improvement of structures within the SFHA.
8. includes coordination with other local and inter-jurisdictional projects, plans, and activities and has a clearly articulated timeline or phasing for plan implementation.
9. is based on the best available science, and incorporates climate change, sea level rise, and storm surge (where appropriate), and current flood maps.

The board is asked to authorize the Executive Director to submit a grant application in partnership with localities that express an interest.



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Kevin Byrd, Executive Director

Date: September 18, 2025

Re: Remote Electronic Participation and All-Virtual Meeting Policy

The Virginia State Code was recently amended to permit public bodies to allow remote electronic meeting participation and hold all-virtual meetings, provided the governing body adopt a policy annually. The State Code reference is subsection B of § 2.2-3708.3. Attached is a policy for the board to consider adopting at the September meeting.

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REMOTE ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION and ALL-VIRTUAL MEETING POLICY
NEW RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL COMMISSION (NRVRC)

This policy has two purposes. The first is to provide for the New River Valley Regional Commission (NRVRC) to permit a member to participate in a Commission meeting through electronic communication means from a remote location, and the second is to allow the Commission to conduct of all-virtual meetings, in the manner allowed by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and as set out in this policy.

POLICY:

It is the policy of New River Valley Regional Commission (NRVRC) that individual members of the NRVRC may participate in NRVRC meetings by electronic communication as permitted by subsection B of § 2.2-3708.3 of the *Code of Virginia*. This policy shall apply to the entire membership without regard to the identity of the member requesting remote participation or the matters that will be considered or voted on at the meeting.

In order for an individual member to participate from a remote location as authorized by § 2.2-3708.3 B, a quorum of the Commission must be physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location. When such individual participation is due to a personal matter, set out in section A.4, below, such participation is limited to two meetings per calendar year or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year, rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater.

Further, it is the policy of the NRVRC that the Commission may hold all-virtual public meetings pursuant to subsection C of § 2.2-3708.3 of the *Code of Virginia*. Such all-virtual public meetings are limited to two meetings per calendar year or 50 percent of the meetings held per calendar year, rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. An all-virtual public meeting may not be held consecutively with another all-virtual public meeting.

This policy shall apply to the Commission and to all committees created by or under the authority of the Commission.

REMOTE ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION BY COMMISSION MEMBERS:

"Remote participation" means participation by an individual member of a public body by electronic communication means in a public meeting where a quorum of the public body is otherwise physically assembled.

"Electronic communication" means the use of technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities to transmit or receive information.

A. Notification of Inability to Attend Because of Disability, Medical Condition, Location or Personal Matter

In advance of the meeting at which remote participation is requested, the member shall notify the Chair or Executive Director that the member is unable to attend the meeting

- 1) due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance;
- 2) because a family member's medical condition requires the member to provide care for such family member;
- 3) because such member's principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location identified in the required notice for such meeting; or
- 4) due to a personal matter. The member must identify with specificity the nature of the personal matter and may not use remote participation due to personal matters more than two meetings per calendar year, or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater.

B. Quorum Physically Assembled; Approval of Remote Electronic Participation

A quorum of the Commission must be physically assembled at the primary or central meeting location. The Commissioners present must approve of the remote electronic participation in order for the member to participate remotely; however, the decision shall be based solely on the criteria in Section A, without regard to the identity of the member or items that will be considered or voted on during the meeting.

C. Record of Action

The Commission shall record in its minutes the remote location from which a member participated. The minutes also shall reflect the specific nature of the personal matter; the disability or medical condition; the fact that a family member's medical condition required the member to provide care for such family member, thereby preventing their physical attendance; or that that such member's principal residence is more than 60 miles from the meeting location identified in the required notice for such meeting. If the absent member's remote participation is disapproved because participation would violate this policy, the disapproval shall be recorded in the Commission's minutes with specificity.

ALL-VIRTUAL MEETINGS:

"All-virtual public meeting" means a public meeting (i) conducted by the NRVRC or its committees (hereinafter public body) using electronic communication means, (ii) during which all members of the public body who

participate do so remotely rather than being assembled in one physical location, and (iii) to which public access is provided through electronic communication means.

When holding an all-virtual public meeting, the NRVRC or committee shall follow the requirements of this policy, other meeting requirements under FOIA, and the following statutory requirements:

- 1) An indication of whether the meeting will be an in-person or all-virtual public meeting is included in the required meeting notice along with a statement notifying the public that the method by which a public body chooses to meet shall not be changed unless the public body provides a new meeting notice in accordance with the provisions of § 2.2-3707;
- 2) Public access to the all-virtual public meeting is provided via electronic communication means;
- 3) The electronic communication means used allows the public to hear all members of the public body participating in the all-virtual public meeting and, when audio-visual technology is available, to see the members of the public body as well. When any member of the NRVRC or any of its committees has audio-visual technology available, and electronic communication is being used to establish a quorum, that member shall be considered absent from any portion of a meeting during which visual communication with the member is voluntarily disconnected or otherwise fails or during which audio communication involuntarily fails;
- 4) A phone number or other live contact information is provided to alert the public body if the audio or video transmission of the meeting provided by the public body fails, the public body monitors such designated means of communication during the meeting, and the public body takes a recess until public access is restored if the transmission fails for the public;
- 5) A copy of the proposed agenda and all agenda packets and, unless exempt, all materials furnished to members of a public body for a meeting are ~~is~~ made available to the public in electronic format at the same time that such materials are provided to members of the public body;
- 6) The public is afforded the opportunity to comment through electronic means, including by way of written comments, at those public meetings when public comment is customarily received;
- 7) No more than two members of the public body are together in any one remote location unless that remote location is open to the public to physically access it;
- 8) If a closed session is held during an all-virtual public meeting, transmission of the meeting to the public resumes before the public body votes to certify the closed meeting as required by subsection D of § 2.2-3712;

9) The public body does not convene an all-virtual public meeting (i) more than two times per calendar year or 50 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater, or (ii) consecutively with another all-virtual public meeting; and

10) Minutes of all-virtual public meetings held by electronic communication means are taken as required by § 2.2-3707 and include the fact that the meeting was held by electronic communication means and the type of electronic communication means by which the meeting was held. If a member's participation from a remote location pursuant to this subsection is disapproved because such participation would violate the policy adopted pursuant to subsection D, such disapproval shall be recorded in the minutes with specificity.

Updates to and readoption of this policy shall occur at least once annually.

SIGNED: _____

Hil Johnson, Chair

DATE: 9/25/25



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Kevin Byrd, Executive Director
Date: September 18, 2025
Re: Setting the November 2025 Meeting Date and Time

The regular Regional Commission meeting is scheduled for the fourth Thursday each month as established in the agency bylaws. Each year the board adjusts the November meeting date due to conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday. Most commonly, the board moves the meeting up one week to the third Thursday at 6:00pm. This conflicts with the Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner event that is historically held on the third Thursday in November at 5:30pm. Regional Commission members from Pulaski County and the towns of Dublin and Pulaski must choose between the two, so meeting quorum for the November Regional Commission meeting can be a challenge.

The Executive Committee discussed trying to avoid the conflict this November by adjusting the Regional Commission meeting. Three options to consider include:

- 1) Wednesday November 19th at 6:00pm
- 2) Thursday, November 20th at 4:00pm
- 3) Thursday, December 4th at 6:00pm

The initial preference is for option #2. Wednesday evening may have church conflicts and the December 4th date conflicts with the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner event.

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