



Agenda
September 24, 2026
6:00 p.m.— Pulaski County Innovation Center, Fairlawn, VA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approval of Minutes for August
 - B. Treasurer's Reports for June
- III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
 - A. Projects Signed-off by the staff
 - None
 - B. Regular Project Review
 - 1. Radford University- Dalton Dining Hall
- 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. Remote Meeting Participation Policy
 - Kevin Byrd, Executive Director
 - Commission Action
 - B. Regional Commission FY27 Program of Work
 - Elijah Sharp, Deputy Executive Director
 - Aphi Fancon, Director of Community Development
 - Jennifer Wilsie, Director of Housing
 - Chris Owens, Project Manager
 - Erika Slagel-Perry, Education and Training Coordinator
 - Commission Action
 - C. Set November/December Meeting
 - Executive Committee recommends December 3rd 6:00pm
 - Commission Action
 - D. Next Meeting: Annual Awards Reception, October 22nd 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.

MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members
From: Jessica Barrett, Finance Director
Date: September 16, 2026
Re: June 2026 Financial Statements

The June 2026 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 June 2026 (100% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 213% and expenses are 215% of adopted budget. The revenues and expenses exceed the budget due to transactions associated with Contractual Services for the broadband projects. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 99% and 111%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$3,613,661. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$334,7478 (9%) 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 \$208,656, rolled to Unrestricted Net Assets at closeout. Final year-end leave accrual at \$1,112 was posted to Accrued Annual Leave at closeout.

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Higher Education
Virginia Tech | Radford University
New River Community College

New River Valley Regional Commission
Balance Sheet
6/30/2026

<u>Assets:</u>		Prior Month	Current Month
	Operating Account	900,516	2,387
	Operating Account - First Bank & Trust	1,557	472,163
	First Bank & Trust -Montgomery/Bland Broadband	1,162,126	897,142
	First Bank & Trust - Pulaski County Broadband	1,280,415	1,016,774
	First Bank & Trust - Office Building Financing	957,307	764,945
	First Bank & Trust - Regional Housing Fund	658,813	719,044
	Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	109,563	109,730
	First Bank & Trust - Money Market	323,121	466,708
	US Bank - Bond Proceeds	13,948	14,528
	Accounts Receivable	927,503	3,613,661
	Prepaid Item	0	2,136
	Utility Deposits	2,945	250
	Commission Vehicles	32,365	32,365
	Office Building	2,013,762	2,013,762
	Total Assets:	8,383,940	10,125,593
<u>Liabilities:</u>			
	Accounts Payable	550,029	2,688,571
	Accrued Annual Leave	127,961	129,073
	Accrued Unemployment	40,084	40,122
	Expense Reimbursement	6,152	6,514
	Funds Held for Others	40,650	22,650
	Funds on Hand - Montgomery County Broadband	1,087,287	897,142
	Funds on Hand - Pulaski County Broadband	1,217,748	1,016,774
	Funds on Hand - Regional Housing Fund	717,244	719,044
	Unearned Revenue	882,463	635,529
	Loan Payable	1,885,000	1,885,000
	Bond Premium	158,815	138,569
	Total Liabilities:	6,713,434	8,178,987
<u>Projects:</u>			
(Equity Accounts)	Net Projects	(416,731)	0
	Current Year Unrestricted	217,268	0
	Office Building Project	850,706	661,497
	Unrestricted Net Assets	905,336	1,175,380
	Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	108,839	109,730
	Total Projects (Equity)	1,665,418	1,946,607
	Total Liabilities and Projects	8,378,852	10,125,593
	Net Difference to be Reconciled	5,089	0
	Total Adjustments to Post*	5,089	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 2026

FY25-26 Budget		(100% of FY)			
		June 2026	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues					
	Budget				
ARC Annual Admin Grant	92,660	44,093	95,341	(2,681)	102.89%
ARC POWER Water Trail Implementation	35,000	74,506	74,506	(39,506)	212.87%
ARC Passenger Rail Station Development	40,500	3,726	102,081	(61,581)	0.00%
ARC Broadband Bland	455,389	0	0	455,389	0.00%
ARC Helene Recovery	42,500	0	48,305	(5,805)	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	133,706	19,454	87.30%
DHCD - Administrative Grant	114,971	0	114,971	0	100.00%
DHCD VATI 2022	11,354,803	1,531,969	28,112,350	(16,757,547)	247.58%
DHCD VATI 2022 VMRI	0	0	820,241	(820,241)	0.00%
DHCD Regional Digital Opportunity	52,500	0	76,837	(24,337)	146.36%
DHCD Giles Co Disaster Recovery	60,000	0	0	60,000	0.00%
DHCD VA Disaster Assistance Fund	0	158,350	460,388	(460,388)	0.00%
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	80,340	19,432	79,171	1,169	98.55%
EDA	70,000	0	70,000	0	100.00%
EDA Tech Hub	159,195	11,975	210,278	(51,083)	132.09%
EDA Helene NRV Recovery Team	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%
Go Virginia Scale Up	85,497	6,186	37,266	48,231	43.59%
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	0	75,000	0	100.00%
Workforce WORC Fiscal agent	11,250	0	11,250	0	100.00%
Workforce Trades Gap Fiscal Agent	10,000	0	10,000	0	100.00%
Workforce YouthBuild Build Your Career Fiscal Agent	45,000	0	40,000	5,000	88.89%
VDOT	27,600	20,405	45,890	(18,290)	166.27%
Floyd County	51,541	23,441	64,039	(12,498)	124.25%
Floyd Town	80,000	12,076	15,122	64,878	18.90%
Giles County	19,250	10	4,109	15,141	21.34%
Giles County Broadband	35,000	7,231	28,201	6,799	80.58%
Narrows Town	15,000	21,507	32,036	(17,036)	213.57%
Pearisburg Town	12,550	3,330	8,505	4,045	67.77%
Rich Creek Town	4,500	2,607	4,619	(119)	102.65%
Montgomery County VATI 2022	663,225	561,743	3,318,408	(2,655,183)	500.34%
Montgomery County Opiod Abatement	720,000	51,675	597,004	122,996	82.92%
Blacksburg Town	18,000	1,500	18,000	0	100.00%
Christiansburg Town	18,597	5,508	10,234	8,364	55.03%
Pulaski County VATI	481,973	200,974	631,211	(149,239)	130.96%
Pulaski Town	32,500	0	14,500	18,000	44.62%
Dublin Town	40,000	7,043	28,413	11,587	71.03%
Wytheville Town	10,000	1,449	9,952	48	99.52%
Radford City	0	3,192	9,200	(9,200)	0.00%
MM Interest	5,000	831	10,698	(5,698)	213.95%
Interest Income	65,000	9,020	146,040	(81,040)	224.68%
Miscellaneous Income	0	0	270	(270)	0.00%
Misc. Income Meeting Registration	0	0	8,084	(8,084)	0.00%
Misc. Income Recovered Cost	0	9,865	9,865	(9,865)	0.00%
Virginia's First	16,080	1,300	15,600	480	97.01%
NRV MPO	154,819	33,153	87,985	66,835	56.83%
Dept of Environmental Quality	78,006	6,223	33,594	44,412	43.07%
VHDA	999,306	12,637	31,783	967,524	3.18%
Citizens ARC Fiber Deployment	22,500	19,299	23,810	(1,310)	105.82%
Southwest Virginia SWMA	7,000	0	7,200	(200)	102.86%
Virginia Recycling Association	15,000	0	15,600	(600)	104.00%
VDH New River Health District	0	10,000	10,000	(10,000)	0.00%
GigaBeam Networks, LLC	60,000	5,000	60,000	0	100.00%
APB Partners Pulaski, LLC	30,000	2,500	30,000	0	100.00%
VAPDC	5,000	0	5,000	0	100.00%
Thomas Jefferson PDC	0	42,628	42,628	(42,628)	0.00%
Pemtel	45,000	0	0	45,000	0.00%
Regional Housing Trust Fund	38,000	0	38,000	0	100.00%
NRV Passenger Rail Authority	76,500	31,280	174,352	(97,852)	227.91%
New River Conservancy	30,000	4,435	16,660	13,340	55.53%
Resilient VA Revolving Fund	0	64,557	64,557	(64,557)	0.00%
Revolving Loan - Interest	1,400	0	744	656	53.14%
Direct Charge Reimbursement	0	0	289.92	(289.92)	0.00%
	17,115,135	3,026,654	36,487,914	(19,372,779)	213.19%
Expenses					
Salaries	1,601,612	126,981	1,585,419	16,193	98.99%
Fringe Benefits	468,239	39,805	519,684	(51,445)	110.99%
Travel	63,505	5,525	29,349	34,156	46.22%
Office Space	109,000	5,875	69,908	39,092	64.14%
Utilities	0	1,223	18,688	(18,688)	0.00%
Communications	21,350	1,803	22,641	(1,291)	106.05%
Office Supplies	66,931	8,781	66,890	41	99.94%
Postage	1,300	16	1,089	211	83.79%
Printing	8,000	96	8,213	(213)	102.66%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,400	0	1,200	200	85.70%
Outreach/Media Adv	26,571	379	13,942	12,629	52.47%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	2	2,461	539	82.04%
Fleet Vehicles	1,600	21	1,608	(8)	100.49%
Dues/Publications	19,995	1,583	24,018	(4,023)	120.12%
Training/Staff Development	77,250	1,674	70,096	7,154	90.74%
Insurance	6,500	0	6,400	100	98.46%
Meeting Costs	24,120	1,407	26,244	(2,124)	108.81%
Capital Outlay	65,000	0	0	65,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	14,271,394	2,569,807	34,193,943	(19,922,549)	239.60%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	16,225	485	39,307	(23,082)	242.26%
Miscellaneous/Fees	108,999	351	4,378	104,621	4.02%
Reimbursed Expense	0	(101)	0	0	0.00%
Interest Expense	0	93,144	93,144	(93,144)	0.00%
Bond Premium Amortization	153,144	(113,391)	(20,247)	173,391	-13.22%
	17,115,135	2,745,465	36,778,376	(19,663,241)	214.89%
	0	281,189	(290,462)		

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

		(100% of FY)			
NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues		June 2026	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
Workforce Development Area	4,294,437	150,567	1,835,601	2,458,836	42.74%
		150,567	1,835,601	2,458,836	
Expenses					
Salaries	766,620	65,932	768,622	(2,002)	100.26%
Fringe Benefits	275,983	19,342	238,956	37,027	86.58%
Travel	45,000	6,753	37,389	7,611	83.09%
Office Space	26,000	0	0	26,000	0.00%
Communications	16,000	0	0	16,000	0.00%
Office Supplies	34,000	2,662.14	28,741.16	5,259	84.53%
Postage	250	0	23	227	9.36%
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	4,511	489	90.22%
Meeting Costs	61,000	0	0	61,000	0.00%
Contractual Services	2,898,794	4,337	30,937	2,867,857	1.07%
Contractual: Training & SS	0	24,125	384,808	(384,808)	0.00%
Contractual: Literacy NRV	0	0	24,559	(24,559)	0.00%
Contractual: MRRAEP	0	1,072	9,259	(9,259)	0.00%
Contractual: NRCA	0	4,466	13,672	(13,672)	0.00%
Contractual: RACE1	0	3,918	20,672	(20,672)	0.00%
Contractual: Habitat for Humanity	0	0	75,000	(75,000)	0.00%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	12,200	0	0	12,200	0.00%
Business Services	0	1,344	21,286	(21,286)	0.00%
Sector Partnership Activities	0	0	4,988	(4,988)	0.00%
Professional Development	0	1,010	3,297	(3,297)	0.00%
Outreach	0	1,778	23,922	(23,922)	0.00%
Outreach Activities	0	0	9,356	(9,356)	0.00%
Virginia Tech	0	0	11,678	(11,678)	0.00%
Miscellaneous/Fees	36,390	0	0	36,390	0.00%
Administrative Functions	0	0	5,218	(5,218)	0.00%
Occupancy	0	7,330	47,268	(47,268)	0.00%
Communications	0	3,772	27,643	(27,643)	0.00%
Copier Usage	0	195	2,619	(2,619)	0.00%
Meeting Expenses	0	1,371	7,428	(7,428)	0.00%
Professional Services Audit	0	0	10,100	(10,100)	0.00%
Dues/Publications	0	1,161	1,366	(1,366)	0.00%
Dues/Publications: NAWB	0	0	1,000	(1,000)	0.00%
Dues/Publications: VA Assoc of Workforce Directors	0	0	1,306	(1,306)	0.00%
Dues/Publications: Chambers of Commerce	0	0	140	(140)	0.00%
Dues/Publications: Other	0	0	947	(947)	0.00%
Platforms	0	0	18,891	(18,891)	0.00%
	4,294,437	150,567	1,835,601	2,458,836	42.74%
	0	0	0		

	June 2026	YTD	
21,409,572	3,177,221	38,323,515	179.00%
21,409,572	2,896,032	38,613,977	180.36%
	281,189	(290,462)	



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COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Commission Board Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

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

CIRP Review	September 16, 2026
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PROJECT: Radford University Dalton Dining Hall

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

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

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Commission Board Members

Strengthening the Region through Collaboration

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Environmental Impact Review

Radford University Dalton Dining Hall
798 Fairfax Street Acc
Radford, Virginia



Prepared For:

Baskervill
Three James Center
Richmond,, Virginia 23219

Issue Date: April 2, 2026

F&R Project Number: 59E-0060



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**Environmental Impact Review
Radford University Dalton Dining Hall
798 Fairfax Street Acc
Radford, Virginia**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Froehling & Robertson, Inc. (F&R) has prepared an Environmental Impact Review (EIR) for the Radford University Dalton Dining Hall project. The Proposed Action includes renovations to the interior and exterior of Dalton Hall. The interior renovations involve a complete gut including upgrades to mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems.. The exterior renovations involve the replacement of the roof and window and skin replacement as required.

The purpose of this EIR is to inform Baskervill, oversight agencies, and other decision-makers of potential environmental consequences of the Proposed Action, and to ensure that construction is carried out in an environmentally sound manner.

The services described herein have been performed in accordance with F&R's Proposal No. 2559-00604.rev-1 issued January 15, 2026. The EIR was conducted in general accordance with the Procedures Manual for "Environmental Impact Review of Major State Facilities" prepared by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and dated June 2021. The objectives, criteria, and procedures developed by the DEQ discussed within this document are in accordance with Virginia Code §10.1-1188. Five subjects are discussed in this EIR as required:

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

2.0 PROJECT IDENTIFICATION, EXISTING CONDITIONS, AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Radford University Dalton Dining Hall project is being proposed by Radford University. F&R is part of the Baskervill team. The contact person for Baskervill is Jay Woodburn, AIA, LEED AP, whose contact information follows:

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The budget for the Proposed Action has been estimated to be \$52,320,333. The project code for the Radford University Dalton Dining Hall project is 217-18769-000.

2.1 Existing Conditions

The site currently consists of Radford University Dalton Dining Hall located in Radford, Virginia. Dalton Dining Hall is located on the central portion of the Radford University campus. Site maps can be referenced in Appendix A. The Proposed Action Site for the project consists of Dalton Dining Hall and the surrounding landscaped areas, parking lots, and sidewalks in the immediate vicinity of the building.

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

2.2 Project Description Overview

The Proposed Action will include interior and exterior renovations to Dalton Dining Hall which contains dining services, offices, a campus bookstore, and a postal office. The structure consists of an approximately 77,591 square foot two-story dining hall facility, with approximately 38,717 square feet on the first floor, 35,557 square feet on the second floor, 684 square feet of mechanical penthouse, 6,250 square feet of mechanical well access area, and 5,265 square feet of exterior covered areas. The structure is a steel frame building with simulated slate mansard roofing, and EPDM membrane roofing at low-slope sections. Exterior construction consists of CMU infill walls with brick veneer, and pre-cast concrete accents. Interior finishes include CMU, brick, ceramic tile, and gypsum board walls as well as vinyl composite tiles (VCT), luxury vinyl plank (LVP), ceramic tile, and carpeted flooring. The interior renovations involve a complete gut including upgrades to mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems. The exterior renovations involve the replacement of the roof and window and skin replacement, as required.

3.0 AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

3.1 Topography, Hydrology, and Geology

The United States Geological Survey (USGS), Radford South, Virginia Quadrangle 7.5 minute series topographic map was reviewed during the preparation of this report. This map was published by the USGS in 2022. According to the contour lines on the topographic map, the Proposed Action Site is approximately 1,831 feet above mean sea level. The contour lines in the area of the Proposed Action Site indicate the ground surface gradually slopes to the east. The USGS topographic map is included in Appendix A.



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

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

According to the Geologic Map of Virginia, the Proposed Action Site is underlain by the Elbrook Formation. The Elbrook Formation consists of "dolostone and limestone with lesser shale and siltstone. Dolostone, medium-to dark-gray, fine- to medium-grained, laminated to thick-bedded. Limestone, dark-gray, fine-grained, thin- to medium-bedded, with algal structures and sharpstone conglomerate. Shale and siltstone, light- to dark-gray, dolomitic, platy weathering, with minor grayish-red or olive-green shales. Interbedded limestone and dolostone dominate the upper part of the formation; dolomitic siltstone and shale and thin- bedded argillaceous limestone dominate the lower part. The formation ranges between 1500 and 2900 feet in thickness in the southeasternmost exposures but is incomplete elsewhere due to faulting. The Elbrook of northern Virginia is transitional with the Nolichucky and Honaker Formations (locally the limestone facies of the Nolichucky has been differentiated from the Elbrook by Bartlett and Biggs (1980). It is also approximately equivalent to the rock sequence comprised of the Nolichucky and Maryville Formations, the Rogersville Shale, and the Rutledge Formation. Farther southwest the Conasauga Shale is the Elbrook equivalent. The Elbrook appears to be conformable and gradational with the underlying Waynesboro or Rome Formations. From Washington County to Augusta County much of the Elbrook Formation adjacent to the Pulaski and Staunton faults is a breccia of the "Max Meadows tectonic breccia type" (Cooper and Haff, 1940). These breccias are composed of crushed rock clasts that range from sand size to blocks many feet long, derived almost entirely from the lower part of the Elbrook Formation. The breccia commonly forms low lands characterized by karst features".

Limestone is composed predominantly of calcium carbonate. Impurities (i.e., silicates, sulfides, and other mineral groups) within these rock formations occur either as distinct beds of shale or siltstone, or may be widely dispersed throughout the rock. Carbonate rocks are susceptible to dissolution in the presence of acidic groundwater. The mineral residues remaining after the carbonates are eroded, and after shales are altered by chemical weathering, are known as residual soils, and typically consist of medium to highly plastic silts and clays. Where the residual soils result from minerals that had been widely dispersed throughout the parent rock, the residual soils are likely to have a very low in-situ density and low shear strength, and are also likely to be highly compressible. Continued subsurface dissolution of the carbonate bedrock may lead to development of a highly irregular rock profile that may include underground voids. Over time, the soils overlying a void may subside, in a continual



process of subsurface chemical erosion of bedrock and infilling by overburden soils. The resulting ground surface depression is known as a sinkhole. Terrain characterized by sinkholes and other solutional features is known as karst.

The land in this area typifies geology that is susceptible to the development of sinkholes. Karst features were not observed on the areas of the Proposed action site during the site reconnaissance; however, concealed cavities may be present in the area. While disposal of stormwater or other mechanisms can result in sinkhole development in the project area, the project design accounts for the geologic nature of the area in order to prevent creation of subsurface voids. Additionally, the Project Site consists of a developed university campus and the improvement plan does not involve impact to sinkholes, caves, or cave openings.

3.2 Physical Setting

The Proposed Action is located at 798 Fairfax Street Acc on the Radford University campus, approximately 400 feet northwest of the intersection with Jefferson Street in Radford, Virginia. The Proposed Action includes interior and exterior renovations to Dalton Dining Hall and the landscaped areas, parking lots, and sidewalks in the immediate vicinity of the building.

Site maps can be referenced in Appendix A.

3.3 Adjacent Properties

The Proposed Action Site is bound to the northeast by Perry Hall (residence hall) and Floyd Hall (residence hall); to the southwest by a parking lot, Fairfax Street Acc., and a clock monument, beyond which is Peters Hall (academic building); to the southeast by green space, beyond which is a parking lot; and to the west by Heth Hall (academic office building) Walkways and green space are also located throughout the area.

Site maps can be referenced in Appendix A.

4.0 IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT

The Proposed Action is anticipated to result in the following adverse environmental impacts:

- The Proposed Action site is located within the Radford University Historic District which is eligible for listing. The Proposed Action will be visible in the viewshed from several historic properties and within the potential historic district.

In addition, the following minor or transitory impacts are anticipated:

- Hazardous materials may be impacted due to construction activities; however, impacts are not anticipated to be significant or long term. Hazardous materials have been cataloged, inventoried, and reported in previous reports prepared by F&R. These materials may require special handling and disposal restrictions.



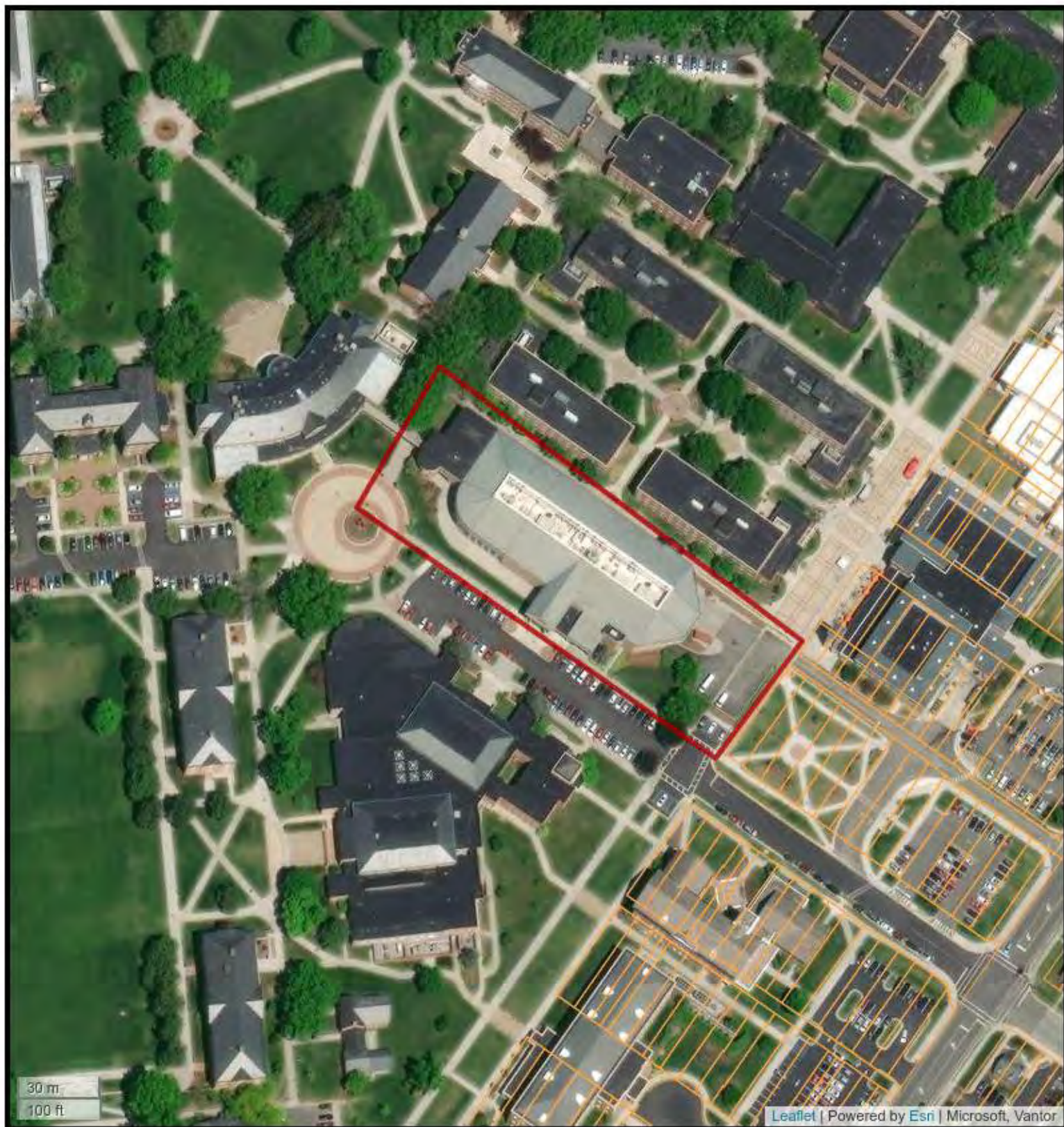
- Short term air quality and stormwater quality may be impacted due to construction activities; however, impacts are not anticipated to be significant.
- Based on the geology in the vicinity of the project site, the potential for caves, sinkholes, and karst topography may be encountered during implementation of the proposed action.
- The VADCR Natural Heritage Explorer website indicates the Radford Campus is a locally managed trail system. Based on the limits of the interior and exterior renovations, short-term, temporary impacts to the walkability of the campus will occur in the vicinity of the construction. Numerous walkways and routes for pedestrians are located throughout the campus. Significant adverse long-term impacts are not anticipated.

Per the EIR Procedures Manual, June 2021 various potential impacts were researched and are described in Sections 4.1 through 4.23, below.

4.1 Materials Storage and Disposal

Based on F&R's review of the federal, state, and tribal environmental database report prepared by Environmental Risk Information Services (ERIS), listings were identified for the project site. Additionally, listings were identified in the immediate vicinity of the Proposed Action Site which F&R requested documentation from VDEQ:

- Dalton Hall was identified on the OSHA and SPILLS databases. The OSHA listings reference closed health or safety incidents in 1990, 2004, 2008, and 2013. SPILLS incident #253454 was reported on August 16, 2005 after staining was observed around a roll off carrier and hydraulic trash compactor. The documentation noted that due to a miscommunication, the hydraulic trash compactor operated while there were broken fittings. This resulted in a release of six to eight gallons of hydraulic oil. This incident occurred during heavy precipitation and five to seven gales entered a nearby storm drain. DEQ staff investigated on August 25, 2005 and noted staining around the roll off carrier with some traces of absorbent. The Radford University Facilities Management indicated approximately one gallon of oil was recovered. The DEQ representative did not observe a sheen in the drop inlet and this incident received regulatory closure on August 25, 2005. Based on the current regulatory status, length of time since the incident, closure, and the nature of the listings, this is not an environmental concern with respect to the Proposed Action.
- Highlander 1, located approximately 240 feet southwest of the site at 901 Fairfax Street Lot DD and cross-gradient of the Proposed Action Site, was identified on the ALT FUELS database. This listing is in reference to an electric vehicle charging station located in Radford University Lot DD. Based on the nature of the listing and a lack of violations or releases, this listing is not an environmental concern with respect to the Proposed Action.
- Radford University, located approximately 300 feet northwest of the site at East Norwood Street and down-gradient is listed on the ECHO database with an air permit for synthetic minor emissions associated with its use as a university. The most recent compliance



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September 2026

Executive Director's Report

Economic Development:

- The AM2 Tech Hub \$40M application to the US Economic Development Administration (EDA) is still under review.
- The AM2 Tech Hub GO Virginia project (\$4.2M) is under contract and staff is working quickly on eight different sub-grantee agreements.
- AM2 is held a successful All Hands meeting on September 3rd in Martinsville at Patrick & Henry Community College's Manufacturing, Engineering, and Technology Complex, The MET. An industry partner panel facilitated by Dr. Greg Hodges, the college president, explained corporate decisions to locate in the region and the value of training provided through the MET for the workforce.
- Radford University held two successful events recently, the AdventureWorks Outdoor Economy Summit, and Shaping Tomorrow: Building a Regional Economy Together. I enjoyed the opportunity to serve on a panel at the latter event alongside Katie Boswell with Onward NRV and Carrie Chenery, the Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade. Dr. Angela Joyner served as moderator for the session.
- Following the panel discussion at lunch, there were three additional economic development events the Secretary attended in the region: a visit to Hollingsworth & Vose in Floyd County, the unveiling of LOVE letters at Virginia Tech and the announcement of a new Virginia Tourism Corporation partnership branding with Virginia is for Hokie Lovers, and she finished the day providing key note remarks at Onward NRV's annual dinner event.

Broadband:

- PemTel hosted Senator Warner, Congressman Griffith, and Dr. Tamarah Holmes on 8/28 in Newport. PemTel and Giles County held a great event which featured an important discussion on practical adjustments to the environmental review process.

Transportation:

- The NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority will not meet in September. The next meeting will be October 22nd. Leadership from the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority is planning to attend and provide a construction update.

Housing:

- Affordable housing construction in Floyd County was highlighted by WDBJ this week. You can watch the story at this [link](#). It is a great story of high school students learning construction trades and applying them to a local project. Linda DeVito Kuchenbuch is featured as well!
- The Regional + Local Housing Study is moving closer to securing the necessary funding for the planned update. ARC announced the planning grant award late last month and an application with Virginia Housing is moving through the last steps of its review process.

Natural Resources:

- The VA Dept of Housing and Community Development sent planning grant awards in response to Hurricane Helene Disaster Recovery to the counties of Giles, Pulaski,

Montgomery and the City of Radford. Response letters have been sent to DHCD and we are awaiting a contract negotiation meeting that will allow the project to proceed.

- ReNew the New held another successful clean-up event this year on August 29th. Volunteers cleaned up river segments in Giles County, Montgomery County, and the City of Radford. Debris removal totals will be shared soon.

Regional:

- The NRV Recovery Ecosystem ONEbox distribution across the region is going well. More than 250 boxes are installed. A press release was issued on the initiative and [WDBJ](#), [WSLS](#), and the [Roanoke Rambler](#) ran stories. If you know of a location that would like a ONEBox, please contact Anna Champion (achampion@nrvc.org).

Commission:

- The Annual Awards Reception will be held on October 22nd at The Farmhouse in Christiansburg. A mobile workshop will take place 4:30-5:45 and the reception will run from 6:00-8:00. Invitations went out recently. Please contact Julie Phillips (jphillips@nrvc.org) if you did not receive an invitation.
- The office construction project continues to make good progress following the project schedule. Exterior brick work is complete and windows/doors were installed recently. The glass storefront was installed for the second floor meeting room. The next significant step will be pouring concrete curbing in parking lot. Once that is complete the rest of the exterior part of the project can advance. We are currently focused on the IT aspects of the project to include internet service, computer networking, and building security.
- The annual audit is underway this week. A significant amount of prep work was done by our finance team and as a result, the onsite work is going smoothly. An audit report should be available for the board at a future meeting.
- We are looking forward to holding a Field Day lunch event for staff on September 18th at Randolph Park in Pulaski County. It will be exciting recognizing employees for their dedicated service to the region!



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MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Kevin Byrd, Executive Director

Date: September 18, 2026

Re: Remote Electronic Participation and All-Virtual Meeting Policy

The Virginia State Code was amended in 2025 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. The board initially adopted this policy in September 2025.

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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 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: Regional Commission Board Members

From: Elijah Sharp, Deputy Executive Director

Date: September 17, 2026

Re: FY27 Annual Work Program

The FY27 Annual Work Program documents a comprehensive list of projects and program offerings that will be undertaken by Commission Staff July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. 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 across the New River Valley.



The Commission is excited to be working on multiple projects that reach all four corners of our region. Key focus areas include supporting the development of the Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina New River Water Trail Action Plan; updating the NRV Regional Housing Study; completing the Regional Water Supply Plan; addressing unmet needs caused by tropical storm Helene; expanding community health education and outreach programs; and embarking on a journey to explore how southwest Virginia can be leaders in the additive manufacturing and advanced materials industries. We're partnering with state agencies to connect local partners with more resources for brownfield redevelopment and improving access to critical public infrastructure.

The FY27 Commission budget is \$3.1M and it supports 20 full-time and three part-time staff. In addition, the Commission will be administering more than \$16M in contractual funds. 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 September Commission meeting to answer any questions you may have.

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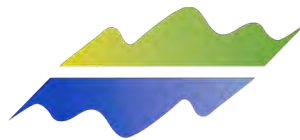
FISCAL YEAR JULY 2026 – JUNE 2027

Welcome to the New River Valley Regional Commission's Annual Work Program! Our team is pleased to continue serving local partners, here in southwest Virginia. The Annual Work Program includes several regional and local initiatives that are aimed at addressing the current needs and priorities of the region. This program is a compilation of projects presented by Council members, including managers and administrators, local partners, regional organizations, and staff.

In the upcoming year, our team will be wrapping up significant regional initiatives that expanded broadband to nearly every corner of the New River Valley and supporting local partners with immediate disaster recovery needs from the severe tropical storm Helene. Our team looks forward to embarking on broader regional initiatives to build severe weather resiliency, collaborating with regional partners to rehabilitate the Amtrak passenger rail station, taking the first steps towards implementation initiatives that support additive manufacturing, and partnering with the Metropolitan Planning Organization to update employment mobility plans and bus stop safety and accessibility studies.

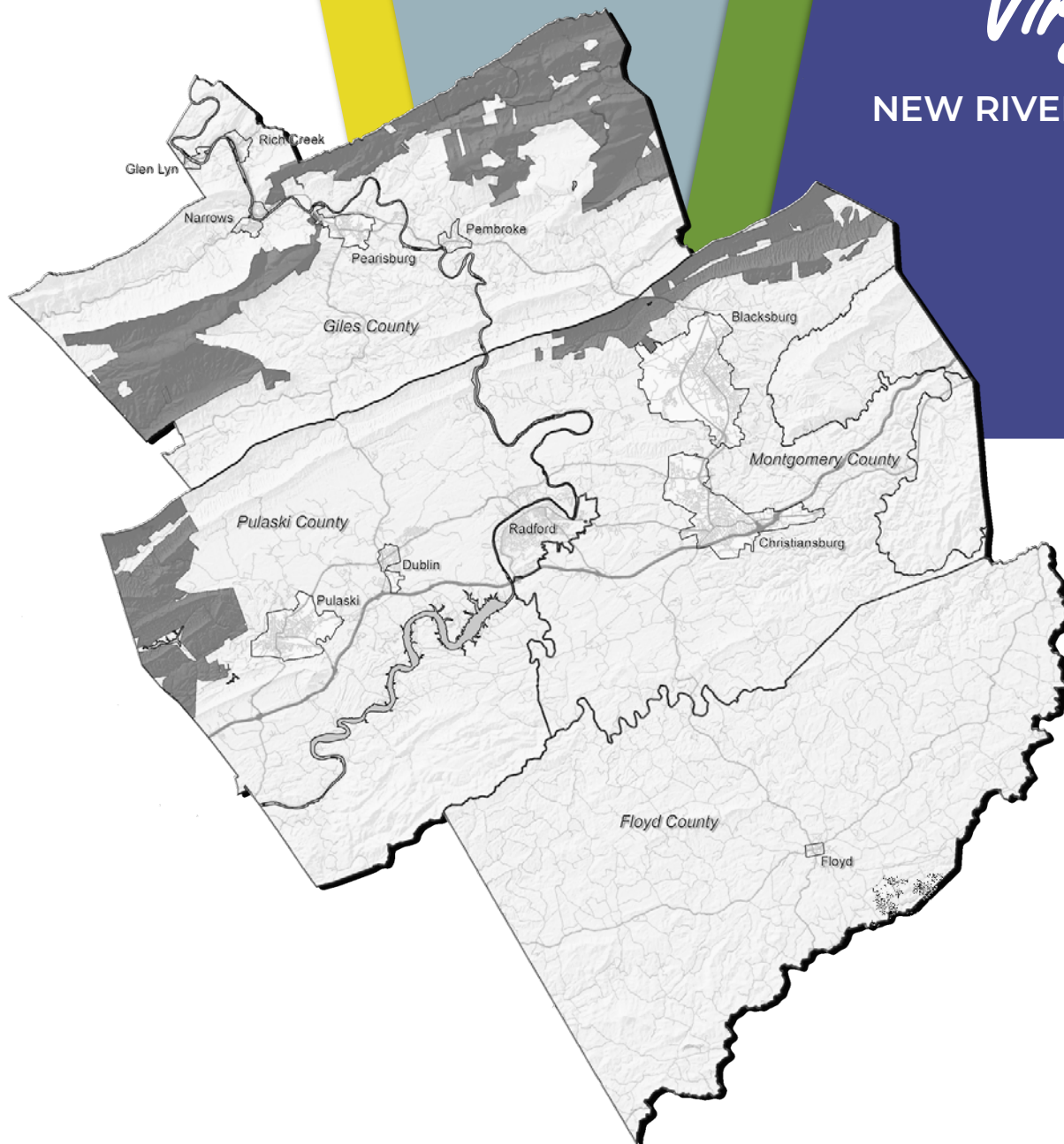
Our team is also pleased to collaborate with the Town of Christiansburg, Floyd County, and Giles County to update local comprehensive plans in the next few months. We will also complete the Town of Wytheville's first Parks and Recreation Master Plan, through a collaborative partnership with our neighboring Mount Rogers Planning District Commission. As these significant local projects come to a close, our team looks forward to collaborating with the Town of Pearisburg, Town of Floyd, and Town of Dublin to update their local comprehensive plans. The Regional Commission is also anticipating to support several projects that are aimed at improving public infrastructure, housing, and the expansion of the New River Water Trail.

Our commitment to regional partners 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, and collaboration beyond partner organizations for this year's program. We're pleased to support the work that is outlined in the program, and will continue adapting to meet the needs of regional partners.



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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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Executive Director

Kevin Byrd, AICP

Serves at the pleasure of the Commission, overseeing agency-wide activities, administers policies and procedures, and is accountable in all personnel matters. Builds and fosters regional opportunities for collaboration across the New River Valley.

Finance Team



Finance Director

Jessica Barrett, CPA

Assists the Executive Director, overseeing day-to-day financial transactions of the organization. Processes expenditures and payroll, collects payments, and prepares annual audit.



Finance Tech II

Kelly Patton

Assists the Finance Director, prepares financial documents, maintains records, produces routine reports that keep project finances on track, and serves as the day-to-day contact for the planning and programs team.



Finance Tech II

Emily Warren

Assists the Finance Director, prepares financial documents, maintains records, and produces routine reports that keep project finances on track.



Office Manager

Julie Phillips

Assists the Executive Director, performs professional and administrative work, supports the Commission Board, and provides financial support to several external agencies.



Program Administrator

Anna Champion, PhD

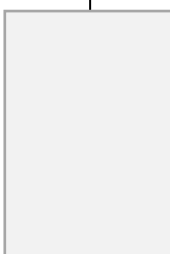
Assists the Executive Director, responsible for ensuring appropriate workflow of regional Opioid Abatement and Recovery Programs. Coordinates and facilitates regional meetings, administers grant funding, and provides leadership for health-related activities.



Education & Training Coordinator II

Erika Slagel-Perry, MPH

Supports the recovery ecosystem by partnering with public school systems across the region to promote prevention and recovery education, and general support for health team.



Comm. Health Intern

Colin Hahn

Supports regional community health initiatives, the Just Say Know program, community engagement activities, and grows professional community health experience.



Outreach & Coordination Specialist

Mikhala Senne

Supports the recovery ecosystem by building and strengthening partnerships, and supporting collaborative initiatives that address the opioid addiction in our region.

Planning & Programs Team



Deputy Executive Director
Elijah Sharp

Assists the Executive Director, overseeing day-to-day operations of the organization. Manages the annual work program and agency-wide budget, and collaborates with staff to develop and maintain project scope and resource plans.



Director of Housing & Community Engagement
Jennifer Wilsie, AICP

Assists the Deputy Executive Director, provides mentorship, and oversees housing and community engagement related activities.



Director of Community Development
Aphi Fancon, AICP

Assists the Deputy Executive Director, provides mentorship, and oversees local ordinance updates and community development related planning activities.



Director of Infrastructure & Environmental Resources
Christy Straight, AICP

Assists the Deputy Executive Director, provides mentorship, and oversees public infrastructure and hazard mitigation related activities.



Information Specialist II
Bethany Peters

Maintains online presence, communicates technical information visually, creates community engagement experiences, and prepares content for various audiences.



Community Designer II
Will Shelburne

Coordinates the New River Watershed Roundtable, integrates graphic design and community engagement tools, and provides creative direction.



Project Manager
Chris Owens

Manages broadband deployment related activities across the region, coordinates and supports the NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority, and provides leadership for ERR activities.



Graphic Designer I
Kelley Akers

Develops and maintains social media content, develops project branding guidelines, and creates customized presentation quality content with technology and art.



GIS Planner I
Zoe Hunter

Coordinates the NRV GIS Users Group, evaluates population and demographic information, and utilizes geospatial tools to maintain public infrastructure and land use information.



Economic Development Planner II
Leo Priddy

Maintains the Comprehensive Economic Strategy, prepares and communicates technical information, and pursues competitive funding opportunities.



Planning Intern
Erika Webb

Supports local comprehensive planning and transportation-related studies/programs, community engagement activities, and grows professional planning experience.



Resiliency Coordinator
Patrick Ford

Manages disaster recovery resources and programs, evaluates community impacts, develops and maintains plans, and pursues competitive funding opportunities.



ACRONYM DESCRIPTIONS

AFID	Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development Fund
AM2	Additive Manufacturing (AM) + Advanced Materials (AM)
ARC	Appalachian Regional Commission
BCT	Business Continuity Team
BT	Blacksburg Transit
CAMS	Central Application Management System
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CEDS	Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
DA	Development Area
DCR	Department of Conservation & Recreation
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
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FY	Fiscal Year
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
LEV	Lived Experience Network
LMI	Low-to-Moderate Income
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
NRMRWDB	New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board
NRV	New River Valley
NRVMPO	New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
NRVPRSA	New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority
NRVRC	New River Valley Regional Commission
NRWT	New River Water Trail
OAA	Opioid Abatement Authority
PAT	Pulaski Area Transit
PDC	Planning District Commission

RT	Radford Transit
RTCC	Regional Transit Coordinating Council
RU	Radford University
RVRF	Resilient Virginia Revolving Loan Fund
SERCAP	Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project
SOV	Single Occupancy Vehicle
SPR	State Planning & Research
SRP	Strategic Recovery Planning
SVSWMA	Southwest Virginia Solid Waste Management Association
SWVA	Southwest Virginia
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
V2V	Valley to Valley
VAPDC	Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions
VATI	Virginia Telecommunication Initiative
VBAF	Virginia Brownfields Assistance Fund
VDAF	Virginia Disaster 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
VPRA	Virginia Passenger Rail Authority
VRA	Virginia Recycling Association
VT	Virginia Tech
WIOA	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

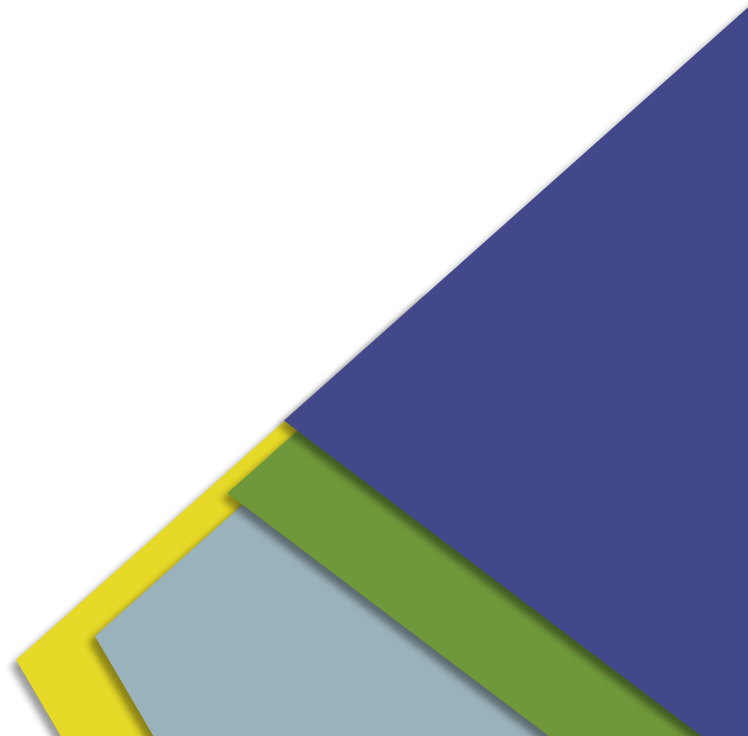


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Regional Collaboration

Disaster Recovery

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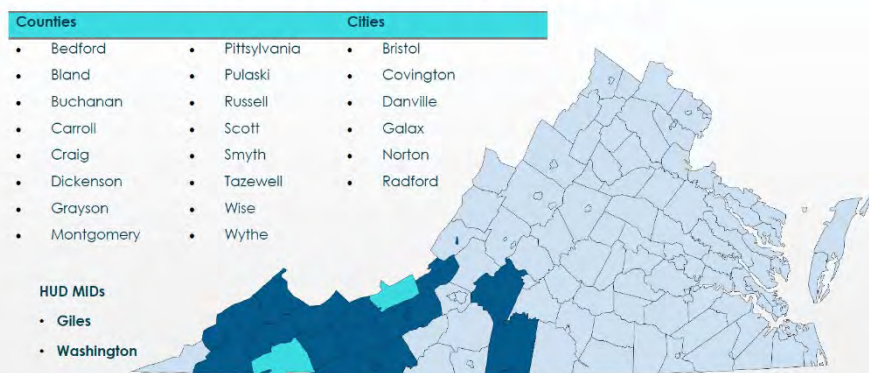
Severe Weather Recovery & Resilience

The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development is the responsible agency tasked with administering Strategic Recovery Planning (SRP) Funds to address the most impacted and distressed areas of the federally declared disaster: Tropical Storm Helene (FEMA-4831-DR-VA). Statewide goals include: 1) addressing direct or indirect impacts of the disaster, 2) directing 80 percent of the funding towards Giles and Washington Counties (most impacted), and 3) at least 70 percent must benefit Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) persons.

The first step of the process will be to prepare a regional disaster recovery and resiliency plan. Regional partners include Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski Counties, and the City of Radford. The planning process will be guided by the Regional Commission over the next 18-months and include the following deliverables:

- Unmet Needs & Local Risk Assessment
- Proposed Activities & Implementation Strategy
- DR-Implementation Funds
- Grant Administration & Technical Support
- Mitigation and Resilience Toolkit

Most Impacted and Distressed (MID) Areas



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Regional Debris Removal

Tropical Storm Helene resulted in historic flooding in Virginia, generating extensive storm-related debris, including vegetative debris, construction/demolition debris, and solid and hazardous waste dispersed throughout streams, rivers, and floodplains. Because of funding constraints, there is still debris to remove. Most localities did not have a debris management plan to facilitate the removal during the disaster response.

The Regional Commission will partner with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to facilitate comprehensive debris removal, disaster debris management planning, regional tabletop exercises, and staffing needs required to deliver the program. The three-year project will begin with first steps in evaluating debris sites and commencing the debris management plans.

VDAF & RVRF Programs

The Regional Commission was also tapped by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to administer disaster recovery programs.

The Virginia Disaster Assistance Fund (VDAF), a \$50 million state-funded program, continues to serve those who suffered damages from Tropical Storm Helene or the February 2025 Winter Storms. The program is aimed at supporting Virginians whose homes, businesses, farms, or community infrastructure that was destroyed or significantly damaged. More than thirty applicants from across the region have requested support and more continue to apply for aid. To date, \$616,098.38 has been awarded to applicants, while more applications await review by DHCD.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has expanded its Resilient Virginia Revolving Loan Fund (RVRF) to include a \$10 million grant program for those who suffered damages to bridges, slopes and culverts. The RVRF also includes two additional categories covering the demolition and reconstruction of primary residences, and debris removal, drainage improvements and further stabilization. This program aims to not only repair damages from past storms, but to improve severe weather resiliency for future events.



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New River Water Trail Expansion

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New and Improved Water Trail Experience

Regional partners are collaborating to expand New River Water Trail assets by **adding three new or significantly enhanced boat access facilities** at McCoy Falls in Giles County, Whitethorne in Montgomery County, and Sheffey Park in Pulaski County. Engineering design is wrapping up and construction is anticipated to be complete by the Summer of 2027. The projects are supported by \$1.5M from the Appalachian Regional Commission, \$60,000 from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, and more than \$1.5M in local cash and in-kind match. A non-motorized access is also anticipated in the City of Radford's Bisset Park for the Summer of 2028.

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 wrapping up the discovery and gap analysis phases of the project and **beginning to explore building capacity and creating implementation-ready strategies**. The project is anticipated to be completed in the Fall of 2027.

Watershed Roundtable

The New River Watershed Roundtable continues FY27 by **welcoming a second decade of collaboration** and watershed improvements. Beginning in 2016, the New River Valley Regional Commission hosted the New River Watershed Roundtable promoting partnerships, collaborations and conversations among local and state government representatives, businesses, university educators, student groups, advocacy groups and the public. Quarterly roundtable meetings and staff support for watershed initiatives will continue in FY27.



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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. FY27 anticipated activities include:

NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority

The Authority serves as the **responsible entity for owning, operating, and maintaining the NRV station**. Responsibilities of the Authority include, but are not limited to:



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- 1) delivering administrative and finance staff support to the New River Valley Passenger Rail Station Authority.
- 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 2027 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 enhance the historical passenger rail station in Christiansburg. 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.

In August 2026, the Governor's office announced and **additional \$1,000,000 in Appalachian Regional Commission funds** to support the NRV passenger rail station construction process.



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Economic Development

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). In FY27, the Commission will lead the annual update and implementation of the Regional Economic Strategy (RES); bringing together local governments and economic development partners to review regional economic conditions; **identify shared priorities and maintain regional strategies** and priority projects. Staff also administers the New River Valley Revolving Loan Fund and continues offering technical assistance to local partners. This work helps connect regional planning with implementation and positions regional partners to pursue new investment, support business and workforce needs, and create opportunities for long-term economic growth.

AM2 Tech Hubs

The AM2 Tech Hub has grown from a regional planning effort supported by GO Virginia and the U.S. Economic Development Administration into a multi-region implementation initiative focused on strengthening the additive manufacturing and advanced materials economy. In FY27, the **Regional Commission will help coordinate \$4.2 million across GO Virginia Regions 2 and 3**. Partners throughout the New River Valley, Roanoke, Lynchburg, and Southern Virginia will complete this next phase of work.

A major focus will be implementing AM2 Innovation Studios, in partnership with Virginia Tech and the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research in Danville, giving manufacturers better access to technical expertise to test new ideas and evaluate and adopt AM2 technologies. The project will also coordinate AM2 Fellows, Career Network, and internship activities to strengthen the regional talent pipeline and develop a new AM2 Innovation Fund aimed at supporting company-led technology adoption, testing, commercialization, and other innovation needs.

The Commission will also support consortium governance, partner work plans, grant administration, industry engagement, and regional convenings. These activities will give manufacturers better access to technical resources, support technology adoption and commercialization, and strengthen the regional workforce and innovation ecosystem.



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Brownfield Redevelopment

The New River Valley Regional Commission (NRVRC) will support the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in their work to identify and advance Brownfield efforts in Pulaski and Giles Counties. **DEQ was recently awarded \$2M from the EPA** to continue supporting site assessments and planning efforts across southwest Virginia. NRVRC will support DEQ with community engagement activities, connecting with appropriate local stakeholders, and identifying and prioritizing potential Brownfield sites based on local input. Key deliverables include a vetted list of priority brownfield sites for the region, promoting existing brownfield opportunities and resources, and developing a community engagement summary report.

Local Planning Grants – Regional Opportunities

The Town of Floyd continues to evaluate the former Donnkenny industrial property for mixed use redevelopment. The project is funded by a CDBG Planning Grant awarded by DHCD in 2025. The Regional Commission will support grant administration and project management, as well as developing a market and feasibility study to evaluate local demand and inform potential redevelopment uses. The results of this planning work will provide a clearer understanding of project feasibility and position the Town for future implementation funding.

The Town of Dublin received a \$1 million U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Multipurpose Grant for both environmental assessment, and cleanup for sites along the former Burlington Mills and Bagging Plant industrial area. While most EPA grants are single purpose, these funds allow the Town to go from site assessment to remediation and redevelopment planning seamlessly.

The redevelopment of these assets creates a new pathway for viability to these underutilized sites for long-term economic growth.

Go Virginia Site Development and Readiness

Building on the New River Valley Site Advancement Strategy, the Regional Commission will continue working with regional and local economic development partners in FY27 to identify next steps for improving industrial site readiness across the region. This work will include connecting site needs with potential funding opportunities and **addressing the challenges rural communities face in preparing competitive sites**, including: public infrastructure, due diligence, and site feasibility.



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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. FY27 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 Regional Planning Area 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 Commission is responsible for coordinating the development of the Plan.

Phase III of the New River Water Supply Plan, which is due to be completed in May 2027, will focus on the existing water resource information required under 9VAC25-780-90. During this phase, the Regional Commission will also coordinate with participating local governments to identify areas where new development may affect source water quality and compile information on wetlands, riparian buffers, conservation easements, and other relevant water resource features.

Crab Creek Beautification Phase II

Crab Creek Beautification Project [Phase II has received more than \\$200,000 in DEQ funding for the implementation of Best Management Practices \(BMPs\)](#) across the Crab Creek Watershed. Funds are available to property owners on a cost share basis for 1) Rain Gardens, 2) Rain Barrels, 3) Conservation Landscaping, and 4) Impervious Surface Removal. The chosen practices for Phase II surpass the initial goal of aesthetic improvement and are intended to achieve water quality goals through the reduction of erosion, sedimentation, and storm water runoff. Tasks for FY27 include updates to project branding, outreach and updated outreach materials, renewed partnerships with local organizations, application intake, grant administration, and achievement of benefits.



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Regional 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. FY27 anticipated activities include:

Regional + Local Housing Study Update

The Regional Commission will be updating the 2021 Regional + Local Housing Study, funded in partnership with Virginia Housing, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and local governments, Virginia Tech, and Radford University. In August 2026, the Governor's Office announced a **\$100,000 award of ARC funds to support the study update.**

The Regional Commission will collaborate with the Center for Housing Research at Virginia Tech and HousingForward Virginia to collect and analyze data and engage localities and the community to review and update the strategies from the original study.

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, funded annually through the HOME Program, established in 1990 by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Regional Commission partners with the Town of Blacksburg to administer these funds for the region.

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.



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Public Infrastructure & Services

Transportation Planning & Project Readiness

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. FY27 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.



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Alternative Transportation

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. FY27 anticipated activities include:

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 engagement summary was recently completed in July 2026. Next steps involve incorporating elements of construction feasibility, to better inform route selection options (particularly where public preference was inconclusive). A final version of the study is anticipated to be available by March 2027.

Regional Transit Study Update

Originally published in 2016, the study is a joint effort between the New River Valley Regional Commission, the NRVMPPO, and the valley's public transportation providers, including Blacksburg Transit, Radford Transit, Pulaski Area Transit, Virginia Tech, New River Community College, and Valley Metro.

The Regional Transit Study provides an overview of the valley's existing public transit, [identifies high-traffic and overlapping service areas, and identifies needs and enhancement opportunities at these high-priority locations](#). The Commission will be leading coordination and engagement efforts through working group meetings, publishing public surveys, and creating geographic and demographic analysis to help identify the areas of highest need.

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



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Mobility Access

RIDE Solutions is the main-stay multi-regional program that provides 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 Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, 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. FY27 anticipated activities include:

Mobility Management Guidebook

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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Broadband Deployment

The New River Valley Regional Commission continues to administer grant funding to increase the accessibility of broadband throughout the region. FY27 anticipated activities include:

Giles County

Giles County is partnering with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Pembroke Telephone Cooperative (PemTel) to expand access to reliable, high-speed broadband service to unserved and underserved areas of the county. The project will construct approximately 125 miles of fiber infrastructure and provide service to nearly 650 homes and approximately a dozen businesses in and around White Gate, Staffordsville, Wilburn Valley, and Broad Hollow. By extending broadband access to these areas, the project will help bridge the digital divide while supporting economic development, education, remote work, and improved access to essential online services.

The project is supported by a \$4,199,596 Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) grant from DHCD, along with \$1,343,604 in local matching funds provided by PemTel and Giles County. Construction is currently underway, with more than 88 miles of fiber installed and over 444 passings completed to date. The project is anticipated to be substantially complete by January 2027.

Montgomery County

Since 2021, Department of Housing and Community Development has awarded more than \$40 million to bring fiber to the homes of unserved and underserved citizens in Montgomery and Bland counties. Currently over 7,000 connections completed with another 7,154 connections anticipated to be completed by the end of December 2026. GigaBeam and Montgomery County 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.



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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 program began in FY24 and supports local government and regional partner agencies in addressing underlying causes of and impacts from opioid use disorder. The FY27 anticipated work plan includes:

Education & Training

Continue collaborating with school partners to facilitate and **expand the multiple substance prevention curriculum**, trauma and resilience education, and school faculty training, and support the broader logistics of the NRV Resiliency Network. Facilitation of prevention education will continue with Virginia Tech, Radford University, and New River Community College.

Housing & Transportation Resources

Coordinate and facilitate regular technical team meetings around these topics including participating in the regional Housing Partnership team that supports topics related to the unhoused population. Increasing transit ridership numbers and reducing denied on-demand trips are transportation priorities.

Outreach & Communication

The Commission will provide website development for the NRV Recovery Ecosystem to **increase public awareness and access to resource information**, including the New River Health District's harm reduction program, Rise Above, and development of an interactive map to increase awareness of regional resources.

The Community Health team aims to increase efforts to share personal stories of recovery and resilience. Deliverables include videos, written materials, and interviews with individuals with lived experience. The Community Health team is providing support to distribute 400+ lifesaving opioid overdose reversal kits to businesses and public spaces within the NRV.

Continue to growing and strengthening the NRV Lived Experience Network (LEN), individuals with lived experience of substance use. LEN plans to increase opportunities for professional development, social connection, and personal advocacy by hosting events and nurturing opportunities for coordinated communication, promotion, and outreach.



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Workforce Development

The New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board (WDB) is made up of representatives from regional employers (minimum of 51%), education, organized labor, community based organizations, economic development and federally required One-Stop Partners. All WDB members are appointed by the Consortium Board. The WDB oversees the programs and initiatives as specified in the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (which include programs for Adults, Youth, Dislocated Workers and other special grants and programs as available). The WDB also acts as a coordinator/convener for the region's workforce system to interface with economic development and the business community.

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. FY27 anticipated activities include:

Workforce Grant Administrative Support

Provide financial support to the Workforce Development Board for YouthBuild '24 & YouthBuild '26. 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 U.S. Department of Labor funds.

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



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Local Assistance

Floyd Area

The Commission is pleased to support Floyd County and the Town of Floyd with several projects that focus on 1) comprehensive plan and local ordinance updates, 2) addressing housing challenges, and 3) exploring new and redevelopment potential. FY27 projects include:

Comprehensive Planning

Both the County and Town are updating local comprehensive plans. Floyd County is currently in Phase 3 of its Comprehensive Plan update process. During the first two phases the project, the team evaluated the existing conditions and trends, identified key needs and issues, and engaged community members and stakeholders. Regional Commission staff recently prepared summary community engagement reports.

Learn more about the work in Floyd!

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The project team recently completed the development of future goals, objectives, and policies for the majority of the Comprehensive Plan chapters. The final draft is anticipated to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors in June 2027.

The Regional Commission will be collaborating with the Town of Floyd to update its Comprehensive Plan, beginning in the Fall 2026. Anticipated activities for this fiscal year include a kick-off meeting with the Town Planning Commission, developing community engagement strategies, and updating population and demographic data.

Local Technical Assistance

The Town of Floyd is working to amend sections of their zoning ordinance to comply with recent state legislation and other requirements such as those related to manufactured homes and accessory dwellings.

Regional Commission staff will assist with preparing draft ordinance amendments and provide general technical assistance as needed. The scope of work also includes on-call technical assistance for a variety of support activities.

Housing Market Assessment

Funded by a Virginia Housing Planning Grant, the Regional Commission is working with Floyd County to collect and analyze housing market data to pursue a workforce housing project in the County.

Floyd's housing stock and new development consists mostly of single-family homes, with very few multi-family or apartment housing units in the County. Many properties are large parcels that include farmland or rugged mountain terrain, requiring specialized buyers. New development requires two-acre minimum lots in order to accommodate well and septic, driving up development costs. While the Town of Floyd's public water and wastewater systems can accommodate housing development on smaller lots, a limited number of parcels are available for development within the system's service area.

Floyd Scatter Site Housing

With \$1.2M in grant funding from DHCD, Floyd County is administering a CDBG under the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for housing rehabilitation. The project is a scatter-site project with homes spread out across Floyd County.

Outcomes include rehabilitating four owner-occupied homes and substantially reconstructing four additional owner-occupied homes for a total of eight (8) households. All eight households earn at or below 80% of the area median income for Floyd County. Qualifying households may also receive weatherization assistance through Community Housing Partners, SERCAP emergency grants or well and/or septic loans, and the USDA's Section 504 Home Repair program grants.

Floyd Commerce Center

The Regional Commission is supporting Floyd County with their latest project at the Commerce Center to result in business-ready sites. The total project cost is estimated at \$6.7M including a \$500,000 commitment from the Tobacco Commission. A funding request from the USEDA is currently under review and would complete the project.

Tasks included in the upcoming work program include grant administration for USEDA and Tobacco Commission funding and supporting wage compliance activities.

Work would begin in the third quarter of FY 27 and take three years to complete the grading. Floyd County will then have more than 20 acres of build-ready land to market for commercial and industrial investment.



Giles Area

The Commission is pleased to support Giles County and the Towns of Narrows, Pearisburg, Rich Creek, and Pembroke with several projects that focus on 1) disaster recovery & resiliency, 2) broadband & other essential public infrastructure expansion, 3) improving access to outdoor recreational destinations, and 4) local planning assistance. FY27 projects include:

Disaster Recovery

Virginia will receive \$46,670,000 in funding to support long-term recovery efforts following Tropical Storm Helene. Giles County was among the most affected by the severe weather event and will receive direct funding for unmet needs that are identified in the Regional Disaster Recovery Plan. In total, the County is anticipated to receive up to \$13M for eligible projects related to housing, infrastructure, economic revitalization, and public services.

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The DHCD administered program provides planning and capacity-building services to local governments or their designated administrators to support the reduction of long-term risk and increase local resilience through community engagement, capacity building, development of planning tools, and implementation of recovery planning efforts.

The Regional Commission team will provide staff support to complete required planning activities and administer grant implementation funds.

Town Emergency Generator

The Regional Commission is assisting the Town of Narrows with grant administration to support a DHCD Disaster Recovery Program funded project aimed at improving the

resiliency of the Town's wastewater treatment plant. Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2027.

Local Zoning Ordinance

The Town of Narrows is continuing the comprehensive update of its zoning ordinance. The key focus is to modernize zoning regulations, implement the adopted comprehensive plan, support economic development goals to maximize business and commercial potential, and enhance the Town's unique character. This update includes adding new permitted uses, simplifying ordinance language and organization, reducing the need for interpretations, and incorporating recent changes to meet legal requirements and court decisions.

Last Mile(s) of Broadband

Giles County is partnering with PemTel to expand access to reliable, symmetrical high-speed fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) broadband service in another area of Giles County. Approximately 20.44 miles of fiber infrastructure is anticipated to serve 35 residents in outlying areas around the Town of Pearisburg. The project will also improve network reliability and service capacity for hundreds of existing homes, business, and community anchor customers.

The project is supported by a \$700,000 grant from ARC and is currently progressing through pre-contract activities, with construction beginning in the spring of 2027.

Expanding Critical Water and Waste Water Infrastructure

The Regional Commission has been assisting the County with the pursuit of grant funding to expand public infrastructure in and around Mountain Lake and the Town of Pearisburg.

In 2026, the County was awarded \$700,000 in ARC funding to create new access to public wastewater systems for a historical destination of southwest Virginia. Primary service areas will initially include the Mountain Lake Lodge buildings, currently more than forty traditional rooms and nearly thirty additional units; and the recently completed Giles County Trail Center.

In 2026, the County received \$600,000 in CDBG funding to provide new public water service for 20 households located just outside of the Town of Pearisburg. Construction is anticipated to include nearly 8,000 linear feet of 4-inch PVC water main line to serve the existing LMI neighborhood.

Outdoor Recreation

Giles County continues its efforts to expand and improve the New River Water Trail (NRWT) experience. The County is wrapping up the design work and will begin construction of a new boat access facility near McCoy Falls in early 2027. The project is one of four new launches that are being funded in part by \$1.5M in ARC funds.

The Town of Narrows is improving the trailhead and accessibility to its Mill Creek Trail system. Regulatory compliance work was also recently completed for this project, and construction will begin in the next few months. The project is

funded in part by DCR's Recreational Trails Program.

The Commission is supporting both projects with grant administration and regulatory compliance.

Comprehensive Planning

Both the County and the Town of Pearisburg are updating local comprehensive plans.

The Town of Pearisburg started the process of updating its Comprehensive Plan in early 2026. The update will evaluate current conditions, issues, and opportunities, identify potential solutions, and incorporate changes to comply with new State regulations.

The Town is currently in Phase 2 of the update process, which focuses on community engagement. The next phase will include identifying key issues, needs, challenges, and analyzing local data. Draft goals, objectives, and policies is expected to be completed by June 2027.



Montgomery Area

The Commission is pleased to support Montgomery County and the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg with several projects that focus on 1) broadband deployment, 2) evaluating transportation systems and programs, 3) leading regional initiatives, and 4) local planning and technical assistance. FY27 projects include:

Expanding Broadband

Since 2021, Montgomery County has collaborated with DHCD to expand broadband access to more than 14,000 unserved and/or underserved homes throughout the County. More than \$40M in grant funds will be leveraged by nearly \$38M in public/private investment to complete the anticipated project by December 2026.

The Regional Commission has been pleased to support this project with grant administration and regulatory compliance.

Passenger Rail Station

The New River Valley Passenger Rail Service Authority (NRVPSA) received \$300K in Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds for the NRV Passenger Rail Station in Christiansburg. NRVPSA, in conjunction with the Virginia Passenger Rail Service Authority (VPSA), have been striving to meet the 2027



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 advertise and construct a passenger rail station.

Safe Streets 4 All

The Town of Christiansburg has identified the need to formulate and implement the use of a strategic Transportation Action Plan that will enable local partners to secure funding that improves the safety of transportation systems and saves lives. Federal Highway Administration funding from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program will support more thorough crash analyses, active transportation remediation, identify high injury networks and safety hot spots.

The Regional Commission will be working behind the scenes to

support the Town of Christiansburg's staff and A/E Technical team – developing and maintaining virtual community engagement platforms, preparing publication quality materials, and supporting in-person events related to the project.

Transit Safety & Accessibility

The NRV Metropolitan Planning Organization and Regional Commission are collaborating with regional transit operators to update Bus Stop Safety & Accessibility Studies. Staff at Blacksburg Transit will guide the development of an updated data-driven prioritization tool that will be used to evaluate the existing conditions of stops throughout the BT service area. Up to 40 bus stop locations will be evaluated and prioritized based on the highest levels of need.

Planning visualizations and preliminary cost estimates will

be developed for up to ten “high priority” bus stop locations. Work will be summarized and documented in a final report to assist local partners with improving project readiness for competitive funding opportunities.

Expanding the NRWT

Montgomery County is expanding the New River Water Trail from its current terminus at the Giles County line. The first new boat access facility in the County will be established through a collaborative partnership between the County and the Virginia Department of Wildlife and Recreation (DWR). The improvements will formalize an existing facility, known locally as Whitethorne, by expanding parking and accessibility around the current launch ramp.

The Regional Commission will be advertising for construction towards the end of the calendar year, with anticipated completion in the Summer of 2027. The project is part of a regional initiative funded by a \$1.5M ARC POWER grant.

C'burg Comp Plan Update

Since June 2023, the Town of Christiansburg and Regional Commission have been gathering input from community members on what is important to them as part of the comprehensive planning process. The project management team organized engagement activities at local events, conducted focus group meetings, launched an online engagement platform and community survey, posted video and other content on social media, and sent a press release. Over 900 people have participated in the engagement effort.

Goals, Objectives, and Policies were updated for a comprehensive list of planning elements: government, environment, economic development, recreations and destination, infrastructure, transportation, public safety, housing, future land use, and more. The final draft is currently being reviewed by the Town and is anticipated to be adopted by the end of the calendar year.

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Christiansburg Crab Creek Beautification Phase II

As a continuation of the first Crab Creek Beautification Project, Phase II has received funding to be administered by the New River Valley Regional Commission for the implementation of BMPs across the Crab Creek Watershed. Funds are available to property owners on a cost share basis for Rain Gardens, Rain Barrels, Conservation Landscaping, Impervious Surface Removal and multiple other practices. These practices surpass the initial goal of aesthetic improvement and are intended to achieve water quality goals through the reduction of erosion, sedimentation and storm water runoff. Phase II tasks for FY27 include updates to project branding, outreach and updated outreach materials, renewed partnerships with local organizations, application and project management as well as new BMP installation goals.



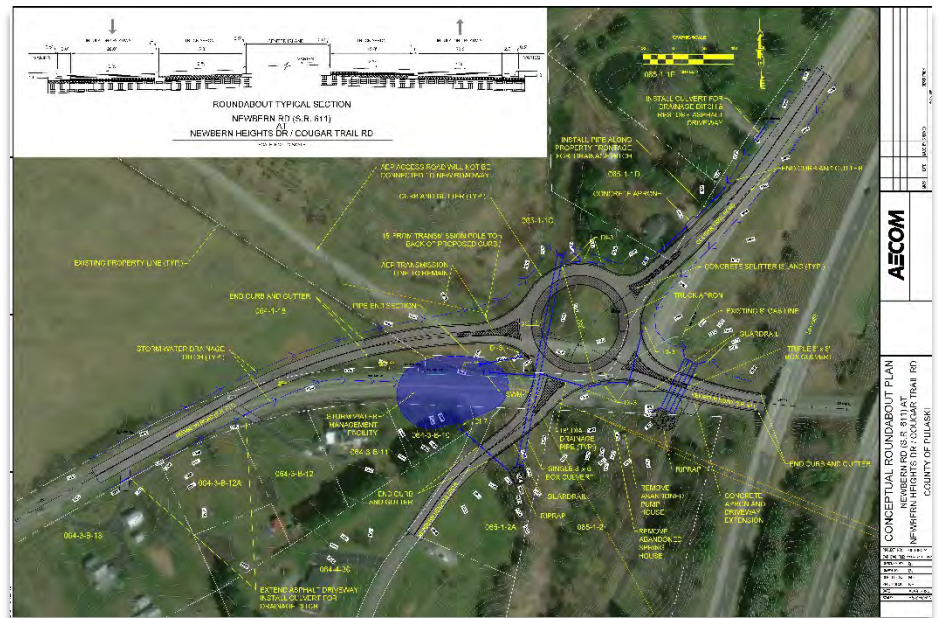
Pulaski Area

The Commission is pleased to support Pulaski County and the Towns of Dublin and Pulaski with several projects that focus on 1) significant public infrastructure improvements, 2) historic preservation and adaptive reuse, 3) expanding the NRWT, and 4) local planning and technical assistance. FY27 projects include:

Newbern Road Intersection

The Virginia Department of Transportation selected the Regional Commission's \$13M SMART Scale Round 4 Application for funding. Right-of-way acquisition and engineering design were recently completed – readying the project for construction in the near future. The project involves re-aligning Newbern Road and Cougar Trail to accommodate and improve access for manufacturing facilities in Pulaski County.

In particular, the intersection enhancement will significantly improve traffic safety and capacity for some of the largest employers in the New River Valley. Including Volvo Trucks for North America, who recently expanded its production footprint to over 500 acres. The expansion of manufacturing facilities and public infrastructure will leverage significant future investment and employment opportunities.



The Regional Commission was pleased to support the County with the statewide competitive grant application process and is excited to see the project break ground soon.

Transit Safety & Accessibility

The NRV Metropolitan Planning Organization and Regional Commission are collaborating with regional transit operators to update Bus Stop Safety & Accessibility Studies. Staff at Pulaski Area Transit will guide the development of an updated data-driven prioritization tool that will be used to evaluate the existing conditions of stops throughout the PAT service area. 40 bus stop locations were identified in August 2026 and each will be evaluated and prioritized based on the highest levels of need.

Planning visualizations and preliminary cost estimates will

be developed for up to ten “high priority” bus stops for PAT. Work will be summarized and documented in a final report to assist local partners with improving project readiness for competitive funding opportunities.

Outdoor Rec & Sports

Pulaski County is expanding the New River Water Trail experience, completing the full length of the regional New River experience. In addition, the County continues to explore ways of expanding its offerings for outdoor recreation and sporting venues.

A new boat access facility is being installed at the highly anticipated Sheffey Park. The facility is currently at 60 percent complete for the A/E design phase and is anticipated to be bid for construction later this calendar year. The new launch is

one of four that are proposed as part of the \$1.5M ARC POWER grant received by the Commission.

Through a collaborative partnership with Radford University and the City of Radford, the County is also exploring potential pathways for implementation funding to repurpose abandoned rail bridge trestles for use as multipurpose trail. The route is part of a broader multi-regional initiative known as the Valley-to-Valley Trail.

Preserving Local History & Adaptive Building Reuse

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 Town of Pulaski is partnering with the Calfee Community & Cultural Center LLC and the Regional Commission to complete this work.

Funding in the current phase allows for a new roof, partial window replacement, parking lot expansion, and the expansion of Calfee's Lena Huckstep Community Kitchen from a warming kitchen to a certified commercial kitchen through the addition of 1,287 square feet. The project anticipates serving 64 local

workers who will now have access to childcare and improving three food-related businesses.

Broadband Deployment

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.

Town of Dublin Brownfields

The Town of Dublin received a \$1 million U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Multipurpose Grant for both environmental assessment, and cleanup for sites along the former Burlington Mills and Bagging Plant industrial area. While most EPA grants are single purpose, these funds allow the Town to go from site assessment to remediation and redevelopment planning seamlessly.

This project is expected to last five years, through June 2029, and will provide Dublin with tools to address environmental hazards, reduce blight, and prepare properties for new investment. The redevelopment of these assets creates a new pathway for viability to these underutilized sites for long-term economic growth.

Learn more about the work in Pulaski!

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Comprehensive Planning

The Town of Dublin will be updating its Comprehensive Plan, beginning in the Fall of 2026. The process will be the first substantial update process for the Comp Plan in more than 20 years.

The Regional Commission will begin by developing project branding, developing a community engagement strategy, and begin receiving input from local residents and business owners. The planning process is anticipated to take 18-24 months.



Radford Area

The Commission is pleased to support the City of Radford with several projects that focus on 1) updating local ordinances, 2) formalizing the New River Water Trail, and 3) improving downtown public infrastructure and service to support new economic development opportunities. FY27 projects include:

Zoning Ordinance Update

The City of Radford is collaborating with Regional Commission staff to update its Zoning Ordinance. The Commission and City staff have developed working materials and facilitated the process through the City's Planning Commission, who have actively participated in this update. Major revisions have focused on expanding the opportunities for appropriate development, improving usability and clarity, reducing unnecessary barriers, and ensuring consistency with current state and federal requirements.

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Key Zoning Ordinance improvements include reorganizing content to improve navigation, reducing ambiguity and the need for interpretation, updating definitions, adding and reassigning land uses, and consolidating development standards within zoning districts. This updated Zoning Ordinance is expected to be adopted by December 2026.

Expanding the NRWT

Regional partners are collaborating to expand New River Water Trail assets by adding new or significantly enhancing boat access facilities across the region. The City actively participates on the New River Watershed Roundtable and regularly coordinates ReNew the New stewardship events.

In addition to maintaining participation in regional

stewardship initiatives, the City of Radford aims to construct a new non-motorized boat access facility as part of the larger New Water Trail Expansion efforts. The improvements will essentially expand the NRWT from its current terminus in Giles County, through the entire New River Valley. ARC funding is available to complete necessary design, permitting, and/or construction activities that will be required for the new launch.

The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has also provided match funding to establish large kiosk signs at launch facilities and on-water wayfinding + mileage markers through the NRV section of trail. The City currently maintains the Dudley's Landing and Riverview boat access facilities, which have been identified for large-kiosk NRWT signs.

Transit Safety & Accessibility

The NRV Metropolitan Planning Organization and Regional Commission are collaborating with regional transit operators to update Bus Stop Safety & Accessibility Studies across the region.

Staff at Radford Transit will guide the development of an updated data-driven prioritization tool that will be used to evaluate the existing conditions of stops throughout the RT service area. 10 bus stop locations were identified in August 2026 and each will be evaluated and prioritized based on the highest levels of need.

Planning visualizations and preliminary cost estimates will

be developed for each of the RT bus stops. Work will be summarized and documented in a final report to assist local partners with improving project readiness for competitive funding opportunities.

Valley-to-Valley

The City of Radford is collaborating with Radford University, Pulaski County, and local developers to explore repurposing one of two existing abandoned rail trestles that cross the New River for a multi-purpose trail. Preliminary engineering estimates have recently been developed as a first step towards exploring additional competitive grant funding opportunities.

Specifically, a group of local stakeholders has started to meet periodically to evaluate the potential of the east-end crossing that was identified in the Valley-to-Valley Study efforts.

Valley-to-Valley is an aspirational concept that would potentially connect the New River and Roanoke Valleys via a continuous multi-purpose trail (i.e. New River Trail State Park to Radford Riverway to Roanoke Greenway). The concept is also documented in the Regional Bike, Ped, Paddle Plan and NRVMO Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

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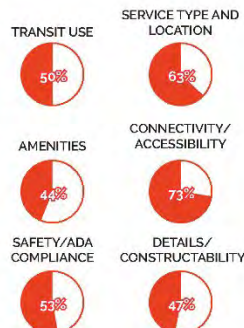
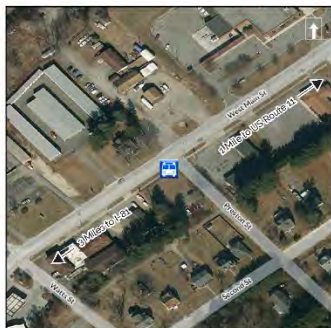
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CONTEXT

This stop (RT Stop #42) is located on West Main Street, near Radford Welfare and Social Services. It is a basic stop, and connects to the local sidewalk network. The stop also is next to a grass slope where users wait.

SCORE

The following scores represent a normalized sum of needed improvements for each site. The higher the score, the greater the need. For more information, please see the Appendix.



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CONCEPT

AMENITIES



1. ADA COMPLIANT RAMP
2. SEATING
3. MAP AND SCHEDULE
4. SHELTER WITH LIGHTING

RECOMMENDATIONS

An ADA compliant ramp, map and schedule, seating, and shelter with lighting is recommended for this stop. Because of limited space between the road right-of-way and private property, it is recommended a sidewalk be rerouted behind the shelter. A retaining wall may be needed to retain grass slope.

- Install amenities, such as ramp, shelter, and seating
- Reroute sidewalk behind shelter
- Consider retaining wall next to rerouted sidewalk

Estimated Cost:
(Materials Only) **\$11,300**

Collaboration Beyond Partner Organizations

Wytheville Parks & Rec Plan

Continuing from FY26 the Town of Wytheville Parks & Recreation Masterplan project is wrapping up initial community engagement and data processing to begin the formulation of the Masterplan. The project contains two objectives: to create a Masterplan for Wytheville Parks and Recreation and implement its principles in the creation of conceptual plans for the Crystal Springs Recreation Area. FY27 will include the finalization of project data, conceptual design for the Crystal Springs Recreation Area, continued focus group and community engagement, as well as the finalization of the Town of Wytheville Parks and Recreation Masterplan Publication. This project is being carried out in collaboration with the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission and the Town of Wytheville Parks and Recreation Staff.

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Wilderness Road Museum

The New River Valley Regional Commission (NRVRC) is partnering with the Wilderness Road Regional Museum (WRRM) on a comprehensive planning project to evaluate and preserve the historic structures overseen by the museum. The project is supported by a \$75,000 Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) planning grant and a \$25,000 Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) Cost Share Grant, with WRRM providing the remaining required match.

The project will include condition assessments of WRRM's historic structures, environmental reviews, and development of a Project Assessment Report/Preliminary Engineering Report (PAR/PER). The information gathered will be used to develop a Master Plan identifying needed improvements, estimated costs, and potential funding sources. The project will also support website development and interactive mapping to enhance public access to information

about the museum's historic resources. The overall goal is to establish a long-term strategy for stabilizing and refurbishing these significant structures so they can continue to serve the community and future generations. Currently working to get under contract with ARC.

Virginia Early Childhood Foundation

The Community Health Team will work to support a broader statewide planning initiative led by the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF). The work entails developing a regional child care landscape analysis and action plan using a standardized statewide data methodology. Statewide partners include Richmond-area's PlanRVA, the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, and VECF.

Final deliverables include a regional landscape analysis summary and action plan recommendations. The work is anticipated to be completed by the end of the calendar year.

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, depositing all funds received into Association's bank account, and reconciling and transferring all

funds received electronically into the Association's checking account.

Provide administrative support by maintaining membership databases, 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 website updates, and sending communications to members.

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Virginia Office of Broadband

The Regional Commission is assisting the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions and the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to complete environmental review regulatory compliance for multiple broadband deployment projects across the Commonwealth. Regional Commission staff is supporting a total of nine regionally defined projects through the completion of records required for compliance with National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) for high-speed internet broadband expansion projects awarded under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program as part of Public Law 117-58.



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