

#### Agenda September 29, 2022

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

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

### III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

- A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff) None
- B. Regular Project Review None
- C. Environmental Project Review
  - 1. Pulaski County Community Water Improvements Project
  - 2. Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0075361 Mountain Lake Biological Station WWTP

### 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. Town of Pulaski Projects: Completed, Underway, and Forthcoming Remarks: Darlene Burcham, Town Manager Commission Discussion

- B. NRV Revolving Loan Fund Update Remarks: Kevin Byrd, Executive Director Commission Discussion
- C. Regional Commission FY22 Annual Report To be distributed at the meeting Commission Discussion

#### D. Next Commission Meeting:

- a. Need to cancel October due to Annual Dinner event conflict Commission Action Needed
- Next meeting will be November, need to set date, typically 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday to avoid Thanksgiving holiday Commission Action Needed

All meeting materials posted on the Commission website www.nrvrc.org

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



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#### MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Jessica Barrett, Finance Director

Date: September 21, 2022

Re: August 2022 Financial Statements

The August 2022 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 FY22-23 budget adopted by the Commission at the August 25, 2022 meeting. The financial operations of the agency are somewhat fluid and projects, added and modified throughout the year, along with the high volume of Workforce program activities, impact the adopted budget. To provide clarity, Commission and Workforce Development Board activities are separated on the agencywide report.

As of month-end August 2022 (16.67% of the fiscal year), Commission year to date revenues are 18% and expenses are 14% of adopted budget. The two largest budget expense lines, Salary and Fringe, are in line with budget at 16% and 18%, respectively.

Looking at the balance sheet, Accounts Receivable is \$908,578. Of this total, Workforce receivables are \$461,910 (51%) and current. Commission receivables are heavy due to closing projects to fiscal yearend. The Executive Committee reviews all aged receivables over 60 days and no receivables are deemed uncollectible. Net Projects (\$163,462) represents project expenses, primarily benchmark projects, that cannot be invoiced yet and posted to receivables.

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## New River Valley Regional Commission Balance Sheet 8/31/2022

Assets:		Prior Month	Current Month
	Operating Account	26,194	50,901
	Certificate of Deposit	110,488	110,488
	Accounts Receivable	1,051,177	908,578
	Loans Receivable - Revolving Loan Fund	26,422	25,771
	Restricted Cash - Revolving Loan Fund	77,557	78,257
	Total Assets:	1,291,839	1,173,996
Liabilities:	Accounts Payable	89,193	20,652
	Accrued Annual Leave	102,657	102,657
	Accrued Unemployment	28,046	28,046
	Unearned Revenue	26,647	26,647
	Expense Reimbursement	743	1,257
	Total Liabilities:	247,286	179,258
Projects:	Net Projects	(120,484)	(163,462)
(Equity Accounts)	Current Year Unrestricted	234,565	230,431
	Unrestricted Net Assets	833,422	833,422
	Restricted Net Assets - Revolving Loan Fund	103,929	103,929
	Total Projects (Equity)	1,051,432	1,004,319
	Total Liabilities and Projects	1,298,718	1,183,577
	Net Difference to be Reconciled	(6,879)	(9,582)
	Total Adjustments to Post*	6,879	9,582
	Unreconciled Balance (after adjustment)	0	0

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

FY22-23 Budget		August 2022	YTD	Under/Over	(16.67% of FY) % Budget	
NRVRC Anticipated Revenues		114gubt 2022		0 1401/ 0 / 01	/0200800	
ARC	87,702	0	21,926	65,777	25.00%	
ARC - New River Water Trail Expansion	20,000	0	0	20,000	0.00%	
ARC - PemTel Painters School Road Broadband	5,210	0	0	5,210	0.00%	
Local Assessment	238,220	0	238,220	0	100.00%	
DHCD - Administrative Grant	89,971	0	0	89,971	0.00%	
DRPT RIDE Solutions NRV	84,320	0	0	84,320	0.00%	
DRPT NRVCAP RideSolutions Strategic Plan	32,870	0	0	32,870	0.00%	
EDA	70,000	17,500	17,500	52,500	25.00%	
Workforce Fiscal Agent	75,000	25,000	25,000	50,000	33.33%	
Workforce RSVP Fiscal Agent	25,000	0	25,000	25,000	0.00%	
Workforce Power Fiscal Agent	25,000	12,500	12,500	12,500	50.00%	
-	25,000	6,250	6,250	12,500	0.00%	
Workforce YouthBuild Fiscal Agent VDOT					0.009	
	58,000 70,000	0 0	0	58,000 70,000	0.00%	
VDOT - Rocky Knob Project	,		-			
Floyd County	65,244	2,177	2,177	63,067	3.34%	
Floyd Town	3,303	0	0	3,303	0.00%	
Giles County	9,500	7,535	7,535	1,965	79.32%	
Narrows Town	10,133	0	0	10,133	0.00%	
Rich Creek Town	7,000	0	0	7,000	0.00%	
Montgomery County	12,500	0	0	12,500	0.00%	
Blacksburg Town	14,000	2,333	2,333	11,667	16.67%	
Christiansburg Town	20,500	0	0	20,500	0.00%	
Pulaski County	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%	
Pulaski Town	2,652	0	0	2,652	0.00%	
Radford City	82,500	0	0	82,500	0.00%	
Radford University	17,500	0	0	17,500	0.00%	
Miscellaneous Income	0	0	60	(60)	0.00%	
Virginia's First RIFA	13,000	6,750	6,750	6,250	51.92%	
NRV MPO	40,000	0	0	40,000	0.00%	
Pembroke	13,000	0	0	13,000	0.00%	
Montgomery Bland Pulaski VATI	116,125	0	0	116,125	0.00%	
CDBG COVID19	237,212	0	0	237,212	0.00%	
Dept of Environmental Quality	22,672	0	0	22,672	0.00%	
VDEM	70,500	0	0	70,500	0.00%	
Virginia Outdoors Foundation	25,000	0	0	25,000	0.00%	
VHDA	69,000	0	0	69,000	0.00%	
Southwest Virginia SWMA	7,470	0	3,500	3,970	46.85%	
Virginia Recycling Association	15,450	3,500	3,500	11,950	22.65%	
New River Health District	75,000	0	0	75,000	0.00%	
Friends of SWVA	7,351	0	0	7,351	0.00%	
United Way Southwest Virginia	20,000	0	0	20,000	0.00%	
VDH Office of Drinking Water	80,000	0	0	80,000	0.00%	
Mount Rogers PDC	45,000	15,000	15,000	30,000	0.00%	
Revolving Loan - Interest	0	49	99	(99)	0.00%	
Local Match (unprogrammed ARC)	35,351	0	0	35,351	0.00%	
Direct Charge Reimbursement	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Grant income (anticipated	9,535	0	0	9,535	0.00%	
Sub Total Revenues	2,057,789	98,595	362,350	1,695,439	17.61%	
Expenses	2,001,109	20,020		-,0,0,10,	17.01/	
Salaries	1,215,392	101,282	196,884	1,018,508	16.20%	
Fringe Benefits	328,163	29,290	58,257	269,906	17.75%	
Travel	35,650	2,070	7,591	28,059	21.29%	
Office Space	68,730	5,727	11,455	57,275	16.67%	
Communications	21,460	1,430	2,802	18,658	13.06%	
Office Supplies	21,460 38,898			18,658 37.661	3.189	
Office Supplies	38.898	912	1.237	5/.661	3.18	

## New River Valley Regional Commission **Revenue and Expenditures - August 2022**

NRVRC Balance	0	(47,113)	66,968		
Sub Total Expenses	2,057,789	145,707	295,382	1,757,451	14.35%
Unassigned Expenses	4,956	0	0	0	0.00%
Reimbursed Expenses	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Miscellaneous/Fees	4,700	252	475	4,225	10.11%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	11,000	63	567	10,434	5.15%
Contractual Services	236,195	862	6,344	229,851	2.69%
Meeting Costs	12,200	1,775	2,083	10,117	17.08%
Insurance	4,200	0	1,033	3,167	24.60%
Training/Staff Development	27,170	1,403	2,613	24,557	9.62%
Dues/Publications	20,215	310	3,155	17,060	15.61%
Fleet Vehicles	4,400	0	257	4,143	5.84%
Equipment Rent/Copier	3,000	223	447	2,553	14.89%
Outreach/Media Adv	12,360	0	0	12,360	0.00%
Copier Usage/Maintenance	1,500	88	145	1,355	9.64%
Printing	6,200	0	0	6,200	0.00%
Postage	1,400	19	38	1,362	2.71%
Office Supplies	38,898	912	1,237	37,661	3.18%

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NR/MR WDB Anticipated Revenues		August 2022	YTD	Under/Over	% Budget
Workforce Development Area	3,915,121	94,078	229,914	3,685,207	5.87%
Sub Total Revenues	3,915,121	94,078	229,914	3,685,207	
Expenses					
Salaries	609,510	49,850	98,349	511,161	16.14%
Fringe Benefits	201,138	13,400	26,952	174,186	13.40%
Travel	30,000	2,110	2,734	27,266	9.11%
Office Space	36,000	3,398	6,793	29,207	18.87%
Communications	15,000	935	3,729	11,271	24.86%
Office Supplies	40,000	337	1,764	38,236	4.41%
Postage	250	0	0	250	0.00%
Printing	1,500	63	120	1,380	7.97%
Outreach/Media Adv	35,000	1,543	2,636	32,364	7.53%
Equipment Rent/Copier	1,700	78	156	1,544	9.20%
Dues/Publications	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%
Training/Staff Development	7,000	0	690	6,310	9.86%
Insurance	5,000	0	0	5,000	0.00%
Meeting Costs	7,000	1,937	2,300	4,700	32.86%
Contractual Services	2,872,938	20,135	83,398	2,789,540	2.90%
Professional Services Audit/Legal	15,000	293	293	14,708	1.95%
Miscellaneous/Fees	33,085	0	0	33,085	0.00%
Workforce Grants Admin	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Sub Total Expenses	3,915,121	94,078	229,914	3,685,207	5.87%
NR/MR WDB Balance	0	0	0	-	
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Total Agency R&E		August 2022	YTD		
Anticipated Revenue	5,972,910	192,672	592,264	9.92%	
Anticipated Expense	5,972,910	239,785	525,296	8.79%	
Balance	0	(47,113)	66,968		

# New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board Revenue and Expenditures - August 2022



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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, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #1
CIRP Review	September 22, 2022
PROJECT:	Pulaski County Community Water Improvements Project VA220902-01400400155
SUBMITTED BY:	СНА
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	CHA Consulting, Inc. is requesting comments on an environmental assessment.
PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO:	Commission Board Members

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September 2, 2022

New River Valley Regional Commission Kevin R. Byrd, AICP Executive Director 6580 Valley Center Dr., Suite 124 Radford, VA 24141 kbyrd@nrvrc.org cc: jphillips@nrvrc.org

#### Via E-mail Only

Re: Environmental Assessment Project Review Request, Pulaski County Community Water Improvements Project; CHA Project No. 74370

Dear Mr. Kevin R. Byrd:

CHA Consulting, Inc. is working with Pulaski County to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act to fulfill state and federal funding requirements. This EA will assess the potential environmental impacts of a water improvements project in Pulaski County, Virginia.

#### Background

CHA Consulting recently completed a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) that evaluated several alternatives for providing adequate water service and fire flow to three community water systems in Pulaski County through expansions of the Pulaski County Public Service Authority's (PCPSA) water distribution system. Water system improvements are planned for the Riverbend Water System, the Bella Vista Water System and the Hilton Village Water System.

#### **Project Description**

A copy of project location map showing the locations of the proposed work sites associated with the proposed projects for the three water systems is attached. The planned improvements are described below:

#### Riverbend Water System:

The Riverbend community is located off of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) at the intersection of Riverbend Drive, east of Fairlawn, in the northeast portion of Pulaski County. The community is best described as a subdivision containing single-family detached residential dwellings along Riverbend Drive, Flower Land Lane, and River Front Drive. Current water service to the approximately 31 connections is provided by a private

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well water system that is not in compliance with VDH regulations. The distribution system serving the community is believed to be at the end of its useful life and under-sized for providing fire protection. The former waterworks operator, the New River Water Company, has abandoned the water system and recent well pump failure along with a large outstanding American Electric Power bill has required the residents, County, and Virginia Department of Health to work together to keep the system in operation.

The following improvements are proposed for this community to resolve the issues described above:

1) Extension of the PCPSA water system to the Riverbend community includes the construction of approximately 3,000 LF of 6-inch water line and related appurtenances. This line will be constructed in previously disturbed area and will be located adjacent to the existing well water lines. There will be one stream crossing associated with the water line replacement construction.

## Bella Vista Water System & Hilton Village Water System:

The Bella Vista community is located along Route 636 – Alum Spring Road at the intersection of Vista Road, north of the Town of Pulaski and west of the Town of Dublin, in the northwest quadrant of Pulaski County. The community is best described as a subdivision containing single-family detached residential dwellings along Alum Spring Road, Vista Road, Jill Drive, and Lavender Road. With the exception of Jill Drive, the PCPSA currently provides water service to the community from its nearby Bella Vista Tank. Water service to the approximately 15 connections along Jill Drive that are not currently served by the PCPSA is provided by a private water system that is not in compliance with VDH regulations. The distribution system serving the community is assumed to be at the end of its useful life and under-sized for providing fire protection. The former waterworks operator, the New River Water Company, has abandoned the water system and residents, County, and Virginia Department of Health are currently working together to keep the system in operation. In addition, there are currently 13 individual residents within the Bella Vista community along Ridgewood Place and at the end of Lavender Road that are currently served by individual private wells. These 13 connections will be served by the PCPSA under the improvements proposed in this report.

The Hilton Village community is located along Route 738 – Robinson Tract Road at the intersection of Route 720 – Hilton Village Loop, north of the Town of Pulaski, in the northwest quadrant of Pulaski County. The community is best described as a subdivision containing mostly single-family detached residential dwellings and a church located along Hilton Village Loop and Robinson Tract Road. Current water service to the approximately 41 connections is provided by private wells some of which have been documented to contain bacteria.

The following improvements are proposed for these communities to resolve the issues described above:

- 1) Bella Vista:
  - a. Construction of a new elevated storage tank at the site of the existing Bella Vista Tank to expand water service in the Bella Vista community and provide water service to the Hilton Village community; the existing tank will be abandoned in place.
  - b. Construction of 4,100 LF of 6-inch water line and related appurtenances which will all occur in previously disturbed road rights-of-way.
  - c. Installation of thirteen (13) new connections to residents.
  - d. The pumps, piping, and associated appurtenances in the existing Bella Vista/Tyson Hills pump station located at 4285 Thornspring Road will be replaced. All replacements and construction will occur within the current footprint of the building.



- 2) Hilton Village:
  - a. Installation of a pressure reducing valve (PRV) interconnection between the Town of Pulaski and PCPSA water systems to allow the proposed Veteran's Hill pressure zone to contribute to the proposed Bella Vista pressure zone.
  - b. Construction of 8,800 LF of 8-inch water line and related appurtenances which will all occur in previously disturbed road right-of-way. There will be one stream crossing associated with the water line replacement construction.
  - c. Installation of 41 new connections to residents.

We request that your office review the proposed project for any issues that may occur in the project area. Please provide any recommendations you may have to mitigate or avoid any impacts. We would appreciate a response at your earliest opportunity. If you need any further information or wish to discuss the project further, please contact me at 540-552-5548 or by e-mail at <u>amarsh@chacompanies.com</u>. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Amarca C. March

Amanda Marsh Senior Scientist

RLH/jll Enclosure cc: R. Lawrence Hoffman, Associate Vice President, CHA Consulting, Inc. (w/o enclosure)





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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, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #2
CIRP Review	September 22, 2022
PROJECT:	Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0075361 Mountain Lake Biological Station WWTP VA220913-01500400071
SUBMITTED BY:	DEQ
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting comments on reissuance of a permit.
PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO:	Commission Board Members

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Travis A. Voyles Acting Secretary of Natural Resources

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Blue Ridge Regional Office

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Michael S. Rolband, P.E., **PWD, PWS Emeritus Director** (8014) 698-4000

> Robert J. Weld **Regional Director**

September 13, 2022

Mr. Kevin Byrd, Executive Director New River Valley Planning District Commission 6580 Valley Center Drive, Suite 124 Radford, VA 24141

Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0075361 RE: Mountain Lake Biological Research Station WWTP

Dear Mr. Byrd:

This letter transmits a copy of the public notice for the referenced proposed permit action for your review. This notice is being provided to you pursuant to Section 62.1-44.15:01 of the Code of Virginia. Public notice of this proposed action is also being published in a local newspaper. That publication will establish a 30-day public comment period for this proposal. If you wish to comment on this proposed action, please respond to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality at the following address:

> Virginia DEQ Blue Ridge Regional Office 901 Russell Drive Salem, VA 24153

If no response is received within the 30-day public notice period, it will be assumed that you have no objections to the proposed action. If you have any questions, please contact me at (540) 597-9495.

Sincerely,

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Becky L. France Water Permit Writer

Enclosure: Permit Public Notice

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body in Giles County, Virginia

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 16, 2022 through October 17, 2022

PERMIT NAME: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

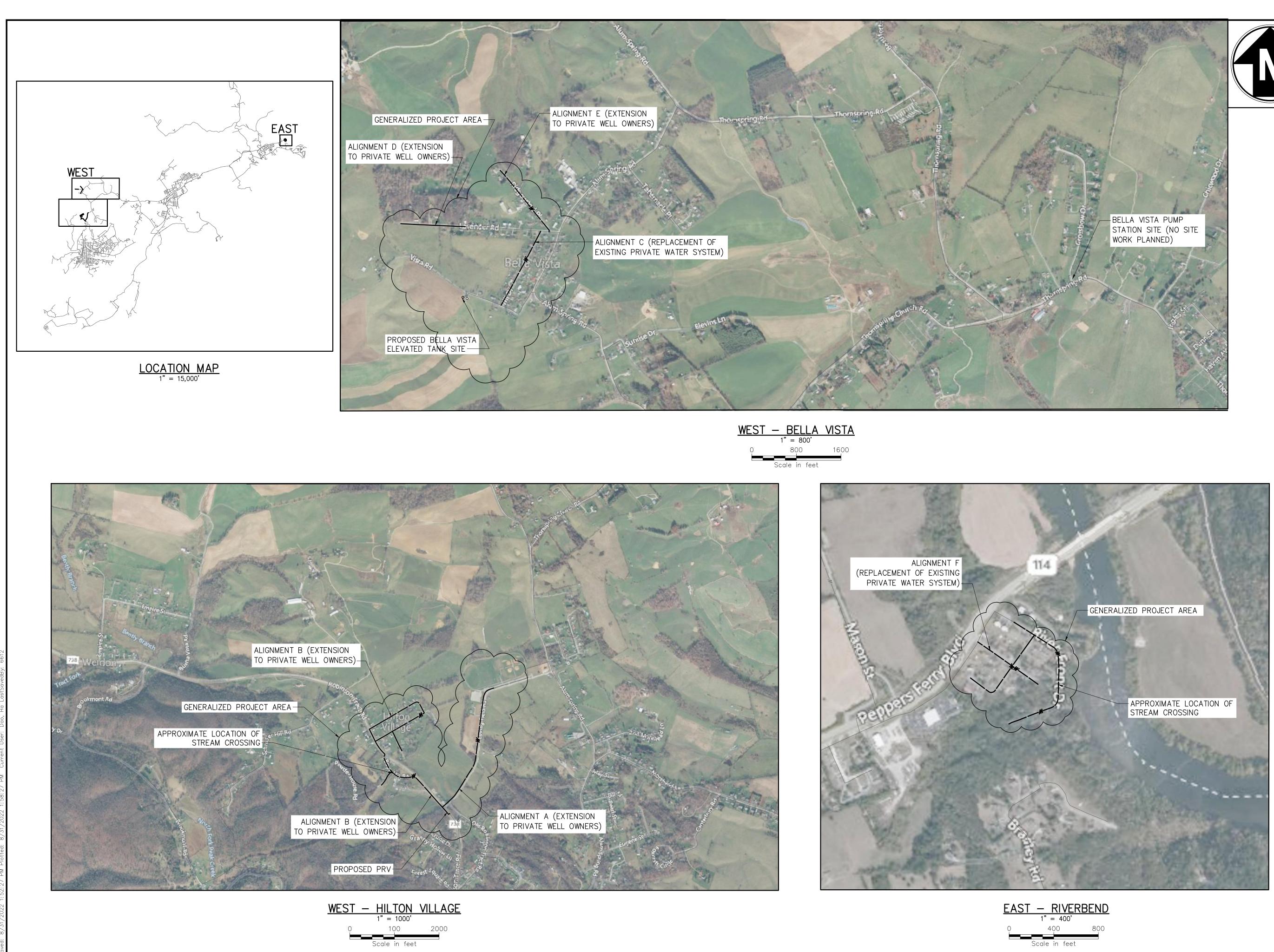
APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS, AND PERMIT NUMBER: University of Virginia, Facilities Management, PO Box 400726, Charlottesville, VA 22906-4726, VA0075361

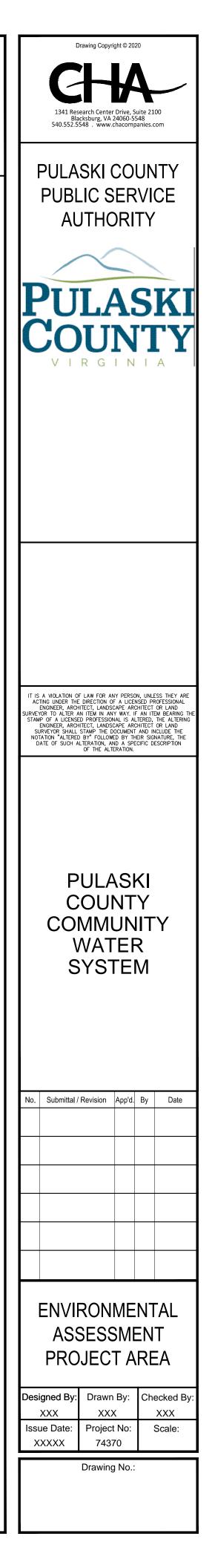
FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION: Mountain Lake Biological Research Station WWTP, 240 Salt Pond Circle, Pembroke, VA 24136-3094

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: University of Virginia has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the wastewater treatment plant in Giles County. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 9,000 gallons per day from the current facility into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be hauled to a wastewater treatment plant for further treatment. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage to an unnamed tributary to Hunters Branch in Giles County in the New River/Little Stony Creek Watershed (VAW-N24R). A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: nutrients, organic matter, solids, toxic pollutants

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax, or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for a public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if a public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS, AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Becky L. France; ADDRESS: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Blue Ridge Regional Office, 901 Russell Drive, Salem, VA 24153; (540) 562-6700; E-MAIL ADDRESS: becky.france@deq.virginia.gov; FAX: (804) 698-4178. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above (by appointment) or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed above.







## September 22, 2022 Executive Director's Report

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## **Economic Development:**

- The Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) committee approved two loans this month. Both clients were referred by community partners in economic development and local government. More information about the loan recipients and their businesses is included in the packet.
- For the VATI 2022 broadband implementation project, all items on the pre-contract list were submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Pulaski County project. Now we are awaiting a contract from the Commonwealth. The Montgomery/Bland portion of the project has one item to submit while the project is concurrently being reviewed by the State Corporation Commission since it is a partnership with Appalachian Power.

## Transportation:

- The NRV Passenger Rail Station Authority will hold the first meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Pulaski County Innovation Center.
- The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is holding an Eggs and Issues event on 10/6 that will be a panel discussion on passenger rail. I will be on the panel discussing the NRV Station Authority alongside Ray Smoot with the Commonwealth Transportation Board, Sandy Davis representing NRV Passenger Rail advocacy group, and Michael McLaughlin, Chief Operating Officer with the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority.

## **Natural Resources:**

 ReNew the New had great weather and a strong turn out in all four counties and the city on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Preliminary figures are still coming in, but early indications are over 500 participants and close to 5 tons of debris removed.

## **Regional:**

• The Business Continuity Team grant with Community Development Block Grant funds wraps up in Februrary and staff recently submitted a budget revision heading into the final phase of work. The revision allows for purchasing of testing supplies for businesses. A survey was circulated to guage demand. The BCT continues to be a resource to businesses and schools as different variants are circulating in the community.

## Commission:

- The Regional Commission Annual Dinner is scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted in Radford at Brick House Pizza. Invitations will be going out next week. The focus for the event is networking among community leaders while celebrating regional award recipients. Award recipients this year include the following: Champion of the Valley (elected official) – Penny Franklin; Citizen of the Valley – Janaka Casper; Friend of the Valley – New River Conservancy. We will issue a press release about the award recipients following the event.
- Nicole Hersch recently moved into a part-time role and will be focusing on the Plant SWVA Natives program and a water quality improvement project for Crab Creek in Christiansburg funded by the Department of Environmental Quality. As a result, we are hiring! Please see the job ad at this link and share broadly <a href="https://nrvrc.org/news/careers/regional-planner-communications-specialist">https://nrvrc.org/news/careers/regional-planner-communications-specialist</a>



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#### MEMORANDUM

To: NRVRC Board Members

From: Kevin Byrd, Executive Director

Date: September 22, 2022

Re: Town of Pulaski Projects: Completed, Underway and Forthcoming

At the September Regional Commission meeting the Pulaski Town Manager, Darlene Burcham, will provide remarks about projects in the Town of Pulaski. On a recent tour of the community alongside Virginia Housing representatives who were in from Richmond, it was readily apparent the town has made a lot of substantial progress on significant project. Ms. Burcham will address recently completed projects such as a community development block grant for downtown improvements and a skate park, along with projects underway to include a mountain bike skills park, water line upgrades that will allow for second story residential in downtown, and forthcoming transportation projects to change one-way traffic to two-way, among several others. Lastly, she will address the teamwork it takes between elected officials, community leaders, and local government administration to make these types of projects a reality.

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#### MEMORANDUM

То:	NRVRC Board Members
From:	Joy Rumley, Director of Economic Development
Date:	September 22, 2022
Re:	New River Valley Revolving Loan Fund Update

The New River Valley Revolving Loan Fund Committee recently approved two loan applications that were submitted. Each application was evaluated based on the business plan, business and personal financial information, credit and collateral available. The Committee is comprised of seven (7) regional representatives and two (2) Regional Commission staff.

On September 21, 2022, loan closings were held for each business that was approved. A brief description of each business is below.

Dobbins Hollow Horticulture, LLC is a vineyard and farm operating in Floyd County. Loan funds were secured to purchase equipment to increase winemaking production at the site. The business is also growing other fruits for table wines and ciders. The farm lends itself to a disc golf course, which will be added as a new feature. Given Floyd County Tourism's focus on Agri-tourism business, this will be a great addition to the local and regional offerings.

The Chandlerie, LLC is a candle making and lifestyle business that is expanding from online to a brickand-mortar store in downtown Christiansburg. Loan funds were secured to complete interior renovations to the two-story building to allow for retail sales and candle making in-house. The business will also offer candle making classes to the public. The retail store will focus on other home goods/decor and gifts. This business is complementary to the work of the Town and Downtown Christiansburg, Inc. which is committed to the growth and success of downtown.

Should you have any questions about the NRV RLF, please contact me at jrumley@nrvrc.org.

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