

October 30, 2024

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

Whitethorne Boat Launch- Montgomery County New River Water Trail

Located 5277 Whitethorne Rd, Blacksburg, VA 24060

The project includes several related components: enhancements/expansion of current boat launch with an accessible path to connect extended parking, suitable for vehicles with trailers, and potential surface revetment.

This notice shall satisfy procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Montgomery County, Virginia.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The New River Valley Regional Commission has determined that the Montgomery County-Whitethorne Boat Launch project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the New River Valley Regional Commission 6580 Valley Center Dr., Radford, VA 24141, and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9 A.M to 4 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to New River Valley Regional Commission office responsible for receiving and responding to comments. All comments received by December 2, 2024 be considered by DHCD, who will not release any ARC funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to December 15, 2024.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

New River Valley Regional Commission certifies to the State of Virginia that Kevin Byrd in his capacity as Executive Director, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State of Virginia's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Montgomery County to use Appalachian Region Commission (ARC) Program funds. Comments must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76), and may be addressed to:

Kevin Byrd, Certifying Officer
6580 Valley Center Drive
Suite 124
Radford, VA 24141