

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
AGENDA

January 24, 2013

6:00 p.m.—New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER
  - B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER
- III. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
- IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT
- V. PUBLIC ADDRESS
- VI. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
  - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
    - 1. [13-14] – FY2013 State Revolving Loan Funds Capitalization Application
    - 2. New River Valley Senior Services, Inc. Application to Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Rail and Transportation to purchase (2) nine passenger raised roof with lift vehicles
  - B. Regular Project Review
    - 1. Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Pesticide Performance Partnership Grant Application FY14
    - 2. Department of Transportation Tier 2 Environmental Assessment – I-81 Improvement Study
  - C. Environmental Project Review
    - 1. VPA Permit VPA02069 Reissuance – Radford WTP land application of alum residuals at the New River Valley Airport
    - 2. Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0024040 Riner WWTP
    - 3. Environmental Impact Review: Radford University – College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences
- VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (enclosed)
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
  - None
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Transportation Program Updates
    - Presentation - Elijah Sharp
  - B. Review Key Legislative Items (VML and VACo Legislative Priorities Enclosed)
    - Commission Discussion
- X. OTHER BUSINESS
- XI. REGIONAL FOCUS
  - A. Overview of PDC Financial Operations
    - Presentation – Kevin Byrd

**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Expenditures as of November 30, 2012**

Expense Category	Budget	Previous Total	November Expenditures	YTD Expenditures	Budget Balance	% Budget Expended
Salaries	806,948.00	287,393.11	71,163.55	358,556.66	448,391.34	44.43%
Fringe Benefits	308,452.00	97,938.23	20,952.42	118,890.65	189,561.35	38.54%
Travel	64,198.00	14,430.63	3,027.41	17,458.04	46,739.96	27.19%
Office Space	27,647.00	7,933.00	1,975.30	9,908.30	17,738.70	35.84%
Telephone/Communications	5,980.00	2,285.58	575.68	2,861.26	3,118.74	47.85%
Office Supplies	9,401.00	4,984.09	3,202.93	8,187.02	1,213.98	87.09%
Postage	750.00	150.25	19.25	169.50	580.50	22.60%
Printing	620.00	9.45	-	9.45	610.55	1.52%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	1,500.00	1,043.58	52.53	1,096.11	403.89	73.07%
Media Ad	1,625.00	-	-	-	1,625.00	0.00%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	492.96	123.24	616.20	883.80	41.08%
Vehicle Fuel	2,400.00	1,141.63	318.95	1,460.58	939.42	60.86%
Dues/Publications	7,745.00	515.00	-	515.00	7,230.00	6.65%
Training	1,375.00	-	-	-	1,375.00	0.00%
Insurance	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	0.00%
Meeting Expense	7,733.00	1,697.29	31.55	1,728.84	6,004.16	22.36%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equip)	5,000.00	1,523.97	-	1,523.97	3,476.03	30.48%
Contractual Services	1,125,893.00	162,180.00	1,797.75	163,977.75	961,915.25	14.56%
Audit Fee	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	100.00%
Miscellaneous	45,500.00	841.31	235.49	1,076.80	44,423.20	2.37%
M & G Costs	112,784.00	38,715.28	10,115.70	48,830.98	63,953.02	43.30%
Common Costs	111,829.00	39,043.28	5,847.75	44,891.03	66,937.97	40.14%
	<b>2,651,880.00</b>	<b>664,818.64</b>	<b>119,439.50</b>	<b>784,258.14</b>	<b>1,867,621.86</b>	<b>29.57%</b>

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**Expenditures as of December 31, 2012**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>December Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
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Fringe Benefits	308,452.00	118,890.65	22,187.57	141,078.22	167,373.78	45.74%
Travel	64,198.00	17,458.04	3,101.49	20,559.53	43,638.47	32.03%
Office Space	27,647.00	9,908.30	1,975.30	11,883.60	15,763.40	42.98%
Telephone/Communications	5,980.00	2,861.26	549.72	3,410.98	2,569.02	57.04%
Office Supplies	9,401.00	8,187.02	214.02	8,401.04	999.96	89.36%
Postage	750.00	169.50	13.60	183.10	566.90	24.41%
Printing	620.00	9.45	-	9.45	610.55	1.52%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	1,500.00	1,096.11	20.08	1,116.19	383.81	74.41%
Media Ad	1,625.00	-	-	-	1,625.00	0.00%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	616.20	123.24	739.44	760.56	49.30%
Vehicle Fuel	2,400.00	1,460.58	270.00	1,730.58	669.42	72.11%
Dues/Publications	7,745.00	515.00	680.00	1,195.00	6,550.00	15.43%
Training	1,375.00	-	-	-	1,375.00	0.00%
Insurance	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	0.00%
Meeting Expense	7,733.00	1,728.84	36.32	1,765.16	5,967.84	22.83%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equip)	5,000.00	1,523.97	-	1,523.97	3,476.03	30.48%
Contractual Services	1,125,893.00	163,977.75	202,704.04	366,681.79	759,211.21	32.57%
Audit Fee	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	100.00%
Miscellaneous	45,500.00	1,076.80	127.63	1,204.43	44,295.57	2.65%
M & G Costs	112,784.00	48,830.98	11,035.48	59,866.46	52,917.54	53.08%
Common Costs	111,829.00	44,891.03	7,398.32	52,289.35	59,539.65	46.76%
	<b>2,651,880.00</b>	<b>784,258.14</b>	<b>316,267.07</b>	<b>1,100,525.21</b>	<b>1,551,354.79</b>	<b>41.50%</b>

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Executive Director

## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: VI. Intergovernmental Review Process, B. Regular Project Review, Item #1

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CIRP Review

January 14, 2013

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PROJECT: **Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Pesticide Performance Partnership Grant Application FY 14**

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Environmental Quality

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has applied for a Pesticide Performance Partnership Grant Application FY 14.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Planning Commissioners

STAFF COMMENT: The staff has reviewed the appropriate plans (Land Use, Water Quality Management, Regional Solid Waste Management, Vision 2020, and the Economic Development plans) and finds that this project does not conflict with the plans or regional policies and goals.



**APPLICATION FOR  
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

Version 9/03

<b>1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION:</b> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		<b>2. DATE SUBMITTED</b>		Applicant Identifier 771	
Pre-application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		<b>3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE</b>		State Application Identifier	
		<b>4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY</b>		Federal Identifier BG993545-97-0	
<b>5. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>					
Legal Name: Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services			<b>Organizational Unit:</b>		
Organizational DUNS: 96 3969303			Department: Agriculture and Consumer Services		
Address: Street: 102 Governor Street			Division: Consumer Protection		
City: Richmond			<b>Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code)</b>		
County:			Prefix: Ms.		First Name: Liza
State: VA			Middle Name J		
Zip Code 23219			Last Name Fleeson		
Country: United States			Suffix:		
			Email: <a href="mailto:liza.fleeson@vdacs.virginia.gov">liza.fleeson@vdacs.virginia.gov</a>		
<b>6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN):</b> [5] [4] - [6] [0] [0] [1] [7] [0] [7]			Phone Number (give area code) (804) 371-6559		Fax Number (give area code) (804) 786-9149
<b>8. TYPE OF APPLICATION:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) (See back of form for description of letters.) Other (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			<b>7. TYPE OF APPLICANT:</b> (See back of form for Application Types) A. State Government Other (specify)		
<b>10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER:</b> [6] [6] - [6] [0] [5] TITLE (Name of Program): Performance Partnership Grant			<b>9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY:</b> EPA		
<b>12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):</b> State of Virginia			<b>11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:</b> Virginia Pesticide Performance Partnership Grant		
<b>13. PROPOSED PROJECT</b> Start Date: 07/01/2013 Ending Date: 06/30/2014			<b>14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:</b> a. Applicant 3 <sup>rd</sup> Congressional District b. Project STATEWIDE		
<b>15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:</b>			<b>16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?</b>		
a. Federal	\$462,624	.00	a. Yes. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON DATE: 12/14/12 b. No. <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372 OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW		
b. Applicant	\$	.00			
c. State	\$124,463	.00			
d. Local	\$	.00			
e. Other	\$	.00			
f. Program Income	\$	.00	<b>17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
g. TOTAL	\$587,087	.00			
<b>18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES.</b>					
<b>a. Authorized Representative</b>					
Prefix Mr.		First Name Matthew		Middle Name J	
Last Name Lohr		Suffix			
b. Title Commissioner		c. Telephone Number (give area code) (804) 786-3501			
Email: <a href="mailto:matt.lohr@vdacs.virginia.gov">matt.lohr@vdacs.virginia.gov</a>		Fax Number (give area code) (804) 371-2945			
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed			

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Standard Form 424B (4-88)

## ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

**Note:** Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of the project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States, and if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§ 4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the nineteen statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. § 795), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§ 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply with the provision of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§ 1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§ 327-333), regarding labor standards for federally assisted construction subagreements.

10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplain in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clear Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clear Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§ 1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.)
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act of 1984.
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations and policies governing this program.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE Commissioner
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	DATE SUBMITTED

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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: VI. Intergovernmental Review Process, B. Regular Project Review, Item #2

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CIRP Review

January 14, 2013

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PROJECT: Tier 2 Environmental Assessment - Section of Independent Utility #4, I-81 Corridor Improvement Study

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Transportation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Transportation is requesting comments on an Environmental Assessment for proposed highway improvements between Exit 118 and Exit 143.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Barry Helms, Town of Christiansburg  
F. Craig Meadows, Montgomery County

STAFF COMMENT: The staff has reviewed the appropriate plans (Land Use, Water Quality Management, Regional Solid Waste Management, Vision 2020, and the Economic Development plans) and finds that this project does not conflict with the plans or regional policies and goals.



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

1401 EAST BROAD STREET  
RICHMOND, VA 23219-2000

**Gregory A. Whirley**  
Commissioner

January 8, 2013

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

**SUBJECT: Tier 2 Environmental Assessment**  
**Section of Independent Utility #4, I-81 Corridor Improvement Study**  
State Project No.: 0081-961-116, P101; UPC No. 67588  
From: Exit 118 (US 460) in Town of Christiansburg  
To: Exit 143 (I-581) in Roanoke County  
Montgomery and Roanoke Counties; City of Salem and Town of Christiansburg

Dear Mr. Byrd:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed highway improvements between Exit 118 (US 460) in the Town of Christiansburg to Exit 143 (I-581) in Roanoke County. The attached map shows the location of the proposed project. The proposed improvements along this 25-mile corridor are the result of findings in the broader Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the entire 325-mile I-81 corridor in Virginia that was completed in March 2007 and approved with a Record of Decision (ROD) in June 2007. The project corridor encompasses Section of Independent Utility (SIU) #4 as identified in the Tier 1 EIS and ROD, and would involve the construction of no more than two general purpose lanes in each direction.

As part of the study effort, VDOT and FHWA are seeking input to assist in determining the scope of the EA and to clarify issues relative to this study. Any comments and suggestions your agency may have regarding important factors that should be considered would be appreciated. Please feel free to solicit and submit input from other branches and departments within your agency or organization. We would appreciate receiving your agency's written comments or suggestions by **February 21, 2013**.

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Please be advised that we are planning to hold two meetings with interested agencies; please attend the meeting that is most convenient for you geographically.

Thursday, February 7, 2013  
2 - 3 p.m.  
Salem District Office Auditorium  
731 Harrison Avenue  
Salem, VA 24153

Monday, February 11, 2013  
10 a.m.  
VDOT Central Office Auditorium  
1201 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

VDOT also is hosting two citizen information meetings on February 6 and 7, 2013 to seek public input at the locations noted below and you are welcome to attend those as well.

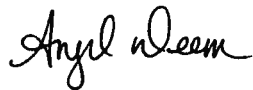
Wednesday, February 6, 2013  
(*snow date February 13, 2013*)  
5 - 7 p.m.  
Falling Branch Elementary School  
735 Falling Branch Road  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

Thursday, February 7, 2013  
(*snow date February 14, 2013*)  
5 - 7 p.m.  
Fort Lewis Elementary School  
3115 West Main Street  
Salem, VA 24153

Additional information about the I-81 Tier 2 study is available on VDOT's website at: [http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/salem/i-81\\_tier\\_2\\_nepa\\_environmental\\_study.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/salem/i-81_tier_2_nepa_environmental_study.asp). However, if you have questions or need additional information about the project, please email me at [Angel.Deem@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Angel.Deem@VDOT.Virginia.gov) or call me at (804) 371-6756.

Thank you for your assistance.

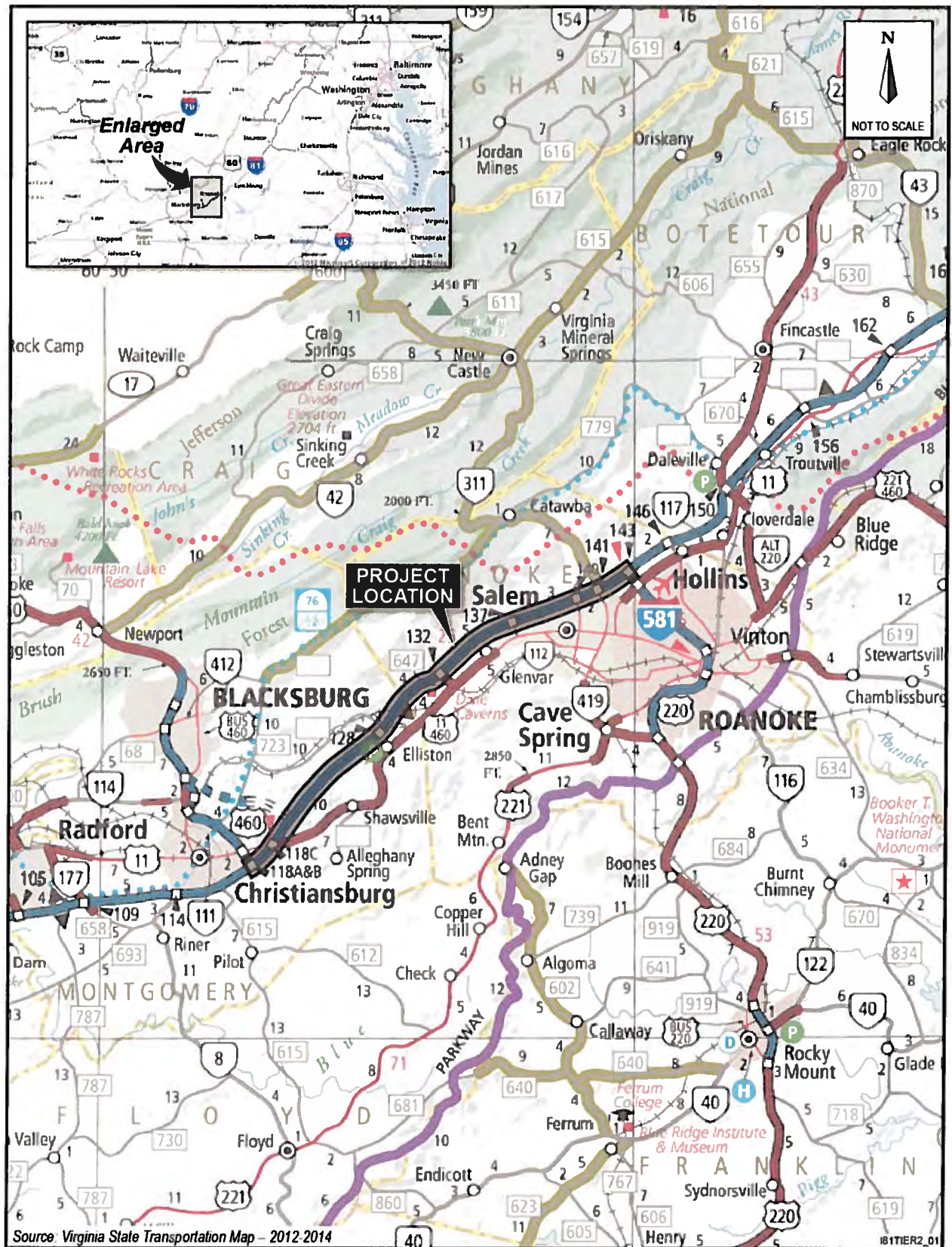
Sincerely,



Angel Deem  
Project Manager

cc: John Simkins, FHWA  
Anne Booker, VDOT Salem District





### PROJECT LOCATION

SIU #4, I-81 Corridor Improvement Study

State Project No.: 0081-961-116, P101; UPC No. 67588

Montgomery and Roanoke Counties; City of Salem and Town of Christiansburg

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TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: VI. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #1

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CIRP Review

January 14, 2013

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PROJECT: **VPA Permit VPA02069 Reissuance**  
**Radford WTP land application of alum residuals at the NRV Airport**

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Environmental Quality

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Radford has applied to reissue a permit that will allow the land application of water treatment plant alum residuals in Pulaski County.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: Peter Huber, Pulaski County

STAFF COMMENT: The staff has reviewed the appropriate plans (Land Use, Water Quality Management, Regional Solid Waste Management, Vision 2020, and the Economic Development plans) and finds that this project does not conflict with the plans or regional policies and goals.



**Public Notice – Environmental Permit**

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a proposed permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the continued land application of water treatment plant alum residuals in Pulaski County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** December 12, 2012 to January 11, 2013

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Pollution Abatement issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** City of Radford; 10 Robertson St., Radford VA 24141; VPA02069.

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERMITTED ACTIVITY:** Radford Water Treatment Plant, 20 Forest Ave., Radford, VA 24141.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Radford Water Treatment Plant has applied for reissuance of a permit for land application of water treatment plant alum residuals. The permit will allow the applicant to apply alum residuals to 139.75 acres of agricultural land at the New River Valley Airport, 5391 C.V. Jackson Road, Dublin, VA. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

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**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Susan Edwards; Blue Ridge Regional Office – Roanoke, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke VA 24019; Phone: (540) 562-6764; E-mail: [Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:Susan.Edwards@deq.virginia.gov). 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.

Fax to NRV PDC

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Kevin R. Byrd, AICP  
Executive Director**RECEIVED**  
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PULASKI COUNTY

December 17, 2012

TO: Pete Huber, Pulaski County Administrator

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

RE: Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review

PROJECT NAME: VPA Permit VPA02069 Reissuance  
& NUMBER: Radford WTP land application of alum residuals at NRV airport

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

Please be advised this office has received from DEQ a copy of the public notice for the referenced proposed permit action for your review. In accordance with Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review Process requirements, a copy of the notice is enclosed for your review and comments. If you wish to make comments or require further information, please indicate below and return to the Commission office via mail or fax prior to **January 4, 2013**.

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- ☒ This agency finds no conflict between this project and its plans, policies and goals.
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Pulaski, Narrows, Pearisburg, Rich CreekUniversities:  
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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission Members  
FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director  
AGENDA ITEM: VI. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #2

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CIRP Review

January 14, 2013

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PROJECT: Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0024040 Riner WWTP  
VA121227-01100400121

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Environmental Quality

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Montgomery County Public Service Authority has applied for a permit reissuance

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: F. Craig Meadows, Montgomery County

STAFF COMMENT: The staff has reviewed the appropriate plans (Land Use, Water Quality Management, Regional Solid Waste Management, Vision 2020, and the Economic Development plans) and finds that this project does not conflict with the plans or regional policies and goals.

## PUBLIC NOTICE – Environmental Permit

**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 Montgomery County, Virginia

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** December 23, 2012 through January 21, 2013 at 4:30 pm

**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:** Montgomery County Public Service Authority, 755 Roanoke Street, Suite 2-I, Christiansburg, VA 24073, VA0024040

**FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION:** Riner WWTP, 4351 Riner Road, Riner, Virginia 24149

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Montgomery County Public Service Authority has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the wastewater treatment plant in Montgomery County. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewater from residential areas at a rate of 100,000 gallons per day from the current facility into a water body. Dewatered sludge from the treatment process will be transported to the Shawsville WWTP for further treatment. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage to Mill Creek in Montgomery County in the Little River/Indian Creek/Brush Creek Watershed (VAW-N21R). 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

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Becky L. France; ADDRESS: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Blue Ridge Regional Office, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019-2738; (540) 562-6700; E-MAIL ADDRESS: [becky.france@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:becky.france@deq.virginia.gov); FAX: (540) 562-6725. 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.

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Kevin R. Byrd, AICP  
Executive Director

December 27, 2012



TO: Craig Meadows, Montgomery County Administrator

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

RE: Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review

PROJECT NAME: VPDES Permit Reissuance  
& NUMBER: VA0024040 Montgomery County PSA - Riner WWTP

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: VI. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #3

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CIRP Review

January 14, 2013

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PROJECT: **Radford University – College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences  
ENV13-003S**

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Environmental Quality

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Radford university plans to construct a new structure to house the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences Department.

PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO: David Ridpath. City of Radford

STAFF COMMENT: The staff has reviewed the appropriate plans (Land Use, Water Quality Management, Regional Solid Waste Management, Vision 2020, and the Economic Development plans) and finds that this project does not conflict with the plans or regional policies and goals.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**  
**FOR**  
**COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**

**October 17, 2012**

**Prepared for**  
**RADFORD UNIVERSITY**  
**OFFICE of FACILITIES PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION**

**ATTENTION:**

**Mr. Roy E. Saville**  
**Facilities Planning & Construction**  
**P.O. Box 6909**  
**Radford, VA 24142**  
**(540) 831-7810**  
**(540) 831-5964 Fax**

## **Project Identification**

Pursuant to Virginia Code §10.1-1188, for major state projects in excess of \$500,000, Radford University submits this Environment Impact Report, for the proposed construction of an academic building for the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences.

Radford University proposes to construct and develop a new 140,000ft<sup>2</sup> academic building between McConnell Library and Muse Hall on the north end of the university campus, in the vicinity currently occupied by Lucas Hall.

## **Justification**

The current college is housed in Russell Hall, originally constructed in 1927 as a dormitory, and consisting of approximately 46,000ft<sup>2</sup>. Through various renovations, Russell now serves as an academic facility comprised of office, lab, and classroom spaces. The building was recently renovated, capturing some attic space, bringing the total square footage to 52,500ft<sup>2</sup>. Due to the limited footprint, size constraints, and age of the current building, it would not be feasible to continue renovating or adding an addition to the building to accommodate the current demand for laboratory and classroom space.

Construction of this project will allow for future growth and expansion of the college, as well as provide faculty, staff, and students with state of the art facilities with which to work and learn, maintaining a competitive edge and providing tomorrow's leaders with the best education.

This new facility will also allow the university to utilize more modern and efficient structural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems, thereby conserving energy and resources that would be lost, even if the older college was renovated.

## **Description**

The proposed building, will be approximately three times the size of the existing, and consist primarily of laboratories, classrooms, and office space. The facility will be a multi-story, brick structure consistent with the current university architecture. The site demolition, and improvement, will require the removal of existing structures (Lucas Hall), and grading and leveling of the site, to accommodate the new structure. Existing parking around the campus will serve the new building. The outdoor lighting, and landscaping, will be developed to complement the existing campus plan.

The building will be used for the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences; activities will consist of academic pursuits pertaining primarily to that field, some classrooms, lecture halls, and labs may be utilized for other disciplines as the occasion, or need, arises.

## **Affected Environment**

The proposed site is located between McConnell Library and Muse Hall. The site is zoned for university use; there are no easements, covenants, reservations, or right-of-ways that will interfere with the proposed construction. The site consists primarily of previously disturbed, clay soils; the topographic of which is flat to sloping, toward the north. Vegetation is minimal, comprised of a mix of ornamental plantings and grasses, planted by the university, for landscaping purposes. There is no evidence of significant fauna present.



The site and adjoining areas were inspected for any environmental hazards, including but not limited to CFCs, PCBs, USTs and LUSTs, by the university safety office. No hazardous were found that would affect construction of the proposed facility. The site is serviced with water and sewage; both sanitary and storm, from the city. The proposed building will utilize these existing services.

## **Environmental Impacts**

- No endangered, threatened, or rare plants, animals, or insects exist within the area proposed for this project.
- No significant habitat for terrestrial wildlife and birds exists within the area proposed for this project.
- No unique or important terrestrial vegetation exists within the area proposed for this project.
- No aquatic life exists within the area proposed for this project.
- No historic structures, or archaeological sites, exist within the area proposed for this project.
- No agricultural or forest land exists within the boundaries of this project.
- No tidal, or non-tidal, wetlands, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, or significant watersheds exist within the proposed project area.
- This project will not impact the Chesapeake Bay Management, or Resource Protection Areas.
- The 100 year flood plain is not located within the area proposed for this project.
- Ground water characteristics will not be significantly altered from existing conditions by the proposed project.
- No parks or recreation areas will be affected by this project.
- No natural areas, scenery, or scenic resources will be substantially impacted by this project.
- Air quality will not be significantly altered by this project, no onsite burning is proposed, and any use of volatile organic compounds will be strictly monitored. Dust generated from demolition and grading will be controlled through periodic wetting, and sediment and erosion control measures.
- No geological, or mineral, resources exist within the proposed site of the project.
- No areas within or adjacent to the project site have special designations such as Virginia Byways.

## **Alternatives**

Due to the limited area zoned for university use and development, the large parcel required for construction, and accessibility to the main campus, there are no other suitable alternative sites to develop, and construct, this new facility, convenient for university use.

The current building housing the college has a limited footprint, therefore it lacks the needed space to renovate and upgrade to accommodate the growing student population.

If the university takes no action to develop this site, the college will lose a competitive edge in developing a state of the art program which will negatively impact our students now and in the future.

## **Mitigation**

As detailed in this report, adverse effects resulting from this project will be minimal, confined to the short term demolition and construction phases of the project. These impacts can be minimized further using sound demolition and construction techniques; such as periodic wetting, proper grading and sloping, and soil

stabilization, to reduce emissions, sediment, and erosion, combined with adequate monitoring to ensure compliance. All demolition and construction debris will be disposed of in an appropriate sanitary landfill, or recycled if possible to reduce the environmental impact. The long term impact will be negligible, as the building will be occupying an area with similar facilities and infrastructure; and utilizing modern, energy efficient devices for heating and cooling, electric, and plumbing there by further reducing the environmental impact.

### **Irreversible Environmental Changes**

In order to develop the proposed site, it may become necessary to demolish one or more existing parking lots and Lucas Hall, an existing 5,600ft<sup>2</sup>, two story residential building, constructed in 1929. All these structures are university owned and slated for demolition, as the need dictates in accordance with the university master plan for future expansion of the campus. There are no significant environmental constraints that would be impacted or prohibit construction of this facility on this site.

### **Conflicts**

There are no known conflicts with either the existing university master plan, or any city zoning ordinances.

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Executive Director

**January 24, 2013**

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Transportation:**

- All four travel plans the PDC staff provided support to develop for Safe Routes to School in the region received invitations from VDOT to apply for funding. Schools include Belview Elementary, Auburn campus, Christiansburg Primary and Elementary School in Montgomery County, and Macy McClaugherty Elementary in Pearisburg. Full grant applications due 1/25.
- PDC staff coordinated a day of meetings with the Salem District Commonwealth Transportation Board Member, Mr. Dana Martin. Localities met with Mr. Martin at the PDC office to discuss their upcoming Transportation Enhancement grant applications. Some localities took the opportunity to discuss other transportation topics in their communities and future needs.
- Congratulations to Giles County and Pearisburg for receiving funding to improve two boat ramps. The PDC staff worked with the two communities to prepare the applications.

### **Housing:**

- The PDC is partnering with the Town of Blacksburg to provide project management for the New Town CDBG planning grant in Floyd County. The team is preparing a CDBG comprehensive community development grant application due in March.

### **Regional:**

- A memorandum was sent January 11<sup>th</sup> to all local governments inquiring about technical assistance projects for FY14. Responses should be submitted by March 1<sup>st</sup>. (see attached)
- The NRV Livability Initiative recently completed a Community Priority Survey. (see attached)
- The Planning Commissions for Montgomery County, Blacksburg and Christiansburg met on January 16<sup>th</sup> and asked the Commission to provide an update on the NRV Livability Initiative and to facilitate a BUILT NRV planning game with the group. Kudos to these three Planning Commissions coming together to discuss issues of mutual interest!
- The PDC is considering submitting a Letter of Intent to a grant program offered through the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities. The project would entail working with the home building community and building code enforcement office in each community to educate about American's with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines. Focus for the program is education on home construction that allows people to "age in place" through home design or retrofits.
- The NRV Stormwater Program Development project kicked-off in December. PDC staff is working with all participating jurisdictions on staffing plans in January/February. Delegate Rush introduced legislation to postpone implementation of local stormwater programs until July 2015.
- NRV Tourism Website Committee is scheduled to meet 2/5 at 2:00 at the PDC. The committee will review site statistics and discuss the future of the site.

### **PDC:**

- The VAPDC Winter Conference is being held in conjunction with VML/VACo legislative day in Richmond 1/31-2/1. Contact me by 1/25 if interested in attending or visit [www.vapdc.org](http://www.vapdc.org)

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** NRVPC Members

**From:** Kevin R. Byrd, AICP 

**Date:** January 11, 2013

**Re:** Local Technical Assistance Projects for FY14

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The New River Valley Planning District Commission (NRVPDC) is asking members to submit their local technical assistance project needs for FY14 (beginning July 1, 2013) **by March 1, 2013**. Projects can be submitted to me via email at [kbyrd@nrvpdc.org](mailto:kbyrd@nrvpdc.org). This submittal should contain a brief statement about the project, including project need and desired timing. The NRVPDC will review project requests in March and respond to requests in April. This should provide adequate time during the local government and NRVPDC budgeting processes to align resources prior to the next fiscal year.

Each year the NRVPDC receives funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to provide support to community development efforts in the region. The NRVPDC has a unique approach toward utilizing these funds by matching the member 50% for local technical assistance project costs. This allows the ARC funding to go further throughout the region. Projects with the highest need will receive 50% matching support until all ARC funds are committed. If project requests exceed the ARC funding allocation, the member will be given the option to support the project at 100%, provided PDC staff time is available, or potentially wait for a subsequent ARC funding cycle.

### Examples of Local Technical Assistance Projects may include, but not limited to:

Comprehensive Planning

Policy Updates (Subdivision Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance, etc)

Website Design/Maintenance and Graphic Design (see [www.nrvpdc.org](http://www.nrvpdc.org) as an example)

Economic Impact Studies

Grant Applications

Inventories and Special Studies (historic districts, retail feasibility)

Meeting Facilitation and Strategic Planning

GIS Services:

Utility Mapping (water, sewer, stormwater)

Transportation Mapping (sidewalks, transit routes, access management)

Concept Maps for Community Visualization

Demographic Analysis

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## **NRV Livability Initiative Project Update January 2013**

### **Technical Update:**

Staff has been working over the last couple months to digest information compiled through the process to date and to collect additional data as needed for the scenario planning phase of this Initiative. Scenario planning is a framework for understanding how the future of the NRV could unfold; by creating different alternative versions of what could happen to the region in key issue areas, communities can develop strategies that best position the region for success in the face of future change.

In the NRV, we know that things like an aging population, changes in the national and local economy, educational attainment levels, and technological shifts are certain to have significant impacts on the future prosperity of the region. However, the complexity of these issues and the long-term nature of these issues make it difficult to predict with certainty what will happen. The scenario planning will provide a framework for developing strategies that allow us to consider these important issues in a creative, collaborative setting that can lead to concrete actions and implementation. More information will be shared on this work in the next update.

### **Outreach and Citizen Feedback Update:**

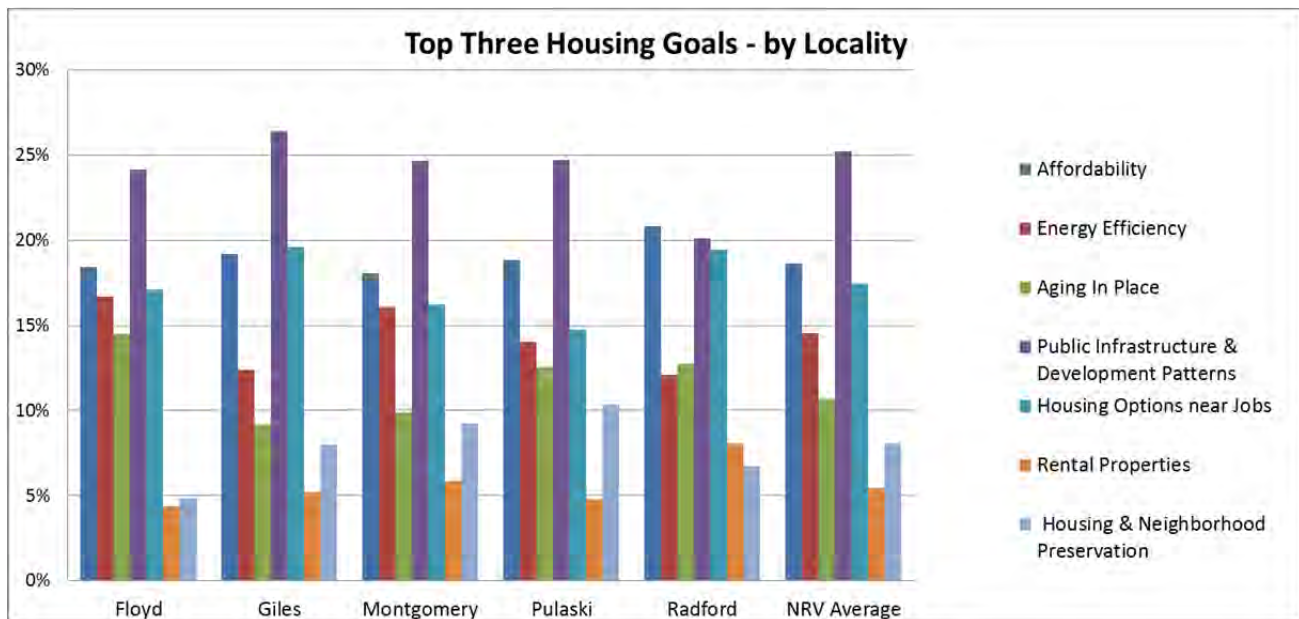
In December, The New River Valley Livability Initiative conducted a Community Priorities Survey. The survey contained proposed goals developed from public input during earlier phases of outreach and research and discussion during a year's worth of 7 topic area working groups. The purpose of this survey was to better understand how citizens in the New River Valley Region would prioritize the draft goals identified to date. The results of this survey will be used to better focus scenario and strategy development over the next six months.

We received 465 completed surveys and 192 partial responses. We worked to obtain a proportional sample of respondents based on the regions total population, using respondent zip codes as the mechanism for ensuring proportional representation. By doing so, we were also able to get a better understanding of which priorities are common across the region and which ones differ by locality.

In the survey, respondents were asked to indicate how much emphasis they would place on the 6-8 goals listed for each topic area. Options included "not a priority", "low priority", "medium priority", "high priority", and "essential priority", with a score of 1-5 assigned to each, respectively. Respondents were then asked to select their top three housing goals, although the top three were not ranked. Included below are the proposed goals included in the survey as well as charts showing in percentages how often each goal was selected as a top 3 goal for each topic area, in each locality. A more detailed report of results will be available on the Livability website next week: [www.nrvlivability.org](http://www.nrvlivability.org).

### Proposed Housing Goals:

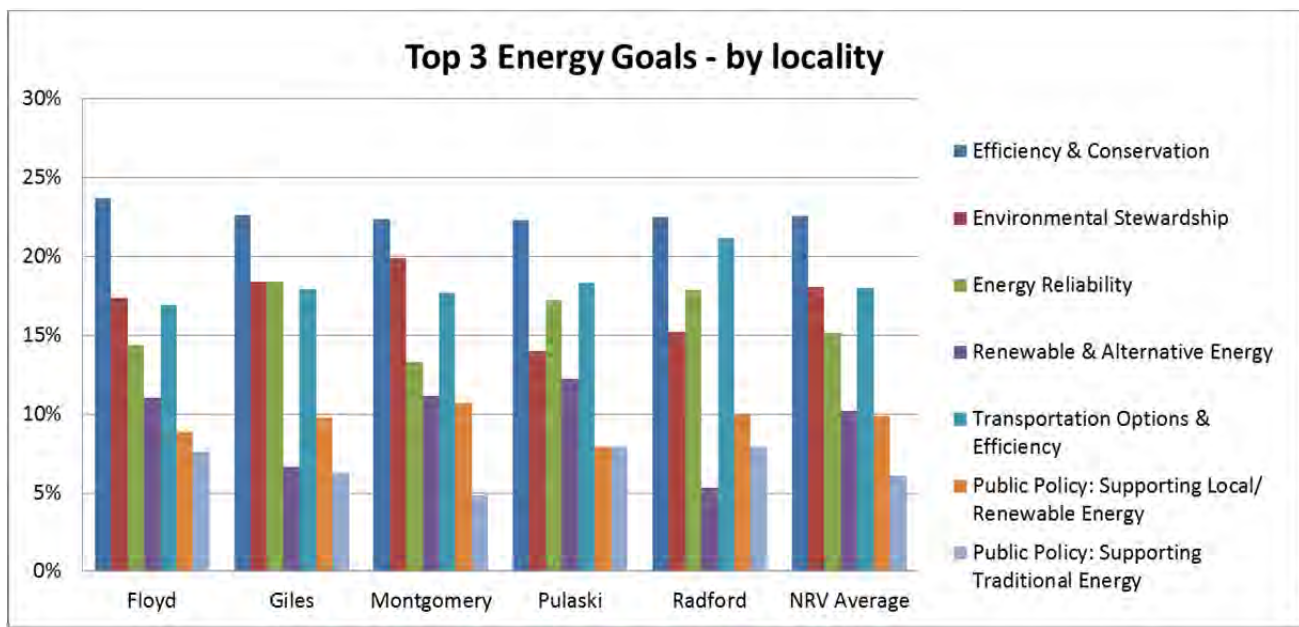
- **Housing Options near Jobs:** People can afford housing options closer to where they work.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Housing is more energy efficient.
- **Public Infrastructure & Development Patterns:** Infrastructure development (e.g. roads, public water & sewer) happens primarily around existing town and job centers to conserve rural landscapes.
- **Affordability:** People of all income groups have access to good housing options.
- **Aging in Place:** Residents can age with more independence and security in their homes and communities.
- **Housing & Neighborhood Preservation:** Existing homes are better maintained in order to preserve property values and housing options.
- **Rental Properties:** Renters and landlords take more responsibility for proper upkeep and maintenance of rental properties.



### Proposed Energy Goals:

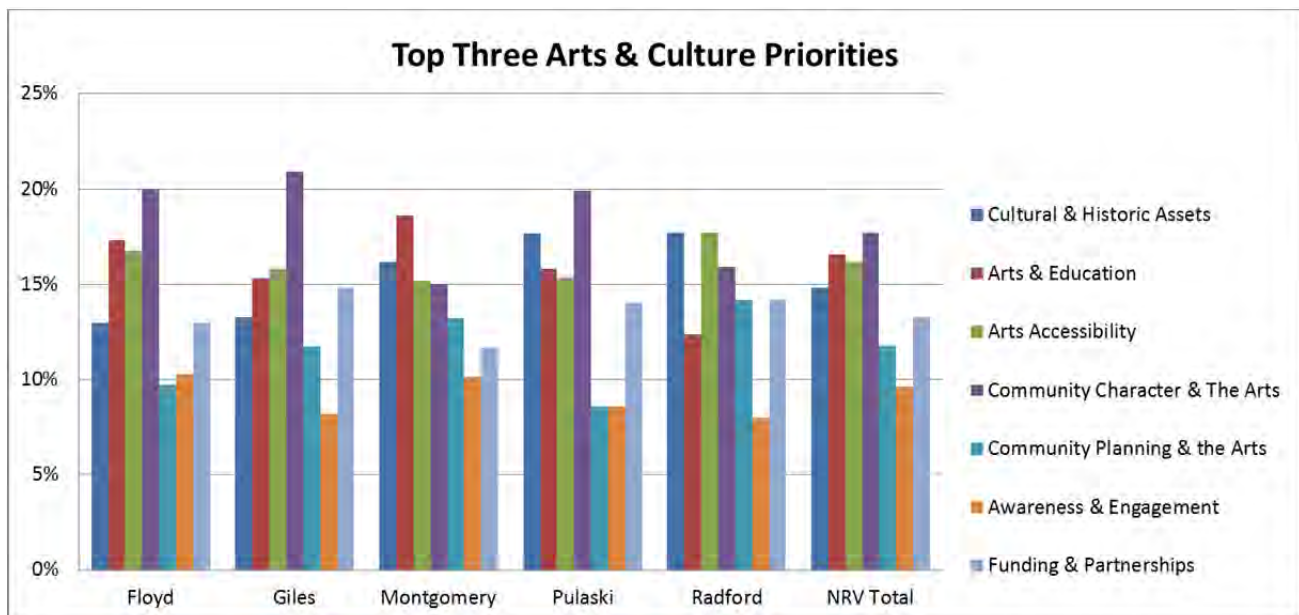
- **Energy Reliability:** Power outages and other energy disruptions are minimized.
- **Efficiency & Conservation:** Energy use (and therefore cost) is reduced in households, businesses, institutions and municipalities through efficiency and conservation.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Negative impacts of energy production and consumption (air and water pollution, transportation costs, land consumption, etc.) are reduced.
- **Transportation Options & Efficiency:** Expanded and/or improved transportation choices reduce household expenses and improve air quality.
- **Renewable & Alternative Energy:** Renewable and alternative energy use continues to expand in the New River Valley.
- **Public Policy – Local/Renewable Energy:** State, regional and local leaders are working together to create policies that support renewable energy, such as solar, wind, geothermal and biomass.
- **Public Policy – Traditional Energy:** State, regional and local leaders are working together to create policies that support traditional energy sources, such as coal and natural gas.





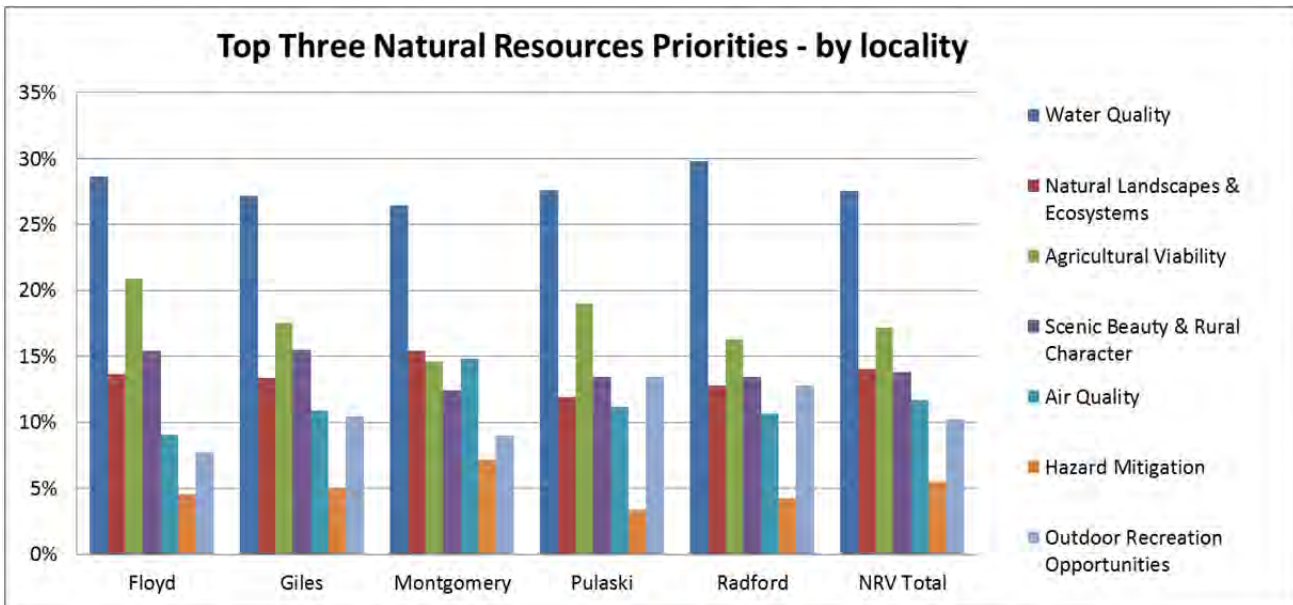
#### **Proposed Arts & Culture Goals:**

- **Community Character:** Residents recognize that the arts, culture and history are central to defining and building community character and pride.
- **Vibrancy & Engagement:** Artists and communities work together to increase the public's awareness and engagement in the arts.
- **Funding & Partnerships:** Stable funding sources and lasting partnerships support existing and new arts based efforts and organizations.
- **Arts & Education:** History, culture and artistic expression are integrated into the fabric of all levels of education.
- **Arts Accessibility:** The arts and culture activities are accessible and affordable for all people in the NRV.
- **Cultural & Historic Assets:** Cultural landmarks, historic sites and related assets in the New River Valley are preserved and supported.
- **Community Planning & the Arts:** Ensure that the arts are considered in community planning efforts.



### Proposed Natural Resource Goals:

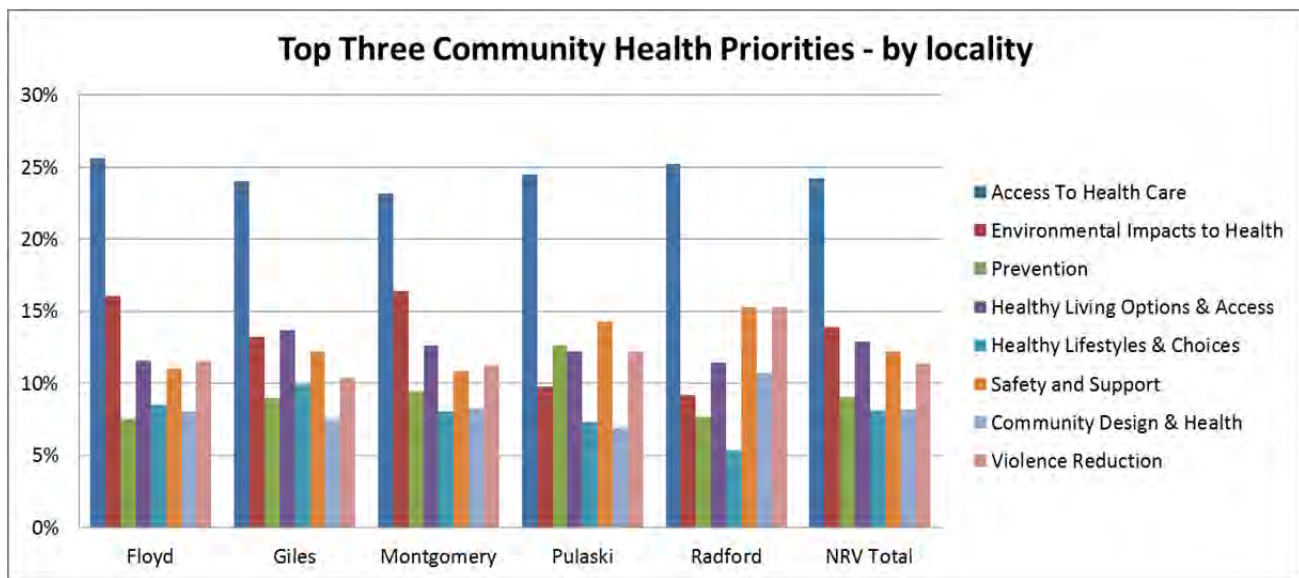
- **Agricultural Viability:** Agriculture in the New River Valley is economically viable.
- **Air Quality:** Air quality is being monitored and maintained.
- **Natural Landscapes:** Intact forests, waterways, and other important habitats and ecosystems are protected.
- **Hazard Mitigation:** No new development occurs in hazardous areas (e.g. flood plains).
- **Scenic Beauty & Rural Character:** Beautiful views are protected to preserve rural character, quality of life and enjoyment of nature.
- **Water Quality:** Water quality and supply is protected.
- **Outdoor Recreation:** More outdoor recreation areas are available to residents and visitors.



### Proposed Community Health Goals:

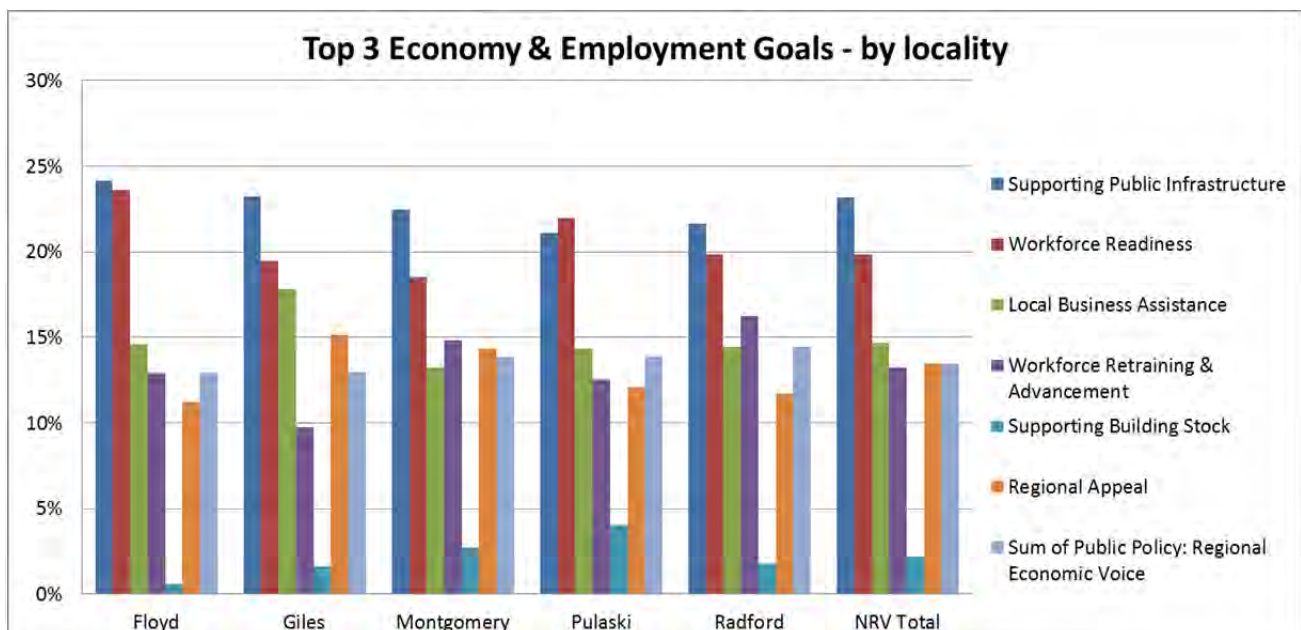
- **Access to Health Care:** All residents have access to healthcare services that they can afford.
- **Environmental Impacts to Health:** The quality of the air, water and land is maintained or improved to protect public health.
- **Healthy Living Options & Access:** More residents have access to healthy living options (such as healthy food, athletic facilities and outdoor recreation opportunities.)
- **Prevention:** Preventable chronic conditions, diseases and substance abuse have been significantly reduced.
- **Community Design & Health:** Health impacts and costs are considered in community planning and local government decisions.
- **Healthy Lifestyles and Choices:** More residents are making healthy lifestyle choices that enhance their quality of life.
- **Safety and Support:** More residents feel safe in their homes and communities and are getting the social and emotional support they need.
- **Violence Reduction:** More residents live in homes and communities free of violence.





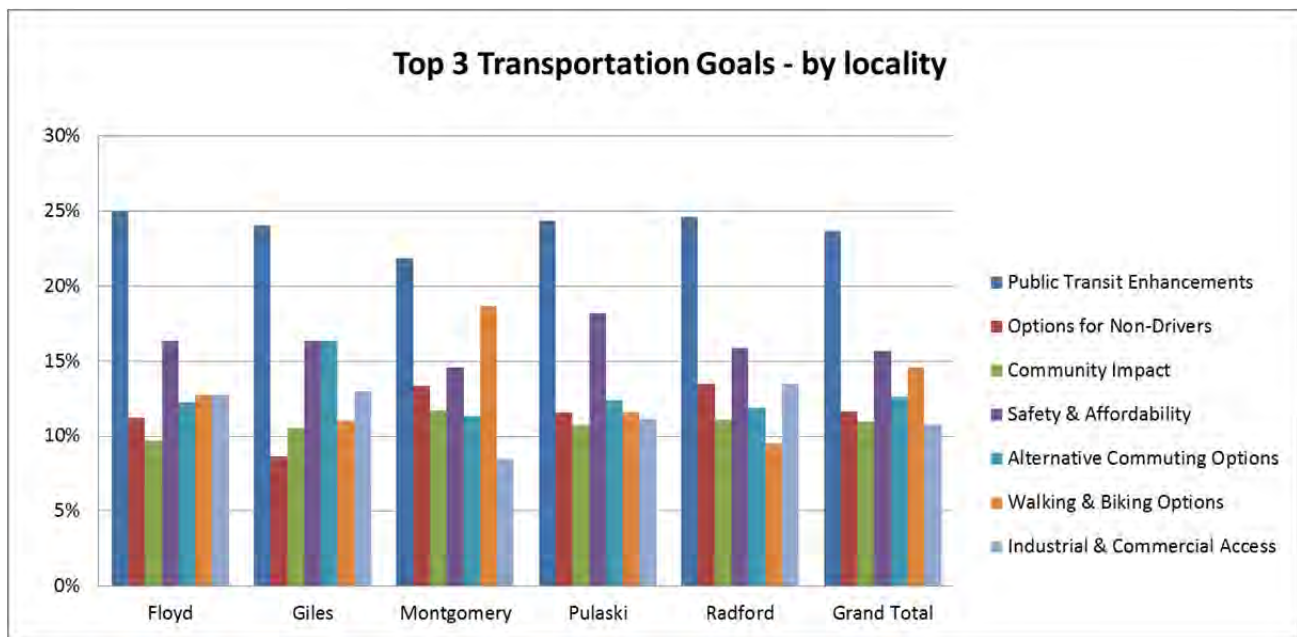
#### **Proposed Economic Development Goals:**

- **Local Business Assistance:** Business support services are in place to help new and existing businesses.
- **Workforce Readiness:** Residents have the education necessary to reach their full potential as citizens, workers and leaders.
- **Supporting Public Infrastructure:** Economic development goals are supported by sufficient infrastructure, including roads, utilities and high-speed broadband access.
- **Workforce Retraining & Advancement:** Workers in the New River Valley have opportunities to learn new skills and enhance existing ones in a changing economic landscape.
- **Supporting Building Stock:** The region has adequate commercial and industrial buildings (e.g. office space, warehouse space) to attract and retain businesses.
- **Regional Appeal:** The New River Valley has a regional identity supported by the arts, vibrant downtowns, outdoor recreation and scenic beauty in order to attract new businesses, workers and visitors.
- **Public Policy:** Governments and private partners work together, advancing regional economic priorities and presenting a united voice to state and federal partners.



### Proposed Transportation Goals:

- **Industrial & Commercial Access:** Transportation access to industrial and commercial areas within the region is improved.
- **Safety & Affordability:** The regional transportation system is safe, secure and affordable for all users.
- **Walking & Biking Options:** There are more options to walk or bike in each community.
- **Public Transit Enhancements:** The public transit system is more efficient (reduced travel times and more reliable connections).
- **Community Impact:** New transportation projects consider impacts to the natural environment, historic preservation and community needs.
- **Options for Non-Drivers:** Non-drivers (e.g. youth, elderly, those without a car) have the ability to get where they need to go with ease.
- **Alternative Commuting Options:** Transportation options (van pool, park-n-ride lots, etc.) have expanded to the more rural areas of the region.



# VML 2013 Legislative Program

VML's membership approved the following legislative positions Sept. 25 during the league's annual conference in Williamsburg. The first five items – ranked in order of importance – are priority issues for member local governments in the upcoming 2013 General Assembly session.

## State budget and local revenues

The member local governments of the Virginia Municipal League hold the following principles on state budget issues.

### The governor and General Assembly should not:

1. Further restrict local revenue authority or sources without providing alternative revenue authority and sustainable revenue sources. This includes, without limitation, the BPOL and M&T taxes.
2. Confiscate or re-direct local general funds and special funds to the state treasury.
3. Impose new funding requirements or expand existing ones on services delivered by local governments.
4. Shift state funding responsibilities onto local governments, including law enforcement and public safety activities.
5. Impose state fees, taxes or surcharges on local government services.
6. Place additional administrative burdens on local governments.

### The governor and General Assembly should:

1. Immediately examine state requirements and service expansions to determine those that can be suspended or modified to alleviate some of the financial burden on state and local taxpayers.

Here are two specific examples of what the state needs to do:

- Critique the Standards of Accreditation and Standards of Learning to determine which standards impose costs on local governments that are not recognized in state funding formulas. In particular, changes adopted since 2009 to SOAs and SOLs should be examined as state funding on a per-pupil basis is now below 2009 levels.
- Re-examine those Standards of Quality that the Board of Education has adopted, but that the General Assembly has not funded. These

standards reflect prevailing practices necessary to improve children's academic performance. Their academic performance is crucial to students and schools meeting the accountability standards under the SOL and SOA. If funding is not available to pay for prevailing practices, the accountability standards should be adjusted so that local governments are not in the position of having to bear the entire burden of meeting these unfunded mandates.

2. Develop spending and revenue priorities. State tax credits, tax deductions and tax relief policies must receive the same scrutiny as spending programs.
3. After all other actions have been taken including eliminating unnecessary programs, achieving greater program efficiencies, and streamlining service delivery, the state has the obligation to look at ways to increase revenues in order to meet its constitutional and statutory obligations to Virginia citizens.

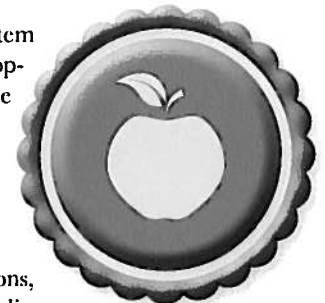
## Local Aid to the Commonwealth

VML supports a budget amendment in the 2013 legislative session to restore the \$50 million reduction included in the FY13 budget, and supports eliminating this across-the-board reduction in FY14 and in any future budgets.

## Education funding

A strong public school system is essential to economic development and prosperity. The state must be a reliable funding partner in accordance with the Virginia Constitution and state statutes. The Standards of Quality should recognize the resources, including positions, required for a high-quality public education system. VML opposes changes in methodology and changes in the division of financial responsibility that result in a shift of funding responsibility from the state to localities. As an example, VML opposes the elimination or decrease of state funding for state-mandated benefits for school employees.

Further, VML opposes policies that lower state contributions but do nothing to address the cost of meeting the requirements of the Standards of Accreditation and Standards of Learning. The State Board of Education should identify areas within the



Standards of Quality and other educational requirements, such as mandates for expenditures in the area of student health services, which can be modified or eliminated in order to provide localities with greater flexibility in their use of scarce education funds.

VML supports a study by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission to determine how the SOQ may be revised and adequately funded to meet the requirements contained in the Standards of Learning and Standards of Accreditation. VML also supports implementation of JLAARC recommendations to promote 3rd grade reading performance.

## Transportation funding

VML supports a new, stable and predictable transportation funding plan that is comprehensive and addresses investment across the state. Critical to this plan is a new dedicated and ongoing source of non-general fund revenue to support \$65 billion dollars in transportation needs as identified in VTrans2035, Virginia's statewide long-range multimodal transportation plan.

The state should not place new tolls on existing roads as a method to fund ongoing transportation obligations. Further, no decision should be made to place tolls on an existing road without first evaluating the impact on other roads in the region and on the quality of the environment.

## Water quality funding

Virginia's local governments face mounting costs for water quality improvements for sewage treatment plants, urban stormwater, combined sewer overflows (CSOs), and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). In response to federal and state legislation, regulation and policies, VML urges the federal government and the Commonwealth to provide adequate funding for these water quality improvements.



## Other legislative positions

### Transient Occupancy Tax and on-line travel companies

VML supports state legislation to make clear that transient occupancy taxes and sales taxes are applied on the room cost paid by the consumer.

In addition, VML should urge the Virginia congressional delegation to oppose any legislation or amendment to preempt state and local taxes from these Internet transactions.

### Sales and use taxes on Internet-based sales

VML supports the continuation of legislation such as SB 597 (2012) to require remote sellers that use in-state facilities to collect and remit Virginia sales tax. (The federal issues identified in this position were sent to the executive committee for action.)

### Impact fees & cash proffers

The General Assembly should enact laws to broaden impact fee authority to allow the adequate assessment of the fees for all public infrastructure, including school construction costs, caused by growth. The General Assembly should take all steps needed to assist towns and cities to work with the surrounding counties to promote growth in patterns that help the vitality of the municipalities by authorizing impact fees for public infrastructure. Any change must not shift the burden of paying for new infrastructure to existing citizens through increased real estate taxes.

### Uranium mining

Uranium mining, milling and waste disposal of generated wastes poses health and environmental problems for Virginians. If these uranium mining activities are permitted in Virginia, VML is concerned that radiation and other pollutants from mill tailings may occur, downstream water supplies may be contaminated, water supplies near uranium mines may disappear or be severely reduced, and the health and safety of uranium miners might be jeopardized.

VML supports the moratorium on the mining and milling of uranium in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Any studies or efforts to develop a regulatory framework should address the concerns, warnings, and conclusions contained in the National Academies of Sciences report to the Commonwealth entitled "Uranium Mining in Virginia" and dated December 2011. Furthermore, the state should take no action to preempt, eliminate, or preclude local govern-

ment jurisdiction with respect to whether uranium mining would be allowed in the respective jurisdiction.

## Town-county relations

The Code of Virginia should be amended to clarify the relationship of the exercise of powers by a town and the county in which it sits. The law must make it clear that countywide powers apply in or as to the town only until the town council adopts an ordinance regulating the same topic; that in the appropriate case, local county powers do not apply in or as to towns in the county unless the town so ordains; and that each county is protected from the obligation to exercise county powers solely in or as to towns in the county.

## Health care reform impact on local governments

Many questions remain as to how Virginia will choose to implement the federal Affordable Care Act. Depending on the state's actions and decisions, local governments could face new administrative responsibilities and costs. Any new or enhanced roles and responsibilities for local government must be accompanied by sufficient federal and/or state financial resources.



## Social services funding and penalties

For years the state has consistently underfunded its share of administrative costs (including personnel and technology) for programs administered on its behalf by local departments of social services. The state agency has now decided to make local agencies and local real estate taxpayers solely liable for federal financial penalties resulting from federal audits of the system. Federal law does not require passing this cost onto localities; it is the state's choice to do so. If the state wants to improve performance and accountability, it

must fully acknowledge and fulfill its responsibility in this partnership by properly funding, equipping, and supporting the local offices that render services on its behalf. The state should hold off on any assessment of penalties until it has done so.



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# VACo 2013 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## **Aid to Localities**

VACo requests repeal of the state's FY 2013 (\$50 million) and FY 2014 (\$45 million) reductions in Aid to Localities.

## **Broadband**

VACo urges the Commonwealth and the Federal Government to assist communities in their efforts to deploy universal affordable broadband access to all areas, particularly in underserved and rural areas, while preserving local land use, permitting, fees and other local authority.

## **Devolution of Secondary Roads**

VACo opposes legislative or administrative initiatives that would transfer the responsibility for the construction, maintenance or operation of new and existing roads to counties.

## **Dillon Rule/Local Authority**

VACo supports relaxation of the Dillon Rule and the granting and maintaining of authority to provide counties greater autonomy in all areas including land use, revenue measures, procurement and other issues of local concern. The General Assembly should extend powers currently granted to some local governments to all other local governments.

## **Education Funding**

VACo supports full funding for the biennial re-benchmark of Virginia's Standards of Quality (SOQ). VACo encourages the state to recognize localities funding efforts towards local school divisions.

## **Health and Human Resources Funding**

The Commonwealth should fully fund localities for state mandated human services and provide the necessary program flexibility to enable localities to provide comprehensive and case-tailored services.

## **Land Use/Growth Management Tools**

VACo opposes any legislation to weaken the authority of local governing bodies to plan and regulate land use.

## **Local Government Revenues**

VACo opposes elimination or reduction of specific local tax revenues, including local business taxes.

## **Local-State Transportation Cooperation**

VACo requests full cooperation and local government involvement from all agencies in the Transportation Secretariat in addressing local government concerns.

## **Pension Liability and VRS**

VACo opposes the shifting of all teacher liabilities in the VRS pension program to localities. Due to GASB 68, the unfunded teacher liability will be carried by localities as debt. VACo urges the Commonwealth to fund local employee and teachers at the actuarial rates approved by the VRS Board.

## **Stormwater**

VACo supports adequate funding to enable local governments to develop new stormwater management programs that must be established by July 1, 2014.

## **Transportation Funding**

VACo urges the governor and the General Assembly to enact a funding package for transportation with new revenues. These new revenues must be separate from the general fund and should be stable, recurring and sufficient to meet Virginia's transportation needs.

## **Water Quality Improvement Funding**

VACo supports effective partnerships among and across all levels of government to improve water quality. VACo opposes any strategy to penalize local governments by withdrawing current forms of financial assistance or imposing monitoring, management or similar requirements on localities without providing sufficient resources to accomplish those processes. VACo opposes the imposition of a state fee, tax or surcharge on water, sewer, solid waste or any service provided by a local government or authority.

# NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION AGENDA

February 28, 2013

6:00 p.m.—New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY
  - B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR JANUARY
- III. PUBLIC ADDRESS
- IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
- V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT
- VI. CHAIR'S REPORT
- VII. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
  - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
    - 1. New River Valley Community Services Application to Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Rail and Transportation to purchase (4) fourteen passenger Body on Chassis Buses
    - 2. Giles Health & Family Center Request for funds from the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Rail and Transportation to purchase (1) fifteen passenger handicapped-accessible bus
  - B. Regular Project Review
    - None
  - C. Environmental Project Review
    - 1. VADEQ Permit VA0075361– Mountain Lake Biological Research Station WWTP
    - 2. INGENCO Renewable Development major source construction permit – construction of a landfill gas to electricity generating facility
- VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (enclosed)
- IX. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Update from Agency Assessment Committee
- X. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Rural Transportation Work Plan for FY13-14 (enclosed)
    - Presentation - Elijah Sharp
  - B. Community Development Block Grant Priorities for FY13-14 (enclosed)
- XI. REGIONAL FOCUS
  - A. Overview of Managing a Planning District Commission
    - Presentation – Kevin Byrd

All meeting materials posted on PDC website [www.nrvpdc.org](http://www.nrvpdc.org)



**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Expenditures as of January 31, 2013**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>December Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
Salaries	806,948.00	424,386.92	65,306.60	489,693.52	317,254.48	60.68%
Fringe Benefits	308,452.00	141,078.22	27,372.51	168,450.73	140,001.27	54.61%
Travel	64,198.00	20,559.53	1,604.49	22,164.02	42,033.98	34.52%
Office Space	27,647.00	11,883.60	1,975.30	13,858.90	13,788.10	50.13%
Telephone/Communications	5,980.00	3,410.98	474.61	3,885.59	2,094.41	64.98%
Office Supplies	9,401.00	8,401.04	220.95	8,621.99	779.01	91.71%
Postage	750.00	183.10	18.91	202.01	547.99	26.93%
Printing	620.00	9.45	-	9.45	610.55	1.52%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	1,500.00	1,116.19	397.60	1,513.79	(13.79)	100.92%
Media Ad	1,625.00	-	-	-	1,625.00	0.00%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	739.44	123.24	862.68	637.32	57.51%
Vehicle Fuel	2,400.00	1,730.58	289.75	2,020.33	379.67	84.18%
Dues/Publications	7,745.00	1,195.00	-	1,195.00	6,550.00	15.43%
Training	1,375.00	-	-	-	1,375.00	0.00%
Insurance	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	0.00%
Meeting Expense	7,733.00	1,765.16	22.05	1,787.21	5,945.79	23.11%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equip)	5,000.00	1,523.97	-	1,523.97	3,476.03	30.48%
Contractual Services	1,125,893.00	366,681.79	15,990.37	382,672.16	743,220.84	33.99%
Audit Fee	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	100.00%
Miscellaneous	45,500.00	1,204.43	-	1,204.43	44,295.57	2.65%
M & G Costs	112,784.00	59,866.46	9,923.84	69,790.30	42,993.70	61.88%
Common Costs	111,829.00	52,289.35	8,007.32	60,296.67	51,532.33	53.92%
	<b>2,651,880.00</b>	<b>1,100,525.21</b>	<b>131,727.54</b>	<b>1,232,252.75</b>	<b>1,419,627.25</b>	<b>46.47%</b>

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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Planning Commission Members

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** VII. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #1

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CIRP Review

February 21, 2013

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**PROJECT:** VADEQ Permit No. VA0075361 Mnt Lake Biological Research Station WWTP

**SUBMITTED BY:** Department of Environmental Quality

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comment on a draft permit that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a body of water in Giles County.

**PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO:** Chris McKlarney, Giles County Administrator

**STAFF COMMENT:** The staff has reviewed the appropriate plans (Land Use, Water Quality Management, Regional Solid Waste Management, Vision 2020, and the Economic Development plans) and finds that this project does not conflict with the plans or regional policies and goals.



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January 29, 2013

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

RE: Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0075361  
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  
3019 Peters Creek Road  
Roanoke, VA 24019

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) 562-6793.

Sincerely,

Becky L. France  
Water Permit Writer

Enclosure: Permit Public Notice

## PUBLIC NOTICE – Environmental Permit

**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:** February 1, 2013 through March 4, 2013 at 4:30 pm

**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, 335 Salt Pond Road, Pembroke, VA 24136-9724

**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, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019-2738; (540) 562-6700; E-MAIL ADDRESS: [becky.france@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:becky.france@deq.virginia.gov); FAX: (540) 562-6725. 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.

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January 31, 2013

TO: Chris McKlarney, Giles County Administrator

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

RE: Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review

PROJECT NAME & NUMBER: **VADEQ Permit No. VA0075361**  
**Mountain Lake Biological Research Station WWTP**

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

Please be advised this office has received from DEQ a copy of the public notice for the referenced proposed permit action for your review. In accordance with Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review Process requirements, a copy of the notice is enclosed for your review and comments. If you wish to make comments or require further information, please indicate below and return to the Commission office via mail or fax prior to **February 18, 2013**.

## CHECK ONE



This agency finds no conflict between this project and its plans, policies and goals.



This agency wishes to make the following comments. (Use back of this form or additional sheets for comments.)



This agency presently provides or plans to provide services, which will conflict with or be duplicated by this project and therefore requests a conference. (Briefly state the nature of the conflict on the back of this form.)

SIGNATURE

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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Planning Commission Members

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** VII. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #2

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CIRP Review

February 21, 2013

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**PROJECT:** **INGENCO Renewable Development Major Source Construction Permit**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Department of Environmental Quality

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Environmental Quality is seeking public comment on a draft construction permit.

**PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO:** Pete Huber, Pulaski County Administrator

**STAFF COMMENT:** The staff has reviewed the appropriate plans (Land Use, Water Quality Management, Regional Solid Waste Management, Vision 2020, and the Economic Development plans) and finds that this project does not conflict with the plans or regional policies and goals.

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February 11, 2013

Mr. David W. Rundgren  
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Dear Mr. Rundgren:

On July 18, 2011, INGENCO Renewable Development, LLC submitted an application to construct a landfill gas to electricity generating facility located at 7100 Cloyd's Mountain Road in Pulaski County, Virginia. The proposed facility's permitted emission rate of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) will be 146 tons per year, carbon monoxides (CO) will be 160 tons per year, volatile organic compounds (VOC) will be 71 tons per year and particulate matter less than 10 microns will be 58 tons per year. Therefore, the proposed project is considered construction of a major source by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). In accordance with the Virginia Air Pollution Law §10.1-1307.01, the DEQ is required to furnish local officials with copies of public notices regarding any major permit affecting their locality. Attached is a notice by the DEQ, published on February 10, 2013 in *The Southwest Times*, announcing a public hearing to be held on March 13, 2013 for the purpose of accepting public comments for the proposed permit. A correction to the public notice will be published in *The Southwest Times* on February 13, 2013.

Should you have any questions with regard to the proposed permit contact me by phone at 540-562-6713, by email at [margaret.wagner@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:margaret.wagner@deq.virginia.gov), or by fax at 540-562-6725.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Margaret O. Wagner".

Margaret O. Wagner  
Environmental Specialist



## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment and to announce a public hearing on a draft construction permit from the Department of Environmental Quality for a major air pollution source in Pulaski County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** February 10, 2013 to March 27, 2013

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Pulaski County Administration Board Room 143 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, Suite 1 Pulaski, VA on March 13, 2013 starting at 7:00 p.m.

**PERMIT NAME:** Major Source Construction Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the Air Pollution Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME AND REGISTRATION NUMBER:** INGENCO Renewable Development, LLC; 2250 Dabney Road Henrico, VA 23230; Registration Number: 21548

**FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS:** INGENCO Renewable Development, LLC; 7100 Cloyd's Mountain Road Pulaski, VA

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** INGENCO Renewable Development, LLC has applied for a new permit to construct a landfill gas to electricity generating plant. The proposed facility will be classified as major source of air pollution. The maximum annual emissions of air pollutants from the facility under the proposed permit are expected to be: 146 tons per year of oxides of nitrogen; 160 tons per year of carbon monoxide; 58 tons per year of particulate matter less than 10 microns; and, 79 tons per year of volatile organic compounds. The facility will not be a major source of hazardous air pollutants based on a draft operating permit. The applicant proposes to use landfill gas as the primary fuel (approximately 630,720,000 CF/yr) with diesel or biodiesel for startup and other ancillary activities (approximately 30,307 gallons combusted per year). The technology that will be used to control the air pollution from the facility is turbo charging, inlet charge air cooling, de-watering, filtration and compression as well as good combustion practices. The estimated effect on air quality near the facility from the proposed project meets all air quality standards.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST BOARD CONSIDERATION:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for Board consideration 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 Board consideration must also include: 1) The reason why Board consideration 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 to what 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. Board consideration may be granted if public response is significant, based on individual requests for Board consideration, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information: Margaret Wagner; Blue Ridge Regional Office, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019; Phone: (540)562-6713; E-mail: [margaret.wagner@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:margaret.wagner@deq.virginia.gov); Fax: (540)562-6725. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above.

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**City**

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**Towns**

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# New River Valley Planning District Commission



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## Executive Director's Report

### Transportation:

- The FY-14 VDOT Rural Work Program is on the Commission agenda for review. PDC staff solicited members for technical assistance projects to include in the work program.
- The PDC will serve a project management role for the recently awarded Giles County/Pearisburg boat launch improvement projects. Environmental review will begin this month with engineering and design soon thereafter.

### Housing:

- The HOME Consortium had a staff change at the Town of Blacksburg and as a result, the Town asked the PDC for assistance by increasing duties in the program to help offset the staff change. The PDC is pleased to serve in the increased role and assist the town by avoiding additional cost.

### Economic Development:

- The FY13 update to the CEDS is underway. A CEDS Committee meeting is scheduled for 2/27. Local governments will be receiving a letter soon requesting projects for inclusion in the plan.

### Regional:

- Responses to the PDC Technical Assistance to members for FY 14 are still coming in (Due March 1<sup>st</sup>). The following localities responded with one or more technical assistance requests, Town of Christiansburg, Town of Pearisburg, Town of Narrows, and Pulaski County.
- The NRV Livability Initiative is planning for the final 10 months of the planning grant. This phase is anticipated to include more public outreach/engagement, a project convening and forums with leaders across the region on key issues discovered in the process.
- The PDC submitted a Letter of Intent to a grant program offered through the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities. The proposed project, home building education on universal design, was not selected for a full application. PDC staff is continuing to research programs to help educate and address issues surrounding aging in place.
- The stormwater legislation introduced by Delegate Rush to postpone implementation of local stormwater programs until July 2015 was tabled in committee. Staff from DCR will be attending the next NRV Stormwater Program Development Committee meeting on 3/5 to address concerns expressed by local governments in the region.
- NRV Tourism Website Committee met on 2/5 and after reviewing site statistics the group decided to keep the website active. The committee identified new strategies to keep content updated. The Commission will cover the website hosting cost for another 12 months and will provide staff support to ensure partners are updating the site regularly with events.
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development is holding input meetings on their Consolidated Plan for 2013-2017. The closest meeting will be Roanoke Higher Education Center on March 4<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00. This is an opportunity to provide input on how Virginia utilizes \$20 million in HUD funding for projects and programs across the state.

### PDC:

- The Agency Assessment Committee prepared a preliminary report enclosed in the packet for review at the Commission Meeting.

# NRV Planning District Commission

## Agency Assessment Implementation Subcommittee

### Preliminary Report

The implementation subcommittee met on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Agency Assessment report prepared by SERDI in the summer of 2012, the NRVPDC Agency Assessment Commission Work Session on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and the guidance provided by the full Board of the NRVPDC on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The subcommittee went point by point through the Agency Assessment's Recommendations for Moving Forward and developed a further refined checklist.

The thoughts of the subcommittee were as follows:

- Some of the recommendations are currently being implemented so continuing them is relatively simple.
- Some of the recommendations may take more effort, time and/or expense. These items were given a lower priority not because of level of importance but as an acknowledgement of exertion needed. Momentum is important and we did not want to get the entire effort mired in one initial, challenging endeavor.
- Some of the recommendations were combined with others because of their similar nature and purpose.

In order of priority:

1. Continue the regularly scheduled City/Town/County Manager and Administrator Meetings & create a similar type of meeting arrangement for NRV Chief Elected Officials Forum for Mayors and Board Chairs.
  - The Chief Elected Officials Forum would put the chief elected officials in a position to champion an initiative or recommendations on how to move forward on important challenges and opportunities, turning to the PDC staff and city/town/county managers to supply technical and professional expertise and collaboratively move those ideas to the PDC Board of Directors. The Forum is yet another attempt to get the local governments and the elected officials in the region engaged and embracing their regional organization.
2. Inaugurate a New River Valley Annual Summit and hold in lieu of the Annual NRV Planning Commission dinner.
  - Afternoon: An education based program during the day for anyone in the region to attend with one or two major regional topics to be discussed.
  - Evening: A "gathering of the region" with a target audience of local government elected officials, state elected officials, members of Congress staff members and regional leaders across multiple sectors with one or two major regional topics to be discussed.

3. Encourage the creation of a subcommittee to study and provide recommendations about adding a committee structure to the NRVPCD Board.
  - Many of the most relevant regional councils throughout the country include formal committees as part of their council's policy structure. The committees can be standing or temporary. Committees act as both advisory to NRVPCD Board of Directors as well as provide an opportunity to bring more of the region's leadership and citizens to the regional table. A PDC member would chair the subcommittee, and other members of the Commission may sit on it, but it may be composed of other members of the community as well.
  - Potential subcommittees could be:
    - Work Program Review
    - Finance
4. Expand informal discussions with Councils, Boards and Institutions
  - NRVPCD Executive Director, along with the Commission Board Member(s) representing the member, meet with the Chief Elected Official and the Chief Administrative Official of the applicable organization to discuss community matters. This will help build the communication bridge between the Commission Board Member and the key decision makers.
  - Use these sessions as an opportunity to keep the PDC in front of decision leaders and educate our organizations on the PDC's efforts and abilities.
    - Board Members should provide a copy of Executive Director's report and/or Commission Meeting minutes to their appointing organization's leadership group on a monthly basis.
5. Host and facilitate applicable regional groups to engage in dialogue regarding specific challenges, opportunities, and issues that can best be addressed on a regional basis.
  - Generate a list of regional issues to address
  - Market ourselves so people know we do this. There are skill sets here to do it.
  - Identify regional groups to target
  - Need a Board champion to move this forward or a committee
6. Conduct fact-finding field trips
  - Visits to other Planning District Commissions to understand best practices
  - Combine visits with other regional economic developments for cost and to avoid duplication.
  - This recommendation can be implemented with minimal expense to the NRVPCD by utilizing funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission which allots funds annually for this exact purpose. Typically, a small group of people will make the trip including the Executive Director and a handful of Board Members. The intention of this program is for Board Members to see how other regions operate and to return with ideas for implementation.
7. Encourage the creation of a subcommittee to study and provide recommendations about providing value added GIS services to the region

8. Consider changing the name of the New River Valley Planning District Commission to the New River Valley Regional Commission. This could not occur until at least 2014.
  - Currently there are 21 Planning Districts in Virginia. Of the 21 there are 6 which changed their name from PDC to Regional Commission. The Lynchburg Region uses the name Local Government Council. The state code enables “Regional Council” or “Regional Commission” as a substitute naming option 15.2-4203 B.1. Other PDCs in Virginia are considering a name change to Regional Commission at this time due to the above mentioned reasons.



New River Valley  
Planning District Commission

### Follow-up Analysis Section of NRVPDC Assessment – Summer 2012

The SouthEast Regional Directors Institute (SERDI) conducted a voluntary regional council assessment of the New River Valley Planning District Commission (NRVPDC) during the Summer of 2012.

This document contains an analysis section to the report, bridging the gap between the focus group responses and the recommendations provided by SERDI in the assessment complete record report. This document attempts to further clarify the basis for the recommendations and the benefits of their consideration. The assessment recommendations and a further analysis section follows:

- **An annual information session with NRVPDC's four counties and the City of Radford.** Throughout the assessment process, time and time again, “communication” of the PDC to its ownership (the local governments within the region) was emphasized. At a minimum of once per year, perhaps twice, it is incumbent for the NRVPDC executive director, other staff if deemed appropriate by the executive director, and the officers of the NRVPDC Board of Directors should meet with the local government chief elected officials and their county commissioners, city and town councils in the Floyd, Pulaski, Giles, and Montgomery counties; and, the City of Radford. The purpose of the session should be three-fold: (1) Present an overview of the NRVPDC, its legal structure, its governing structure, and its programs and initiatives (2) Present a summary of the past year's efforts involving jurisdictions attending the session including the current initiatives; and, (3) **most important, listen** to what the local government leaders have to say regarding what is important to them and their jurisdictions...including the PDC's efforts and how the PDC can be of assistance in helping address their concerns. Key public appointed officials should be included at the discretion of the chief elected officials. These sessions should be held at a location within the five (5) jurisdictions of the chief elected officials' choosing.

#### Further Analysis:

The idea of the information session in each county and the City goes back to the expression of a need for greater communication, thus a better understanding of the local governments in the region of *THEIR* organization. In this time of shrinking tax bases at the local, state, and federal level, local governments need to fully understand the capabilities and the legal abilities of the NRVPDC. They need to recognize and understand that they all own it; that they have the ability to address opportunities, challenges, issues, and programs that they may not be able to afford or carry out by

themselves, but could be essential to the well-being of their community and beyond. By performing this information session, it gives an opportunity for the executive director and Board members engage with the local government (owners) officials, elected and appointed for them to learn more about the PDC, what opportunities exist for them through the PDC and vehicle it can be for them, and to express the current and upcoming issues that they need addressed that possibly other jurisdictions or the entire region might need as well. The session(s) builds the PDC into the owner's fabric as a tool for the owners to utilize

A potential modification for this recommendation is for the NRVPDC Executive Director, along with the Commission Board Member(s) representing the member, meet with the Chief Elected Official and the Chief Administrative Official to discuss community matters. This will help build the communication bridge between the Commission Board Member and the key decision makers.

- **Continue the regularly scheduled City/Town/County Manager & Administrators' meetings.** It is apparent that city/town/county managers and administrators value NRVPDC's convening of a regularly scheduled regional meeting for these individuals to come together to discuss topics of concern as well as topics of commonality. It is of great benefit for the NRVPDC to have this body as an "ears on the ground" group that can identify how the PDC can be most helpful to them and their communities. It might be appropriate if the NRVPDC Board of Directors decides to create a committee structure, to make this group one of its standing committees.

#### **Further Analysis:**

Virginia is one of a few states in the South that has nearly a statewide network of counties, cities, and towns with a manager-form of government. It is an asset that a PDC should take advantage of. While the PDC hosts a regular city/town/county managers meeting for common topics to be discussed and strategized, creating an advisory group of the managers to the NRVPDC Board of Directors. These individuals implement the policies decided upon by the elected bodies just like the PDC Executive Director implements the policies determined by its Board of Directors. Creating a managers' advisory committee to the Board, this further supports and enhances the role of the PDC with its ownership and the region's citizens.

- **Creation of the NRV Chief Elected Officials Forum.** It was made clear to the participants in the NRVPDC Assessment that while the NRVPDC Board of Directors have become more engaged over the last several years in the organization, that the chief elected officials governmental entities and, the entities themselves, who are the legal owners of the NRVPDC, are not as engaged in *their* organization as they should be. The recommendation of the annual information sessions throughout the region would address the latter. The creation of the NRV Chief Elected Officials (CEOs) Forum will address the former. *Their* NRVPDC provides neutral ground, where every CEO from the region's jurisdiction stands on equal ground. They all own it. The Forum, with the support resources of both the NRVPDC staff and local government managers and administrators can be a vehicle where the CEOs can come together at least twice a year or on-call to discuss their common



opportunities, challenges, and issues; as well as, to be advised/briefed on important information from Commonwealth of Virginia or Federal officials.

#### **Further Analysis:**

The idea of the Chief Elected Officials Forum is yet another angle of strengthening the owners engagement in their regional organization. It is the neutral point in the region where they can come together as the chief elected officials and discuss the topic or challenge of the day. At first glance, this might bring the response of “isn’t this duplicative of the Board of Directors or doesn’t this water down the Board’s policy authority?” No. The Chief Elected Officials Forum would put the chief elected officials in a position to champion the initiative or recommendations on how to move forward on important challenges and opportunities, turning to the PDC staff and city/town/county managers to supply technical and professional expertise and collaboratively move those ideas to the PDC Board of Directors. The Forum is yet another attempt, as was brought out in the focus groups, to get the local governments and the elected officials in the region engaged and embracing their regional organization.

- **Adding a Committee Structure the NRVPC Policy Structure.** Many of the most relevant regional councils throughout the country include formal committees as part of their council’s policy structure. The committees can be standing or temporary. Committees act as both advisory to NRVPC Board of Directors as well as provide an opportunity to bring more of the region’s leadership and citizens to the regional table. It is recommended that each committee would be chaired by a NRVPC Board member along with an appropriate number of additional Board members, but that the majority of the committee members would be non-board members who bring an interest or expertise to the particular committee that can build recommendations that in turn can be brought to Board of Directors and thus be of benefit to the owners and region in general.

#### **Further Analysis:**

Having an active committee structure is a way many councils build regional support for the activities of the PDC, but always as an educational tool to foster a better understanding of the issues, challenges, and opportunities that face the region’s communities and the region as a whole. We know the reaction by a number on the Board to this recommendation was one of “not another committee to sit on.” We understand. All the people on your Board are busy people. We do not see this as another committee to sit on. We see this as a way to get more people, not necessarily your board members, new people, inside the tent. It is a way to solicit and identify more talent and interest among the region’s citizens to get involved in building a broader understanding of the topic and help build support, provide cover if you will, for local governments to take action collectively that they might not be able to singularly. Another way to look at it may be that these committees like the chief elected officials and managers, is a way for others other than PDC staff to champion ideas for the region.

A potential modification for this recommendation is to consider committee structure in two ways, 1) Operational Committees and 2) Programmatic Committees.

Operational Committees may be chaired by PDC Board Members and could include a Finance Committee, chaired by the PDC Treasurer, and a Work Program Committee, chaired by a PDC Board member. The Finance Committee may want to start off meeting twice annually. The first meeting focused on reviewing the proposed budget and a second meeting to review the revised budget. The Work Program Committee may want to start off meeting once annually. The Work Program Committee could serve as the recommending body which reviews Technical Assistance Requests from members and identifies which requests will receive Appalachian Regional Commission underwriting support (50% matching funds). The NRVPC is starting to receive more requests for Technical Assistance than ARC funds available. A Work Program Committee comprised of PDC Board Members representative of the region will assist the PDC Executive Director in making decisions in order to avoid the appearance of arbitrary decisions while focusing on spreading the Technical Assistance throughout the region.

Programmatic Committees already exist for nearly all regional projects underway at the NRVPC. These committees are staffed by the PDC and typically do not necessitate a PDC Board Member to serve as Chair. However, going forward the NRVPC Executive Director can routinely inform the NRVPC Board of Directors about opportunities to participate on Programmatic Committees. Some examples of Programmatic Committees include, the New River Valley Local Government Stormwater Program Development Committee, the Comprehensive Economic Development Committee (CEDS), Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) or the Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC).

- **Changing the Name of the NRVPC.** When the Commonwealth of Virginia created the statewide network of Planning District Commissions, planning was a major emphasis of commissions not only in Virginia but also with comparable sub-state districts nationally. Today, however, those commissions that are relevant have a regional focus first. A number of the PDCs in Virginia have changed their names to be more reflective of today's mission as well as to diminish confusion by residents of the region of the appearance of duplication with local planning commissions. It is also clear that "New River Valley" is very reflective of the region, and it is referred to as such in all walks of public and private identification. In that light, it is recommended that the NRVPC change its name the *New River Valley Regional Commission*.

#### **Further Analysis:**

A number of the Virginia PDCs have changed their name to Regional Commissions. In this day in age where the focus of successful and relevant like-organizations is one of a convener of the region where the leadership addresses the welfare of area and local communities within, and where technical assistance is also a higher priority, "planning district" is not only the emphasis, but carries in many circles a less than positive connotation, at best a very limited focus for an organization that has a much broader purview. Changing the name to the New River Valley Regional Commission moves it forward to today and the future.

Currently there are 21 Planning Districts in Virginia. Of the 21 there are 6 which changed their name from PDC to Regional Commission. The Lynchburg Region uses the name Local Government Council. The state code enables "Regional Council" or "Regional Commission" as a substitute naming option 15.2-4203 B.1.

Other PDCs in Virginia are considering a name change to Regional Commission at this time due to the above mentioned reasons.

- **The New River Valley Annual Summit.** There should be an annual gathering of the region's leaders to reflect upon the year past as well as year ahead. There has never been a NRVPDC Annual Meeting. There has been an annual local planning commission meeting sponsored and hosted by the NRVPDC. It is recommended that meeting be discontinued. The proposed New River Valley Annual Summit would consist of two parts. The first part of the summit would consist of a formal annual business meeting of the NRV Board of Directors, which include a summary report of accomplishments and approval of the next year's budget and work program, election of officers, etc. The second part of the summit would consist of "gathering of the region" which focus on a topic or set of topics appropriate for the moment that would consist of speakers, panelists, etc. The invite list for the "gathering of the region" part of the summit would be a broad representative group of public and private sector leaders and citizens from throughout the region as well as state and federal partners. The Board of Directors meeting could be held in the morning while the "gathering of the region" could start with a luncheon followed by the summit in the afternoon.

#### **Further Analysis:**

The idea of the annual summit or annual meeting or annual celebration of the region's accomplishments emerged as discussion in the focus groups...mainly through the comments that you hosted an annual meeting for the local planners but not for the NRVPDC. The idea of holding some annual celebration of the region and perhaps dividing it up between annual business meeting and an appropriate learning experience and/or celebration of accomplishments would provide yet another venue to interweave the PDC into the fabric of the region.

A potential modification to this recommendation is to host the Annual Summit in two parts. The first part could be an education based program during the day for anyone in the region to attend. The second part could be an evening event with a target audience of local government elected officials, state elected officials, members of Congress staff members and regional leaders across multiple sectors.

- **Host and facilitate applicable regional groups to engage in dialogue regarding specific challenges, opportunities, and issues that can best be addressed on a regional basis.** It was noted in the online survey as well as focus groups that a number of the regional or potential regional partners of the NRVPDC would be very appreciative of the PDC facilitating gatherings of various regional groups such as Human Services, K-12 Superintendents, Tourism Groups, etc. Facilitating such groups will only expand the PDC's outreach to region in a positive way.

#### **Further Analysis:**

This is yet another opportunity to be the place where the region's public interest and where applicable, private as well. Yet another way to build understanding and a pulse on what is going on in the region and communicating that to the local government and PDC Board of Directors leadership.

- **Building a friendly GIS/Data collaborative for the region.** There were various levels of discussion throughout the assessment process on the asset that the PDC is for the region when it comes to the provision of data and information to the region's local governments. Some of the local governments in the region have quite sophisticated Geographic Information Systems (GIS) applications while others do not. There should be a meeting of the minds between the NRVPDC staff and other local government staffs to determine how the region can be assured of have GIS and Data in the form that it is accessible and beneficial to all.

#### **Further Analysis:**

The topic of data availability and particularly Geographic Information Systems (GIS) came up in all focus groups as well as in the online survey. Montgomery County and Blacksburg offered to provide services to the region. Some communities thought that was an idea, some had some level of GIS and "weren't interested in sharing" their information...The staff discussion seemed to think that the PDC needed better data and GIS offering, with the present state not being good enough to offer regional GIS services to the region if it decided to go that way. At a minimum, a strong data base and GIS is a topic for discussion at the Board of Directors level and then if deemed appropriate, out to the local government level.

- **Fact-Finding Field Trips.** Based upon the discussions within the various focus group sessions as well as in the NRVPDC Board of Directors meeting concluding the assessment process, it is recommended that during upcoming year, if resources allow, that a representative group of the NRVPDC make two fact-finding field trips to the Three Rivers Planning & Development District in Pontotoc, MS; and, the Land of Sky Regional Council in Asheville, NC. The Land of Sky Regional Council's commonality with the NRV is that of being in the southern Appalachians and thus facing common challenges and opportunities. The Land of Sky can also offer a review of a very comprehensive regional strategy process that has brought about its local governments engaging with its regional partners and the people of its region. Three Rivers will offer the NRVPDC officials a look at how the local governments in this northeast Mississippi region have put *their* regional organization in the position to be a regional services and economic development provider for the region in areas such as regional solid waste, the development of a regional supersite, loan programs, recreation, tuition programs for the region's community colleges, electric generation, etc. The SERDI staff will be glad to work with the NRVPDC to arrange the logistics for these visits if deemed appropriate by the NRVPDC.

#### **Further Analysis:**

It was apparent during the assessment that the Board, focus group participants, and survey results indicated that the PDC is seen as a more valuable and relevant support organization for the region since Kevin Byrd became Executive Director. All of discussions during the assessment and these recommendations reflect a desire or at minimum, an interest in maximizing the abilities and position of the PDC. The suggestion of taking a field trip to other regional councils that "get it" and are the local governments' regional convener can only further show the New River Valley leadership the possibilities in real time instead of just talking about them. Talking a trip would be well worth the time and effort.

This recommendation can be implemented with minimal expense to the NRVPDC by utilizing funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission which allots funds annually for this exact purpose. Typically, a small group of people will make the trip including the Executive Director and a handful of Board Members. The intention of this program is for Board Members to see how other regions operate and to return with ideas for implementation.

# New River Valley Planning District Commission



**FY14 Transportation Planning Work Program**

*March 21, 2013*

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## Introduction

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) allocates part of the State Planning and Research (SPR) funding to provide annual transportation planning assistance for non-urbanized areas within the Commonwealth. The Rural Transportation Planning (RTP) Program was created to aid the State in fulfilling the requirements of the State Planning Process to address the transportation needs of non-metropolitan areas. Funds appropriated under 23 U.S.C. 307(c) (SPR funds) are used in cooperation with the Department of Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia for transportation planning as required by Section 135, Title 23, U.S. Code. These Federal funds provide 80 percent funding and require a 20 percent local match.

In FY-2014 each planning district commission / regional commission will receive \$58,000 from VDOT's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program and each planning district commission / regional commission will provide a local match of \$14,500 to conduct rural transportation planning activities. This resource may be supplemented with additional planning funds, all such funds requires the development of a scope of work, approval and other coordination in administrative work programs.

The scope of work shall include specific activities as requested by VDOT and/or the Federal Highway Administration. The scope of work may also include activities or studies addressing other transportation planning related issues that may be of specific interest to the region. The criteria for the determination of eligibility of studies for inclusion as part of this work program are based upon 23 U.S.C. 307 (c), State Planning and Research (SPR).

Use of these funds by the New River Valley Planning District Commission (NRVPDC) is identified in and guided by an annual scope of work, also referred to as a work program. The work program details the transportation planning activities to be carried out by the NRVPDC under the Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program in the upcoming fiscal year.

Local government staff and the NRVPDC's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) participate in the development of the work program, which must be approved/endorsed by the Planning District Commission.

For FY-2014 the NRVPDC proposes to utilize the SPR funds to undertake activities in the two general areas: Program Administration and New River Valley Regional Projects.

## Program Administration

**Objective and Background:** The purpose of this work element is to cover the administrative and general costs associated with the project.

**Work Elements:** This includes the financial management and quarterly reporting, office supplies, meeting materials, and other general program costs. Activities include:

- Provide fiscal accountability of State Planning and Research (SPR) fund expenditures through regular quarterly reporting to VDOT.
- Provide adequate and appropriate public notice of meetings.
- Maintain contact with a regional network of local government officials, region-wide agencies and organizations, neighboring PDCs, VDOT representatives, and other applicable federal, state and local agencies concerning transportation issues.

**Products:** Quarterly financial reporting, mailings/notices, meeting documentation/minutes, preparation of quarterly activity reports.

### ***Regional Transportation Planning Program Administration Budget:***

<u>Total</u>	<u>SPR (80%)</u>	<u>PDC Match (20%)</u>
\$7,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00

## **New River Valley Regional Projects**

**Objective and Background:** Address regional transportation issues identified by the Transportation Committees and the Planning District Commission. Individual projects and work elements are described below:

### **Work Elements:**

- (a) **(\$10,000) Regional Transportation Leadership** - The purpose of this work element is to facilitate regional participation and consensus building on transportation-related issues through a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated planning process. The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is the foundation of the PDC's transportation planning program.

#### **Task 1: Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee**

**Products:** TAC is composed of administrators and professional staff from local governments and institutions/agencies within the New River Valley Planning District service area. TAC serves as an advisory body to the PDC on transportation issues. The TAC has grown into a group that supports local needs while maintaining a regional perspective.

#### Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Provide staff assistance for 6 meetings
- Prepare meeting minutes, agendas, and presentation materials
- Maintain a website to post relevant transportation related information
- Review and provide input for regional and statewide planning efforts

#### **Task 2: Regional Bikeway, Walkway, Blueway Committee**

**Products:** The Regional Bikeway, Walkway, Blueway Committee reports to the TAC regarding specific recommendations within the topical areas of active and recreational transportation. The group is comprised of professional staff from local governments, local business owners, local organizations, and community representatives.

#### Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Provide guidance for the development and maintenance of the Regional Bikeway, Walkway, Blueway Plan
- Provide staff assistance for 3 meetings + 1 multi-regional event
- Prepare meeting notes, agendas, and presentation materials

### **Task 3: Regional Transit Coordinating Council**

**Products:** The council meets on a regular basis to discuss public transportation in the region and serves as a coordinating entity to support local governments, partnering stakeholders, and service providers. The council is comprised of all the region's public transportation partners and provides a strong multi-jurisdiction/multi-system forum for transit.

#### Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Provide staff assistance for 3 meetings
- Prepare meeting minutes, agendas, and presentation materials
- Discuss existing transit services and TDPs
- Identify potential common interests
- Develop strategies and recommendations
- Identify funding sources

- (b) **(\$37,500) Regional Technical Transportation Planning Assistance** - Activities typically include assistance in the areas of: highway safety/congestion, bicycle/pedestrian improvements, access management, public transportation, freight movement, hazard mitigation, infrastructure evaluations, stormwater management, recreation, or transportation as it relates to other elements such as: housing, economic development, and energy. FY 2014 Program Tasks include, but are not limited to:

### **Task 1: Regional Livability Initiative Transportation Planning**

**Products:** Provide assistance to the Livability Initiative coordinators to develop the transportation component of the regional plan.

#### Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Coordinate and lead monthly committee meetings
- Attend and participate in meetings
- Provide staffing and technical planning assistance in the area of transportation
- Develop an interactive transportation website

### **Task 2: Transportation Related Local Study, New River Valley**

**Products:** Provide assistance to Pulaski County to develop a corridor master plan.

#### Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- Participate in stakeholder group meetings
- Develop a needs assessment
- Prepare a formal report

(c) **(\$10,000) Project Implementation, Grant-Writing Assistance & Professional Development**

**Products:** Assist local applicants to prepare transportation related grant funding applications. Provide grant-writing assistance for a maximum of five projects. Additional assistance will be offered depending on staff availability.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- **Schedule a meeting with CTB representative**

Status: Complete by December 2013

- **Submit Alternative Transportation Applications**

Status: Complete by December 1, 2013

- **Safe Routes to School Program Development Assistance** – Provide support to local governments to prepare School Travel Plans.

Status: Complete by December 2013

- **Attend Conferences/Professional Development** – Attend national or statewide conferences (maximum of 2), and participate in transportation related professional development courses (maximum of 2).

Status: Complete by June 2014

(d) **(\$7,500) Statewide Projects and Core Program Requirements**

**Products:** The purpose of this work element is to provide assistance to the Virginia Department of Transportation for statewide planning on behalf of the New River Valley. Furthermore, provide local technical assistance required to fulfill statewide planning and policy efforts.

Benchmarks/Milestones (throughout year):

- **Participate in outreach meetings and review data as requested by VDOT throughout the fiscal year pertaining to:** VTrans Update, Functional Classification Update, Virginia's Surface Transportation Plan Update, Park and Ride Lots Inventory/Study, Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning, and Freight Planning.

- **Coordinate tasks with VDOT District Planner:** pedestrian infrastructure, Small Urban Area Plans, and Strategic Highway Safety planning.

Status: Complete by June 2014

***New River Valley Regional Projects Budget:***

<u>Total</u>	<u>SPR (80%)</u>	<u>PDC Match (20%)</u>
\$65,000.00	\$52,000.00	\$13,000.00

**Budget Summary  
FY 2014 Work Program**

<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>SPR (80%)</u></b>	<b><u>PDC (20%)</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Program Administration	\$6,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$7,500.00
NRV Regional Projects	\$52,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$65,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,000</b>	<b>\$14,500.00</b>	<b>\$72,500.00</b>

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### **RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR FY 2014 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Planning District Commission is eligible to receive State Planning and Research (SPR) funds through VDOT's Rural Transportation Planning Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed FY 2014 Transportation Planning Work Program represents the interests of the New River Valley region; and

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Planning District Commission has reviewed the Transportation Planning Work Program and agrees with the projected work elements for the 2013-2014 fiscal year.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the New River Valley Planning District Commission that this Commission adopts and supports the FY 2014 Transportation Planning Work Program - Rural Planning Organization Staff Budget.

Adopted this 28th day of February, 2013.

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Mr. Mike Patton, Chair

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Planning District Commissioners  
**From:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director *KB*  
**Date:** February 19, 2013  
**Re:** Setting of 2013 Community Development Block Grant Priorities

The Block Grant Priorities for 2012 are listed in the left column and suggestions for 2013 priorities based on identified projects are listed in the right column. Also, DHCD requested a list of grant proposals which may be submitted by localities in the region for 2013. Projects which the PDC is aware of are listed below; if you know more please let me know at the meeting.

### 2012 Priorities

#### **Priority #1**

Comprehensive Community Development  
Economic Development-Business District Revitalization  
Housing- Housing Rehabilitation

#### **Priority #2**

Community Service Facility  
Economic Development- Job Creation and Retention  
Economic Development- Development Readiness

#### **Priority #3**

Housing- Housing Production Assistance  
Development- Site Redevelopment  
Community Facility

### 2013 Suggested Priorities

#### **Priority #1**

Comprehensive Community Development  
Community Service Facility  
Community Facility

#### **Priority #2**

Economic Devel-Business District Revitalization  
Housing – Housing Rehabilitation  
Economic Development- Job Creation and Retention

#### **Priority #3**

Housing- Housing Production Assistance  
Development- Site Redevelopment  
Economic Development- Development Readiness

Known potential projects are as follows:

#### **Construction:**

Newtown Neighborhood Comprehensive Comm. – Floyd Co.  
Adult Day Care Facility – Pulaski County  
Skyview Subdivision Sewer – Pulaski County  
Price's Fork Connection to Rt. 114 – Montgomery Co (water)  
Walton Road to Plum Creek from Rt. 114 – Mont Co (water)  
Lafayette – Montgomery Co (water)  
Belview(Bradford Ln/Walton Rd/Morning Glory Dr) – Mont. Co. (water)

#### **Planning:**

Rich Creek Comm. Bldg Revital. –Rich Creek  
Rt. 99 Utility Service – Pulaski Twn/Co  
Rt. 177/Tyler Av. Utilities – Mont. Co.  
Elliston Revital. (Brake Road) – Mont. Co.  
Downtown Revitalization – Pulaski Town  
Comm. Facility in First Street – Pulaski Town

**NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
AGENDA**

March 28, 2013

6:00 p.m.—New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY
  - B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY
- III. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
- IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT
- V. CHAIR'S REPORT
- VI. REGIONAL FOCUS
  - A. Roanoke Convention & Visitors Bureau Overview  
Presentation - Landon Howard, President, Roanoke CVB
- VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (enclosed)
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Recommendations from Agency Assessment Committee (enclosed)
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Review CEDS Goals, Objectives and Ranking Criteria (enclosed)  
Presentation - Brad Mecham
- X. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
  - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
    - 1. Pulaski County Skyview Sewer Project
  - B. Regular Project Review  
None
  - C. Environmental Project Review
    - 1. [13-09] - VADEQ Pollution Prevention
- XI. PUBLIC ADDRESS

All meeting materials posted on PDC website [www.nrvpdc.org](http://www.nrvpdc.org)

**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Expenditures as of February 28, 2013**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>February Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
Salaries	806,948.00	489,693.52	64,759.98	554,453.50	252,494.50	68.71%
Fringe Benefits	308,452.00	168,450.73	22,594.17	191,044.90	117,407.10	61.94%
Travel	64,198.00	22,164.02	1,543.03	23,707.05	40,490.95	36.93%
Office Space	27,647.00	13,858.90	1,975.30	15,834.20	11,812.80	57.27%
Telephone/Communications	5,980.00	3,885.59	496.08	4,381.67	1,598.33	73.27%
Office Supplies	9,401.00	8,621.99	190.93	8,812.92	588.08	93.74%
Postage	750.00	202.01	2.76	204.77	545.23	27.30%
Printing	620.00	9.45	-	9.45	610.55	1.52%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	1,500.00	1,513.79	14.88	1,528.67	(28.67)	101.91%
Media Ad	1,625.00	-	-	-	1,625.00	0.00%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	862.68	123.24	985.92	514.08	65.73%
Vehicle Fuel	2,400.00	2,020.33	197.55	2,217.88	182.12	92.41%
Dues/Publications	7,745.00	1,195.00	320.00	1,515.00	6,230.00	19.56%
Training	1,375.00	-	-	-	1,375.00	0.00%
Insurance	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	0.00%
Meeting Expense	7,733.00	1,787.21	226.28	2,013.49	5,719.51	26.04%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equip)	5,000.00	1,523.97	-	1,523.97	3,476.03	30.48%
Contractual Services	1,125,893.00	382,672.16	1,277.79	383,949.95	741,943.05	34.10%
Audit Fee	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	100.00%
Miscellaneous	45,500.00	1,204.43	-	1,204.43	44,295.57	2.65%
M & G Costs	112,784.00	69,790.30	11,157.38	80,947.68	31,836.32	71.77%
Common Costs	111,829.00	60,296.67	10,185.03	70,481.70	41,347.30	63.03%
	<b>2,651,880.00</b>	<b>1,232,252.75</b>	<b>115,064.40</b>	<b>1,347,317.15</b>	<b>1,304,562.85</b>	<b>50.81%</b>

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**March 28, 2013**

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Transportation:**

- The PDC staff coordinated with the MPO and Virginia Tech to host a meeting with two Commonwealth Transportation Board members on 3/18. This was an opportunity to take a closer look at two projects, the Multi-Modal Facility at VT and the Southgate Drive Interchange Project. Following a project briefing the group toured the two project sites.
- The PDC is preparing a Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan for the MPO which started in January 2013. The project website launched this month (<http://www.nrvpdc.org/nrvmpo/>) and contains the project schedule, public input page, as well as resources and partners. The project is scheduled to be complete by June 30, 2014.

### **Housing:**

- The Town of Narrows and Taylor Hollow Construction held an open house on 3/18 to showcase a project in downtown Narrows. This consisted of renovation of a downtown building with the lower floor being leased to the Town for their town hall and the upstairs was converted to affordable housing. The housing portion of the project utilized funds from the NRV HOME Consortium. Congratulations to the Town of Narrows for a new office/meeting space and successful downtown project, which appears to be the first of more to come.

### **Economic Development:**

- In case you missed it, the NRV Commerce Park secured their first tenant, Red Sun Farms. They will be investing \$30 million and create over 200 jobs in five years. The Commerce Park is owned by 13 local governments via Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority.
- Due to impacts from sequestration, the PDC will be receiving a \$10,000 reduction in economic development planning funds from EDA for FY14. The Commission uses the EDA funds to prepare the regional economic development strategy (CEDS) and assist with project development.
- The next CEDS committee meeting will be 3/25 at 10:00 am. Letters went out on 3/21 requesting local governments to identify economic development projects in their communities. Responses are due by 4/17 and can be submitted via email to Brad Mecham ([bmecham@nrvpdc.org](mailto:bmecham@nrvpdc.org)).

### **Regional:**

- The PDC is beginning to work on the budget for next fiscal year which will help determine the local technical assistance projects and available staff time. Responses to local governments on project requests will be sent in April.
- The NRV Livability Initiative is launching a very innovative public engagement strategy in April. See the attached March 2013 report to learn more.
- The NRV Stormwater Program Development project is on schedule to submit extension requests on behalf of participating local governments prior to the 4/1 deadline. This will provide another 12 months for local governments to plan for program launch on July 1, 2014.

### **PDC:**

- The PDC will be hosting the annual local government Planning Commissioner Training session on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be an evening event at the NRV Business Center. More information will be sent to all local governments the week of March 25<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars.



## **Livability Initiative Project Update, March 2013**

The Livability Initiative is planning to launch its next phase of public outreach in April 2013. This past winter, close to 700 people responded to an online Community Priorities Survey. This survey asked respondents to help prioritize the goals developed by our seven topic area working groups (arts and culture, community health, economic development, energy, housing, natural resources and transportation) during the first phase of this project. To view the full results from the Community Priorities Survey visit: [www.nrvlivability.org](http://www.nrvlivability.org).

Based on the priorities identified through the Community Priorities Survey, Livability Initiative project staff are now developing a new online interactive survey tool called NRV Crowd Gauge. As part of this survey, participants will be asked to select what they value most about our region and then to prioritize which projects and policies they think should be pursued to help achieve the priority goals identified in the prior survey effort. The projects and policies list come from a longer list of draft strategies developed by the seven topic area working groups. Since there are a number of different strategies that could be pursued to help achieve the priority goals, this tool will help us to gauge which strategies are preferred by the public and if there are differences or similarities in preferred strategies across the New River Valley region.

This survey tool will be available for anyone to complete online. The Livability Initiative Outreach Coordinator will also be holding a series of public events at local libraries throughout the region from mid- April through the end of May 2013. These events will provide an opportunity for those who do not have internet access to participate in the process. They will also provide an opportunity for community discussion around preferred strategies and approaches. A list of dates and venues for these community meetings will be available by the end of March.

# NRV Planning District Commission

## Agency Assessment Implementation Subcommittee

### Final Report

The implementation subcommittee met on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Agency Assessment report prepared by SERDI in the summer of 2012, the NRVPC Agency Assessment Commission Work Session on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and the guidance provided by the full Board of the NRVPC on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The subcommittee went point by point through the Agency Assessment's Recommendations for Moving Forward and developed a further refined checklist. The subcommittee brought a preliminary report to the full Board at the NRVPC Commission meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 for further input and feedback. The subcommittee received one additional written comment.

Therefore, the subcommittee formally recommends the following implementation plan to the NRVPC Commission for its acceptance and approval:

1. Continue the regularly scheduled City/Town/County Manager and Administrator Meetings & create a similar type of meeting arrangement for NRV Chief Elected Officials Forum for Mayors and Board Chairs.
  - The Chief Elected Officials Forum would put the chief elected officials in a position to champion an initiative or recommendations on how to move forward on important challenges and opportunities, turning to the PDC staff and city/town/county managers to supply technical and professional expertise and collaboratively move those ideas to the PDC Board of Directors. The Forum is yet another attempt to get the local governments and the elected officials in the region engaged and embracing their regional organization.
2. Inaugurate a New River Valley Annual Summit and hold in lieu of the Annual NRV Planning Commission dinner.
  - Afternoon: An education based program during the day for anyone in the region to attend with one or two major regional topics to be discussed.
  - Evening: A "gathering of the region" with a target audience of local government elected officials, state elected officials, members of Congress staff members and regional leaders across multiple sectors with one or two major regional topics to be discussed.
3. Encourage the creation of a subcommittee to study and provide recommendations about adding a committee structure to the NRVPC Board.
  - Many of the most relevant regional councils throughout the country include formal committees as part of their council's policy structure. The committees can be standing or temporary. Committees act as both advisory to NRVPC Board of Directors as well as provide an opportunity to bring more of the region's leadership and citizens to the regional table. A PDC member would chair the subcommittee, and other members of

the Commission may sit on it, but it may be composed of other members of the community as well.

- Potential subcommittees could be:
  - Work Program Review
  - Finance
- 4. Expand informal discussions with Councils, Boards and Institutions
  - NRVPCD Executive Director, along with the Commission Board Member(s) representing the member, meet with the Chief Elected Official and the Chief Administrative Official of the applicable organization to discuss community matters. This will help build the communication bridge between the Commission Board Member and the key decision makers.
  - Use these sessions as an opportunity to keep the PDC in front of decision leaders and educate our organizations on the PDC's efforts and abilities.
    - Board Members should provide a copy of Executive Director's report and/or Commission Meeting minutes to their appointing organization's leadership group.
- 5. Host and facilitate applicable regional groups to engage in dialogue regarding specific challenges, opportunities, and issues that can best be addressed on a regional basis.
  - Generate a list of regional issues to address
  - Market ourselves so people know we do this. There are skill sets here to do it.
  - Identify regional groups to target
  - Need a Board champion to move this forward or a committee
- 6. Conduct fact-finding field trips
  - Visits to other Planning District Commissions to understand best practices
  - Combine visits with other regional economic developments for cost and to avoid duplication.
  - This recommendation can be implemented with minimal expense to the NRVPCD by utilizing funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission which allots funds annually for this exact purpose. Typically, a small group of people will make the trip including the Executive Director and a handful of Board Members. The intention of this program is for Board Members to see how other regions operate and to return with ideas for implementation.
- 7. Encourage the creation of a subcommittee to study and provide recommendations about providing value added GIS services to the region.
- 8. Consider changing the name of the New River Valley Planning District Commission to the New River Valley Regional Commission. This could not occur until at least 2014.
  - Currently there are 21 Planning Districts in Virginia. Of the 21 there are 6 which changed their name from PDC to Regional Commission. The Lynchburg Region uses the name Local Government Council. The state code enables "Regional Council" or "Regional Commission" as a substitute naming option 15.2-4203 B.1. Other PDCs in Virginia are considering a name change to Regional Commission at this time due to the above mentioned reasons.



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Planning District Commissioners

**From:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**Date:** March 21, 2013

**Re:** Setting Priorities for 2013 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

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Each year the New River Valley Planning District Commission reviews and updates the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The purpose of the CEDS is to continue federal and local partnerships to address economic development in the region. The CEDS also serves the planning needs required by the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Attached are the draft Goals and Objectives for your review. Please review the Goals and Objectives to ensure the region's highest priorities are reflected. Significant changes have been made from last year's Goals and Objectives; most notably, they have been cut down from 15 pages down to four pages in an effort to be more concise and targeted.

The Project Ranking Criteria are also attached. These criteria aid in communicating priorities and prioritizing projects for potential funding. Staff recommends that there are no changes needed to the Project Ranking Criteria.

The Commission will review the Goals and Objectives during the March meeting. In April the Commission will review the Project List, as provided by localities, and the Ranking Criteria of Projects. Adoption of an updated CEDS is scheduled for May.

Please contact me with any questions prior to the March meeting, or if you would like to discuss the CEDS process in greater detail.

## **Priority 1: Coordinated Business Assistance and Entrepreneurial Support.**

**Goal:** Establish an environment that fosters the growth of existing businesses and supports entrepreneurs from startup stage through maturation.

**Objective 1:** Optimize existing resources for entrepreneurs and small businesses and promote collaboration between these resources.

**Objective 2:** Increase the number of jobs created through entrepreneurial start-ups and expansions in the New River Valley.

### **Business Assistance and Entrepreneurial Support Key Strategies**

- 1) Promote cooperation between the Radford Small Business Development Center, VT KnowledgeWorks, New River Community College, etc.
- 2) Create new and support existing financing opportunities for business/industry expansion, including venture capital.
- 3) Encourage the use of locally developed technology and intellectual property in manufacturing and other industries.
- 4) Organize creative financing programs and improve entrepreneurs' access to capital.
- 5) Increase small business support services through provision of community e-commerce space as well as trainings (social media, computer, etc.).
- 6) Link local industries with technology and research capabilities of Virginia Tech, Radford University, and New River Community College.

## **Priority 2: Preparation and Continued Support of Qualified Workforce**

**Goal:** Prepare the New River Valley workforce for present and future employment in growing employment sectors.

**Objective 1:** Train and re-train workers for higher skills and productivity in the modern economy.

**Objective 2:** Improve the industry/education interface at all levels.

### **Preparation and Continuation of Qualified Workforce Key Strategies**

- 1) Utilize the Community College or the One-stop Centers to assist businesses seeking trained employees or training of employees requiring enhanced skills.

- 2) To establish partnerships between industry/business and all levels of education by implementing an integrated workforce curriculum that provides students with more "real world" learning opportunities
- 3) Expand existing and explore new opportunities for business training and professional development programs.
- 4) Create a Youth Entrepreneurial Center for business and civic development and practice.

### **Priority 3: Available Land, Quality Infrastructure, and Affordable Housing**

**Goal: Maintain existing and deploy additional infrastructure to meet the needs of businesses and residents.**

**Objective 1: Create an affordable, accessible and interlinked public transportation system for all citizens.**

**Objective 2: Strengthen the economic position of downtown commercial districts.**

**Objective 3: Improve the region's telecommunication network to attract new firms, assist existing firms, and educate citizens.**

#### **Quality Infrastructure Key Strategies**

- 1) Coordinate and maximize the use of existing public and private transportation resources focused on employment mobility.
- 2) Seek diversification and mixed use redevelopment of downtown commercial districts.
- 3) Deploy a diverse network of fiber optics throughout the region to serve businesses and residents.
- 4) Create utility standards for service providers to follow and coordinate public digging to minimize costs and disturbances.
- 5) Seek creative and cooperative regional financing strategies for major infrastructure needs.
- 6) Ensure adequate public utilities are in place for businesses and residents.
- 7) Coordinate and adopt creative approaches to encourage the creation of affordable housing for all age groups.

## **Priority 4: Attracting New Business to the Region**

**Goal:** Attract new industries that will complement the region's economy, strengthen inter-industry linkages, and utilize the region's labor force.

**Objective 1:** Develop and strengthen the role of international trade and commerce in the economy of the New River Valley.

**Objective 2:** Increase the region's supply of ready and available industrial and other economic development properties.

### **Attracting New Business Key Strategies**

- 1) Seek firms with an international focus to utilize the strategic assets of the New River Valley International Airport, Foreign Trade Zone and Commerce Park.
- 2) Recruit outside firms seeking a trained and skilled labor force, low utility costs, high quality industrial space, and convenient highway access.
- 3) Recruit outside firms that currently have significant supplier relationships with New River Valley companies.
- 4) Develop regional properties tailored to the needs of targeted industry sectors.

## **Priority 5: Regional Marketing/Awareness to Promote the New River Valley**

**Goal:** Expand the regional identity and brand to increase the marketability of the region for businesses and tourists.

**Objective 1:** Improve the region's ability to market itself and respond to the needs of new industrial, research, and technological prospects.

**Objective 2:** Realize the region's tourism development potential and ability to market itself as a culturally and naturally unique tourism destination.

### **Regional Marketing/Awareness Key Strategies**

- 1) Expand multi-regional marketing campaigns involving the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance, and similar organizations throughout Western Virginia.
- 2) Study the feasibility of a Destination Marketing Organization or Convention and Visitors Bureau and develop implementation strategies based on findings.
- 3) Participate in, support, and encourage southwestern Virginia initiatives such as 'Round the Mountain, Crooked Road, and Heartwood Center.

- 4) Identify, develop, and package the region's inventory of historical assets and arts and cultural activities, natural features, and events to support external marketing.

## **Priority 6: Preserve Natural and Historic Areas**

**Goal: Preserve the natural and historic assets within the region to .**

**Objective 1: Manage the impacts of existing and future land uses in order to preserve the character and quality of the regional environment.**

**Objective 2: Increase the development and support of local family farms.**

### **Preserve Natural and Historic Areas Key Strategies**

- 1) Develop educational, networking and mentoring programs to support and encourage the continuation of family farms; including farmers markets and regional aggregation facilities.
- 2) Implement “Farms to School” programs, which would widen the market for locally grown produce and products.
- 3) Utilize tourism assets as a way to preserve open spaces, historic sites and key natural attractions.
- 4) Improve land use planning and practices to preserve the region's rural character and ensure that critical or high risk areas are protected from inappropriate development.

## **Priority 7: Business Friendly Governance and Representation**

**Goal: Promote a business friendly environment through governments cooperating with businesses at the local level and advocating for them at the state and federal levels.**

**Objective 1: Bring a voice to the policy table on behalf of the region.**

**Objective 2: Ensure the safety of the region's citizens.**

### **Governance Key Strategies**

- 1) Seek representation on State Commissions and Committees.
- 2) Provide input to State from regional economic development organizations and planning districts.

- 3) Support police, fire, and medical operations throughout the region.
- 4) Provide youth programs and support.

## NEW ANNUAL PROJECT PACKAGE REPORT

### Project Evaluation Criteria - Revised March 2012

As stated in the Organization and Management section of this report, the PDC Board members reviewed and updated the project evaluation criteria.

#### PROJECT TYPE (Points)

##### Priority Level 1 (8)

- Water, sewer and communication utilities
- Employment Creation/Retention
  - Technology and Industrial
- Entrepreneurial/Small Business Assistance
- Regional/Local School & Educational Facilities & Programs
- Transportation Planning
- Housing Production
- Technology Career Facilities
- Clean Energy Projects
- Tourism
- Community Facilities<sup>1</sup>
- Marketing/Promotion of Assets
- Senior Care Facilities

##### Priority Level 2 (6)

- Primary/Arterial Roads & Transportation Maintenance
- Passenger Rail and Airport Service
- Facilities for Protected Populations
- Comprehensive Community Development<sup>2</sup>
- Employment Creation/ Retention-Commercial
- Mixed Use Development
- Central Business District Revitalization
- Green Building Projects and Natural/Cultural Resources Protection
- Public Transportation Connections

##### Priority Level 3 (4)

- Secondary Roads
- Community Centers/Recreation
- Other Economic Development
- Homeownership Program
- Drainage/Flood Control

##### Priority Level 4 (2)

- Other Housing
- Other Community Facilities
- Other Community Services Facilities<sup>3</sup>
- Community Development Programs
- Drought Management

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<sup>1</sup> Water services, wastewater services, drainage improvements, and street improvements.

<sup>2</sup> Targets neighborhood improvements including; housing, water, sewer, streets, drainage, sidewalks, solid waste/garbage, debris removal, street lighting, recreation, police/fire protection, and other neighborhood specific items.

<sup>3</sup> Targets LMI persons needs for day care facilities, facilities for protected populations, community centers, health clinics, hospitals, and skill-building facilities for youth and the unemployed.

## OTHER CRITERIA

While “project type” links the project criteria to the CEDS’ Goals and Strategies, there are other important factors in ranking individual projects. These factors are represented in the criteria listed below:

- Investment Relationship
- Regional Participation
- Relationship
- Per Capita Income
- Unemployment Rate
- Relative Jurisdictional Stress
- Relationship to Private Investments
- Relationship to Previous Investments
- Readiness to Initiate Project
- Public Private Partnership
- Relationship to “Green”
- Relationship to Natural Resources

1. Investment Relationship: The project is a significant investment in relation to the economy of the Planning District.

### Points

- 4 A. Proposed investment directly supports high skill/high wage jobs.
- 3 B. Proposed investment results in an environment to support high skill/high wage jobs.
- 2 C. Proposed investment results in jobs having a regional average wage.
- 1 D. Proposed investment is to support high skill/high wage jobs.
- 0 E. Does not support job creation with above average wages.

2. Regional Significance: The significance of a project is in relation to the number of jurisdictions participating or impacted in reference to services and money invested.

### Points

- 5 A. Four or More Jurisdictions Participating or Impacted
- 3 B. Three Jurisdictions Participating or Impacted
- 2 C. Two Jurisdictions Participating or Impacted
- 1 D. One Jurisdiction Participating or Impacted

3. Proposed Investment is Proactive: The proposed investment looks beyond the immediate economic horizon and is aimed at strengthening the relationships among business clusters.

### Points

- 5 A. Project Relates Directly to Two or More existing or emerging Regional Economic Clusters
- 2 B. Project Relates Directly to One existing or emerging Regional Economic Cluster.
- 0 C. Project Does not Relate to a Regional Economic Cluster



4. Per Capita Income: Utilizing the latest available data, per capita income will be used in evaluating project significance. City-County/Town rank will be utilized, while in cases of multiple jurisdictions, the average rank will be determined.

Points

- 3 A. If less than or equal to 60% of State per capita income
- 2 B. If 61 - 74% of State per capita income
- 1 C. If 75 - 99% of State per capita income
- 0 D. If greater than or equal to the State per capita income

5. Unemployment Rate: Utilizing the latest annual average figures available, unemployment rates will be used in evaluating project significance. City-County/Town will be utilized, while in cases of multiple jurisdictions, the average rank will be determined.

Points

- 3 A. If 10% or more above State average (formerly 50%)
- 2 B. If 5 - 10% above State average (formerly 25-49%)
- 1 C. If 1 - 5% above State average (formerly 1-24%)
- 0 D. If equal to or below State average

6. Relative Jurisdictional Stress: A composite index prepared by the Commission on Local Government to compare the relative strengths of the jurisdictions in the State.

Points

- 2 A. High stress
- 1 B. Above average stress
- 0 C. Below average stress

7. Relationship to Private Investments: Capital investments from private sources relate to the significance of the project.

Points

- 5 A. Direct Private Capital Investment
- 3 B. Direct Relationship to Private Capital Investment
- 2 C. Indirect Relationship to Private Capital Investment
- 1 D. Minimal Indirect Relationship to Private Capital Investment

8. Relationship to Previous Investment

Points

- 2 A. New Service or Facility; Expansion of Service from an Existing Service
- 1 B. Replacement of Existing Service or Facility

9. Readiness to Initiate Project

Points

- 5 A. Jurisdictional Commitment and Final Plans and Specifications-Application Filed
- 4 B. Jurisdictional Commitment - Preliminary Plans and Specifications-Pre-application Filed
- 2 C. Jurisdictional Commitment, but no Plans and Specifications-Desired Project
- 1 D. No Jurisdictional Commitment, but Preliminary Plans and Specifications- Pre-application/Application
- 0 E. No Jurisdictional Commitment and no Plans and Specifications- No Pre-application/Application

10. Public Private Partnership

Points

- 3 A. Significant Public Private Partners
- 1 B. A Public Private Partner
- 0 C. No Public Private Partner

11. Relationship to “Green” Practices

Points

- 5 A. Project directly creates “green” jobs
- 4 B. Project implements “green practices” with certification
- 2 C. Project implements “green practices”
- 1 D. Project results in recycling or reuse
- 0 E. Little or no “green” commitment

12. Relationship to Natural Resources

Points

- 5 A. Project sets aside land for conservation
- 3 B. Project compliments natural assets
- 0 C. Project does not benefit natural resources
- 2 D. Project is a detriment to natural resources

In addition to the above criteria, all of the projects are reviewed for relationships to regional markets in order to maximize the return on taxpayer investment. Proposed projects are proactive trying to anticipate the economic changes in the region and continue to diversify the economy.

The environmental impact of each project will be evaluated on a project-by-project basis.

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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Planning Commission Members

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** X. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #1

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CIRP Review

March 20, 2013

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**PROJECT:** [13-09] – VADEQ Pollution Prevention

**SUBMITTED BY:** Department of Environmental Quality

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Environmental Quality is applying for Federal funding assistance.

**PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO:** Planning Commission members, not individual localities.

**STAFF COMMENT:** The staff has reviewed the appropriate plans (Land Use, Water Quality Management, Regional Solid Waste Management, Vision 2020, and the Economic Development plans) and finds that this project does not conflict with the plans or regional policies and goals.



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March 11, 2013

### MEMORANDUM:

TO: Planning District Commissions

FROM: Patty W. Walsh *Patty W Walsh*  
Grants Administrative Manager

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Review

Enclosed is a Department of Environmental Quality grant pre-application for Federal funding assistance being submitted to you for intergovernmental review pursuant to Executive Order 12372.

### [13-09] – VADEQ Pollution Prevention

The intergovernmental review process requires that comments on the above application be received by April 13, 2013. If comments are not received before then, we will assume that you have elected to waive comment. Additional information regarding the enclosed application may be provided upon request. If you require additional time to provide comments, please inform in writing prior to that date.

Thank you for your assistance. You may contact me at (804) 698-4173 or [patty.walsh@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:patty.walsh@deq.virginia.gov) with any questions.

**PRE-PROPOSAL FOR POLLUTION PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM**  
**PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

<b><u>FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM:</u></b>	Pollution Prevention Grants Program. Funds are awarded to states to support pollution prevention programs that address the reduction of pollutants across all environmental media: air, land, water. Awards are intended to build and support approaches to institutionalize multimedia pollution prevention as an environmental management conducting outreach, and collecting and analyzing data. CFDA: 66.708
<b><u>PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL:</u></b>	The proposed projects will expand and enhance outreach to participants of two of the DEQ's current pollution prevention programs, the Virginia Environmental Excellence Program and the Virginia Green tourism program, as well as document pollution prevention successes from a broad array of the agency's initiatives.
<b><u>FUNDING REQUEST:</u></b>	Federal funds requested total \$80,000 with a two-year period of October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2015. Federal funds require an equivalent state match of \$80,000, resulting in a total of project cost of \$160,000. Federal funds will support <u>0.32 FTEs each year</u> with a corresponding <u>0.32</u> state FTEs match.
<b><u>ANTICIPATED RESULTS:</u></b>	This proposal will provide funding for state pollution prevention initiatives through continued support Virginia's pollution prevention programs: Virginia Environmental Excellence Program, and the Virginia Green tourism program.
<b><u>PROJECT MANAGER:</u></b>	Sharon K. Baxter    Phone: 804 698-4344

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
AGENDA

April 25, 2013

6:00 p.m.—New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH
  - B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR MARCH
- III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
  - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
    - 1. EDA Planning Assistance FY14
  - B. Regular Project Review
    - None
  - C. Environmental Project Review
    - None
- IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
- V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT/CHAIR'S REPORT
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. None
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Regional Transit Coordinating Council Future Meeting Schedule (enclosed)
  - B. Review CEDS Project List (enclosed)
    - Presentation – Brad Mecham
- VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (enclosed)
- IX. REGIONAL FOCUS
  - A. Montgomery County, Blacksburg, Christiansburg Tourism Overview
    - Presentation – Lisa Bleakley, Executive Director, Montgomery County Regional Tourism Office
- X. PUBLIC ADDRESS

All meeting materials posted on PDC website [www.nrvpdc.org](http://www.nrvpdc.org)

**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Expenditures as of March 31, 2013**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>March Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
Salaries	806,948.00	554,453.50	66,465.51	620,919.01	186,028.99	76.95%
Fringe Benefits	308,452.00	191,044.90	19,790.98	210,835.88	97,616.12	68.35%
Travel	64,198.00	23,707.05	4,251.75	27,958.80	36,239.20	43.55%
Office Space	27,647.00	15,834.20	1,975.30	17,809.50	9,837.50	64.42%
Telephone/Communications	5,980.00	4,381.67	494.89	4,876.56	1,103.44	81.55%
Office Supplies	9,401.00	8,812.92	127.25	8,940.17	460.83	95.10%
Postage	750.00	204.77	2.70	207.47	542.53	27.66%
Printing	620.00	9.45	-	9.45	610.55	1.52%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	1,500.00	1,528.67	12.63	1,541.30	(41.30)	102.75%
Media Ad	1,625.00	-	266.27	266.27	1,358.73	16.39%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	985.92	123.24	1,109.16	390.84	73.94%
Vehicle Fuel	2,400.00	2,217.88	233.02	2,450.90	(50.90)	102.12%
Dues/Publications	7,745.00	1,515.00	(165.00)	1,350.00	6,395.00	17.43%
Training	1,375.00	-	99.00	99.00	1,276.00	7.20%
Insurance	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	0.00%
Meeting Expense	7,733.00	2,013.49	266.12	2,286.48	5,446.52	29.57%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equip)	5,000.00	1,523.97	-	1,523.97	3,476.03	30.48%
Contractual Services	1,125,893.00	383,949.95	265,558.27	649,508.22	476,384.78	57.69%
Audit Fee	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	100.00%
Miscellaneous	45,500.00	1,204.43	146.29	1,350.72	44,149.28	2.97%
M & G Costs	112,784.00	80,947.68	9,241.87	90,189.55	22,594.45	79.97%
Common Costs	111,829.00	70,481.70	9,434.48	79,916.18	31,912.82	71.46%
	<b>2,651,880.00</b>	<b>1,347,317.15</b>	<b>378,324.57</b>	<b>1,725,648.59</b>	<b>926,231.41</b>	<b>65.07%</b>

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** NRVPC Commissioners  
**From:** Elijah N. Sharp, Regional Planner II  
**Date:** April 18, 2013  
**Re:** New River Valley's Regional Transit Coordinating Council – Update & Extension Request

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On April 26, 2012, the New River Valley Planning District Commission passed a Resolution of Endorsement to create a Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC) for one year. The purpose of the RTCC is to meet quarterly in order to facilitate regional dialogue, coordinate planning efforts, and inform transit partners.

The RTCC is comprised of local governments, transit operators, transit managers, funding partners, and regional stakeholders. Since April 2012, the council met three times to discuss existing transit services, technology systems, marketing, communication, accomplishments and barriers, and potential partnerships. Two significant initiatives identified by the RTCC currently in development include:

1. Creating a common technology platform by utilizing ESRI's ArcGIS Online: Integrated information sharing resource for all four transit systems in the region – technology can be accessed by desktop or mobile device for transit users.
2. Branding intersecting routes (where more than one service provider intersects) as NRV Regional Connections: by integrating unique signage and improving aesthetics of overlapping bus stops.



The RTCC requests the Commission to extend its authorization to continue meeting for another two years.

Over the course of the next 2 years, the RTCC will continue to serve as a platform for regional dialog and sharing ideas that benefit transit operations in the region. If you would like to request additional information, the primary point of contact is Elijah Sharp. He can be reached by e-mail at [esharp@nrvpdc.org](mailto:esharp@nrvpdc.org) or by phone at (540) 639-9313, ext. 210.



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e-mail: [nrvpdc@nrvpdc.org](mailto:nrvpdc@nrvpdc.org)Visit: [www.nrvpdc.org](http://www.nrvpdc.org)**MEMORANDUM****To:** Planning District Commissioners**From:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director**Date:** April 19, 2013**Re:** 2014 Project List for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

As a part of this year's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) annual update, staff has updated the Goals and Objectives as well as the Project Ranking Criteria. Staff also reviewed and ranked the CEDS Project List. These ranked projects within the CEDS will be important when applying for project funding through the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The projects were identified by localities and the CEDS Committee. Each project is ranked based on the Project Evaluation Criteria as presented in the March 2013 meeting. Please review the attached document and prepare recommendations for additions, subtractions, or modifications.

The full CEDS Annual Update will be presented next month for Commission approval. Upon approval, the CEDS will be submitted to the Economic Development Administration in June. A consumer version of the CEDS will be created and presented in June.

**Key for Projects:**

<b>Locality</b>	= Funded and complete
<b>Locality</b>	= Funded and/or underway
<b>Locality</b>	= New project identified this year

Score	Area	Description	Fed. \$	State \$	Local \$	Total Funding	Const. Date	Responsible Agency
44	Giles County	<b>Giles Multi-tenant Business Facility (Giles Co)</b> facility located in the Wheatland Eco Park.				\$2,000,000	2014	Giles County IDA
43	NRV	<b>NRV Community Regional Broadband Network</b> Interconnect government facilities, schools, industrial parks and businesses so that residents may be able to have advanced telecommunication services.	\$9,200,000		\$2,000,000	\$11,200,000	2012	New River Valley Wireless Authority
42	Blacksburg	<b>Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, Phase II</b> of support infrastructure for Phase II of Virginia Tech's CRC.	\$1,980,000		\$1,980,000	\$3,960,000	2010-2012	Virginia Tech Foundation
42	NRV	<b>New River Valley Development Corporation Revolving Loan Fund</b> Fund to provide assistance for business and non-profit development.	\$25,000		\$25,000	\$50,000	2014	New River Valley Development Corporation
38	Giles County	<b>Hoges Chapel Water Tank Replacement Project</b> Replacement of 40 year old water tank and 23,000 feet of 10 inch water line		\$2,600,000		\$2,600,000	2014	Giles County
37	NRV	<b>Broadband Infrastructure</b> Deploy last mile fiber.				\$8,000,000	2013-2015	New River Wireless Authority
37	NRV	<b>Develop a Career Pathways Task Force</b> Investigate emerging sectors in the economy, develop multi-stage career development pathways with a range of entry/training and exit/career points to match those emerging employment sectors, and integrate the targeted career pathways approach within the public and post-secondary educational institutions.					2014	WIB, Education Providers
37	NRV	<b>Create a Consortium of School Districts, Community College, Economic Development and Local Business Representatives - Develop a Pilot Program Integrated Workforce Curriculum</b> To develop an integrated workforce curriculum spanning from kindergarten to post-graduate degrees focusing on current/future business and industry needs (including Career Pathways development).				\$250,000	2014	
35	NRV	<b>New River Valley Commerce Park-Water and Sewer Project</b> To provide water and sewer and support other economic development.	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000	\$6,000,000	2012	Virginia's First

34	NRV	<b>Regional Conference/Civic Center</b> Determine feasibility and appropriate site, engineering and architectural plans for regional conference center.	\$7,000,000		\$8,000,000	\$15,000,000	2015	Virginia's First and Partners
34	NRV	<b>Small Business Development (Green/Nano/Bio) Program</b> Develop educational program through the community college and university that support the development and/or recruitment of small businesses/industries in the green, nano and/or bio technology fields.	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$1,000,000	2014	Universities, NRCC, School Divisions
34	Pulaski County	<b>Preparation of New Graded Building Site at NRV Commerce Park</b> A site to accommodate a graded building pad of a building footprint of at least 50 acres.	\$990,000	\$885,000	\$125,000	\$2,000,000	2015	
33	Pulaski Town	<b>Brownfields Redevelopment</b> Redevelopment of existing industry and housing.	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$1,000,000	2014	Pulaski Town and EPA
33	Pulaski Town	<b>Town of Pulaski Business Park Expansion</b> The acquisition and site preparation of greenspace for industrial growth.	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	2015	EDA, Town of Pulaski
32	Floyd County	<b>Rocky Knob Interpretative Center Reg. Collaborative (Floyd Co)</b> A bi-county commission is working on the development of a major tourism destination along the Blue Ridge Parkway. A lodge and interpretive center are planned.	\$8,000,000		\$2,000,000	\$10,000,000	2015	Rocky Knob
32	NRV	<b>Network of Manufacturing Companies</b> Corporate roundtable headed by NRV Economic Development Alliance.	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,000,000	2014	NRVPDC
32	NRV	<b>Technology Magnet School: Workforce Development</b> Designed to develop a specialized workforce in the NRV by providing advanced technology education to secondary schools. Federal funds will be used to purchase training equipment and construction of a facility.	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$8,000,000	2015	New River Community College & School Div's
31	Christiansburg	<b>Phase II of the Route 114 widening project</b> Widening Route 114 from Walters Drive Area to the New River Valley Mall Area		\$23,690,000		\$23,690,000	2014	VDOT, Christiansburg
31	Floyd County	<b>Jacksonville Center E-Commerce Project (Floyd Co)</b> Establishment of an e-commerce catalog of crafts and products.				\$50,000	2014	Jacksonville Center, Inc.

31	Floyd County	<b>Floyd Revolving Loan Fund</b> Establish microlending fund for small businesses within Floyd County.	\$200,000			\$200,000	2013	Floyd IDA
31	Giles County	<b>Public Transportation</b> Connections to Blacksburg, Virginia Tech, and other major employment centers.	\$1,600,000		\$400,000	\$2,000,000	2013	Giles County
31	NRV	<b>Green Challenge Waste to Energy</b> Work with New River Resources Authority (NRRA) contractor to identify method of providing methane gas to commerce park.	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000 (private)	\$2,000,000	2014	VA's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority
31	NRV	<b>Intermodal Transportation Center</b> Further explore the possibility of developing an intermodal transportation site on under-utilized US Army property near Dublin, Virginia.	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	\$8,000,000	2014	VA's First/US Army
31	NRV	<b>Tap into Additional Networks and Professional Organizations</b> Research and encourage "continuing ed" requirements or periodic recertification so that the workforce can build their skill sets around emerging economic sectors.					2014	WIB, Local Businesses
31	NRV	<b>Creation of a Regional Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)</b> Raise awareness of New River Valley assets				\$20,000	2014	
31	NRV	<b>Regional Networking and Marketing of the Arts via Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)</b> Use DMO to create a network of artisans and venues to promote New River Valley assets.				\$10,000	2014	
30	NRV	<b>Implementing Project NEEMO</b> To further the commercialization of nanotech research and development focusing on smaller specialty materials companies.	\$7,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$21,000,000	2014	VA's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority-Participation Committee
30	Christiansburg	<b>Interchange ramp at Route 460 Bypass and N. Franklin Street</b> Connection of east bound 460 Bypass to west bound Business 460		\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	2014	VDOT, Christiansburg
30	Pulaski Town	<b>Dora Hwy Neighborhood Revitalization</b> This neighborhood project grant is under consideration by the Department of Housing and Community Development; Comprehensive community project-sewer, water, street, new housing infill.				\$3,000,000	2013	Town of Pulaski, DHCD, CHP
30	NRV	<b>Support Farms to School program throughout the region.</b> Create education opportunities for students and support a supply of fresh foods from local farmers.				\$20,000	2013-2014	

30	NRV	<b>NRV Airport Parallel Taxiway</b> To provide taxiway parallel to runway and offer an opportunity to provide air access to the Industrial Park (NRV Commerce Park).	\$5,880,000		\$120,000	\$6,000,000	2013	Airport Commission
30	NRV	<b>Support Tower Infrastructure for Wireless Internet Connectivity</b> Tower placement studies and streamlining of the zoning process					2013	
29	Floyd County	<b>Marketing Floyd County Regional Commerce Center</b> As a locality that already has advanced telecommunications infrastructure, access to higher education opportunities, available and affordable workforce, and available industrial space, Floyd County is seeking funding to create a model of promotion for Southwest Virginia.			\$50,000	\$50,000	2013	Floyd County
29	Floyd County	<b>Multi-Tenant Facility for Floyd County</b> To house growing businesses as well as meet space needs for governmental agencies and non-profits.	\$1,600,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$2,000,000	2013	Floyd County
29	Pulaski County	<b>County Administration Building Renovations</b> Energy efficiency improvements to the Pulaski County Administration Building (i.e. window replacement and insulation)			\$150,000	\$150,000	2011-2012	Pulaski County
29	Rich Creek	<b>Rich Creek Downtown Enhancement Project</b> Ensure the stability and success of downtown Rich Creek.		\$1,000,000	\$250,000	\$1,250,000	2014	Rich Creek Town
29	NRV	<b>Implement K-12 Curriculum on Organic Food Production</b>				\$50,000	2014	
29	NRV	<b>Promote Civil War Historical Sites</b> To promote civil war historical sites throughout the NRV.					2014	Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation
29	NRV	<b>New River Valley Park and Ride Lot Development</b> Development of new park and ride facilities.	\$750,000	\$750,000		\$1,500,000	2013	VDOT
29	NRV	<b>Route 114 Bridge</b> To replace the Route 114 bridge that has structural damage.		\$20,000,000		\$20,000,000	2013	VDOT
28	Floyd County	<b>Phase II Development of Floyd Regional Commerce Center</b> Grade lots 1 and 2.	\$1,000,000		\$500,000	\$1,500,000	2014	Floyd County, Economic Development Authority of Floyd County

28	Glen Lyn	<b>Glen Lyn Regional Wastewater Facility</b> To combine wastewater from Rich Creek and Glen Lyn into a single operation. The Towns will undertake the project.				\$3,000,000	2014	Glen Lyn
28	Montgomery County	<b>Development of Route 177 Corporate Park</b>	\$15,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$20,000,000	TBD	Montgomery County EDA
28	Pearisburg	<b>Whitt-Riverbend Park Trail</b> Construct 1.1 mile loop trail and rest room.		\$60,000	\$20,000	\$80,000	2013	Pearisburg Town
28	Pulaski Town	<b>Raymond F. Ratcliff Memorial Museum</b> Construction of transportation museum to house Brockmeyer train set and historic vehicles.				\$1,000,000	2013	Town of Pulaski, VDOT
28	NRV	<b>Youth Planning Council</b> Involve youth in discussing community development issues across the region.	\$10,000		\$10,000	\$20,000	2013	NRVPDC
28	NRV	<b>Promote Agricultural Tourism</b> Program to encourage farmers to evaluate agricultural tourism to enhance incomes.					2013	Virginia Tourism Corporation/Round the Mountain
28	NRV	<b>Connectivity of Trails, Regional Trail System</b> Interconnect various local, state and federal trails to create a continuous network in southwest Virginia.	\$400,000		\$400,000	\$800,000	2013	Trail Operators
28	NRV	<b>Increase Shell Building Inventory</b> Construct modern shell buildings to market to relocating or expanding businesses.					2014	
28	NRV	<b>Support Public Private Partnerships for Agriculture Infrastructure Needs</b>					2014	
28	Floyd County	<b>Phase II Floyd Innovation Center</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	2015	Economic Development Authority of Floyd County
27	Christiansburg	<b>Christiansburg Institute</b> Cultural Experience, Cultural Learning Curriculum, Oral History, and Site preservation.	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	2014	Christiansburg Institute

27	Blacksburg	<b>Huckleberry Trail Extension</b> Assist in the construction of the Huckleberry Trail extension from Prices Fork to Glade Road. Will connect the Hethwood Community to the Heritage Park and then link to the National Forest. Grading, site amenities, and surfacing are needed for this project.			\$100,000	\$100,000	2013	Town of Blacksburg
27	Christiansburg	<b>Upgrade of Waste Water Plant</b> Upgrade waste water plant to accommodate 8 million gallons per day	\$10,000,000			\$10,000,000	2013	Christiansburg
27	Floyd County	<b>Route 8 Improvements (South) (Floyd Co)</b> Road Improvements on Route 8 southbound from Floyd, South.		\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	2013	VDOT
27	Floyd County/Floyd Town	<b>Affordable Housing Implementation</b> Construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing within Floyd County and Town.	\$340,000			\$340,000	2012-2013	Floyd County, Floyd Town, and HOME
27	Radford	<b>Passenger Rail Station in Radford</b> To develop a passenger rail station in the City of Radford.				\$10,000,000	2020	Radford City, MPO, DRPT
27	NRV	<b>Develop a Slaughterhouse or Regional Meat Processing Plant for Meat Processing and Production</b> Develop facility to support local farmers					2013	Rural Development-Sustain Floyd Planning Grant
27	NRV	<b>Implement the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Program in Regional K 12 Schools</b> Energy education in our schools.				\$100,000	2013	
27	NRV	<b>Develop Region-Wide Bike Paths</b> Used as both a tourism asset and an alternative/green method of transportation.	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000	2014	NRVPDC, Localities
27	NRV	<b>Create Regional Revolving Loan Fund for Energy Audits and Retrofits</b> Fund for New River Valley businesses and residents.						
27	NRV	<b>Support Carpooling Efforts/Initiatives throughout the New River Valley</b> Support the expansion and marketing of Ride Solutions while exploring potential for carpooling app						
26	Christiansburg	<b>Phase II, Huckleberry Trail Extension</b> Extension of the existing Huckleberry Trail from the present terminus at the New River Valley Mall to the south side of Route 114, including pedestrian bridge.	\$657,844		\$164,461	\$822,305	2013	Montgomery County and Town of Christiansburg

26	Christiansburg	<b>Phase III, Huckleberry Trail Extension</b> Extension of Huckleberry Trail from the south side of Route 114 near the New River Valley Mall to the Christiansburg Recreation Center	\$228,000		\$912,000	\$1,140,000	2013	Montgomery County, Town of Christiansburg
26	Floyd County	<b>Regional Food Aggregating/Processing Center</b> Value-added processing center for local produce and potentially local milk. The facility would serve as aggregator for larger buyers, as well as provide co-packing facilities and a commercial kitchen leasable by local food businesses.	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	2014	Floyd County
26	Pulaski County	<b>Exit 101 Interchange Improvements and Connector Route 11</b> Provide interstate access to the proposed Veteran's Cemetery and Route 11 with an urban 3 lane typical on 4 lane right of way.	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000		\$16,500,000	2020	Virginia's First/Army
26	NRV	<b>NRV Commerce Park Electric Transmission Extension</b> – Extension of 138kVA electric transmission line approximately two miles from the current crossing of Lee Highway, Route 11, near Morgan's Cut in Pulaski County, west along Route 11 and north to the Commerce Park site, south of the New River Valley Airport.	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	\$2,500,000	2015	VA's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority
26	NRV	<b>Additional resources for power to the Commerce Park</b> Extend power to the NRV Commerce Park to attract businesses.					2015	
26	NRV	<b>Extension of Rail to Commerce Park</b> Rail siding extension from Norfolk Southern mainline about 3,500 feet to the Commerce Park boundary and 3,500 feet to a potential building site.	\$2,300,000	\$750,000	\$1,210,000	\$4,600,000	2014	Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority
26	NRV	<b>Create a Network of Growers and Producers in the Region</b> Link New River Valley farmers markets to increase profitability.						
25	Christiansburg	<b>Emergency Services Station</b> Station located on Quin W. Stuart Blvd	\$3,000,000			\$2-\$3,000,000	2014	Christiansburg
25	Christiansburg	<b>Railroad Street Water Extension</b> Installation of 400 LF of 6-inch water main				\$25,000	2013	Christiansburg
25	Narrows	<b>Replace Existing Water Lines and Collection System Piping and Upgrade Wastewater Plant</b> The Town went online with the Giles County Public Service Authority and in response to the increased cost of purchasing water from the GCPSA, the Town has invested millions in improvements to their system to bring water loss down. Existing collection system piping is leaking and/or broken				\$2,200,000	2013	Town of Narrows



25	Pulaski County	<b>Shell Building-Industrial Park</b> Construction of a shell building at the New River Valley Commerce Park	\$750,000	\$750,000		\$1,500,000	2013	Pulaski County
25	Pulaski County	<b>New River Trail Extension</b>				\$5,000,000		VDOT, Pulaski County
25	Pulaski Town	<b>Calfee Park Renovations (Pulaski Town)</b> Improvements to bring the facility up to baseball standards. Visitor dugouts, dressing rooms, and infrastructure improvements are needed.	\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000	2018	Pulaski Town
25	Radford	<b>High Meadows Development (Radford)</b> Improve the water system to include line work and a water tank.			\$806,000	\$806,000	2013	Radford
25	NRV	<b>Create Formal Regional Leadership Organization</b> Create formal leadership organization, hold community awareness workshop, and establish certified leadership development program.				\$20,000	2013	Leadership Organizations
25	NRV	<b>Centralize Marketing of Energy Efficiency Options</b> Create a "one stop shop" where people can evaluate typical "payback" on upgrades, find a qualified energy auditor/retrofitter, navigate various funding/financing options.						
25	NRV	<b>Study Data from Various Wind/Solar Demonstration Projects around the NRV</b> Evaluate effectiveness of wind and solar projects to inform potential future projects.						
24	Floyd Town	<b>Floyd Town Trails Program (final phase)</b> New and upgraded sidewalks within the town.	\$240,000		\$60,000	\$300,000	2013	Floyd Town
24	Giles County	<b>Eggleston Water Extension Phase 2 (Giles Co)</b> Extend water service to 160 residences.	\$1,400,000			\$1,400,000	2013	Giles County
24	Giles County	<b>Route 635 Water Extension (Giles Co)</b> Provide public water to approximately 150 residents in the Big Stony Community of Giles County.	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000		\$3,000,000	2013	Giles County
24	Montgomery County	<b>Rt. 114 Widening</b> From Christiansburg Town limits to Radford Army Ammunition Plant	\$50,400,000	\$12,600,000		\$63,000,000	2018	VDOT/Montgomery County

24	Montgomery County	<b>Falling Branch Corporate Park - Stormwater Pond</b> Stormwater pond for the Falling Branch Corporate Park in Montgomery County.	\$175,000		\$175,000	\$350,000	2013	Montgomery County
24	Montgomery County	<b>Expansion of Falling Branch Industrial Park</b> Water, sewer, roads, and grading improvements	\$19,500,000	\$5,200,000	\$1,300,000	\$26,000,000	2015	Montgomery County EDA
24	Pearisburg	<b>Pearisburg Fire Station</b> new fire station in Pearisburg. Construct				\$1,500,000	2012	Pearisburg Town
24	Pulaski County	<b>New Facility, Sheriff's Department</b> New Sheriff's Department facility for Pulaski County.				\$900,000	2013	Pulaski County - Sheriff
24	Radford	<b>Arnold and Pershing Sewer Line Replacement</b> 525 linear feet of 8" sanitary line would be replaced in an existing easement between Arnold Avenue and Pershing Avenue.				\$96,750	2014	City of Radford
24	Radford	<b>Radford Village Water Line Replacement</b> 3,225 linear feet of 6" main water line would be replaced with an 8" service throughout the Radford Village residential area improving service reliability and water flow to forty homes.				\$117,500	2013	City of Radford
24	NRV	<b>Incorporate "Green" Training into Secondary and Post-secondary Vocational Construction Programs</b> Change current curriculum in Construction Trades to include "retro fitting" remodeling for energy efficiency in homes.				\$500,000	2013	CTE Directors, Community College Workforce Departments
24	NRV	<b>Conduct Farming Visioning with Agriculture Stakeholders, Farm Bureau and Extension</b>						
23	Christiansburg	<b>Phase IB of the Downtown Enhancement Project</b> Main Street – new sidewalks, planting, paving. South side of East	\$1,191,718		\$297,929	\$1,489,647.36	2013	Town of Christiansburg, Gay and Neel, Inc.
23	Floyd County	<b>Trails for Floyd (pedestrian, biking, and hiking)</b> Extension of trail corridors from the town to the county as outlined in the comprehensive plan.	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000	2013	Floyd County
23	Narrows	<b>Town's Recreation Department (Old Narrows Gym Facility)</b> This site is used by the Town's recreation department and the athletics department at Narrows High School.				\$1,101,675	2013	Town of Narrows

23	Pulaski County	<b>Skyview Subdivision/Fairgrounds Area Sewer (Pulaski Co)</b> Provide sewer to NRV Fairgrounds & 148 residences.		\$500,000			\$500,000	2013	Pulaski County
23	Pulaski County	<b>New Facility or major renovations for Pulaski Library</b> To replace or update existing building.			\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,000,000	2012	Pulaski County
23	Pulaski County	<b>Newbern Area Enhancements</b> of Wilderness Road Exhibit and other area enhancements.	Creation		\$53,387	\$21,613	\$75,000	2013	Pulaski County
23	Pulaski County	<b>Pulaski County Dispatch/Communications</b> Pulaski County's dispatch/communications system.	To upgrade				\$1,600,000	2013	Pulaski County
23	NRV	<b>Support "Communities in Schools" Program</b> Connect community resources with schools to help students achieve success.							
23	NRV	<b>Develop and Implement a Program to Support Small Family Farms</b> Using "Cultivating Success" Farm Mentoring Project as a model. This will also include a revolving loan fund for farm start-ups and networking between local farmers and buyers.						2013	
23	NRV	<b>Creation of Utility Standards</b> Create utility standards for service providers to follow while coordinating digging between localities and service providers to install conduits or other potential uses							
22	Christiansburg	<b>Passenger Rail Station in Christiansburg</b> develop a passenger rail station in the Town of Christiansburg.	To				\$10,000,000	2020	Christiansburg Town
22	Floyd County	<b>Floyd County Health and Human Services Complex</b> One-stop-shop in Floyd that would enable citizens to access needed services					\$2,000,000	2015	Floyd County
22	Floyd County	<b>Geo-engineering Studies Groundwater Resources in Floyd County</b> To identify groundwater resources and calculate carrying capacity. Recharge areas and other important water resource areas would be mapped.		\$250,000			\$250,000	2013	Floyd County
22	Pulaski County	<b>Maple Shade Government Center</b> renovation.	Complete			\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	2013	Pulaski County

22	Radford	<b>Wildwood Park Entrance</b> the Park entrance with parking facilities, a kiosk, pergola, new gate, and interpretive exhibits.	Improve	\$100,000		\$50,000	\$150,000	2013	Radford
22	Radford	<b>Miscellaneous drainage project</b> construction of drainage improvements identified in 1993 Facility Plan in various locations throughout the city. The improvements would prevent runoff damage to public and private properties.	Design and				\$75,000	2010-2014	City of Radford
22	NRV	<b>Creation of a Fund to Remove Derelict Structures</b> Tax advantages to remove structures alongside an education program on "how to"							
22	Floyd County	<b>Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Program for 8th-12th graders</b>					\$300,000	2014	Floyd County Public Schools
22	Floyd County	<b>Floyd County Innovation Program</b> Business concept/plan competition.					\$50,000	2014	Economic Development Authority of Floyd County
21	Montgomery County	<b>Southgate Parkway</b> Construction of ramps on Route 460 at Southgate Parkway entrance to Virginia Tech.		\$124,000,000	\$31,000,000		\$155,000,000	TBD	VDOT
21	Pulaski County	<b>Snowville Fire Department</b> replacement	Fire Station	\$1,680,000		\$420,000	\$2,100,000	2013	Pulaski County
21	Pulaski Town	<b>Intensifying Blight Elimination Program</b> awarded an EPA Brownfields Grant application in 2010.	The Town was	\$200,000			\$200,000	2013	Town of Pulaski, EPA
21	Radford	<b>Smartway Service Extension to the City of Radford and Radford University</b> To connect Radford and Radford University to the existing network.							
21	NRV	<b>Access to Capital</b> Host workshops to educate businesses on capital access opportunities in the region, i.e. 460 Angels							
20	Dublin	<b>Dublin Fire Department Expansion</b> bays.	To add two	\$750,000			\$750,000	2013	Dublin Town/Pulaski County

20	Floyd County	<b>Trail Around Floyd Commerce Center</b> walking trail around the new Commerce Center in Floyd.	To develop a	\$200,000		\$200,000	\$400,000	2013	Floyd County
20	Giles County	<b>Clendennin Water Extension (Giles Co)</b> public water to approximately 50 residents in the Clendennin community of Giles County.	Provide	\$2,000,000			\$2,000,000	2013	Giles County
20	Glen Lyn	<b>Glen Lyn Park</b> bathhouse, wastewater hook ups, information center, and open-air theater. Water and sewer to each campsite at the park. Also a new location for a boat ramp and sidewalk connecting the Park to the Municipal Building.	Modern				\$800,000	2015	Glen Lyn
20	Pearisburg	<b>Water and Sewer Improvements</b> Tie into Riverbend water tank. Upgrade lines to Riverbend and Virginia Heights. Water and sewer replacement on Easton Road and various other water line improvements.							
20	Pulaski Town	<b>Dalton Building Reuse</b> Update Dalton Building into a hotel and restaurant							
20	NRV	<b>TransDominion Express - Capital Costs</b> A statewide project to provide passenger rail transportation from Bristol through the New River Valley, and on to Richmond and Washington, D.C.			\$9,300,000		\$9,300,000	2015	VA Department of Rail and Public Transportation
20	NRV	<b>Support Co-Working Spaces for Businesses</b> Utilization of underused facilities							
19	Christiansburg	<b>Public Works Complex</b> complex out of the floodplain	Moving current	\$10,000,000			\$10,000,000	2013	Christiansburg
19	Floyd County	<b>Engineering Studies on Extending Water and Sewer to areas of Floyd Co.</b> To study water and sewer extensions and to understand hydrogeologic systems resources. Include protecting critical recharge and well-head areas.		\$1,200,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$1,500,000	2013	Floyd County
19	Giles County	<b>Ingram Village Sewer (Giles Co)</b> sewer lines.	Put in	\$750,000		\$1,250,000	\$2,000,000	2015	Giles County
19	Montgomery County	<b>Route 8 Widening Project</b> from the Montgomery and Floyd County line to the Town of Christiansburg.	Widening Route 8	\$60,000,000	\$15,000,000		\$75,000,000	TBD	VDOT

19	Montgomery County	<b>Route 177 Water and Sewer Improvements</b>	\$4,800,000	\$1,200,000		\$6,000,000	2013	PSA
19	Pulaski Town	<b>Rt. 99 Water/Sewer Extension</b> Extend water and sewer lines to Exit 94, to encourage commercial development.	\$1,500,000			\$1,500,000	2013	Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County
19	Pulaski Town	<b>Public Safety Facility</b> A modern centralized facility located out of the flood plain and away from rail tracks.	\$5,000,000			\$5,000,000	2015	Town of Pulaski
18	Floyd Town	<b>Lineberry Memorial Park Development</b> Design and construction of stage for performances.	\$725,000		\$725,000	\$1,500,000	2013	Floyd Town
18	Pulaski Town	<b>Sewer Collection/Pump Station Improvements</b> Infrastructure improvements at Stations 4A and 4B		\$1,500,000	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	2013	Town of Pulaski, Peppers' Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority
18	Pulaski Town	<b>Water Filtration Plant Improvements</b> Modernization of the current water filtration plant.	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$1,000,000	2013	Town of Pulaski
18	Radford	<b>University Drive Bridge</b> Improvements and repairs needed to the 25 year old University Drive Bridge which includes deck repairs, waterproofing, painting, fencing, and sidewalk repairs and corrosion maintenance.				\$531,000	2013-14	Radford
18	Radford	<b>Street Rebuild - Park/Second Avenue</b> Park Road and Second Avenue would be rebuilt from Walker Street to Windstream Court. Improvements would include safety improvements, bike lanes, sidewalks, curb and gutter, turn-lanes, storm drainage, etc.	\$1,500,000			\$6,055,705	2013	Radford
18	Radford	<b>Soccerfield/Football field</b> To construct two playing fields adjacent to the Radford Riverfront.	\$200,000		\$200,000	\$400,000	2013	Radford
18	NRV	<b>Creation of an Interactive CEDS Map with Project Identification</b> GIS map to track progress of CEDS projects within the region.						
17	Narrows	<b>Renovation of 12,000 sq. ft. Furniture Store</b> Renovation of commercial space. Town hall administration and eight LMI residential second story units.	\$750,000		\$750,000	\$1,500,000	2013	Town of Narrows

17	Pulaski Town	<b>Enhance Bob White Boulevard and East Main Street Intersection</b>						
17	Radford	<b>Third Avenue Parking Lot</b> The public parking lot located adjacent to Grove Avenue and Third Avenue would be improved to include a stormwater system, paving, landscaping, traditional light poles and hanging baskets. This project is needed to improve the lot's aesthetic appeal.				\$250,000	2014	City of Radford
17	Radford	<b>Radford Ingles Overlook and Amphitheater</b> Amphitheater engineering and construction for outdoor events.						
16	Pulaski County	<b>Indoor Recreation - Wellness Center</b> Indoor Recreation-Wellness Center for the citizens of Pulaski County.			\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	2013	Pulaski County-Recreation
15	Pulaski Town	<b>Bicycle Lane and Trail Improvements</b> Improving bike accessibility for critical pathways throughout the Town.		\$750,000	\$250,000	\$1,000,000	2015	Town of Pulaski
14	Floyd County/Town	<b>Floyd Public Transit</b> Study viability of public transit in county/town		\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	2013	Floyd County/Town

**Counties**

Floyd • Giles • Montgomery • Pulaski

**City**

Radford

**Towns**

Blacksburg • Christiansburg • Floyd •

Narrows • Pearisburg • Pulaski • Rich Creek

**Universities**

Virginia Tech • Radford University

# New River Valley Planning District Commission



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**April 25, 2013**

## Executive Director's Report

### Transportation:

- The PDC hosted a VDOT training session for the Safe Routes to School Program on April 17. The event was well attended and offered important insight toward preparing successful grant applications.

### Economic Development:

- Mark your calendars for the Southwest Virginia Creative Economy Conference to be held September 19-20 in Abingdon. This will be a celebration of 10 years of economic growth in 19 counties attributed to the creative economy of the greater region. The event will be on the front-end of the annual Bristol Rhythm and Roots Festival.

### Regional:

- The PDC is continuing to work with four public utility providers and VDOT on a utility conduit in conjunction with the Rt. 114 bridge replacement project. The bridge replacement project is ahead of schedule and is slated to be finished in late 2013 or early 2014.
- The NRV Livability Initiative launched an interactive survey to obtain public feedback on project and strategies identified to date in the planning process. Over 2,000 people across the region provided input in the process which provided the content for the survey. The survey can be found at [www.nrvlivability.org](http://www.nrvlivability.org). The final report for the project is scheduled for December 2013.
- The NRV Stormwater Program Development project submitted extension requests on behalf of participating local governments prior to the 4/1 deadline. The state will consider the extension requests in early May. The PDC anticipates receiving notice of the extension in mid-May, providing an additional 12 months prior to program launch on July 1, 2014.
- The PDC provided a letter of support for the continued staffing of Port of Entry #1412.
- A new project called "Appalachian Spring" is taking shape. This is a 3-year rural jobs accelerator challenge grant funded by the ARC, EDA and Tobacco Commission in the 19 counties of southwest Virginia. The project focus is to connect communities and recreation assets in the southwest Virginia region by helping to develop assets that enhance visitor experiences. A video about the project can be found at [www.myswva.org](http://www.myswva.org) (click on the first scrolling slide).
- The New River Symposium will be held May 30-31 at Radford University and covers issues pertaining to the entire watershed from NC to WV. More information is at [www.ncnr.org/nrs](http://www.ncnr.org/nrs). The PDC will have multiple presentations during the symposium.

### PDC:

- The Commission Board of Directors welcomes a new appointee from Radford University, Mr. Joe Carpenter, VP of University Relations and Chief Communications Officer. Mr. Carpenter replaces Mr. Richard Alvarez on the Commission. Thank you to Mr. Alvarez for his service to the Commission over the past few years.
- The PDC will be hosting the annual local government Planning Commissioner Training session on May 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be an evening event at the NRV Business Center. A flier about the event was sent to all local governments in late March. Please mark your calendars.
- The Virginia Association of PDCs will host their summer conference July 25-27 at Wintergreen Resort. Please contact me regarding your availability to attend the conference.



**NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
AGENDA**

May 23, 2013

6:00 p.m.—New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL**
  - B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR APRIL**
- III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS**
  - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)**
    - 1. USDA Grant Application – New River Community Action
  - B. Regular Project Review**
    - None
  - C. Environmental Project Review**
    - 1. Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC. – Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Giles County Project.
- IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**
- V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT**
- VI. CHAIR'S REPORT**
- VII. OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. None**
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. CEDS 2014 Project Package and Report (enclosed)**
    - Presentation – Brad Mecham
    - Commission Action Needed
  - B. Resolution of Appreciation for Steve Sandy, Past Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee (enclosed)**
    - Commission Action Needed
  - C. Closed Session Under Virginia Code 2.2-3711:**
    - (A-1) Assignment, Appointment, Promotion, Performance, Demotion, Salaries, Disciplining or Resignation of Specific Public Officers, Appointees or Employees of any Public Body. Impact of FY14 Budget on Specific Employees of the Commission.
  - D. Proposed Budget for FY14 (enclosed)**
    - Commission Action Needed
- IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (enclosed)**
- X. PUBLIC ADDRESS**

All meeting materials posted on PDC website [www.nrvpdc.org](http://www.nrvpdc.org)

**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Expenditures as of April 30, 2013**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>April Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
Salaries	796,709.00	620,919.01	66,525.51	687,444.52	109,264.48	86.29%
Fringe Benefits	304,961.00	210,835.88	22,400.54	233,236.42	71,724.58	76.48%
Travel	69,057.00	27,958.80	3,332.09	31,284.02	37,772.98	45.30%
Office Space	27,647.00	17,809.50	1,975.30	19,784.80	7,862.20	71.56%
Telephone/Communications	5,980.00	4,876.56	512.91	5,389.47	590.53	90.12%
Office Supplies	9,401.00	8,940.17	206.62	9,146.79	254.21	97.30%
Postage	750.00	207.47	12.42	219.89	530.11	29.32%
Printing	620.00	9.45	-	9.45	610.55	1.52%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	1,500.00	1,541.30	449.66	1,990.96	(490.96)	132.73%
Media Ad	1,625.00	266.27	-	266.27	1,358.73	16.39%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	1,109.16	123.24	1,232.40	267.60	82.16%
Vehicle Fuel	2,400.00	2,450.90	178.78	2,629.68	(229.68)	109.57%
Dues/Publications	5,745.00	1,350.00	-	1,350.00	4,395.00	23.50%
Training	1,375.00	99.00	315.90	414.90	960.10	30.17%
Insurance	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	0.00%
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Audit Fee	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	100.00%
Miscellaneous	45,500.00	1,350.72	618.96	1,969.68	43,530.32	4.33%
M & G Costs	112,784.00	90,189.55	10,821.08	101,010.63	11,773.37	89.56%
Common Costs	111,829.00	79,916.18	5,876.14	85,792.32	26,036.68	76.72%
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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Planning Commission Members

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** X. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #1

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CIRP Review

May 14, 2013

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**PROJECT:** **Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Giles County Project.**  
**VA130514-02600400071**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as required for federal actions. The Federal Energy Commission is requesting comments on environmental issues.

**PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO:** Chris McKlarney, Giles County.

**STAFF COMMENT:** The staff has reviewed the request and forwarded to Giles County for comment.



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May 7, 2013

Ms. Kimberly D. Bose  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 1<sup>st</sup> Street, N.E.  
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Washington, D.C. 20426

RE: Federal Register, May 6, 2013, Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Giles County Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Environmental Site Review (pages 26350-26352)

Dear Ms. Bose:

This letter responds to the above-referenced Federal Register notice (hereinafter "Notice").

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is responsible for coordinating Virginia's review of federal environmental documents submitted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and responding to appropriate federal officials on behalf of the Commonwealth.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As described in the above-referenced Notice, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC ("applicant") intends to construct and operate 12.6 miles of 8-inch diameter pipeline loop (defined as a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity) in Giles County, Virginia and Summers and Monroe Counties, West Virginia. The project would also include the installation of a pig launcher, a pig receiver and a mainline valve. (The Notice defines a "pig" as a tool used by the pipeline company to insert in and push through pipeline in order to clean the pipeline, inspect it internally, or for other purposes.) According to the applicant, the project is needed to provide natural

gas to a manufacturing plant in Virginia that is being converted from coal to natural gas (the Celanese plant). (Notice, pages 26350, right column to 26351, left column).

The Notice also indicates that Columbia Gas of Virginia (CGV) plans to construct about 4 miles of pipeline between the Celanese plant and the terminus of the applicant's pipeline loop in Giles County. This project would be regulated by the State Corporation Commission in Virginia, and not by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Depending on the route chosen by CGV, this pipeline might cross the Jefferson National Forest and portions of the Appalachian Trail. (Notice, page 26351, left column.).

Construction of these facilities would disturb approximately 133 acres of land for the above-ground facilities and the pipeline. After construction, the applicant would maintain about 69 acres for permanent operation; the rest would be restored and revert to former uses. Of the 69 acres, 33 acres would be a new permanent easement, while the other 36 acres would be part of the existing pipeline right-of-way. (Notice, page 26531, left column.)

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT**

DEQ's Office of Environmental Impact Review (OEIR) will coordinate Virginia's review of the NEPA document and comment to FERC on behalf of the Commonwealth.

As you know, the National Environmental Policy Act (PL 91-190, 1969) (NEPA) and its implementing regulations (Title 40, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Parts 1500-1508) require draft and final Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) for federal or federally-licensed or -funded undertakings which will or may give rise to significant impacts upon the human environment. EISs carry more stringent public participation requirements than EAs and provide more time and detail for comments and public decision-making. The possibility that an EIS may be required for the operations and facilities contemplated in the proposed action should not be overlooked in your planning for it. Accordingly, we refer to "NEPA document" in the rest of this letter.

## **PROJECT SCOPING AND AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

While this Office does not participate in scoping efforts beyond the advice given herein, other agencies are free to provide scoping comments concerning the preparation of the NEPA document. Accordingly, we are sharing our response to the letter with selected state and local Virginia agencies which have responsibilities bearing on the proposed action. These are likely to include the following:

### **Department of Environmental Quality:**

- Office of Environmental Impact Review
- Blue Ridge Regional Office
- Air Division
- Division of Land Protection and Revitalization (formerly Waste Division)

### **Department of Conservation and Recreation:**

- o Division of Stormwater Management
- o Division of Natural Heritage Resources
- o Division of Planning and Recreation Resources

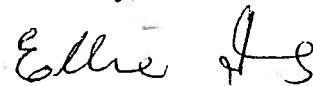
Department of Health (Division of Water Programs)  
Department of Game and Inland Fisheries  
Marine Resources Commission  
Department of Historic Resources  
Department of Forestry  
Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy  
Department of Transportation  
New River Valley Planning District Commission  
Giles County.

In order to ensure an effective coordinated review of the environmental document, we will need 19 copies of it when it is published. This submission may include 4 printed copies and 15 CDs, or 4 printed copies and an electronic copy available for download at a web site or file transfer protocol (ftp) site. The document should include one or more U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps as part of its information. We recommend, as well, that project details unfamiliar to people outside FERC and the applicant be adequately described.

If you have questions about the environmental review process, please feel free to call me at (804) 698-4325 or John Fisher at (804) 698-4339.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Sincerely,



Ellie L. Irons, Program Manager  
Environmental Impact Review

#### Attachments

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Chris McKlarney, Giles

a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

Hydro Friends' proposed Lock and Dam No. 13 Hydroelectric Project (L+D No. 13 Project or project) No. 13424-002 would consist of: (1) A concrete pad built just upstream of the submersible dike and supporting a frame module containing the turbines; (2) a 200-foot-long, 30-foot-deep frame module fitted with a trash rack and containing 15 hydropower turbines each having a capacity of 720 kilowatts (kW) for a total installed capacity of 10,800 kW operating at a net head of nine feet; (3) a 250-foot-long, 200-foot-wide tailrace; (4) a yet undetermined number of draft tubes that would be incorporated into the dyke; (5) a 69 kilovolt transmission line conveying the generated power to the existing power grid at an existing substation on the Illinois side of the river; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the L+D No. 13 Project would be 66,225 megawatt hours. The project would operate run-of-river and utilize the water pool behind the Corps' dam.

**Applicant Contact:** Mark R. Stover, Vice President of Corporate Affairs, Hydro Green Energy, LLC, 900 Oakmont Lane, Suite 301, Westmont, IL 60559; phone: (877) 556-6566, ext. 711.

FFP Iowa 2's Mississippi Lock and Dam 13 Water Power Project (Mississippi L+D 13 Project or project) No. 14516-000 would consist of: (1) A powerhouse located at the west end of the movable section of the dam and containing three horizontal bulb turbines with a total nameplate capacity of 21.93 megawatts; (2) a 69-kilovolt, 1.25-miles-long either overhead or submarine transmission line connecting the project generation with Alliant Energy transmission facilities; and (3) appurtenant facilities. The majority of the project would be located on lands owned by the United States government and operated by the Corps. The estimated annual generation of the Mississippi L+D 13 Project would be 126.7 gigawatt-hours. The project would operate run-of-river and utilize the water pool behind the Corps' dam.

**Applicant Contact:** Daniel Lissner, Free Flow Power Corporation, 239 Causeway Street, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114; phone: (978) 252-7111.

**FERC Contact:** Sergiu Serban; phone: (202) 502-6211.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of

intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and five copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13424-002, or P-14516-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: April 29, 2013.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13-125-000]

#### **Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Giles County Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Environmental Site Review**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Giles County Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) in Giles County, Virginia, and Summers and Monroe Counties,

West Virginia. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on May 30, 2013. Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this notice.

On May 16, 2013, the Commission staff will conduct an onsite environmental review of the Giles County Project. The purpose of this site review is to examine the proposed location for Columbia's project. The site review will be accessible by vehicle and on foot. All interested parties planning to attend must provide their own transportation. Those attending should meet at the following time and location: 8:00 a.m. Thursday, May 16, 2013, Holiday Inn Express, 805 Oakvale Rd., Princeton, West Virginia, 24740.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

Columbia provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?". This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)).

#### **Summary of the Proposed Project**

Columbia proposes to construct and operate 12.6 miles of 8-inch-diameter



pipeline loop<sup>1</sup> in Giles County, Virginia, and Summers and Monroe Counties, West Virginia. The project would also include the installation of a pig launcher<sup>2</sup>, a pig receiver, and a mainline valve. According to Columbia, its project is needed to provide about 46,000 dekatherms of natural gas per day to a manufacturing plant in Virginia undergoing a coal to natural gas conversion (the Celanese plant).

In association with the proposed project, Columbia Gas of Virginia (CGV) plans to construct about 4 miles of pipeline between the Celanese plant and the terminus of Columbia's pipeline loop in Giles County, Virginia. CGV's pipeline would not be under the jurisdiction of the FERC, but would be regulated by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. Depending on the route of CGV's pipeline, it could cross the Jefferson National Forest and portions of the Appalachian Trail.

The general location of the FERC regulated project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>3</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the proposed facilities would disturb about 133 acres of land for the aboveground facilities and the pipeline. Following construction, Columbia would maintain about 69 acres for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses. About 97 percent of the proposed pipeline loop parallels Columbia's existing pipeline right-of-way; 33 acres of new permanent easement would be required for operation of the pipeline loop and the remaining 36 acres would be a part of Columbia's existing pipeline right-of-way.

#### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and

Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>4</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. We will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- geology and soils;
- land use;
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
- Cultural resources;
- Vegetation and wildlife;
- Air quality and noise;
- Endangered and threatened species; and
- Public safety.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, we may also publish and distribute the EA to the public for an allotted comment period. We will consider all comments on the EA before making our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure we have the opportunity to consider and address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section below.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA.<sup>5</sup> Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

<sup>4</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

<sup>5</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1501.6.

#### Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with applicable State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.<sup>6</sup> We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPOs as the project develops. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

#### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before May 30, 2013.

For your convenience, there are three methods which you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances please reference the project docket number (CP13-125-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature

<sup>6</sup> The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

<sup>1</sup> A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

<sup>2</sup> A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

<sup>3</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the Federal Register. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

#### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

#### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an "intervenor" which is an official party to the Commission's proceeding. Intervenor play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site.

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP13-125). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission now offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm](http://www.ferc.gov/esubscribenow.htm).

Finally, public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at [www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx) along with other related information.

Dated: April 30, 2013.

Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP13-96-000]

#### Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Supplemental Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Southeast Market Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

As previously noticed on November 19, 2012, and supplemented herein, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impact of the Southeast Market Expansion Project (SEME Project or Project) involving the construction and operation of facilities by Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South) in Jasper, Forrest, Perry, Greene, George,

and Jackson Counties, Mississippi and Mobile County, Alabama. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the Project is in the public convenience and necessity. The Commission staff began its review of the Project on September 17, 2012, during the pre-filing process under Docket No. PF12-21-000. The initial scoping period closed on December 19, 2012.

This notice announces the opening of a supplemental scoping period that the Commission will use to gather input from the public and newly affected landowners due to Gulf South's proposed pipeline right-of-way route modifications and change in location of the Moss Point Compressor Station made after the initial scoping period. This notice is being sent as a supplement to the *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Southeast Market Expansion Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings* (original NOI) issued November 19, 2012 to ensure that all stakeholders on the Commission's current environmental mailing list have been notified and provide the opportunity for newly affected landowners to comment on the Project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Please note that this supplemental scoping period will close on May 28, 2013. Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this notice.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the Project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Planning District Commissioners

**From:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**Date:** May 16, 2013

**Re:** Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Update

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As a part of this year's CEDS annual update, staff updated and condensed the Goals and Objectives and added a section on the economic cluster analysis performed by the Southern Rural Development Center (SRDC) at Mississippi State University. Staff also reviewed and ranked the CEDS Project List. These ranked projects within the CEDS demonstrate regional priorities and will be important when applying for project funding through the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Attached is a draft of the final CEDS for your review. The projects currently being identified by governments and the CEDS Committee are ranked based on the Project Evaluation Criteria. Please review the document, particularly the new Goals and Objectives and the section on cluster analysis. Staff will be available at the Commission meeting to receive any comments.

Upon Commission approval, the CEDS will be submitted to the Economic Development Administration. A consumer version of the CEDS will be presented to the Commission in June.

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## Virginia's New River Valley: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2013 Annual Report and 2014 Project Package



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## INTRODUCTION

The New River Valley Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) documents the region's economic development program to help continue federal and local partnerships address the economic development of the region. The CEDS process includes analysis, vision, action plan, and evaluation. This process provides a program that helps create jobs, foster a more stable and diversified economy, and improve living conditions in the region.

This annual report summarizes the changing conditions in the region during fiscal year 2012. As a regional development strategy, Virginia's New River Valley Strategic Plan (Vision 2020: *Community First, prepared in 2003*) addresses the planning needs of the CEDS for the Economic Development Administration and the Area-wide Action Plan for the Appalachian Regional Commission. Figure 1 attempts a graphic depiction of the myriad of community and organization involvement necessary for the development of the regional strategic plan. Though no organization has this planning process as their central activity – strategic planning is a collaborative effort with all of these organizations and groups represented and actively engaged.

CEDS emerges from a continuous planning process. This Annual Report of the New River Valley CEDS seeks to document and evaluate the process, effectively updating the CEDS, while responding to the reporting requirements, review, and critique of the previous CEDS for the Economic Development Administration. Rather than a single stand-alone section, evaluation is integrated as a continuous feedback loop in each part of the process and report.

The CEDS Committee includes the Principles of the Investment Policy Guidelines in its project evaluation process. The Guidelines continue to be utilized in the development of CEDS projects.

Included in the FY09 work program was the preparation of the FY 09 major update of Vision 2020. The "new" CEDS, *Community First...Regional Partners in a Global Marketplace*, was led by the Commission and a Vision 2020 Steering Committee made up of 18 community and civic leaders. This year's (FY14) update was developed based on the goals, objectives, strategies, and projects related to seven priority areas of: 1) Coordinated Business Assistance and Entrepreneurial Support; 2) Preparation and Continued Support of Qualified Workforce; 3) Available Land, Quality Infrastructure, and Affordable Housing; 4) Attracting New Business to the Region; 5) Regional Marketing/Awareness to Promote the New River Valley; 6) Preserve Natural and Historic Areas; and, 7) Business Friendly Governance and Representation.



## ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The New River Valley Planning District Commission (PDC) was created in September 1969 by the City of Radford, the Counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, and Pulaski, and the Towns of Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Pulaski. As key players in the regional economy, Virginia Tech and Radford University joined the Commission in July 2000 along with the Towns of Floyd, Narrows, Pearisburg, and Rich Creek. Twenty-four representatives of these entities make up the Board of Commissioners.

A CEDS Committee was formed with the approval of the PDC in FY 11. 15 public and private representatives from the New River Valley were identified and invited to participate on the CEDS Committee originally. Five new members were added to the CEDS Committee in FY 2012, and five more in 2013. The CEDS Committee was charged with the task of identifying projects, reviewing goals and objectives, and reviewing the projects and ranking criteria for those projects. Upon completing those tasks, the CEDS Committee made recommendations to the PDC for final approval of the CEDS. The PDC works closely with several other regional groups that take leading roles in pursuing economic development projects and funding to advance the quality of life in the New River Valley (see Figure 1, page 6). These include the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance, the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board, the Partners for Self Sufficiency (an organization formed by the local departments of social services in the region), Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority, the New River Valley Land Trust, and the Community Foundation of the New River Valley.

This spring, memoranda were sent to all the localities that participate in the New River Valley Planning District (PDC), and to collaborative partners. Each was asked to submit a list of projects that they were working on or considering. Then each group reviewed the status of current projects, and planning for the future. Staff at the PDC compiled the information for this report. The minutes of the CEDS Committee and PDC meetings are attached in Appendix I. All of the Economic Development District's Board minutes are available on the web at [www.nrvpdc.org](http://www.nrvpdc.org).

New projects and programs emerged and were refined this year. These are included in this document. In addition to projects, the Goals and Objectives for the Vision 2020 process were updated. The updated Goals and Objectives are on the following pages, and the revised evaluation criteria are included in the Annual Project Package Report Section.

The staff for the CEDS Committee includes Kevin Byrd, Executive Director of the Planning District Commission; Bradley Mecham, Regional Planner; Kim Thurlow, Project Coordinator; and Carol Davis, Community Outreach Facilitator.

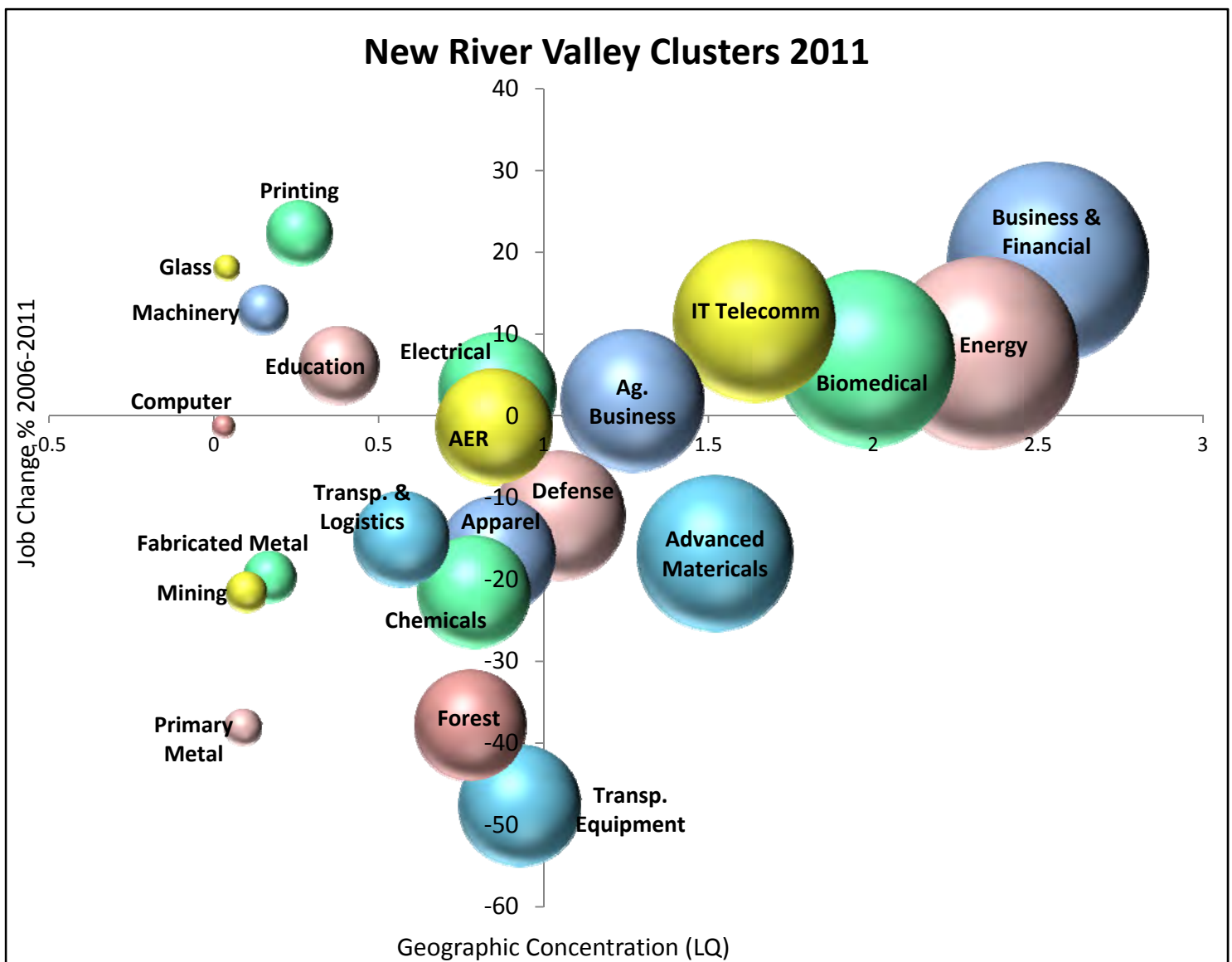
A list and description of the current CEDS Committee and PDC membership and current letters/resolutions from each of the localities that have participated in and supported the planning process are also attached in Appendices II and III, respectively.

**Figure 1**  
**CEDS Strategy Participants 2013**



## CLUSTER ANALYSIS

The New River Valley Planning District Commission worked with the Southern Rural Development Center (SRDC) at Mississippi State University to complete a cluster analysis of the New River Valley. According to the Economic Development Administration, economic clusters are geographic concentrations of interconnected industries and supportive organizations that make regions uniquely competitive for jobs and private investment. To perform the analysis, the SRDC researched employment concentrations within economic sectors throughout the region while measuring the job growth or loss within the specified cluster. As part of this analysis, pre- and post-recession time periods were evaluated to demonstrate the strengths and weaknesses of clusters within the NRV. Following is a chart that shows NRV economic sectors divided into quadrants. Those in the top right quadrant are considered to be the strongest in the region with strong job growth and a geographic concentration in that sector.



\*AER – Arts, Entertainment and Recreation

The cluster chart shows five economic sectors that are growing in specialization and employment. These clusters are: 1) Business and Financial Services; 2) Energy; 3) Biomedical; 4) Information Technology and Telecommunications; and 5) Agribusiness. In cluster theory, the top right quadrant, or 'stars', highlights the standout industries that define the region's economy that also have potential to keep growing in specialization and bring additional employment. The top left quadrant shows 'emerging' clusters that lack geographic concentration, but can grow into the 'star' category due to high job growth. These 'emerging' clusters need strategies focused on developing the workforce and entrepreneurial assistance. The bottom right quadrant shows sectors that still have geographic concentration but are losing that concentration due to job losses. These sectors need special attention if there is to be potential for long-term success in that sector. Finally, the lower left quadrant shows economic sectors that do not have geographic concentration and have lost jobs. Generally speaking, these sectors lack competitiveness unless new industries can be attracted to the region and bolster that sector.

This analysis will serve as a guide for future strategy development with regards to workforce training, entrepreneurial development and resource allocation. This provides a base for discussion and development of future strategies.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **Virginia's New River Valley**

#### **VISION 2020**

#### **“Community First...Regional Partners in a Global Marketplace”**

**Updated April 2013**

The New River Valley Planning District Commission (Economic Development District) leads the continuous planning process for economic development in Virginia’s New River Valley region.

A major update to Vision 2020 was completed in 2003. The process started with a Celebration of the accomplishments in the Region since the 1995 version of the regional strategic planning document was prepared, and “Community First” emerged as a theme. During 2009 the Commission undertook the second major update of Vision 2020. There was considerable concern about the global economy, the decline in manufacturing, and the focus of education. “Community First” continued to be relevant, however it was broadened into a regional context recognizing the need to be both a supplier as well as a consumer in the global marketplace. Vision 2020 has since taken on the title “Community First...Regional Partners in a Global Marketplace”.

The Economic Development District works closely with localities and several regional groups that take key roles in pursuing economic development projects and funding to advance the quality of life in the New River Valley. The Goals and Objectives from the 2009 Vision 2020 update were revised in March 2013 and are presented here in the seven priority areas:

1) Coordinated Business Assistance and Entrepreneurial Support; 2) Preparation and Continued Support of Qualified Workforce; 3) Available Land, Quality Infrastructure, and Affordable Housing; 4) Attracting New Business to the Region; 5) Regional Marketing/Awareness to Promote the New River Valley; 6) Preserve Natural and Historic Areas; and, 7) Business Friendly Governance and Representation.

## **Priority 1: Coordinated Business Assistance and Entrepreneurial Support.**

**Goal:** Establish an environment that fosters the growth of existing businesses and supports entrepreneurs from startup stage through maturation.

**Objective 1:** Optimize existing resources for entrepreneurs and small businesses and promote collaboration between these resources.

**Objective 2:** Increase the number of jobs created through entrepreneurial start-ups and expansions in the New River Valley.

### **Business Assistance and Entrepreneurial Support Key Strategies**

- 1) Promote cooperation between the Radford Small Business Development Center, VT KnowledgeWorks, New River Community College, etc.
- 2) Create new and support existing financing opportunities for business/industry expansion, including venture capital.
- 3) Encourage the use of locally developed technology and intellectual property in manufacturing and other industries.
- 4) Organize creative financing programs and improve entrepreneurs' access to capital.
- 5) Increase small business support services through provision of community e-commerce space as well as trainings (social media, computer, etc.).
- 6) Link local industries with technology and research capabilities of Virginia Tech, Radford University, and New River Community College.

## **Priority 2: Preparation and Continued Support of Qualified Workforce**

**Goal:** Prepare the New River Valley workforce for present and future employment in growing employment sectors.

**Objective 1:** Train and re-train workers for higher skills and productivity in the modern economy.

**Objective 2:** Improve the industry/education interface at all levels.

### **Preparation and Continuation of Qualified Workforce Key Strategies**

- 1) Utilize the Community College or the One-stop Centers to assist businesses seeking trained employees or training of employees requiring enhanced skills.

- 2) To establish partnerships between industry/business and all levels of education by implementing an integrated workforce curriculum that provides students with more "real world" learning opportunities
- 3) Expand existing and explore new opportunities for business training and professional development programs.
- 4) Create a Youth Entrepreneurial Center for business and civic development and practice.

### **Priority 3: Available Land, Quality Infrastructure, and Affordable Housing**

**Goal: Maintain existing and deploy additional infrastructure to meet the needs of businesses and residents.**

**Objective 1: Create an affordable, accessible and interlinked public transportation system for all citizens.**

**Objective 2: Strengthen the economic position of downtown commercial districts.**

**Objective 3: Improve the region's telecommunication network to attract new firms, assist existing firms, and educate citizens.**

#### **Quality Infrastructure Key Strategies**

- 1) Coordinate and maximize the use of existing public and private transportation resources focused on employment mobility.
- 2) Seek diversification and mixed use redevelopment of downtown commercial districts.
- 3) Deploy a diverse network of fiber optics throughout the region to serve businesses and residents.
- 4) Create utility standards for service providers to follow and coordinate public digging to minimize costs and disturbances.
- 5) Seek creative and cooperative regional financing strategies for major infrastructure needs.
- 6) Ensure adequate public utilities are in place for businesses and residents.
- 7) Coordinate and adopt creative approaches to encourage the creation of affordable housing for all age groups.

## **Priority 4: Attracting New Business to the Region**

**Goal:** Attract new industries that will complement the region's economy, strengthen inter-industry linkages, and utilize the region's labor force.

**Objective 1:** Develop and strengthen the role of international trade and commerce in the economy of the New River Valley.

**Objective 2:** Increase the region's supply of ready and available industrial and other economic development properties.

### **Attracting New Business Key Strategies**

- 1) Seek firms with an international focus to utilize the strategic assets of the New River Valley International Airport, Foreign Trade Zone and Commerce Park.
- 2) Recruit outside firms seeking a trained and skilled labor force, low utility costs, high quality industrial space, and convenient highway access.
- 3) Recruit outside firms that currently have significant supplier relationships with New River Valley companies.
- 4) Develop regional properties tailored to the needs of targeted industry sectors.

## **Priority 5: Regional Marketing/Awareness to Promote the New River Valley**

**Goal:** Expand the regional identity and brand to increase the marketability of the region for businesses and tourists.

**Objective 1:** Improve the region's ability to market itself and respond to the needs of new industrial, research, and technological prospects.

**Objective 2:** Realize the region's tourism development potential and ability to market itself as a culturally and naturally unique tourism destination.

### **Regional Marketing/Awareness Key Strategies**

- 1) Expand multi-regional marketing campaigns involving the New River Valley Economic Development Alliance, and similar organizations throughout Western Virginia.
- 2) Study the feasibility of a Destination Marketing Organization or Convention and Visitors Bureau and develop implementation strategies based on findings.
- 3) Participate in, support, and encourage southwestern Virginia initiatives such as 'Round the Mountain, Crooked Road, and Heartwood Center.



- 4) Identify, develop, and package the region's inventory of historical assets and arts and cultural activities, natural features, and events to support external marketing.

## **Priority 6: Preserve Natural and Historic Areas**

**Goal: Preserve the natural and historic assets within the region to protect the character and quality of the regional environment.**

**Objective 1: Manage the impacts of existing and future land uses in order to preserve the character and quality of the regional environment.**

**Objective 2: Increase the development and support of local family farms.**

### **Preserve Natural and Historic Areas Key Strategies**

- 1) Develop educational, networking and mentoring programs to support and encourage the continuation of family farms; including farmers markets and regional aggregation facilities.
- 2) Implement "Farms to School" programs, which would widen the market for locally grown produce and products.
- 3) Utilize tourism assets as a way to preserve open spaces, historic sites and key natural attractions.
- 4) Improve land use planning and practices to preserve the region's rural character and ensure that critical or high risk areas are protected from inappropriate development.

## **Priority 7: Business Friendly Governance and Representation**

**Goal: Promote a business friendly environment through governments cooperating with businesses at the local level and advocating for them at the state and federal levels.**

**Objective 1: Bring a voice to the policy table on behalf of the region.**

**Objective 2: Ensure the safety of the region's citizens.**

### **Governance Key Strategies**

- 1) Seek representation on State Commissions and Committees.
- 2) Provide input to State from regional economic development organizations and planning districts.
- 3) Support police, fire, and medical operations throughout the region.
- 4) Provide youth programs and support.

## EVALUATION OF PREVIOUS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

The 2013 Project Package represented the priorities of the region as of May 2012. It is, therefore, imperative to look again critically at that list. First, it is ascertained whether or not the project is still desired by the named agency. If not, it will be dropped from the new list. If the project is still desired (indicated by an "X" in the table), it is evaluated in terms of status (see **New River Valley 2013 Annual Project Package Evaluation, page 31**). The status categories of "planning, funding, and completed" are explained below. If a project has been completed or is fully funded, it will not be included in the 2014 Project Package.

### Planning

Planning, in this instance, is a general term used to indicate ongoing development of a project. This may include any of the following activities:

- ☐ holding project meetings
- ☐ studies including feasibility studies, engineering or architectural reports
- ☐ completion of required forms, permits, processes
- ☐ or any other activity indicating active pursuit of the project.

### Funding

Funding is the critical yet often elusive component for bringing a project to fruition. The formal request for funding from Federal agencies is often a two-step process which begins with a pre-application. If the project is viewed favorably, the sponsoring agency is invited to submit an application. A project is considered "Funded" following award notification when grant agreements are completed.

### Completed

A construction project is considered "completed" when the construction is entirely finished. A program (non-construction) is considered "completed" when it is implemented.

# New River Valley 2013 Project Package Evaluation

## Project Status

Area	Description	Total Funding	Desired	Planning	Pre-Appl.	Application	Funded	Completed	Notes
Blacksburg	<b>Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center, Phase II</b> Construction of support infrastructure for Phase II of Virginia Tech's CRC.	\$3,960,000	X	X		X	X	X	Complete 2012
Blacksburg	<b>Huckleberry Trail Extension</b> Assist in the construction of the Huckleberry Trail extension from Prices Fork to Glade Road. Will connect the Hethwood Community to the Heritage Park and then link to the National Forest. Grading, site amenities, and surfacing are needed for this project.	\$100,000	X						
Christiansburg	<b>Phase II of the Route 114 widening project</b> Widening Route 114 from Walters Drive Area to the New River Valley Mall Area	\$23,690,000	X	X	X	X	X		Project underway
Christiansburg	<b>Interchange ramp at Route 460 Bypass and N. Franklin Street</b> Connection of east bound 460 Bypass to west bound Business 460	\$1,000,000	X						
Christiansburg	<b>Christiansburg Institute</b> Cultural Experience, Cultural Learning Curriculum, Oral History, and Site preservation.	\$3,000,000	X	X					
Christiansburg	<b>Upgrade of Waste Water Plant</b> Upgrade waste water plant to accommodate 8 million gallons per day	\$10,000,000	X	X					
Christiansburg	<b>Phase II, Huckleberry Trail Extension</b> Extension of the existing Huckleberry Trail from the present terminus at the New River Valley Mall to the south side of Route 114, including pedestrian bridge.	\$822,305	X						
Christiansburg	<b>Phase III, Huckleberry Trail Extension</b> Extension of Huckleberry Trail from the south side of Route 114 near the New River Valley Mall to the Christiansburg Recreation Center	\$1,140,000	X						
Christiansburg	<b>Emergency Services Station</b> Emergency Services Station located on Quin W. Stuart Blvd	\$2-\$3,000,000	X						
Christiansburg	<b>Railroad Street Water Extension</b> Installation of 400 LF of 6-inch water main	\$25,000	X						
Christiansburg	<b>Phase IB of the Downtown Enhancement Project</b> South side of East Main Street – new sidewalks, planting, paving.	\$1,489,647.36	X	X	X	X			
Christiansburg	<b>Passenger Rail Station in Christiansburg</b> To develop a passenger rail station in the Town of Christiansburg.	\$10,000,000	X						
Christiansburg	<b>Public Works Complex</b> Moving current complex out of the floodplain	\$10,000,000	X						
Dublin	<b>Dublin Fire Department Expansion</b> To add two bays.	\$750,000	X						

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Area	Description	Total Funding	Desired	Planning	Pre-Appl.	Application	Funded	Completed	Notes
Floyd County	<b>Rocky Knob Interpretative Center Reg. Collaborative (Floyd Co)</b> A bi-county commission is working on the development of a major tourism destination along the Blue Ridge Parkway. A lodge and interpretive center are planned.	\$10,000,000	X	X	X	X	X		VDOT administered
Floyd County	<b>Jacksonville Center E-Commerce Project (Floyd Co)</b> Establishment of an e-commerce catalog of crafts and products.	\$50,000	X	X	X	X	X		
Floyd County	<b>Floyd Revolving Loan Fund</b> Establish microlending fund for small businesses within Floyd County.	\$200,000	X						Received Rural Development funding
Floyd County	<b>Marketing Floyd County Regional Commerce Center</b> As a locality that already has advanced telecommunications infrastructure, access to higher education opportunities, available and affordable workforce, and available industrial space, Floyd County is seeking funding to create a model of promotion for Southwest Virginia.	\$50,000	X						
Floyd County	<b>Multi-Tenant Facility for Floyd County</b> To house growing businesses as well as meet space needs for governmental agencies and non-profits.	\$2,000,000	X	X	X	X	X		Funded by Tobacco Commission, ARC and EDA
Floyd County	<b>Phase II Development of Floyd Regional Commerce Center</b> Grade lots 1 and 2.	\$1,500,000	X	X			X		
Floyd County	<b>Phase II Floyd Innovation Center</b>	\$3,000,000	X						
Floyd County	<b>Route 8 Improvements (South) (Floyd Co)</b> Road Improvements on Route 8 southbound from Floyd, South.	\$1,500,000	X	X	X	X	X		
Floyd County	<b>Regional Food Aggregating/Processing Center</b> Value-added processing center for local produce and potentially local milk. The facility would serve as aggregator for larger buyers, as well as provide co-packing facilities and a commercial kitchen leasable by local food businesses.	\$2,000,000	X						
Floyd County	<b>Trails for Floyd (pedestrian, biking, and hiking)</b> Extension of trail corridors from the town to the county as outlined in the comprehensive plan.	\$5,000,000	X	X			X		
Floyd County	<b>Floyd County Health and Human Services Complex</b> One-stop-shop in Floyd that would enable citizens to access needed services	\$2,000,000	X						
Floyd County	<b>Geo-engineering Studies Groundwater Resources in Floyd County</b> To identify groundwater resources and calculate carrying capacity. Recharge areas and other important water resource areas would be mapped.	\$250,000	X	X			X		
Floyd County	<b>Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Program for 8th-12th graders</b>	\$300,000	X	X	X	X	X		

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## Project Status

Area	Description	Total Funding	Desired	Planning	Pre-App.	Application	Funded	Completed	Notes
Floyd County	<b>Floyd County Innovation Program</b> Business concept/plan competition.	\$50,000	X						
Floyd County	<b>Trail Around Floyd Commerce Center</b> To develop a walking trail around the new Commerce Center in Floyd.	\$400,000	X						
Floyd County	<b>Engineering Studies on Extending Water and Sewer to areas of Floyd Co.</b> To study water and sewer extensions and to understand hydrogeologic systems resources. Include protecting critical recharge and well-head areas.	\$250,000	X						
Floyd County/Floyd Town	<b>Affordable Housing Implementation</b> Construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing within Floyd County and Town.	\$340,000	X	X					
Floyd County/Town	<b>Floyd Public Transit</b> Study viability of public transit in county/town	\$25,000	X						
Floyd Town	<b>Floyd Town Trails Program (final phase)</b> New and upgraded sidewalks within the town.	\$300,000	X						
Floyd Town	<b>Lineberry Memorial Park Development</b> Design and construction of stage for performances.	\$1,500,000	X						
Giles County	<b>Giles Multi-tenant Business Facility (Giles Co)</b> A facility located in the Wheatland Eco Park.	\$2,000,000	X	X	X	X	X		
Giles County	<b>Eggleston Water Extension Phase 2 (Giles Co)</b> Extend water service to 160 residences.	\$1,400,000	X						
Giles County	<b>Route 635 Water Extension (Giles Co)</b> Provide public water to approximately 150 residents in the Big Stoney Community of Giles County.	\$3,000,000	X						
Giles County	<b>Clendennin Water Extension (Giles Co)</b> Provide public water to approximately 50 residents in the Clendennin community of Giles County.	\$2,000,000	X						
Giles County	<b>Ingram Village Sewer (Giles Co)</b> Put in sewer lines.	\$2,000,000	X	X	X	X	X		
Giles County	<b>Hoges Chapel Water Tank Replacement Project</b> Replacement of 40 year old water tank and 23,000 feet of 10 inch water line	\$2,600,000	X	X		X	X		
Giles County	<b>Public Transportation</b> Connections to Blacksburg, Virginia Tech, and other major employment centers.	\$2,000,000	X	X					
Glen Lyn	<b>Glen Lyn Park</b> Modern bathhouse, wastewater hook ups, information center, and open-air theater. Water and sewer to each campsite at the park. Also a new location for a boat ramp and sidewalk connecting the Park to the Municipal Building.	\$800,000	X	X		X			

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Area	Description	Total Funding	Desired	Planning	Pre-App.	Application	Funded	Completed	Notes
Glen Lyn	<b>Glen Lyn Regional Wastewater Facility</b> To combine wastewater from Rich Creek and Glen Lyn into a single operation. The Towns will undertake the project.	\$3,000,000	X				X		
Montgomery County	<b>Development of Route 177 Corporate Park</b>	\$20,000,000	X	X					
Montgomery County	<b>Rt. 114 Widening</b> From Christiansburg Town limits to Radford Army Ammunition Plant	\$63,000,000	X						
Montgomery County	<b>Falling Branch Corporate Park - Stormwater Pond</b> Stormwater pond for the Falling Branch Corporate Park in Montgomery County.	\$350,000	X	X		X	X	X	Complete 2012
Montgomery County	<b>Expansion of Falling Branch Industrial Park</b> Water, sewer, roads, and grading improvements	\$26,000,000	X	X	X	X	X		
Montgomery County	<b>Southgate Parkway</b> Construction of ramps on Route 460 at Southgate Parkway entrance to Virginia Tech.	\$155,000,000	X						
Montgomery County	<b>Route 8 Widening Project</b> Widening Route 8 from the Montgomery and Floyd County line to the Town of Christiansburg.	\$75,000,000	X						
Montgomery County	<b>Route 177 Water and Sewer Improvements</b>	\$6,000,000	X						
Narrows	<b>Renovation of 12,000 sq. ft. Furniture Store</b> Renovation of commercial space. Town hall administration and eight LMI residential second story units.	\$1,500,000	X	X		X	X	X	Complete 2012
Narrows	<b>Replace Existing Water Lines and Collection System Piping and Upgrade Wastewater Plant</b> The Town went online with the Giles County Public Service Authority and in response to the increased cost of purchasing water from the GCPSA, the Town has invested millions in improvements to their system to bring water loss down. Existing collection system piping is leaking and/or broken.	\$2,200,000	X						
Narrows	<b>Town's Recreation Department (Old Narrows Gym Facility)</b> This site is used by the Town's recreation department and the athletics department at Narrows High School.	\$1,101,675	X	X		X	X	X	Complete 2012
NRV	<b>NRV Community Regional Broadband Network</b> Interconnect government facilities, schools, industrial parks and businesses so that residents may be able to have advanced telecommunication services.	\$11,200,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	Complete 2012-2013
NRV	<b>New River Valley Development Corporation Revolving Loan Fund</b> Fund to provide assistance for business and non-profit development.	\$50,000	X	X	X	X	X		RBEG funding

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## Project Status

Area	Description	Total Funding	Desired	Planning	Pre-App.	Application	Funded	Completed	Notes
NRV	<b>Broadband Infrastructure</b> Deploy last mile fiber.	\$8,000,000	X	X		X			NRVNW exploring options
NRV	<b>Develop a Career Pathways Task Force</b> Investigate emerging sectors in the economy, develop multi-stage career development pathways with a range of entry/training and exit/career points to match those emerging employment sectors, and integrate the targeted career pathways approach within the public and post-secondary educational institutions.		X						
NRV	<b>Create a Consortium of School Districts, Community College, Economic Development and Local Business Representatives - Develop a Pilot Program Integrated Workforce Curriculum</b> To develop an integrated workforce curriculum spanning from kindergarten to post-graduate degrees focusing on current/future business and industry needs (including Career Pathways development).	\$250,000	X						
NRV	<b>New River Valley Commerce Park-Water and Sewer Project</b> To provide water and sewer and support other economic development.	\$6,000,000	X	X		X	X	X	Complete 2012
NRV	<b>Regional Conference/Civic Center</b> Determine feasibility and appropriate site, engineering and architectural plans for regional conference center.	\$15,000,000	X	X		X	X		
NRV	<b>Small Business Development (Green/Nano/Bio) Program</b> Develop educational program through the community college and university that support the development and/or recruitment of small businesses/industries in the green, nano and/or bio technology fields.	\$1,000,000	X						
NRV	<b>Network of Manufacturing Companies</b> Corporate roundtable headed by NRV Economic Development Alliance.	\$1,000,000	X	X		X	X	X	Complete 2012
NRV	<b>Technology Magnet School: Workforce Development</b> Designed to develop a specialized workforce in the NRV by providing advanced technology education to secondary schools. Federal funds will be used to purchase training equipment and construction of a facility.	\$8,000,000	X	X	X	X			
NRV	<b>Green Challenge Waste to Energy</b> Work with New River Resources Authority (NRRA) contractor to identify method of providing methane gas to commerce park.	\$2,000,000	X						
NRV	<b>Intermodal Transportation Center</b> Further explore the possibility of developing an intermodal transportation site on under-utilized US Army property near Dublin, Virginia.	\$8,000,000	X						
NRV	<b>Tap into Additional Networks and Professional Organizations</b> Research and encourage "continuing ed" requirements or periodic recertification so that the workforce can build their skill sets around emerging economic sectors.		X						

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Area	Description	Total Funding	Desired	Planning	Pre-App.	Application	Funded	Completed	Notes
NRV	<b>Creation of a Regional Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)</b> Raise awareness of New River Valley assets	\$20,000	X	X		X	X		Study performed in 2000s
NRV	<b>Regional Networking and Marketing of the Arts via Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)</b> Use DMO to create a network of artisans and venues to promote New River Valley assets.	\$10,000	X						
NRV	<b>Implementing Project NEEMO</b> To further the commercialization of nanotech research and development focusing on smaller specialty materials companies.	\$21,000,000	X						
NRV	<b>Support Farms to School program throughout the region.</b> Create education opportunities for students and support a supply of fresh foods from local farmers.	\$20,000	X	X		X	X		
NRV	<b>NRV Airport Parallel Taxiway</b> To provide taxiway parallel to runway and offer an opportunity to provide air access to the Industrial Park (NRV Commerce Park).	\$6,000,000	X	X			X		
NRV	<b>Support Tower Infrastructure for Wireless Internet Connectivity</b> Tower placement studies and streamlining of the zoning process		X						Virginia Tech study completed, NRVNWA exploring options
NRV	<b>Implement K-12 Curriculum on Organic Food Production</b>	\$50,000	X						
NRV	<b>Promote Civil War Historical Sites</b> To promote civil war historical sites throughout the NRV.		X						
NRV	<b>New River Valley Park and Ride Lot Development</b> Development of new park and ride facilities.	\$1,500,000	X						
NRV	<b>Route 114 Bridge</b> To replace the Route 114 bridge that has structural damage.	\$20,000,000	X	X		X	X		Completion expected Fall 2013
NRV	<b>Youth Planning Council</b> Involve youth in discussing community development issues across the region.	\$20,000	X						
NRV	<b>Promote Agricultural Tourism</b> Program to encourage farmers to evaluate agricultural tourism to enhance incomes.		X						Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski Counties exploring grants
NRV	<b>Connectivity of Trails, Regional Trail System</b> Interconnect various local, state and federal trails to create a continuous network in southwest Virginia.	\$800,000	X						
NRV	<b>Increase Shell Building Inventory</b> Construct modern shell buildings to market to relocating or expanding businesses.		X						



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NRV	<b>Support Public Private Partnerships for Agriculture Infrastructure Needs</b>		X						
NRV	<b>Develop a Slaughterhouse or Regional Meat Processing Plant for Meat Processing and Production</b> Develop facility to support local farmers		X	X	X	X	X		
NRV	<b>Implement the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Program in Regional K-12 Schools</b> Energy education in our schools.	\$100,000	X						
NRV	<b>Develop Region-Wide Bike Paths</b> Used as both a tourism asset and an alternative/green method of transportation.	\$10,000,000	X						
NRV	<b>Create Regional Revolving Loan Fund for Energy Audits and Retrofits</b> Fund for New River Valley businesses and residents.		X						
NRV	<b>Support Carpooling Efforts/Initiatives throughout the New River Valley</b> Support the expansion and marketing of Ride Solutions while exploring potential for carpooling app		X						
NRV	<b>NRV Commerce Park Electric Transmission Extension</b> Extension of 138kVA electric transmission line approximately two miles from the current crossing of Lee Highway, Route 11, near Morgan's Cut in Pulaski County, west along Route 11 and north to the Commerce Park site, south of the New River Valley Airport.	\$2,500,000	X						
NRV	<b>Additional resources for power to the Commerce Park</b> Extend power to the NRV Commerce Park to attract businesses.		X						
NRV	<b>Extension of Rail to Commerce Park</b> Rail siding extension from Norfolk Southern mainline about 3,500 feet to the Commerce Park boundary and 3,500 feet to a potential building site.	\$4,600,000	X						
NRV	<b>Create a Network of Growers and Producers in the Region</b> Link New River Valley farmers markets to increase profitability.		X						
NRV	<b>Create Formal Regional Leadership Organization</b> Create formal leadership organization, hold community awareness workshop, and establish certified leadership development program.	\$20,000	X						
NRV	<b>Centralize Marketing of Energy Efficiency Options</b> Create a "one stop shop" where people can evaluate typical "payback" on upgrades, find a qualified energy auditor/retrofitter, navigate various funding/financing options.		X						

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NRV	<b>Study Data from Various Wind/Solar Demonstration Projects around the NRV</b> Evaluate effectiveness of wind and solar projects to inform potential future projects.		X						
NRV	<b>Incorporate "Green" Training into Secondary and Post-secondary Vocational Construction Programs</b> Change current curriculum in Construction Trades to include "retro fitting" remodeling for energy efficiency in homes.	\$500,000	X						
NRV	<b>Conduct Farming Visioning with Agriculture Stakeholders, Farm Bureau and Extension</b>		X						
NRV	<b>Support "Communities in Schools" Program</b> Connect community resources with schools to help students achieve success.		X						
NRV	<b>Develop and Implement a Program to Support Small Family Farms</b> Using "Cultivating Success" Farm Mentoring Project as a model. This will also include a revolving loan fund for farm start-ups and networking between local farmers and buyers.		X						
NRV	<b>Creation of Utility Standards</b> Create utility standards for service providers to follow while coordinating digging between localities and service providers to install conduits or other potential uses		X						
NRV	<b>Creation of a Fund to Remove Derelict Structures</b> Tax advantages to remove structures alongside an education program on "how to"		X						
NRV	<b>Access to Capital</b> Host workshops to educate businesses on capital access opportunities in the region, i.e. 460 Angels		X						
NRV	<b>TransDominion Express - Capital Costs</b> A statewide project to provide passenger rail transportation from Bristol through the New River Valley, and on to Richmond and Washington, D.C.	\$9,300,000	X	X	X	X	X		
NRV	<b>Support Co-Working Spaces for Businesses</b> Utilization of underused facilities		X	X	X	X	X		
NRV	<b>Creation of an Interactive CEDS Map with Project Identification</b> GIS map to track progress of CEDS projects within the region.		X						
Pearisburg	<b>Whitt-Riverbend Park Trail</b> Construct 1.1 mile loop trail and rest room.	\$80,000	X	X	X	X	X		
Pearisburg	<b>Pearisburg Fire Station</b> Construct new fire station in Pearisburg.	\$1,500,000	X	X		X	X	X	Complete 2012

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Area	Description	Total Funding	Desired	Planning	Pre-App.	Application	Funded	Completed	Notes
Pearisburg	<b>Water and Sewer Improvements</b> Tie into Riverbend water tank. Upgrade lines to Riverbend and Virginia Heights. Water and sewer replacement on Easton Road and various other water line improvements.		X	X	X	X	X		
Pulaski County	<b>Preparation of New Graded Building Site at NRV Commerce Park</b> A site to accommodate a graded building pad of a building footprint of at least 50 acres.	\$2,000,000	X	X		X	X		
Pulaski County	<b>County Administration Building Renovations</b> Energy efficiency improvements to the Pulaski County Administration Building (i.e. window replacement and insulation)	\$150,000	X	X		X	X	X	Complete 2012, Virginia DMME funding
Pulaski County	<b>Exit 101 Interchange Improvements and Connector Route 11</b> Provide interstate access to the proposed Veteran's Cemetery and Route 11 with an urban 3 lane typical on 4 lane right of way.	\$16,500,000	X	X			X		
Pulaski County	<b>Shell Building-Industrial Park</b> Construction of a shell building at the New River Valley Commerce Park	\$1,500,000	X	X					
Pulaski County	<b>New River Trail Extension</b>	\$5,000,000	X						
Pulaski County	<b>New Facility, Sheriff's Department</b> New Sheriff's Department facility for Pulaski County.	\$900,000	X						
Pulaski County	<b>Skyview Subdivision Sewer (Pulaski Co)</b> Provide sewer to 148 residences.	\$500,000	X						
Pulaski County	<b>New Facility or major renovations for Pulaski Library</b> To replace or update existing building.	\$3,000,000	X	X		X	X	X	Library renovation complete in 2012, Virginia DMME funds
Pulaski County	<b>Newbern Area Enhancements</b> Creation of Wilderness Road Exhibit and other area enhancements.	\$75,000	X						
Pulaski County	<b>Pulaski County Dispatch/Communications</b> To upgrade Pulaski County's dispatch/communications system.	\$1,600,000	X						
Pulaski County	<b>Maple Shade Government Center</b> Complete renovation.	\$2,000,000	X	X		X	X	X	Complete 2012
Pulaski County	<b>Snowville Fire Department</b> Fire Station replacement	\$2,100,000	X						
Pulaski County	<b>Indoor Recreation - Wellness Center</b> Indoor Recreation-Wellness Center for the citizens of Pulaski County.	\$7,000,000	X						
Pulaski Town	<b>Brownfields Redevelopment</b> Redevelopment of existing industry and housing.	\$1,000,000	X						

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Pulaski Town	<b>Town of Pulaski Business Park Expansion</b> The acquisition and site preparation of greenspace for industrial growth.	\$2,000,000	X						
Pulaski Town	<b>Dora Hwy Neighborhood Revitalization</b> This neighborhood project grant is under consideration by the Department of Housing and Community Development; Comprehensive community project-sewer, water, street, new housing infill.	\$3,000,000	X	X		X	X		Nearing completion
Pulaski Town	<b>Raymond F. Ratcliff Memorial Museum</b> Construction of transportation museum to house Brockmeyer train set and historic vehicles.	\$1,000,000	X	X		X	X	X	Complete 2013
Pulaski Town	<b>Calfee Park Renovations (Pulaski Town)</b> Improvements to bring the facility up to baseball standards. Visitor dugouts, dressing rooms, and infrastructure improvements are needed.	\$1,000,000	X						
Pulaski Town	<b>Intensifying Blight Elimination Program</b> The Town was awarded an EPA Brownfields Grant application in 2010.	\$200,000	X	X	X	X	X		
Pulaski Town	<b>Dalton Building Reuse</b> Update Dalton Building into a hotel and restaurant		X						
Pulaski Town	<b>Rt. 99 Water/Sewer Extension</b> Extend water and sewer lines to Exit 94, to encourage commercial development.	\$1,500,000	X						Retail feasibility study completed
Pulaski Town	<b>Public Safety Facility</b> A modern centralized facility located out of the flood plain and away from rail tracks.	\$5,000,000	X						
Pulaski Town	<b>Sewer Collection/Pump Station Improvements</b> Infrastructure improvements at Stations 4A and 4B	\$2,000,000	X						
Pulaski Town	<b>Water Filtration Plant Improvements</b> Modernization of the current water filtration plant.	\$1,000,000	X						
Pulaski Town	<b>Enhance Bob White Boulevard and East Main Street Intersection</b>		X						
Pulaski Town	<b>Bicycle Lane and Trail Improvements</b> Improving bike accessibility for critical pathways throughout the Town.	\$1,000,000	X	X					
Radford	<b>Passenger Rail Station in Radford</b> To develop a passenger rail station in the City of Radford.	\$10,000,000	X						
Radford	<b>High Meadows Development (Radford)</b> Improve the water system to include line work and a water tank.	\$806,000	X						
Radford	<b>Arnold and Pershing Sewer Line Replacement</b> 525 linear feet of 8" sanitary line would be replaced in an existing easement between Arnold Avenue and Pershing Avenue.	\$96,750	X				X		

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Area	Description	Total Funding	Desired	Planning	Pre-App.	Application	Funded	Completed	Notes
Radford	<b>Radford Village Water Line Replacement</b> 3,225 linear feet of 6" main water line would be replaced with an 8" service throughout the Radford Village residential area improving service reliability and water flow to forty homes.	\$117,500	X	X	X	X	X		
Radford	<b>Wildwood Park Entrance</b> Improve the Park entrance with parking facilities, a kiosk, pergola, new gate, and interpretive exhibits.	\$150,000	X						
Radford	<b>Miscellaneous drainage project</b> Design and construction of drainage improvements identified in 1993 Facility Plan in various locations throughout the city. The improvements would prevent runoff damage to public and private properties.	\$75,000	X						
Radford	<b>Smartway Service Extension to the City of Radford and Radford University</b> To connect Radford and Radford University to the existing network.		X	X					
Radford	<b>University Drive Bridge</b> Improvements and repairs needed to the 25 year old University Drive Bridge which includes deck repairs, waterproofing, painting, fencing, and sidewalk repairs and corrosion maintenance.	\$531,000	X						
Radford	<b>Street Rebuild - Park/Second Avenue</b> Park Road and Second Avenue would be rebuilt from Walker Street to Windstream Court. Improvements would include safety improvements, bike lanes, sidewalks, curb and gutter, turn-lanes, storm drainage, etc.	\$6,055,705	X						City of Radford funds
Radford	<b>Soccerfield/Football field</b> To construct two playing fields adjacent to the Radford Riverfront.	\$400,000	X	X					
Radford	<b>Third Avenue Parking Lot</b> The public parking lot located adjacent to Grove Avenue and Third Avenue would be improved to include a stormwater system, paving, landscaping, traditional light poles and hanging baskets. This project is needed to improve the lot's aesthetic appeal.	\$250,000	X						
Radford	<b>Radford Ingles Overlook and Amphitheater</b> Amphitheater engineering and construction for outdoor events.		X						
Rich Creek	<b>Rich Creek Downtown Enhancement Project</b> Ensure the stability and success of downtown Rich Creek.	\$1,250,000	X	X		X	X		VDOT Transportation Enhancement

## NEW ANNUAL PROJECT PACKAGE REPORT

### Project Evaluation Criteria - Revised March 2012

As stated in the Organization and Management section of this report, the PDC Board members reviewed and updated the project evaluation criteria.

#### PROJECT TYPE (Points)

##### Priority Level 1 (8)

- Water, sewer and communication utilities
- Employment Creation/Retention
  - Technology and Industrial
- Entrepreneurial/Small Business Assistance
- Regional/Local School & Educational Facilities & Programs
- Transportation Planning
- Housing Production
- Technology Career Facilities
- Clean Energy Projects
- Tourism
- Community Facilities<sup>1</sup>
- Marketing/Promotion of Assets
- Senior Care Facilities

##### Priority Level 2 (6)

- Primary/Arterial Roads & Transportation Maintenance
- Passenger Rail and Airport Service
- Facilities for Protected Populations
- Comprehensive Community Development<sup>2</sup>
- Employment Creation/ Retention- Commercial
- Mixed Use Development
- Central Business District Revitalization
- Green Building Projects and Natural/Cultural Resources Protection
- Public Transportation Connections

##### Priority Level 3 (4)

- Secondary Roads
- Community Centers/Recreation
- Other Economic Development
- Homeownership Program
- Drainage/Flood Control

##### Priority Level 4 (2)

- Other Housing
- Other Community Facilities
- Other Community Services Facilities<sup>3</sup>
- Community Development Programs
- Drought Management

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<sup>1</sup> Water services, wastewater services, drainage improvements, and street improvements.

<sup>2</sup> Targets neighborhood improvements including; housing, water, sewer, streets, drainage, sidewalks, solid waste/garbage, debris removal, street lighting, recreation, police/fire protection, and other neighborhood specific items.

<sup>3</sup> Targets LMI persons needs for day care facilities, facilities for protected populations, community centers, health clinics, hospitals, and skill-building facilities for youth and the unemployed.

## OTHER CRITERIA

While “project type” links the project criteria to the CEDS’ Goals and Strategies, there are other important factors in ranking individual projects. These factors are represented in the criteria listed below:

- Investment Relationship
- Regional Participation
- Relationship
- Per Capita Income
- Unemployment Rate
- Relative Jurisdictional Stress
- Relationship to Private Investments
- Relationship to Previous Investments
- Readiness to Initiate Project
- Public Private Partnership
- Relationship to “Green”
- Relationship to Natural Resources

1. Investment Relationship: The project is a significant investment in relation to the economy of the Planning District.

### Points

- 4 A. Proposed investment directly supports high skill/high wage jobs.
- 3 B. Proposed investment results in an environment to support high skill/high wage jobs.
- 2 C. Proposed investment results in jobs having a regional average wage.
- 1 D. Proposed investment is to support high skill/high wage jobs.
- 0 E. Does not support job creation with above average wages.

2. Regional Significance: The significance of a project is in relation to the number of jurisdictions participating or impacted in reference to services and money invested.

### Points

- 5 A. Four or More Jurisdictions Participating or Impacted
- 3 B. Three Jurisdictions Participating or Impacted
- 2 C. Two Jurisdictions Participating or Impacted
- 1 D. One Jurisdiction Participating or Impacted

3. Proposed Investment is Proactive: The proposed investment looks beyond the immediate economic horizon and is aimed at strengthening the relationships among business clusters.

### Points

- 5 A. Project Relates Directly to Two or More existing or emerging Regional Economic Clusters
- 2 B. Project Relates Directly to One existing or emerging Regional Economic Cluster.
- 0 C. Project Does not Relate to a Regional Economic Cluster

4. Per Capita Income: Utilizing the latest available data, per capita income will be used in evaluating project significance. City-County/Town rank will be utilized, while in cases of multiple jurisdictions, the average rank will be determined.

Points

- 3 A. If less than or equal to 60% of State per capita income
- 2 B. If 61 - 74% of State per capita income
- 1 C. If 75 - 99% of State per capita income
- 0 D. If greater than or equal to the State per capita income

5. Unemployment Rate: Utilizing the latest annual average figures available, unemployment rates will be used in evaluating project significance. City-County/Town will be utilized, while in cases of multiple jurisdictions, the average rank will be determined.

Points

- 3 A. If 10% or more above State average (formerly 50%)
- 2 B. If 5 - 10% above State average (formerly 25-49%)
- 1 C. If 1 - 5% above State average (formerly 1-24%)
- 0 D. If equal to or below State average

6. Relative Jurisdictional Stress: A composite index prepared by the Commission on Local Government to compare the relative strengths of the jurisdictions in the State.

Points

- 2 A. High stress
- 1 B. Above average stress
- 0 C. Below average stress

7. Relationship to Private Investments: Capital investments from private sources relate to the significance of the project.

Points

- 5 A. Direct Private Capital Investment
- 3 B. Direct Relationship to Private Capital Investment
- 2 C. Indirect Relationship to Private Capital Investment
- 1 D. Minimal Indirect Relationship to Private Capital Investment

8. Relationship to Previous Investment

Points

- 2 A. New Service or Facility; Expansion of Service from an Existing Service
- 1 B. Replacement of Existing Service or Facility



9. Readiness to Initiate Project

Points

- 5 A. Jurisdictional Commitment and Final Plans and Specifications-Application Filed
- 4 B. Jurisdictional Commitment - Preliminary Plans and Specifications-Pre-application Filed
- 2 C. Jurisdictional Commitment, but no Plans and Specifications-Desired Project
- 1 D. No Jurisdictional Commitment, but Preliminary Plans and Specifications- Pre-application/Application
- 0 E. No Jurisdictional Commitment and no Plans and Specifications- No Pre-application/Application

10. Public Private Partnership

Points

- 3 A. Significant Public Private Partners
- 1 B. A Public Private Partner
- 0 C. No Public Private Partner

11. Relationship to “Green” Practices

Points

- 5 A. Project directly creates “green” jobs
- 4 B. Project implements “green practices” with certification
- 2 C. Project implements “green practices”
- 1 D. Project results in recycling or reuse
- 0 E. Little or no “green” commitment

12. Relationship to Natural Resources

Points

- 5 A. Project sets aside land for conservation
- 3 B. Project compliments natural assets
- 0 C. Project does not benefit natural resources
- 2 D. Project is a detriment to natural resources

In addition to the above criteria, all of the projects are reviewed for relationships to regional markets in order to maximize the return on taxpayer investment. Proposed projects are proactive trying to anticipate the economic changes in the region and continue to diversify the economy.

The environmental impact of each project will be evaluated on a project-by-project basis.

## Evaluating Projects

Projects remaining from the 2012 Project package as well as new project ideas are evaluated and ranked using the above criteria. While all the criteria are important, several are based directly on the most current economic data. For a summary of that data, see Tables 1, 2 and 3 below. For the scores and ranked projects, see the **New River Valley 2013 Annual Project Package, page 41**.

**Table 1**  
**Per Capita Income**

Jurisdiction	2007-2011	% of VA	Population
Floyd County	\$21,298	64.5%	15,390
Giles County	\$21,891	66.3%	16,928
Montgomery County	\$22,861	69.2%	95,194
Pulaski County	\$21,623	65.4%	34,736
City of Radford	\$16,723	50.6%	16,685
New River Valley	\$21,822	66.0%	178,933
Virginia	\$33,040	100%	8,185,867

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates

**Table 2**  
**2012 Unemployment Rates**

Jurisdiction	Percent
Floyd County	5.7%
Giles County	5.8%
Montgomery County	5.1%
Pulaski County	6.2%
City of Radford	6.7%
New River Valley	5.6%
Virginia	5.2%

Source: Virginia Workforce Connection, March 2013

Note: 10% above the Virginia Level would be 5.72% or more; 5-10% would be 5.46% to 5.719%

**Table 3**  
**2013 Fiscal Stress Scores by Locality**

Jursidiction	Fiscal Stress
Floyd County	Below Average
Giles County	Above Average
Montgomery County	Above Average
Pulaski County	Above Average
City of Radford	High

Source: Virginia Commission on Local Governments, January 2013.

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Score	Area	Description	Fed. \$	State \$	Local \$	Total Funding	Const. Date	Responsible Agency
44	Giles County	<b>Giles Multi-tenant Business Facility (Giles Co)</b> A facility located in the Wheatland Eco Park.				\$2,000,000	2014	Giles County IDA
42	NRV	<b>New River Valley Development Corporation Revolving Loan Fund</b> Fund to provide assistance for business and non-profit development.	\$25,000		\$25,000	\$50,000	2014	New River Valley Development Corporation
37	NRV	<b>Broadband Infrastructure</b> Deploy last mile fiber.				\$8,000,000	2013-2015	New River Wireless Authority
37	NRV	<b>Develop a Career Pathways Task Force</b> Investigate emerging sectors in the economy, develop multi-stage career development pathways with a range of entry/training and exit/career points to match those emerging employment sectors, and integrate the targeted career pathways approach within the public and post-secondary educational institutions.					2014	WIB, Education Providers
37	NRV	<b>Create a Consortium of School Districts, Community College, Economic Development and Local Business Representatives - Develop a Pilot Program Integrated Workforce Curriculum</b> To develop an integrated workforce curriculum spanning from kindergarten to post-graduate degrees focusing on current/future business and industry needs (including Career Pathways development).				\$250,000	2014	
36	Pulaski County	<b>Preparation of New Graded Building Site at NRV Commerce Park</b> A site to accommodate a graded building pad of a building footprint of at least 50 acres.	\$990,000	\$885,000	\$125,000	\$2,000,000	2015	
35	NRV	<b>Creation of a Regional Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)</b> Raise awareness of New River Valley assets				\$20,000	2014	

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Score	Area	Description	Fed. \$	State \$	Local \$	Total Funding	Const. Date	Responsible Agency
34	Pulaski Town	<b>Town of Pulaski Business Park Expansion</b> The acquisition and site preparation of greenspace for industrial growth.	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	2015	EDA, Town of Pulaski
34	NRV	<b>Regional Conference/Civic Center</b> Determine feasibility and appropriate site, engineering and architectural plans for regional conference center.	\$7,000,000		\$8,000,000	\$15,000,000	2015	Virginia's First and Partners
34	NRV	<b>Small Business Development (Green/Nano/Bio) Program</b> Develop educational program through the community college and university that support the development and/or recruitment of small businesses/industries in the green, nano and/or bio technology fields.	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$1,000,000	2014	Universities, NRCC, School Divisions
32	Floyd County	<b>Rocky Knob Interpretative Center Reg. Collaborative (Floyd Co)</b> A bi-county commission is working on the development of a major tourism destination along the Blue Ridge Parkway. A lodge and interpretive center are planned.	\$8,000,000		\$2,000,000	\$10,000,000	2015	Rocky Knob
32	NRV	<b>Technology Magnet School: Workforce Development</b> Designed to develop a specialized workforce in the NRV by providing advanced technology education to secondary schools. Federal funds will be used to purchase training equipment and construction of a facility.	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$8,000,000	2015	New River Community College & School Divs
31	Christiansburg	<b>Phase II of the Route 114 widening project</b> Widening Route 114 from Walters Drive Area to the New River Valley Mall Area		\$23,690,000		\$23,690,000	2014	VDOT, Christiansburg
31	Floyd County	<b>Jacksonville Center E-Commerce Project (Floyd Co)</b> Establishment of an e-commerce catalog of crafts and products.				\$50,000	2014	Jacksonville Center, Inc.

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Score	Area	Description	Fed. \$	State \$	Local \$	Total Funding	Const. Date	Responsible Agency
31	Floyd County	<b>Floyd Revolving Loan Fund</b> Establish microlending fund for small businesses within Floyd County.	\$200,000			\$200,000	2013	Floyd IDA
31	Giles County	<b>Public Transportation</b> Connections to Blacksburg, Virginia Tech, and other major employment centers.	\$1,600,000		\$400,000	\$2,000,000	2013	Giles County
31	NRV	<b>Green Challenge Waste to Energy</b> Work with New River Resources Authority (NRRA) contractor to identify method of providing methane gas to commerce park.	\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000 (private)	\$2,000,000	2014	VA's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority
31	NRV	<b>Intermodal Transportation Center</b> Further explore the possibility of developing an intermodal transportation site on under-utilized US Army property near Dublin, Virginia.	\$4,000,000		\$4,000,000	\$8,000,000	2014	VA's First/US Army
31	NRV	<b>Tap into Additional Networks and Professional Organizations</b> Research and encourage "continuing ed" requirements or periodic recertification so that the workforce can build their skill sets around emerging economic sectors.					2014	WIB, Local Businesses
31	NRV	<b>Regional Networking and Marketing of the Arts via Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)</b> Use DMO to create a network of artisans and venues to promote New River Valley assets.				\$10,000	2014	
30	Pulaski Town	<b>Brownfields Redevelopment</b> Redevelopment of existing industry and housing.	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$1,000,000	2014	Pulaski Town and EPA

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Score	Area	Description	Fed. \$	State \$	Local \$	Total Funding	Const. Date	Responsible Agency
30	Christiansburg	<b>Interchange ramp at Route 460 Bypass and N. Franklin Street</b> Connection of east bound 460 Bypass to west bound Business 460		\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000	2014	VDOT, Christiansburg
30	NRV	<b>Implementing Project NEEMO</b> To further the commercialization of nanotech research and development focusing on smaller specialty materials companies.	\$7,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$21,000,000	2014	VA's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority-Participation Committee
30	NRV	<b>Support Farms to School program throughout the region.</b> Create education opportunities for students and support a supply of fresh foods from local farmers.				\$20,000	2013-2014	
30	NRV	<b>NRV Airport Parallel Taxiway</b> To provide taxiway parallel to runway and offer an opportunity to provide air access to the Industrial Park (NRV Commerce Park).	\$5,880,000		\$120,000	\$6,000,000	2013	Airport Commission
30	NRV	<b>Support Tower Infrastructure for Wireless Internet Connectivity</b> Tower placement studies and streamlining of the zoning process					2013	
30	Pulaski Town	<b>Raymond F. Ratcliff Memorial Museum</b> Construction of transportation museum to house Brockmeyer train set and historic vehicles.				\$1,000,000	2013	Town of Pulaski, VDOT
29	Floyd County	<b>Marketing Floyd County Regional Commerce Center</b> As a locality that already has advanced telecommunications infrastructure, access to higher education opportunities, available and affordable workforce, and available industrial space, Floyd County is seeking funding to create a model of promotion for Southwest Virginia.			\$50,000	\$50,000	2013	Floyd County

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Score	Area	Description	Fed. \$	State \$	Local \$	Total Funding	Const. Date	Responsible Agency
29	Floyd County	<b>Multi-Tenant Facility for Floyd County</b> To house growing businesses as well as meet space needs for governmental agencies and non-profits.	\$1,600,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$2,000,000	2013	Floyd County
29	NRV	<b>Implement K-12 Curriculum on Organic Food Production</b>				\$50,000	2014	
29	NRV	<b>Promote Civil War Historical Sites</b> To promote civil war historical sites throughout the NRV.					2014	Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation
29	NRV	<b>New River Valley Park and Ride Lot Development</b> Development of new park and ride facilities.	\$750,000	\$750,000		\$1,500,000	2013	VDOT
29	NRV	<b>Route 114 Bridge</b> To replace the Route 114 bridge that has structural damage.		\$20,000,000		\$20,000,000	2013	VDOT
29	Rich Creek	<b>Rich Creek Downtown Enhancement Project</b> Ensure the stability and success of downtown Rich Creek.		\$1,000,000	\$250,000	\$1,250,000	2014	Rich Creek Town
28	Pulaski Town	<b>Dora Hwy Neighborhood Revitalization</b> This neighborhood project grant is under consideration by the Department of Housing and Community Development; Comprehensive community project-sewer, water, street, new housing infill.				\$3,000,000	2013	Town of Pulaski, DHCD, CHP

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28	Floyd County	<b>Phase II Development of Floyd Regional Commerce Center</b> Grade lots 1 and 2.	\$1,000,000		\$500,000	\$1,500,000	2014	Floyd County, Economic Development Authority of Floyd County
28	Floyd County	<b>Phase II Floyd Innovation Center</b>	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$3,000,000	2015	Economic Development Authority of Floyd County
28	Glen Lyn	<b>Glen Lyn Regional Wastewater Facility</b> To combine wastewater from Rich Creek and Glen Lyn into a single operation. The Towns will undertake the project.				\$3,000,000	2014	Glen Lyn
28	Montgomery County	<b>Development of Route 177 Corporate Park</b>	\$15,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$20,000,000	TBD	Montgomery County EDA
28	NRV	<b>Youth Planning Council</b> Involve youth in discussing community development issues across the region.	\$10,000		\$10,000	\$20,000	2013	NRVPDC
28	NRV	<b>Promote Agricultural Tourism</b> Program to encourage farmers to evaluate agricultural tourism to enhance incomes.					2013	Virginia Tourism Corporation/Round the Mountain
28	NRV	<b>Connectivity of Trails, Regional Trail System</b> Interconnect various local, state and federal trails to create a continuous network in southwest Virginia.	\$400,000		\$400,000	\$800,000	2013	Trail Operators



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Score	Area	Description	Fed. \$	State \$	Local \$	Total Funding	Const. Date	Responsible Agency
28	NRV	<b>Increase Shell Building Inventory</b> Construct modern shell buildings to market to relocating or expanding businesses.					2014	
28	NRV	<b>Support Public Private Partnerships for Agriculture Infrastructure Needs</b>					2014	
28	Pearisburg	<b>Whitt-Riverbend Park Trail</b> Construct 1.1 mile loop trail and rest room.		\$60,000	\$20,000	\$80,000	2013	Pearisburg Town
28	Pulaski County	<b>Exit 101 Interchange Improvements and Connector Route 11</b> Provide interstate access to the proposed Veteran's Cemetery and Route 11 with an urban 3 lane typical on 4 lane right of way.	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000		\$16,500,000	2020	Virginia's First/Army
27	Giles County	<b>Hoges Chapel Water Tank Replacement Project</b> Replacement of 40 year old water tank and 23,000 feet of 10 inch water line		\$2,600,000		\$2,600,000	2014	Giles County
27	Blacksburg	<b>Huckleberry Trail Extension</b> Assist in the construction of the Huckleberry Trail extension from Prices Fork to Glade Road. Will connect the Hethwood Community to the Heritage Park and then link to the National Forest. Grading, site amenities, and surfacing are needed for this project.			\$100,000	\$100,000	2013	Town of Blacksburg
27	Christiansburg	<b>Christiansburg Institute</b> Cultural Experience, Cultural Learning Curriculum, Oral History, and Site preservation.	\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	\$3,000,000	2014	Christiansburg Institute

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27	Christiansburg	<b>Upgrade of Waste Water Plant</b> Upgrade waste water plant to accommodate 8 million gallons per day	\$10,000,000			\$10,000,000	2013	Christiansburg
27	Floyd County	<b>Route 8 Improvements (South) (Floyd Co)</b> Road Improvements on Route 8 southbound from Floyd, South.		\$1,500,000		\$1,500,000	2013	VDOT
27	Floyd County/Floyd Town	<b>Affordable Housing Implementation</b> Construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing within Floyd County and Town.	\$340,000			\$340,000	2012-2013	Floyd County, Floyd Town, and HOME
27	NRV	<b>Develop a Slaughterhouse or Regional Meat Processing Plant for Meat Processing and Production</b> Develop facility to support local farmers					2013	Rural Development-Sustain Floyd Planning Grant
27	NRV	<b>Implement the National Energy Education Development (NEED) Program in Regional K-12 Schools</b> Energy education in our schools.				\$100,000	2013	
27	NRV	<b>Develop Region-Wide Bike Paths</b> Used as both a tourism asset and an alternative/green method of transportation.	\$5,000,000		\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000	2014	NRVPDC, Localities
27	NRV	<b>Create Regional Revolving Loan Fund for Energy Audits and Retrofits</b> Fund for New River Valley businesses and residents.						

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Score	Area	Description	Fed. \$	State \$	Local \$	Total Funding	Const. Date	Responsible Agency
27	NRV	<b>Support Carpooling Efforts/Initiatives throughout the New River Valley</b> Support the expansion and marketing of Ride Solutions while exploring potential for carpooling app						
27	Pulaski County	<b>Shell Building-Industrial Park</b> Construction of a shell building at the New River Valley Commerce Park	\$750,000	\$750,000		\$1,500,000	2013	Pulaski County
27	Pulaski County	<b>New River Trail Extension</b>				\$5,000,000		VDOT, Pulaski County
27	Pulaski Town	<b>Calfee Park Renovations (Pulaski Town)</b> Improvements to bring the facility up to baseball standards. Visitor dugouts, dressing rooms, and infrastructure improvements are needed.	\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000	2018	Pulaski Town
27	Radford	<b>Passenger Rail Station in Radford</b> To develop a passenger rail station in the City of Radford.				\$10,000,000	2020	Radford City, MPO, DRPT
26	Christiansburg	<b>Phase II, Huckleberry Trail Extension</b> Extension of the existing Huckleberry Trail from the present terminus at the New River Valley Mall to the south side of Route 114, including pedestrian bridge.	\$657,844		\$164,461	\$822,305	2013	Montgomery County and Town of Christiansburg
26	Christiansburg	<b>Phase III, Huckleberry Trail Extension</b> Extension of Huckleberry Trail from the south side of Route 114 near the New River Valley Mall to the Christiansburg Recreation Center	\$228,000		\$912,000	\$1,140,000	2013	Montgomery County, Town of Christiansburg

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26	Floyd County	<b>Regional Food Aggregating/Processing Center</b> Value-added processing center for local produce and potentially local milk. The facility would serve as aggregator for larger buyers, as well as provide co-packing facilities and a commercial kitchen leasable by local food businesses.	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	2014	Floyd County
26	NRV	<b>NRV Commerce Park Electric Transmission Extension</b> Extension of 138kVA electric transmission line approximately two miles from the current crossing of Lee Highway, Route 11, near Morgan's Cut in Pulaski County, west along Route 11 and north to the Commerce Park site, south of the New River Valley Airport.	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	\$2,500,000	2015	VA's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority
26	NRV	<b>Additional resources for power to the Commerce Park</b> Extend power to the NRV Commerce Park to attract businesses.					2015	
26	NRV	<b>Extension of Rail to Commerce Park</b> Rail siding extension from Norfolk Southern mainline about 3,500 feet to the Commerce Park boundary and 3,500 feet to a potential building site.	\$2,300,000	\$750,000	\$1,210,000	\$4,600,000	2014	Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority
26	NRV	<b>Create a Network of Growers and Producers in the Region</b> Link New River Valley farmers markets to increase profitability.						
26	Pulaski County	<b>New Facility, Sheriff's Department</b> New Sheriff's Department facility for Pulaski County.				\$900,000	2013	Pulaski County - Sheriff
25	Christiansburg	<b>Emergency Services Station</b> Emergency Services Station located on Quin W. Stuart Blvd	\$3,000,000			\$2-\$3,000,000	2014	Christiansburg

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25	Christiansburg	<b>Railroad Street Water Extension</b> Installation of 400 LF of 6-inch water main				\$25,000	2013	Christiansburg
25	Narrows	<b>Replace Existing Water Lines and Collection System Piping and Upgrade Wastewater Plant</b> The Town went online with the Giles County Public Service Authority and in response to the increased cost of purchasing water from the GCPA, the Town has invested millions in improvements to their system to bring water loss down. Existing collection system piping is leaking and/or broken.				\$2,200,000	2013	Town of Narrows
25	NRV	<b>Create Formal Regional Leadership Organization</b> Create formal leadership organization, hold community awareness workshop, and establish certified leadership development program.				\$20,000	2013	Leadership Organizations
25	NRV	<b>Centralize Marketing of Energy Efficiency Options</b> Create a "one stop shop" where people can evaluate typical "payback" on upgrades, find a qualified energy auditor/retrofit, navigate various funding/financing options.						
25	NRV	<b>Study Data from Various Wind/Solar Demonstration Projects around the NRV</b> Evaluate effectiveness of wind and solar projects to inform potential future projects.						
25	Pulaski County	<b>Skyview Subdivision/Fairgrounds Area Sewer (Pulaski Co)</b> Provide sewer to NRV Fairgrounds & 148 residences.	\$500,000			\$500,000	2013	Pulaski County
25	Pulaski County	<b>Newbern Area Enhancements</b> Creation of Wilderness Road Exhibit and other area enhancements.		\$53,387	\$21,613	\$75,000	2013	Pulaski County

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25	Pulaski County	<b>Pulaski County Dispatch/Communications</b> To upgrade Pulaski County's dispatch/communications system.				\$1,600,000	2013	Pulaski County
25	Radford	<b>High Meadows Development (Radford)</b> Improve the water system to include line work and a water tank.			\$806,000	\$806,000	2013	Radford
24	Floyd Town	<b>Floyd Town Trails Program (final phase)</b> New and upgraded sidewalks within the town.	\$240,000		\$60,000	\$300,000	2013	Floyd Town
24	Giles County	<b>Eggleston Water Extension Phase 2 (Giles Co)</b> Extend water service to 160 residencies.	\$1,400,000			\$1,400,000	2013	Giles County
24	Giles County	<b>Route 635 Water Extension (Giles Co)</b> Provide public water to approximately 150 residents in the Big Stoney Community of Giles County.	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000		\$3,000,000	2013	Giles County
24	Montgomery County	<b>Rt. 114 Widening</b> From Christiansburg Town limits to Radford Army Ammunition Plant	\$50,400,000	\$12,600,000		\$63,000,000	2018	VDOT/Montgomery County
24	Montgomery County	<b>Expansion of Falling Branch Industrial Park</b> Water, sewer, roads, and grading improvements	\$19,500,000	\$5,200,000	\$1,300,000	\$26,000,000	2015	Montgomery County EDA

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24	NRV	<b>Incorporate "Green" Training into Secondary and Post-secondary Vocational Construction Programs</b> Change current curriculum in Construction Trades to include "retro fitting" remodeling for engery efficiency in homes.				\$500,000	2013	CTE Directors, Community College Workforce Departments
24	NRV	<b>Conduct Farming Visioning with Agriculture Stakeholders, Farm Bureau and Extension</b>						
24	Radford	<b>Arnold and Pershing Sewer Line Replacement</b> 525 linear feet of 8" sanitary line would be replaced in an existing easement between Arnold Avenue and Pershing Avenue.				\$96,750	2014	City of Radford
24	Radford	<b>Radford Village Water Line Replacement</b> 3,225 linear feet of 6" main water line would be replaced with an 8" service throughout the Radford Village residential area improving service reliability and water flow to forty homes.				\$117,500	2013	City of Radford
23	Christiansburg	<b>Phase IB of the Downtown Enhancement Project</b> South side of East Main Street – new sidewalks, planting, paving.	\$1,191,718		\$297,929	\$1,489,647.36	2013	Town of Christiansburg, Gay and Neel, Inc.
23	Floyd County	<b>Trails for Floyd (pedestrian, biking, and hiking)</b> Extension of trail corridors from the town to the county as outlined in the comprehensive plan.	\$2,500,000		\$2,500,000	\$5,000,000	2013	Floyd County
23	NRV	<b>Support "Communities in Schools" Program</b> Connect community resources with schools to help students achieve success.						

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23	NRV	<b>Develop and Implement a Program to Support Small Family Farms</b> Using "Cultivating Success" Farm Mentoring Project as a model. This will also include a revolving loan fund for farm start-ups and networking between local farmers and buyers.					2013	
23	NRV	<b>Creation of Utility Standards</b> Create utility standards for service providers to follow while coordinating digging between localities and service providers to install conduits or other potential uses						
23	Pulaski County	<b>Snowville Fire Department</b> Fire Station replacement	\$1,680,000		\$420,000	\$2,100,000	2013	Pulaski County
23	Pulaski Town	<b>Intensifying Blight Elimination Program</b> The Town was awarded an EPA Brownfields Grant application in 2010.	\$200,000			\$200,000	2013	Town of Pulaski, EPA
22	Christiansburg	<b>Passenger Rail Station in Christiansburg</b> To develop a passenger rail station in the Town of Christiansburg.				\$10,000,000	2020	Christiansburg Town
22	Floyd County	<b>Floyd County Health and Human Services Complex</b> One-stop-shop in Floyd that would enable citizens to access needed services				\$2,000,000	2015	Floyd County
22	Floyd County	<b>Geo-engineering Studies Groundwater Resources in Floyd County</b> To identify groundwater resources and calculate carrying capacity. Recharge areas and other important water resource areas would be mapped.	\$250,000			\$250,000	2013	Floyd County



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22	Floyd County	<b>Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Program for 8th-12th graders</b>				\$300,000	2014	Floyd County Public Schools
22	Floyd County	<b>Floyd County Innovation Program</b> Business concept/plan competition.				\$50,000	2014	Economic Development Authority of Floyd County
22	NRV	<b>Creation of a Fund to Remove Derelict Structures</b> Tax advantages to remove structures alongside an education program on "how to"						
22	Pulaski Town	<b>Dalton Building Reuse</b> Update Dalton Building into a hotel and restaurant						
22	Radford	<b>Wildwood Park Entrance</b> Improve the Park entrance with parking facilities, a kiosk, pergola, new gate, and interpretive exhibits.	\$100,000		\$50,000	\$150,000	2013	Radford
22	Radford	<b>Miscellaneous drainage project</b> Design and construction of drainage improvements identified in 1993 Facility Plan in various locations throughout the city. The improvements would prevent runoff damage to public and private properties.				\$75,000	2010-2014	City of Radford
21	Montgomery County	<b>Southgate Parkway</b> Construction of ramps on Route 460 at Southgate Parkway entrance to Virginia Tech.	\$124,000,000	\$31,000,000		\$155,000,000	TBD	VDOT

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21	NRV	<b>Access to Capital</b> Host workshops to educate businesses on capital access opportunities in the region, i.e. 460 Angels						
21	Pulaski Town	<b>Rt. 99 Water/Sewer Extension</b> Extend water and sewer lines to Exit 94, to encourage commercial development.	\$1,500,000			\$1,500,000	2013	Town of Pulaski, Pulaski County
21	Pulaski Town	<b>Public Safety Facility</b> A modern centralized facility located out of the flood plain and away from rail tracks.	\$5,000,000			\$5,000,000	2015	Town of Pulaski
21	Radford	<b>Smartway Service Extension to the City of Radford and Radford University</b> To connect Radford and Radford University to the existing network.						
20	Dublin	<b>Dublin Fire Department Expansion</b> To add two bays.	\$750,000			\$750,000	2013	Dublin Town/Pulaski County
20	Floyd County	<b>Trail Around Floyd Commerce Center</b> To develop a walking trail around the new Commerce Center in Floyd.	\$200,000		\$200,000	\$400,000	2013	Floyd County
20	Giles County	<b>Clendennin Water Extension (Giles Co)</b> Provide public water to approximately 50 residents in the Clendennin community of Giles County.	\$2,000,000			\$2,000,000	2013	Giles County

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20	Glen Lyn	<b>Glen Lyn Park</b> Modern bathhouse, wastewater hook ups, information center, and open-air theater. Water and sewer to each campsite at the park. Also a new location for a boat ramp and sidewalk connecting the Park to the Municipal Building.				\$800,000	2015	Glen Lyn
20	NRV	<b>TransDominion Express - Capital Costs</b> A statewide project to provide passenger rail transportation from Bristol through the New River Valley, and on to Richmond and Washington, D.C.		\$9,300,000		\$9,300,000	2015	VA Department of Rail and Public Transportation
20	NRV	<b>Support Co-Working Spaces for Businesses</b> Utilization of underused facilities						
20	Pearisburg	<b>Water and Sewer Improvements</b> Tie into Riverbend water tank. Upgrade lines to Riverbend and Virginia Heights. Water and sewer replacement on Easton Road and various other water line improvements.						
20	Pulaski Town	<b>Sewer Collection/Pump Station Improvements</b> Infrastructure improvements at Stations 4A and 4B		\$1,500,000	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	2013	Town of Pulaski, Peppers' Ferry Regional Wastewater Treatment Authority
20	Pulaski Town	<b>Water Filtration Plant Improvements</b> Modernization of the current water filtration plant.	\$500,000		\$500,000	\$1,000,000	2013	Town of Pulaski
19	Christiansburg	<b>Public Works Complex</b> Moving current complex out of the floodplain	\$10,000,000			\$10,000,000	2013	Christiansburg

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19	Floyd County	<b>Engineering Studies on Extending Water and Sewer to areas of Floyd Co.</b> To study water and sewer extensions and to understand hydrogeologic systems resources. Include protecting critical recharge and well-head areas.	\$1,200,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$1,500,000	2013	Floyd County
19	Giles County	<b>Ingram Village Sewer (Giles Co)</b> Put in sewer lines.	\$750,000		\$1,250,000	\$2,000,000	2015	Giles County
19	Montgomery County	<b>Route 8 Widening Project</b> Widening Route 8 from the Montgomery and Floyd County line to the Town of Christiansburg.	\$60,000,000	\$15,000,000		\$75,000,000	TBD	VDOT
19	Montgomery County	<b>Route 177 Water and Sewer Improvements</b>	\$4,800,000	\$1,200,000		\$6,000,000	2013	PSA
19	Pulaski Town	<b>Enhance Bob White Boulevard and East Main Street Intersection</b>						
18	Floyd Town	<b>Lineberry Memorial Park Development</b> Design and construction of stage for performances.	\$725,000		\$725,000	\$1,500,000	2013	Floyd Town
18	NRV	<b>Creation of an Interactive CEDS Map with Project Identification</b> GIS map to track progress of CEDS projects within the region.						

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18	Pulaski County	<b>Indoor Recreation - Wellness Center</b> Indoor Recreation-Wellness Center for the citizens of Pulaski County.			\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	2013	Pulaski County-Recreation
18	Radford	<b>University Drive Bridge</b> Improvements and repairs needed to the 25 year old University Drive Bridge which includes deck repairs, waterproofing, painting, fencing, and sidewalk repairs and corrosion maintenance.				\$531,000	2013-14	Radford
18	Radford	<b>Street Rebuild - Park/Second Avenue</b> Park Road and Second Avenue would be rebuilt from Walker Street to Windstream Court. Improvements would include safety improvements, bike lanes, sidewalks, curb and gutter, turn-lanes, storm drainage, etc.	\$1,500,000			\$6,055,705	2013	Radford
18	Radford	<b>Soccerfield/Football field</b> To construct two playing fields adjacent to the Radford Riverfront.	\$200,000		\$200,000	\$400,000	2013	Radford
17	Pulaski Town	<b>Bicycle Lane and Trail Improvements</b> Improving bike accessibility for critical pathways throughout the Town.		\$750,000	\$250,000	\$1,000,000	2015	Town of Pulaski
17	Radford	<b>Third Avenue Parking Lot</b> The public parking lot located adjacent to Grove Avenue and Third Avenue would be improved to include a stormwater system, paving, landscaping, traditional light poles and hanging baskets. This project is needed to improve the lot's aesthetic appeal.				\$250,000	2014	City of Radford
17	Radford	<b>Radford Ingles Overlook and Amphitheater</b> Amphitheater engineering and construction for outdoor events.						
14	Floyd County/Town	<b>Floyd Public Transit</b> Study viability of public transit in county/town		\$20,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	2013	Floyd County/Town

## **Additional Concepts for Future Development**

Though many projects exist to support the identified Goals and Objectives, there are also supporting concepts that do not have specific projects yet. This section outlines some of those concepts. Many of these projects comprise an economic development approach that links directly into the ***Community First*** goals of having an optimum level of employment; an income level equal to or better than the state's average; and a beneficial living environment.

### **Leadership**

The Leadership category highlights opportunities in the New River Valley for promoting and sustaining leadership development and engagement in our local and regional community. The following concepts do not currently have an active project associated with them but are in the process of partnership and timeline development.

#### **Youth Business and Civic Leadership Development:**

Provide hands-on training and mentoring opportunities through business and civic organizational partners in the program.

#### **Youth Leadership Recognition Program:**

Create award/program that recognizes and rewards youth leadership efforts in the civic and business sectors of the region.

#### **Community Awareness Workshop for Elected Officials:**

Establish short course for elected officials and corporate leaders highlighting community development issues and opportunities.

### **Economic Development**

The arena of economic development showcases the New River Valley's approach to creating a sustainable, diverse regional economy that is also globally competitive. The following concepts do not currently have a project associated with them but eventually will in the future.

#### **Niche Development for Downtowns:**

Define downtown niches for cooperative marketing of unique characteristics of NRV downtowns.

#### **Niche Farming:**

Agri-tourism for a regional community of farmers.

#### **Sustainable Agriculture:**

Feasibility Studies of agro-tourism and providing outlets for locally-produced dairy products.

**Explore approaches to expand public/private partnerships:**

There are increasing pressures for the development of public/private partnerships to expand the public assistance in providing basic infrastructure to a more active role in the development of corporations. The cost and risk involved in the formation of corporations has entrepreneurs seeking business acceleration assistance from the public sector. Defining and legitimizing this role is requiring innovation in establishing such partnerships.

**Education & Training**

In the area of Education and Training, the NRV has reached the critical point of needing to support workforce and education development programs aimed at establishing businesses and industries locally. With the economic crisis at the state and federal levels creating great inequities in service delivery, it is crucial that the New River Valley strategic plan for educational advancement be directed at building companies and a workforce for the global economy here at home.

**Address the teacher shortage:**

Develop incentives in collaboration with local governments, school boards and business sector to attract and retain qualified teachers to this area.

**Address education funding:**

Seek public/private partnerships and regional collaborations to offset state under-funding of education.

**Regional Educational System:**

Create New River Valley collaborative model to address alternative, advance placement and adult education needs in the region both physically and through the use of technology.

**Health & Human Development**

Health and human development put a personal face on the region's approach to supporting its citizens.

**Evaluate and Pilot Human Service Delivery Programs:**

Using higher education partners in the region, assess service delivery in the New River Valley and develop model for increasing effective and efficient service delivery.

**Quarterly Agency/Community Sessions:**

Create forum for community and human service agencies to gather and strategize ideas for higher efficiencies in service delivery and agency/client interface.

## **Natural & Cultural Environment**

The Natural and Cultural projects represent the importance our citizen's place on the often intangible aspects of quality of life that can make a place one that people are proud to call home.

### **Adopt-a-Stream:**

Support for state-run program.

### **Baseline Wildlife & Habitat Inventory:**

Build baseline landscape-level wildlife species and habitat inventory for the greater New River watershed.

### **Citizens' Water Atlas:**

Develop a database for water resources, including threats in the watershed.

### **Compliance Study of Erosion and Sedimentation Control Practices:**

Examine compliance rates of erosion/sedimentation control practices.

### **Erosion Control:**

Educate landowners on erosion control and restoration of eroded areas.

### **Support and Promote Christiansburg Institute:**

Assist in funding and program development to support this important historic and cultural asset of the region.

### **Regional-link Trail System:**

Create prioritized map of trail connections to link all alternative transportation pathways in the New River Valley.

### **Physical Infrastructure :**

A sound physical infrastructure is the base on which all other projects are built. There are many needs in the area of physical infrastructure including **water and sewer** as well as **technology** infrastructure. Beyond these needs, additional concepts for physical infrastructure are listed below.

### **Bikeway Network:**

Plan and create a network of bikeways through the NRV that connects towns, scenic areas, and historic areas.

### **Regional Civic/Convention Center:**

Create event/conference center to provide space for large attractions and events.

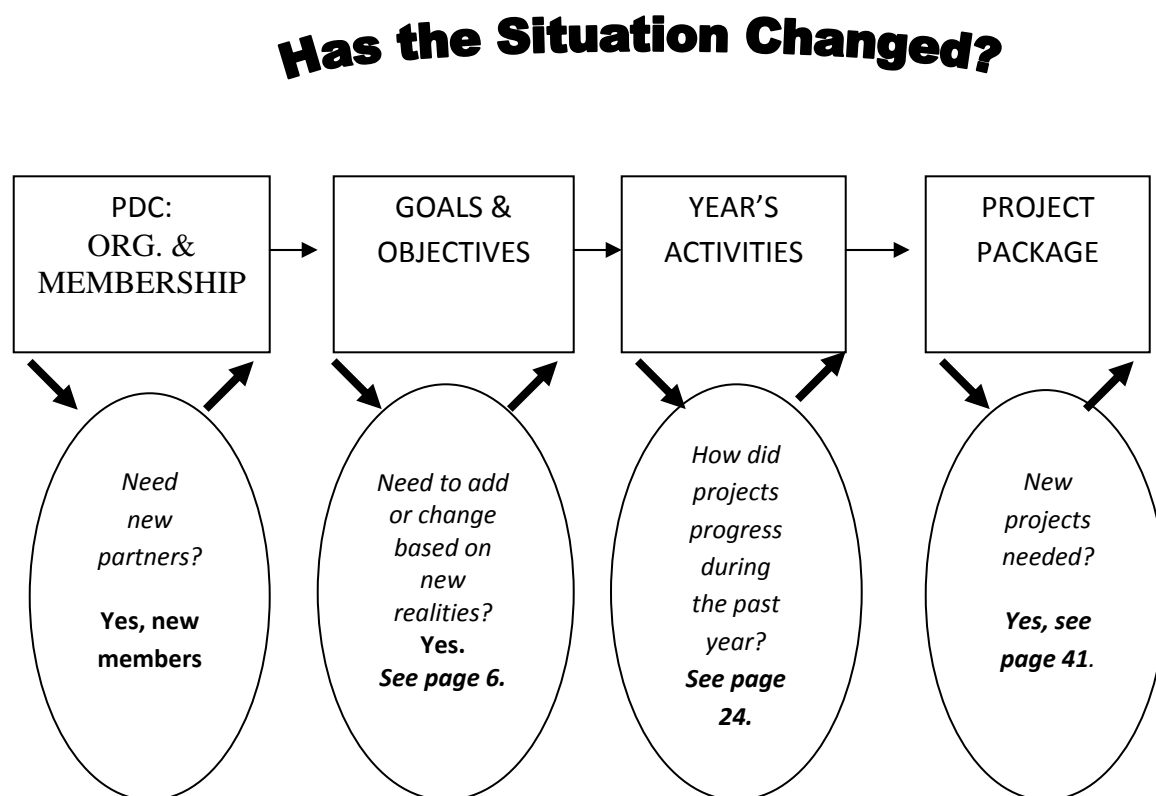


## EVALUATION: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH

As is apparent throughout this document, evaluation is an integrated part of the CEDS process. Given the continuous nature of this planning process, integration of evaluation into every step is one method of assuring a self-adjusting, constantly “fresh” plan and process. (See Figure 2) Important questions that are asked along the way as part of a feedback loop include:

- ❑ Has the situation changed?
- ❑ Are new partners needed?
- ❑ Do Goals, Objectives, and Projects need to be changed in light of current Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT)?

**Figure 2:**  
**Evaluation: An Integrated Part of the Continuous Planning Process**



This process is followed annually as the CEDS is reviewed and the Annual Reports prepared. Goals and Objectives as well as projects are evaluated.

## **Evaluating Completed Projects**

Following completion of a project, it is desirable to measure the effectiveness of the project and more specifically the return for the money spent. While larger goals such as a diversified economy, higher wages/incomes and improved quality of life are not easily detectable as they may be affected by most single projects, there are measurable related outputs. These include data such as number of jobs created and amount of private investment generated directly and indirectly.

## **Cautions and Concerns**

While this is a straightforward query, answers are not so simple nor easily obtained. These projects do not take place in a laboratory where all external factors are controlled; rather each project is but one small part of countless variables in a huge picture that is the global economy. Moreover, the sum of a program of well-developed, mutually supporting projects is much greater than the sum of the parts.

For example, singularly developing a Regional Educational System to address alternative and advanced placement students needs regionally would not necessarily help incomes or unemployment in the region. Singularly developing a large Commerce Park to attract high tech industry will not help local economies if it sets idle. However, if a well-trained, well-educated work force is developed and physical space and infrastructure is available to high tech firms simultaneously, the likelihood of significant positive outcomes is great. Therefore, a truly integrated economic development strategy with multi-dimensional projects and components cannot be accurately measured in a single dimension. A means of simultaneously measuring relationships and synergies must be developed. A better question in many instances may be, "Is a good new piece of the puzzle now in place?"

Another difficulty in measuring outputs is that the timing is uncertain. In some cases, the greater the potential reward in the end may require a longer timeframe.

One of the most significant limiting factors in evaluation concerns the collection of data. To truly account for the success of a program would require tracking every single action and following that action to its subsequently induced actions and so forth. Even an attempt to keep track of "simple" items such as "jobs created" is a laborious process that takes time away from new project development, administration, etc. Evaluation and assessment is an important part of any project and in order to continue success and progress it must be built into every effort. Understanding the necessity of this effort and making it a seamless part of the project rather than something tacked on at the end is the goal of the integrated evaluation approach.

Lastly and related to the multi-dimensional discussion above, even if time is invested in tracking jobs and investments associated with a project, the data is not necessarily valid outside its immediate context. The whole purpose of a regional strategy is to recognize the strengths,

weaknesses, opportunities and threats within the region and to develop a unique program of projects for that situation. Unless the entire program is captured in a multi-dimensional way, the data is not well aggregated to the federal level.

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# **New River Valley**

## **Planning District Commission**



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### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**

**Mr. Steven M. Sandy, AICP, CZA**

WHEREAS, Mr. Sandy dutifully served as Chair of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee for the New River Valley Planning District Commission from January 2008 until March 2013 representing Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission relies on the Transportation Advisory Committee to provide sound policy recommendations that support the needs of rural transportation across the New River Valley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sandy routinely applied his leadership skills to facilitate important regional dialogue at the Transportation Advisory Committee meetings on a bi-monthly basis; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Sandy's tenure as Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee the rural transportation program accomplished numerous objectives including a regional Rural Transportation Plan, a regional Bikeway-Walkway and Blueway Plan update, a regional Employment Mobility Study and local plans such as the Shawsville Area Route 11/460 Corridor Study, Central Pulaski Transportation and Land Use Master Plan and several Safe Routes to School Travel Plans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission hereby extends this Resolution of Appreciation to Mr. Steven M. Sandy for his service to the region on behalf of Montgomery County.

Adopted May 23, 2013

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Michael Patton, Chair

**New River Valley Planning District Commission  
Anticipated Revenue Fiscal Year 2014**

<b>Member Assessment</b>	
Floyd County	\$18,567.50
Town of Floyd	\$531.25
Giles County	\$14,621.25
Pearisburg	\$3,482.50
Narrows	\$2,536.25
Rich Creek	\$967.50
Pulaski County	\$29,065.00
Town of Pulaski	\$11,357.50
Montgomery County	\$38,413.75
Blacksburg	\$42,258.75
Christiansburg	\$26,301.25
City of Radford	\$20,510.00
Radford University	\$3,750.00
Virginia Tech	\$11,016.25
<b>Total Assessment</b>	<b>\$223,378.75</b>
<b>State Grants</b>	
Dept of Housing and Community Devl	\$75,971.00
Dept of Transportation	\$58,000.00
Workforce Investment Act	\$540,000.00
<b>State Total</b>	<b>\$673,971.00</b>
<b>Federal Grants</b>	
EDA	\$60,000.00
ARC July 13-Dec 13	\$34,218.00
ARC Jan 14-June 14	\$34,218.00
<b>Federal Total</b>	<b>\$128,436.00</b>
<b>Project Revenue</b>	
Baskerville	\$9,000.00
Home	\$30,000.00
VDOT	See State Above
Safe Routes to School Project 1	\$7,000.00
Safe Routes to School Project 2	\$7,000.00
MPO-Bike_Ped Plan	\$15,000.00
MPO-Exit 118 Park and Ride	\$8,000.00
RideSolutions	\$24,680.00
Newbern T-21	\$800.00
TEMCI	\$200,000.00
Rich Creek T-21	\$5,000.00
Pulaski Co. Adult Day Care	\$17,000.00
Radford University Impact Study	\$17,500.00
Stormwater Program Develop.	\$65,000.00
SWVA SWMA	\$1,000.00
Rocky Knob Grant Admin	\$5,000.00
NRV Livability Initiative	\$250,000.00
Virginia's 1st Grant Admin	\$7,000.00
EDA	See Federal Above
Floyd CDBG - Newtown	\$16,000.00
Giles County Boat Ramps	\$5,000.00
Commerce Park Staff Support	\$18,000.00
Floyd Innovation Ctr Grant Ad	\$15,000.00
WIA Fiscal Agent	\$60,000.00
Healthy NRV	\$30,000.00
Town of Pulaski Comp Plan	\$15,000.00
Christiansburg Recreation Plan	\$35,000.00
Christiansburg Cemetery Plan	\$35,000.00
Pulaski Co Local Planning Assistance	\$10,000.00
Narrows Local Planning Assistance	\$12,000.00
<b>Project Revenue Total</b>	<b>\$919,980.00</b>
<b>Indirect Costs (paid by projects)</b>	
Common Costs	\$112,829.00
Management and General Costs	\$125,403.00
<b>Indirect Total</b>	<b>\$238,232.00</b>
<b>Agency Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,945,765.75</b>
<b>Matching/Cash Obligations</b>	<b>\$212,951.75</b>
<b>Total Agency Budget</b>	<b>\$1,732,814.00</b>

**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014**  
**Agencywide Budget**

	<u>Housing Total</u>	<u>Trans Total</u>	<u>Planning/Grant Admin Total</u>	<u>Workforce Total</u>	<u>Development Total</u>	<u>Other Total</u>	<u>Total Direct (AW)</u>	<u>Common</u>	<u>M&amp;G</u>	<u>Total Agency</u>
Salary	19,300	63,265	141,163	252,667	109,823	33,351	619,568	17,424	75,009	712,001
Fringe	7,066	18,466	42,610	88,453	34,758	12,152	203,506	6,435	24,751	234,692
Total Salaries & Fringe	26,366	81,731	183,773	341,120	144,581	45,503	823,074	23,859	99,760	946,693
Travel	802	7,520	4,450	37,500	15,069	2,629	67,970		6,043	74,013
Office Space	-	-	-	27,647	-	-	27,647	32,039		59,686
Telephone/Communications	-	-	-	5,980	-	-	5,980	4,000		9,980
Office Supplies	-	346	2,000	5,030	2,000	-	9,376	12,508		21,884
Postage	-	-	-	500	-	-	500	3,500		4,000
Printing	-	-	-	620	-	-	620	75		695
Copies & Copier Maintenance	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500	4,000		5,500
Media Advertising	-	125	-	1,500	-	-	1,625	600		2,225
Equipment Rent - Copier	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500	5,800		7,300
Equipment Maintenance - Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500		1,500
Dues/Publications	-	2,245	-	500	3,000	-	5,745	5,100		10,845
Training - Staff Development	-	-	-	500	500	-	1,000		150	1,150
Meeting Costs	-	233	1,000	5,000	1,000	-	7,233	200		7,433
Insurance	-	-	-	500	-	-	500	5,300	400	6,200
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
Equipment / Vehicle Fuel	-	-	-	5,000	2,400	-	7,400			7,400
Contractual Service	-	204,525	213,985	61,000	6,201	20,000	505,711	5,100		510,811
Audit Fee	-	-	-	2,500	-	-	2,500	5,000		7,500
Miscellaneous (Commission Mtg)	-	-	-	43,500	2,000	-	45,500	2,500		48,000
Total Non-Personnel Costs	802	214,994	221,435	200,277	32,170	22,629	692,307	87,222	6,593	786,122
Total Personnel & Non-Personnel	27,168	296,724	405,208	541,397	176,751	68,132	1,515,381	111,081	106,353	1,732,814
Common Costs	5,034	15,606	35,092		27,608	8,689	92,029		19,050	111,079
M&G Costs	6,860	21,266	47,817		37,619	11,840	125,402		125,403	
Total Program Costs	39,062	333,596	488,117	541,397	241,978	88,661	1,732,812			

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**May 23, 2013**

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Transportation:**

- The Safe Routes to School grants submitted on behalf of Belview Elementary, Christiansburg Primary, Auburn Campus and Macy McClaughtery Elementary in Pearisburg should receive notice of whether funding was awarded in June.

### **Economic Development:**

- The NRVPC staff provided a letter of support to the Roanoke Valley MPO for a study of the potential Elliston Intermodal facility regarding economic opportunity and impacts. The letter of support was provided for the study to be conducted, not for the project to be implemented.

### **Regional:**

- Recently all four of the public utility providers party to an agreement with the PDC to provide a utility conduit in conjunction with the Rt. 114 bridge replacement reaffirmed their participation in the project. The bridge replacement project is ahead of schedule and is slated to be finished in late 2013 or early 2014.
- A three-county partnership consisting of Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski received notification of two agri-business/agri-tourism related grant applications. One is a Community Development Block Grant Planning Grant and the other is through the Virginia Agricultural and Forestry Industries Development Fund. Project planning will begin on May 16.
- The New River Initiative, a joint effort between localities and businesses near the New River, is focusing on identifying assets that could be developed or further supported to assist with community and economic development. A marketing meeting will take place on 5/29 at the Draper Mercantile with the Destination Marketing Organizations from the communities near the New River to learn how they market the asset and what types of maps may be helpful.
- The Blue Ridge Heritage Board of Directors is in the process of procuring a site design firm to assist with development of the Rocky Knob Heritage Visitor Center along the Blue Ridge Parkway. The project is joint effort between Floyd and Patrick Counties. The PDC has served as grant administrator for this project since 2009.
- The PDC was awarded a grant to map flash flood prone areas in Montgomery County, Pulaski County, and the towns of Narrows and Pulaski. This project will commence in July.
- Please visit [www.nrvlivability.org](http://www.nrvlivability.org) and complete the NRV Tomorrow survey. It will be available until May 30. The final report for the project is scheduled for December 2013.
- The PDC recently submitted a memorandum to the Town of Pulaski outlining issues and opportunities pertaining to joint tax collection between the town and Pulaski County.
- The New River Symposium will be held May 30-31 at Radford University and covers issues pertaining to the entire watershed from NC to WV. More information is at [www.ncnr.org/nrs](http://www.ncnr.org/nrs)

### **PDC:**

- The Virginia Association of PDCs will host their summer conference July 25-27 at Wintergreen Resort. Please contact me regarding your availability to attend the conference.

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
AGENDA

June 27, 2013

6:00 p.m.—New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY
  - B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR MAY
- III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
  - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
    - None
  - B. Regular Project Review
    - None
  - C. Environmental Project Review
    - None
- IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
- V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT
- VI. CHAIR'S REPORT
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. None
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Commission Officers for FY14
    - Commission Action Needed
  - B. Revised Budget for FY13 (enclosed)
    - Commission Action Needed
  - C. Consumer Version of CEDS Document (enclosed)
    - No Action Needed
- IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (enclosed)
- X. REGIONAL FOCUS
  - A. Center for the Arts at Virginia Tech
    - Ruth Waalkes, Associate Provost for the Arts/Executive Director

X. PUBLIC ADDRESS

All meeting materials posted on PDC website [www.nrvpdc.org](http://www.nrvpdc.org)



**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Expenditures as of May 31, 2013**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget revised</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>May Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
Salaries	786,902.00	687,444.52	67,584.44	755,028.96	31,873.04	95.95%
Fringe Benefits	302,737.00	233,236.42	29,195.82	262,432.24	40,304.76	86.69%
Travel	61,927.00	31,284.02	2,182.96	33,466.98	28,460.02	54.04%
Office Space	27,647.00	19,784.80	1,975.30	21,760.10	5,886.90	78.71%
Telephone/Communications	5,980.00	5,389.47	466.10	5,855.57	124.43	97.92%
Office Supplies	14,039.00	9,146.79	2,286.64	11,433.43	2,605.57	81.44%
Postage	523.00	219.89	1.38	221.27	301.73	42.31%
Printing	630.00	9.45	-	9.45	620.55	1.50%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	2,200.00	1,990.96	32.38	2,023.34	176.66	91.97%
Media Ad	2,294.00	266.27	793.44	1,059.71	1,234.29	46.19%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	1,232.40	174.39	1,406.79	93.21	93.79%
Vehicle Fuel	3,013.00	2,629.68	383.36	3,013.04	(0.04)	100.00%
Dues/Publications	4,600.00	1,350.00	3,000.00	4,350.00	250.00	94.57%
Training	783.00	414.90	134.00	548.90	234.10	70.10%
Insurance	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	0.00%
Meeting Expense	10,697.00	5,810.77	1,179.82	6,990.59	3,706.41	65.35%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equip)	5,000.00	1,523.97	-	1,523.97	3,476.03	30.48%
Contractual Services	1,021,953.00	665,327.35	16,836.75	682,164.10	339,788.90	66.75%
Audit Fee	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	100.00%
Miscellaneous	44,129.00	1,969.68	310.01	2,279.69	41,849.31	5.17%
M & G Costs	113,785.00	101,010.63	6,260.51	107,271.14	6,513.86	94.28%
Common Costs	114,544.00	85,792.32	(727.12)	85,065.20	29,478.80	74.26%
	<b>2,527,883.00</b>	<b>1,858,334.29</b>	<b>132,070.18</b>	<b>1,990,404.47</b>	<b>537,478.53</b>	<b>78.74%</b>

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Planning District Commissioners**  
**From: Kevin R. Byrd, AICP – Executive Director**  
**Date: June 12, 2013**  
**Re: Revised Budget for FY13**

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Each spring the Commission staff prepares a revised budget for the Commission to review and adopt as the fiscal year comes to a close. Through this process the staff revises the revenue and expenditures to reflect as close to actual as possible through May 31. The original budget amount for FY13 was \$2,594,957 and the revised budget is showing \$2,527,883. This demonstrates a reduced overall budget primarily attributed to the pace of spending by consultants on projects. When preparing the budget it is difficult to project consultant spending, especially when there is over \$1.0 million across multiple programs. The difference in spending by consultants should be met in FY14 as contracts come to a close. The staffing cost of the agency remained inline with the original budget as well the direct project expenditures.

Attached to this memo is the Agencywide Budget by program category as well as line item listing of revenue and expenditures. The last page of the attachment illustrates Project Funds Carried Forward which is a formula of revenue against expenditures after grant loss which results in a positive balance of \$150,640.94. Project Funds Carried Forward are committed to FY14 projects and were included in the FY14 proposed budget adopted in May.

**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Revised Budget (June 2013)**  
**July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013**

	Housing <u>Total</u>	Transit <u>Total</u>	ing/Grant <u>Total</u>	Workforce <u>Total</u>	Development <u>Total</u>	Other <u>Total</u>	ARC <u>Total</u>	Total <u>Direct (AW)</u>	<u>Common</u>	<u>M&amp;G</u>	Total <u>Agency</u>
Salary	19,515	79,652	159,714	318,893	105,054	39,201	64,874	786,902	20,406	67,222	874,530
Fringe	7,975	30,008	57,428	123,105	42,078	15,820	26,324	302,737	6,916	25,885	335,538
Total Salaries & Fringe	27,490	109,660	217,142	441,998	147,132	55,020	91,198	1,089,639	27,322	93,107	1,210,068
Travel	500	5,800	3,562	37,500	11,264	2,581	721	61,927		6,043	67,970
Office Space	-	-	-	27,647	-	-	-	27,647	32,039		59,686
Telephone/Communications	-	-	-	5,980	-	-	-	5,980	4,000		9,980
Office Supplies	-	13	38	5,030	3,623	5,335	-	14,039	12,508		26,547
Postage	-	20	-	500	-	3	-	523	3,500		4,023
Printing	-	-	-	620	10	-	-	630	75		705
Copies & Copier Maintenance	-	-	200	2,000	-	-	-	2,200	4,000		6,200
Media Advertising	-	-	794	1,500	-	-	-	2,294	600		2,894
Equipment Rent - Copier	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	1,500	5,800		7,300
Equipment Maintenance - Vehicles/Copier	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500		1,500
Dues/Publications	-	485	-	500	3,615	-	-	4,600	5,100		9,700
Training - Staff Development	-	-	-	500	283	-	-	783		150	933
Meeting Costs	-	210	4,893	5,000	502	91	-	10,697	200	88	10,985
Insurance	-	-	-	500	-	-	-	500	5,300		5,800
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
Equipment / Vehicle Fuel	-	-	-	5,000	3,013	-	-	8,013			8,013
Contractual Service	-	753,461	127,238	61,000	11,484	61,967	6,804	1,021,953	5,100		1,027,053
Audit Fee	-	-	-	2,500	-	-	-	2,500	5,000		7,500
Miscellaneous (Commission Mtg)	-	-	-	43,000	1,129	-	-	44,129	2,500		46,629
Total Non-Personnel Costs	500	759,989	136,726	200,277	34,922	69,977	7,525	1,209,915	87,222	6,281	1,303,418
Total Personnel & Non-Personnel	27,990	869,648	353,867	642,275	182,054	124,997	98,723	2,299,554	114,544	99,388	2,513,486
Common Costs	4,251	16,957	33,576		22,750	8,508	14,101	100,143		14,397	
M&G Costs	4,829	19,266	38,148		25,851	9,667	16,023	113,784		113,785	<b>2,527,883</b>
Total Program Costs	37,070	905,871	425,591	642,275	230,655	143,172	128,847	2,513,481			

# Agencywide Budget

## New River Valley Planning District Commission

Fiscal Year: 2013

Code	Description	Budget
<b>Revenues</b>		
40000	ARC	68,436.00
40050	LOCAL ASSESSMENT	223,378.75
40100	DHCD	75,971.00
40200	EDA	70,000.00
40210	EDA -TEMCI Project	776,622.00
40300	WIB Fiscal Agent	60,000.00
40310	WIA Program Funds	642,275.00
40500	VDOT	58,000.00
40510	VDOT - Rocky Knob Project	6,554.00
40600	Floyd County	24,000.00
40650	Floyd Co EDA	12,176.00
40700	Giles County	8,114.00
40710	Narrows Town	7,000.00
40720	Pearisburg Town	12,000.00
40730	Rich Creek Town	2,957.00
40800	Montgomery County	2,500.00
40810	Blacksburg Town	12,900.00
40820	Christiansburg Town	2,000.00
40900	Pulaski County	64,810.15
40930	Pulaski County PSA	3,421.58
40940	Pulaski County Sewer Authority	4,500.00
41100	Radford University	17,500.00
41600	Citizens - NRV Network Wireless project	4,113.00
41700	Virginia Dept of Forestry - Green Infrastructure	6,181.35
41800	Jacksonville Center for the Arts	2,588.13
41900	Virginia's First	6,748.00
41950	Virginia's First - NRV Commerce Park	17,327.00
42100	Blacksburg/Christiansburg MPO	11,259.00
42200	HUD - Livability Initiative Project	363,488.00
42400	RV-ARC RideSolutions Project	24,680.00
42800	RWJ Foundation - Healthy NRV Project	79,750.00
49500	Dept of Conservation and Recreation	11,046.00
49600	Northern VA RC - EECBG project	91.98
49610	Southwest Virginia SWMA	3,000.00
<b>Revenues</b>		<b>2,685,387.94</b>

# Agencywide Budget

## New River Valley Planning District Commission

**Fiscal Year: 2013**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
50000	Salaries	786,902.00
50500	Fringe Benefits	302,737.00
51000	Travel	61,927.00
51100	Office Space	27,647.00
51200	Telephone/Communications	5,980.00
51300	Office Supplies	14,039.00
51400	Postage	523.00
51500	Printing	630.00
51600	Copies & Copier Maintenance	2,200.00
51700	Media Ad	2,294.00
51800	Equipment Rent	1,500.00
51910	Vehicle Fuel	3,013.00
52000	Dues/Publications	4,600.00
52200	Training	783.00
52210	Insurance	500.00
52300	Meeting Expense	10,697.00
52500	Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equipment)	5,000.00
52600	Contractual Services	1,021,953.00
52700	Audit Fee	2,500.00
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59700	M & G Costs	113,785.00
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<b>Expenses</b>		<b><u><u>2,527,883.00</u></u></b>
<b>Balance</b>		<b><u><u>157,504.94</u></u></b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b><u><u>2,685,387.94</u></u></b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b><u><u>2,527,883.00</u></u></b>
<b>Total Balance</b>		<b><u><u>157,504.94</u></u></b>
<b>Grant Loss</b>		<b><u><u>(6,864.00)</u></u></b>
<b>Project Funds Carried Forward</b>		<b><u><u>150,640.94</u></u></b>

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# New River Valley Planning District Commission



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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Planning District Commissioners**

**From: Bradley Mecham, Regional Planner**

**Date: June 13, 2013**

**Re: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2013 – Consumer Version**

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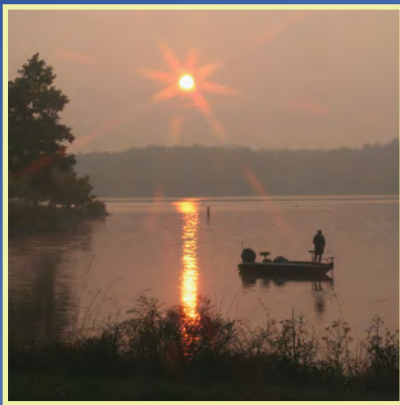
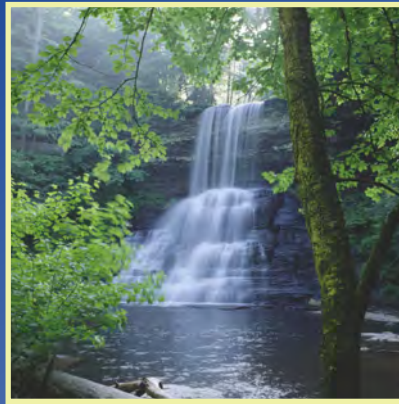
New River Valley Planning District Commission staff completed the 2013 annual update of the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) in May. This year we received significant contributions from the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy committee and local governments. We truly appreciate the help and support provided to identify projects in the region.

Upon completion and submission of the CEDS in June to the Economic Development Administration, Commission staff created a CEDS Consumer Version in an effort to clearly communicate the priority goals and projects for the region. Included in this packet is a copy of the CEDS 2013 Consumer Version for your review and use. If you would like more copies for distribution to local officials or otherwise, please contact me at [bmecham@nrvpdc.org](mailto:bmecham@nrvpdc.org).

# Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

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Planning District Commission



# WHAT IS THE CEDS?

## WHY DOES THE NEW RIVER VALLEY NEED ONE?

CEDS is an acronym for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The CEDS is a strategy document which reflects local economic development needs and priorities while recognizing the value of a regional approach to economic development. A CEDS is required to qualify for funding assistance from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) and it is updated annually.

The full document found at [www.nrvpdc.org](http://www.nrvpdc.org) contains an economic overview of the New River Valley; including a brief history, current trends, and up-to-date data on the region. Goals and objectives are designated based on this evaluation and projects are identified by a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee, made up of a majority of private sector participants as well as public sector representatives. Projects included in the CEDS demonstrate priorities in the region. Some familiar projects with a portion of EDA funding are Virginia Tech's Corporate Research Center, NRV Commerce Park Water and Sewer project, and the Carilion Giles Memorial Hospital.



BC Genesis will be the first tenant of the Floyd Innovation Center, built with Economic Development Administration, Appalachian Regional Commission, and Tobacco Commission funds.

## New Priority Areas

NRVPDC staff, through New River Valley Livability Initiative, performed a community outreach survey and these seven priority areas are framing economic issues for the coming years. One sample strategy is included per priority area.

### 1) Coordinated Business Assistance and Entrepreneurial Support

Promote cooperation between the Radford Small Business Development Center, VT KnowledgeWorks, New River Community College, etc.

**2) Preparation and Continued Support of Qualified Workforce**  
Utilize the Community College or the One-stop Centers to assist businesses seeking trained employees or training of employees requiring enhanced skills.

### 3) Available Land, Quality Infrastructure, and Affordable Housing

Deploy a diverse network of fiber optics throughout the region to serve businesses and residents.

### 4) Attracting New Business to the Region

Recruit outside firms that currently have significant supplier relationships with New River Valley companies.

### 5) Regional Marketing/Awareness to Promote the New River Valley

Identify, develop, and package the region's inventory of historical assets and arts and cultural activities, natural features, and events to support external marketing.

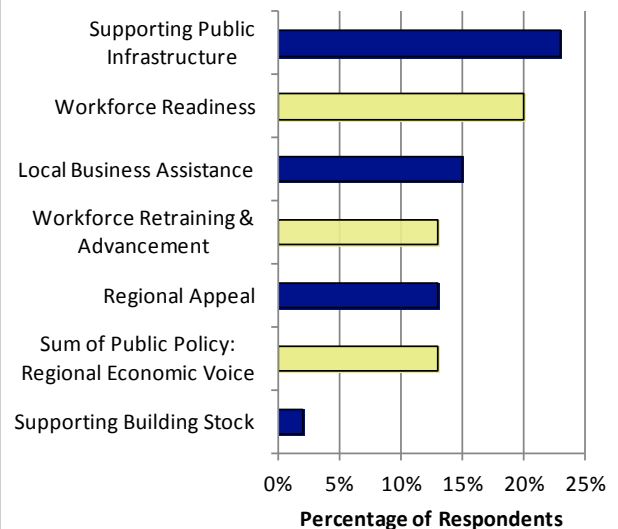
### 6) Preserve Natural and Historic Areas

Utilize tourism assets as a way to preserve open spaces, historic sites and key natural attractions.

### 7) Business Friendly Governance and Representation

Provide input to State from regional economic development organizations and planning districts.

## NRV Economic Priorities



Economy and Employment Priorities as measured through the Livability Initiative's Community Priorities Survey, December 2012. Respondents asked to vote on their top three choices for regional focus.



# TOP 10 PROJECTS FOR 2013-2014

Area	Description	Total Funding	Responsible Agency
Giles County	<b>Giles Multi-tenant Business Facility</b> A facility located in the Wheatland Eco Park.	\$2,000,000	Giles County
NRV	<b>New River Valley Development Corporation Revolving Loan Fund</b> Fund to provide assistance for business and non-profit development.	\$50,000	New River Valley Development Corporation
NRV	<b>Broadband Infrastructure</b> Deploy last mile fiber.	\$8,000,000	New River Valley Wireless Authority
NRV	<b>Develop a Career Pathways Task Force</b> Investigate emerging sectors in the economy, develop multi-stage career development pathways with a range of entry/training and exit/career points to match those emerging employment sectors, and integrate the targeted career pathways approach within the public and post-secondary educational institutions.		Workforce Investment Board, Education Providers
NRV	<b>Create a Consortium of School Districts, Community College, Economic Development and Local Business Representatives</b> To develop an integrated workforce curriculum spanning from kindergarten to post-graduate degrees focusing on current/future business and industry needs (including Career Pathways development).	\$250,000	Workforce Investment Board, Education Providers, Economic Development Alliance
Pulaski County	<b>Preparation of New Graded Building Site at NRV Commerce Park</b> A site to accommodate a graded building pad of a building footprint of at least 50 acres.	\$2,000,000	Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facilities Authority
NRV	<b>Creation of a Regional Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)</b> Raise awareness of New River Valley tourism assets.	\$20,000	NRVPDC, NRVEDA, Localities
Pulaski Town	<b>Town of Pulaski Business Park Expansion</b> The acquisition and site preparation of greenspace for industrial growth.	\$2,000,000	Town of Pulaski
NRV	<b>Regional Conference/Civic Center</b> Determine feasibility and appropriate site, engineering and architectural plans for regional conference center.	\$15,000,000	NRV Localities
NRV	<b>Small Business Development (Green/Nano/Bio) Program</b> Develop educational program through the community college and universities to support the development and/or recruitment of small businesses/industries in the green, nano and/or bio technology fields.	\$1,000,000	New River Community College, Virginia Tech, Radford University, Workforce

# NEW RIVER VALLEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS



Governor McDonnell provided support via the Governor's Opportunity Fund to help Red Sun Farms to locate in the NRV Commerce Park.

## 2012 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Jurisdiction	Percent
Floyd County	5.7%
Giles County	5.8%
Montgomery County	5.1%
Pulaski County	6.2%
City of Radford	6.7%
New River Valley	5.6%
Virginia	5.2%

Source: Virginia Workforce Connection

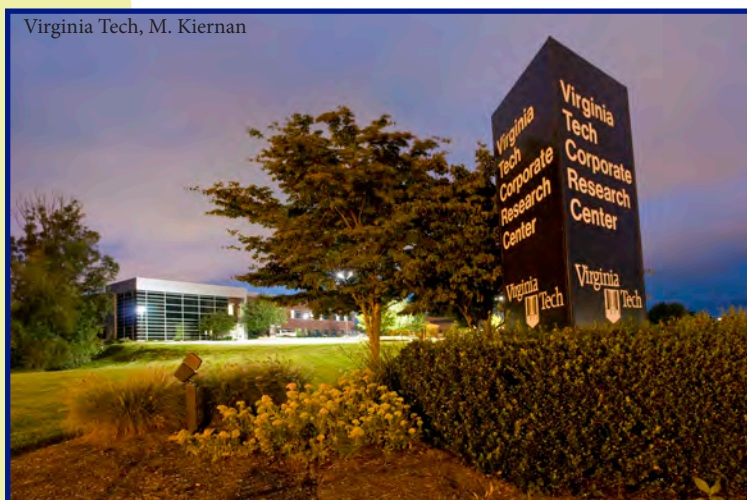
## PER CAPITA INCOME

Jurisdiction	2007-2011	% of VA	Population
Floyd County	\$21,298	64.5%	15,390
Giles County	\$21,891	66.3%	16,928
Montgomery County	\$22,861	69.2%	95,194
Pulaski County	\$21,623	65.4%	34,736
City of Radford	\$16,723	50.6%	16,685
New River Valley	\$21,822	66.0%	178,933
Virginia	\$33,040	100.0%	8,185,867

Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates.



New River Valley workforce training for jobs of the future.



Virginia Tech, M. Kiernan

Virginia Tech University: Virginia Tech is a Top 30 Public Research University according to the National Science Foundation.

## NEW RIVER VALLEY POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Year	Population	% Change
2010	178,237	7.93%, (from 2000)
2020	192,063	7.76%
2030	205,844	7.18%
2040	219,420	6.60%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Virginia Employment Commission

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**June 27, 2013**

## Executive Director's Report

### Transportation:

- The recently expanded New River Valley MPO is working through a challenging budget situation impacting transit providers in the MPO boundary including Blacksburg Transit and Radford Transit. The first financial impact was through a new funding formula being implemented by the VA Dept of Rail and Public Transit. The second impact came to Radford Transit moving from a rural system outside of the MPO to an urban system inside the MPO when the boundary was expanded. This changed the local match ratio from 80/20 to 50/50. The third impact is an overall reduced funding from the state. The cumulative reduction in transit funds split between the providers is \$721,000. This comes at a time when Blacksburg Transit needs expansion because riders are left at stops due to full buses, and Radford Transit is a relatively new system with less than two full years of operation, which the state facilitated the launch. A letter prepared by MPO Executive Director, Dan Brugh, to the Secretary of Transportation, Sean Connaughton, is attached.

### Economic Development:

- The CEDS 2013 update report was submitted to EDA in late May. The consumer version of the CEDS is included in the June Commission packet and serves as an abbreviated version of the full report. We hope this version helps communicate regional economic goals and projects in a succinct fashion and can be used by more entities across the region.
- The PDC recently completed a Retail Feasibility Study for Rt. 99 in the Town of Pulaski. A presentation to the Town Council will be scheduled in July to highlight recommendations.

### Regional:

- The NRV Livability Initiative scheduled a significant regional gathering for June 26<sup>th</sup> at Radford University and some unforeseen circumstances necessitated postponing the event until the fall. An email to all invitees was issued on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Once a date is set all attendees will be notified.
- A three-county partnership consisting of Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski is moving forward on addressing requirements communicated by the VA Dept of Housing and Community Development to secure funds for a Planning Grant. One requirement was to host agriculture input meetings in all three counties before the end of June. The VA Cooperative Extension provided facilitation leadership to conduct all of the meetings in late May/early June.
- The New River Initiative, a joint effort between localities and businesses near the New River, held a marketing meeting on 5/29 at the Draper Mercantile with the Destination Marketing Organizations from the communities near the New River. Key take away points were establishing a base map with all assets identified and considering a model for "River Towns" similar to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy "Trail Towns" to help attract river users into communities.

### PDC:

- The PDC office reception area project is now complete. We are quite proud to display all the unique items representative of the diverse communities in the region. Next time you are in the area please stop by to visit!

**New River Valley  
Metropolitan Planning Organization**

755 Roanoke Street, Suite 21  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

June 5, 2013

Sean Connaughton,  
Secretary of Transportation  
P. O. Box 1475  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Secretary Connaughton,

I am writing this letter to express our deep concerns regarding the FTA 5307 funding as well as the State funding that flows through the New River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO") to the two transit providers that operate within our MPO.

The MPO was asked to provide a recommendation for allocating funding to our two transit providers (Blacksburg Transit & Radford Transit). We were told that the reason there was such a short timeframe to respond was that VDRPT did not know that the City of Radford was in the New River Valley MPO. However, VDRPT had representation on our MPO throughout the process of adding Radford and Pulaski to the MPO. This process started in March 2012, and was completed in September 2012. The MPO was informed about the need to split the funding from one of our transit providers in late February 2013. The request for a recommendation from the MPO on splitting the funding should have been communicated to the MPO, but never was directly. I did call and confirm what was required with Neil Sherman of VDRPT.

The MPO was faced with splitting funding between two transit systems that is \$445,000 less than the operating funds that are being received this year. There are two primary reasons for this. One is that Radford was incorporated into the MPO this year necessitating a switch from rural to urban funding. The second reason is that VDRPT changed the way they split the funding to the transit providers. VDRPT chose to follow the funding formula that FTA uses to distribute funding to the States, without carefully evaluating the impacts such a move would create. In past years, modifications were made to the allocations to insure that operating funds were designated where needed. This change took that aspect out of the equation.

Equally disconcerting to us is the drastic reduction in State funding that was never communicated to either the MPO or the transit providers. We discovered the reduction when the draft Six Year Plan was released. This raises the shortfall for the two providers from \$445,000 to \$721,000 for next fiscal year, and creates another significant challenge for our providers.




The MPO is struggling to comprehend the lack of communication regarding these significant funding reductions. We do not understand the rationale for forcing two growing and efficient transit systems to have to look at reducing service while other systems in the state are converting operating funds to capital and "banking" them for future use. Blacksburg Transit is one of the most, if not the most, efficient systems operating in the State carrying over 3.5 million passengers a year. Radford Transit is a new system that carried over 180,000 passengers in its first full year of operation and is experiencing substantial growth this year over last year. Blacksburg Transit currently has routes that are operating over capacity and leaving citizens at bus stops because the buses are full. I firmly believe that the State through VDRPT has an obligation to assure that these systems function to their highest level. As VDOT prioritizes maintenance over construction, VDRPT should prioritize operations over capital. VDRPT should assure that new systems that they establish have the funding necessary to operate and grow. And finally, VDRPT should focus on keeping efficient systems funded adequately to operate. What has been proposed in the draft budget for next year does not meet any of these. With significant increases upcoming in State revenue for transportation, one would not expect to be forced to reduce transit service.

I have been told that new State funding would probably reduce some of the shortfall. But these new allocations will not even allow these two systems to operate as they do now, much less expand. Both systems are experiencing growth, and new funding should go to enhance and expand service, not to struggle to keep them where they are now.

I certainly hope that this will be carefully reviewed by you and the Commonwealth Transportation Board and that adequate funding can be found so that significant cuts and reductions in service to two highly used and efficient systems do not have to occur in a very short timeframe.

I would be glad to discuss this further with you if you desire. I look forward to hearing from you soon as to how we can resolve this matter.

Sincerely,



Dan Brugh, Executive Director  
New River Valley MPO

cc: Dana Martin, CTB Member Salem District  
Craig Meadows, Chairman NRV MPO  
NRV MPO Board Members

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**NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
AGENDA**

August 22, 2013

6:00 p.m.—New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE
  - B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR JUNE AND JULY
- III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
  - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
    - None
  - B. Regular Project Review
    - 1. FY2013 Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant application
  - C. Environmental Project Review
    - 1. Upper Quad Residential Facility – Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
    - 2. VADEQ Permit No. 0027481 Blacksburg Country Club WWTP
    - 3. VADEQ Permit No. 0088048 Pembroke WWTP
    - 4. VADEQ Permit No. 0062219 Elliston-Lafayette WWTP
- IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
- V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT
- VI. CHAIR'S REPORT
- VII. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. New River Community College Membership in New River Valley Planning District Commission (enclosed)
    - Commission Action Needed
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Annual Planning Commission Dinner Meeting
    - Commission Discussion
- IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (enclosed)
- X. PUBLIC ADDRESS

All meeting materials posted on PDC website [www.nrvpdc.org](http://www.nrvpdc.org)

**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Expenditures as of June 30, 2013**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget revised</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>June Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
Salaries	786,902.00	755,028.96	76,157.92	831,186.88	(44,284.88)	105.63%
Fringe Benefits	302,737.00	262,432.24	10,112.40	272,544.64	30,192.36	90.03%
Travel	61,927.00	33,466.98	3,269.96	36,736.94	25,190.06	59.32%
Office Space	27,647.00	21,760.10	1,975.30	23,735.40	3,911.60	85.85%
Telephone/Communications	5,980.00	5,855.57	613.66	6,469.23	(489.23)	108.18%
Office Supplies	14,039.00	11,433.43	398.84	11,832.27	2,206.73	84.28%
Postage	523.00	221.27	80.39	301.66	221.34	57.68%
Printing	630.00	9.45	-	9.45	620.55	1.50%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	2,200.00	2,023.34	32.78	2,056.12	143.88	93.46%
Media Ad	2,294.00	1,059.71	-	1,059.71	1,234.29	46.19%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	1,406.79	-	1,406.79	93.21	93.79%
Vehicle Fuel	3,013.00	3,013.04	227.43	3,240.47	(227.47)	107.55%
Dues/Publications	4,600.00	4,350.00	635.00	4,985.00	(385.00)	108.37%
Training	783.00	548.90	-	548.90	234.10	70.10%
Insurance	500.00	-	-	-	500.00	0.00%
Meeting Expense	10,697.00	6,990.59	2,753.06	9,743.65	953.35	91.09%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equip)	5,000.00	1,523.97	-	1,523.97	3,476.03	30.48%
Contractual Services	1,021,953.00	682,164.10	455,085.95	1,137,250.05	(115,297.05)	111.28%
Audit Fee	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	100.00%
Miscellaneous	44,129.00	2,279.69	338.94	2,618.63	41,510.37	5.93%
M & G Costs	113,785.00	107,271.14	10,853.35	118,124.49	(4,339.49)	103.81%
Common Costs	114,544.00	85,065.20	6,503.47	91,568.67	22,975.33	79.94%
	<b>2,527,883.00</b>	<b>1,990,404.47</b>	<b>569,038.45</b>	<b>2,559,442.92</b>	<b>-31,559.92</b>	<b>101.25%</b>

**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Expenditures as of July 31, 2013**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget approved May 2013</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>July Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
Salaries	619,568.00	-	54,544.80	54,544.80	565,023.20	8.80%
Fringe Benefits	203,506.00	-	26,058.61	26,058.61	177,447.39	12.80%
Travel	67,970.00	-	2,220.80	2,220.80	65,749.20	3.27%
Office Space	27,647.00	-	1,795.30	1,795.30	25,851.70	6.49%
Telephone/Communications	5,980.00	-	314.62	314.62	5,665.38	5.26%
Office Supplies	9,376.00	-	29.99	29.99	9,346.01	0.32%
Postage	500.00	-	8.52	8.52	491.48	1.70%
Printing	620.00	-	-	-	620.00	0.00%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	1,500.00	-	383.07	383.07	1,116.93	25.54%
Media Ad	1,625.00	-	-	-	1,625.00	0.00%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	-	123.24	123.24	1,376.76	8.22%
Vehicle Fuel	2,400.00	-	127.80	127.80	2,272.20	5.33%
Dues/Publications	5,745.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	4,745.00	17.41%
Training	1,000.00	-	48.00	48.00	952.00	4.80%
Insurance	500.00	-	2,002.00	2,002.00	(1,502.00)	400.40%
Meeting Expense	7,233.00	-	26.20	26.20	7,206.80	0.36%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equip)	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	0.00%
Contractual Services	505,711.00	-	962.19	962.19	504,748.81	0.19%
Audit Fee	2,500.00	-	-	-	2,500.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous	45,500.00	-	79.94	79.94	45,420.06	0.18%
M & G Costs	125,403.00	-	9,933.18	9,933.18	115,469.82	7.92%
Common Costs	111,081.00	-	13,121.39	13,121.39	97,959.61	11.81%
	<b>1,751,865.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>112,779.65</b>	<b>112,779.65</b>	<b>1,639,085.35</b>	<b>6.44%</b>



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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Planning Commission Members

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

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

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CIRP Review

August 15, 2013

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**PROJECT:** **FY 2013 Section 319 (h) Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant  
VA130702-00100400400**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Department of Environmental Quality

**PROJECT**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Environmental Quality has applied for Federal funding assistance for FY 2013.

**PROJECT SENT**

**FOR REVIEW TO:** Planning Commissioners

**STAFF**

**COMMENT:** The staff has reviewed the appropriate plans (Land Use, Water Quality Management, Regional Solid Waste Management, Vision 2020, and the Economic Development plans) and finds that this project does not conflict with the plans or regional policies and goals.

June 27, 2013

**FY2013 Section 319 Assistance Application**

**FOR PERIOD JULY 1, 2013 – December 31, 2016**

**FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM:**

Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act requires that state develop and implement nonpoint source pollution managements programs. Prior to July 1, 2013 Section 10.1-104.1 of Code of Virginia designated the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) as the lead agency for Virginia's nonpoint source pollution management program to identify and establish priorities of nonpoint source related water quality problems, and the administration of a statewide nonpoint source advisory committee. The 2013 Legislative session of the General Assembly passed Chapters 756 (HB2048) and 793 (SB 1279) of the VA Acts of Assembly which named VA Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) as the lead nonpoint source agency in VA and shifted the Section 319(h) grant program under DEQ's purview. CFDA: 66.460 Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants.

**PURPOSE OF PROPOSAL:**

Virginia's Nonpoint Source Pollution (NPS) Management Program is a diverse network of state and local government programs that collectively help prevent degradation of water quality and restore the health of our rivers, lakes, and bays. DEQ staffs administer nonpoint source pollution control programs required by state and federal law. These programs include erosion and sediment control, stormwater management, nutrient management, agricultural best management practices, orphaned mine land inventory and abatement, watershed coordination, NPS Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and watershed implementation; as well as administrative, technical and financial support provided to soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) and other partners.

Collectively, these programs help prevent water quality degradation and restore the health of our lakes, rivers and bays by promoting and funding state and local watershed planning efforts, water quality monitoring, education and outreach, stream and wetland restoration, and other measures to reduce, prevent and track nonpoint source pollution loads.

**FUNDING REQUEST:**

FY2013 319h application will be the first year in DEQ. The federal funds in the amount of \$2,933,000 (which includes \$10,000 EPA Inkind in which EPA will use funds to improve the Grant Reporting and Tracking System (GRTS) and Watershed Plan Tracker (WPT) tracking and coordination). These EPA Inkind funds would be specifically support State users in EPA Region 3.

**ANTICIPATED RESULTS:**

These funds will be used to support NPS grant coordination, reporting and planning; technical service delivery, education, training, and technology transfer. Base funds will enhance the basic state program capabilities by providing staff and technology support to the state's core programs. Also they are utilized to fund: mining inventory and abatement, watershed capacity building, GIS development and database support for NPS programs. Incremental funds will be used for on-the-ground BMP installation and technical assistance for implementation of approved TMDL watershed plans and for planning efforts related to the development of TMDLs and Watershed (TMDL) Implementation plans.

**PROJECT MANAGER:**

Nicole Sandberg Phone: 804 698-4043.

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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Planning Commission Members

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** III. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #1

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CIRP Review

August 15, 2013

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**PROJECT:** Upper Quad Residential Facilities  
ENV13-138S

**SUBMITTED BY:** Department of Environmental Quality

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University have proposed demolition and reconstruction of Rasche and Brodie Halls. The Department of Environmental Quality is requesting comments on environmental impact report.

**PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO:** F. Craig Meadows, Montgomery County and Marc Verniel, Town of Blacksburg.

**STAFF COMMENT:** The staff has reviewed the request and forwarded to Montgomery County and the Town of Blacksburg for comment. Montgomery County's comments are attached.

## **I. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION**

### **A. Background**

Anderson and Associates (A&A) is assisting Clarke Nexsen (Project Architect) and the Virginia Tech University Design and Construction department with the proposed replacements of Rasche Hall and Brodie Hall on the Upper Quad of the Virginia Tech campus in Blacksburg, Virginia (see Figure 1). The proposed project will be phased with demolition of Rasche Hall proposed to begin in the fall of 2013. Completion of the new Rasche Hall is anticipated for spring of 2015. Demolition of Brodie Hall is anticipated for spring of 2015 and new Brodie Hall is anticipated to be completed in fall of 2017. The proposed project also includes improvements to the surrounding areas such as parking areas, sidewalks and courtyards. Rasche and Brodie Hall were built in 1894 and 1900 respectively with expansions completed in the 1950s. The proposed construction is a planned improvement allowing the Virginia Tech campus to expand according to its master plan.

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

Van Coble  
University Design and Construction  
90 Sterrett Facilities Complex  
Blacksburg, VA 24061  
Office: (540) 231-4380  
E-mail: [zvcoble@vt.edu](mailto:zvcoble@vt.edu)

The anticipated project start date is September 2013 with the goal to complete construction of Brodie Hall in the fall of 2017. The anticipated project construction cost is approximately \$67,000,000.

Project Title: Virginia Tech Upper Quad Residential Facilities  
Agency Code: 208

### **B. Proposed Facility**

Virginia Tech University Design and Construction has proposed demolition and reconstruction of Rasche and Brodie Hall on the Upper Quad of the Virginia Tech campus. The proposed buildings will be occupied by approximately 1087 cadets. The proposed buildings will include student rooms, study rooms, lounges, management offices, self-service laundry, fitness rooms and miscellaneous storage rooms. The new facilities will be sited in approximately the same footprint as the current structures. The proposed Rasche Hall will have approximately 114,900 gross square feet and the proposed Brodie Hall will have approximately 112,300 gross square feet. The building exterior will be the traditional Hokie Stone as is featured on the majority of the buildings on the Virginia Tech campus.

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July 23, 2013

### MEMORANDUM



**TO:** Craig Meadows, Montgomery County Administrator

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**RE:** Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review

**PROJECT NAME:** Environmental Impact Review: **Upper Quad Residential Facility**  
Project Sponsor: **Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Department of Environmental Quality

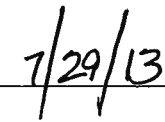
Please be advised this office has received from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) the Environmental Impact Report for the above referenced project. In accordance with Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review Process requirements, a copy of this report is enclosed for your review and comments (see note)\* DEQ has requested comments returned to them by August 15, 2013. Should you have comments, please indicate below and return via mail, fax or email prior to August 8, 2013.

\*NOTE: DEQ has indicated the full report has been submitted directly to the chief administrative officer of the Town of Blacksburg, therefore a copy is not enclosed.

**CHECK ONE**

- ☒ This agency finds no conflict between this project and its plans, policies and goals.
- ☐ This agency wishes to make the following comments. (Use back of this form or additional sheets for comments.)
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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
SIGNATURE

  
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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission Members

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

AGENDA ITEM: III. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #2

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CIRP Review

August 15, 2013

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PROJECT: **Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0027481**  
**Blacksburg Country Club WWTP**  
**VA130724-00200400121**

SUBMITTED BY: Department of Environmental Quality

**PROJECT**

DESCRIPTION: The Department of Environmental Quality has requested comment on the reissuance of a permit for the Blacksburg Country Club Wastewater Water Treatment Plant. The applicant proposes to release treated wastewater into a water body in Montgomery County, Virginia.

**PROJECT SENT**

FOR REVIEW TO: F. Craig Meadows, Montgomery County.

**STAFF**

COMMENT: The staff has reviewed the request and forwarded to Montgomery County for comment.

## PUBLIC NOTICE – Environmental Permit

**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 Montgomery County, Virginia

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** July 22, 2013 through August 20, 2013

**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:** B&J Enterprises, L.C., 3807 Brandon Avenue, S.W., Suite 245, Roanoke, VA 24018, VA0027481

**FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION:** Blacksburg Country Club WWTP, 1064 Clubhouse Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** B&J Enterprises, L.C. has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the private wastewater treatment plant. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 35,000 gallons per day from the current facility into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be periodically transported to the WWA WPCP for further treatment. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage into the North Fork of the Roanoke River in Montgomery County in the Roanoke River/Bradshaw Creek Watershed (VAW-L02R). 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: 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, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, VA 24019-2738; (540) 562-6700; E-MAIL ADDRESS: [becky.france@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:becky.france@deq.virginia.gov); FAX: (540) 562-6725. 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.



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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Planning Commission Members

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** III. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #3

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CIRP Review

August 15, 2013

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**PROJECT:** **Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0088048**  
**Pembroke WWTP**  
**VA130724-00300400071**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Department of Environmental Quality

**PROJECT**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Environmental Quality has requested comment on the reissuance of a permit for the Pembroke Wastewater Water Treatment Plant. The applicant proposes to release treated wastewater into a water body in Giles County, Virginia.

**PROJECT SENT**

**FOR REVIEW TO:** Chris McKlarney, Giles County.

**STAFF**

**COMMENT:** The staff has reviewed the request and forwarded to Giles County for comment, comments are attached.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE – Environmental Permit**

**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:** August 1, 2013 through August 30, 2013

**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:** Town of Pembroke, PO Box 5, Pembroke, VA 24136, VA0088048

**FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION:** Pembroke WWTP, 126 Park Lane, Pembroke, VA 24136

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Pembroke WWTP has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the public wastewater treatment plant. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewater at a rate of 200,000 gallons per day from the current facility into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be periodically transported to the New River Resource Authority for disposal. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage into the New River in the New River Watershed (VAW-N29R). 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: organic matter, solids, toxic pollutants

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July 24, 2013

TO: Chris McKlarney, Giles County Administrator

FROM: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

RE: Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review

PROJECT NAME: VADEQ Permit No. VA88048  
& NUMBER: Pembroke WWTP

SUBMITTED BY: DEQ

Please be advised this office has received from DEQ a copy of the public notice for the referenced proposed permit action for your review. In accordance with Commonwealth Intergovernmental Review Process requirements, a copy of the notice is enclosed for your review and comments. If you wish to make comments or require further information, please indicate below and return to the Commission office via mail or fax prior to **August 14, 2013**.

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- ☒ This agency finds no conflict between this project and its plans, policies and goals.
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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Planning Commission Members

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** III. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #4

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CIRP Review

August 15, 2013

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**PROJECT:** **Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0062219 Elliston Lafayette WWTP  
VA130814-00700400121**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Department of Environmental Quality

**PROJECT**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Environmental Quality has requested comment on the reissuance of a permit for the Elliston Lafayette Wastewater Water Treatment Plant. The applicant proposes to release treated wastewater into a water body in Montgomery County, Virginia.

**PROJECT SENT**

**FOR REVIEW TO:** F. Craig Meadows, Montgomery County.

**STAFF**

**COMMENT:** The staff has reviewed the request and forwarded to Montgomery County for comment.

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** August 15, 2013 to September 13, 2013

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

**APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS:** Montgomery County Public Service Authority (MCPSA), 755 Roanoke Street – Suite 2-I, Christiansburg, VA 24073

**VPDES PERMIT NUMBER:** VA0062219

**FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION:** Elliston-Lafayette Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), 5229 Enterprise Drive

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The MCPSA has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public WWTP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters and treated industrial wastewaters at a rate of 250,000 gallons a day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be stabilized, dewatered, and transported to MCPSA's Shawsville Sewage Treatment Plant for ultimate disposal in a sanitary landfill. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage and treated industrial wastewaters in the Roanoke River's South Fork in Montgomery County in the Roanoke River watershed. 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: bacteria, nutrients, organic matter, solids.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Planning District Commissioners**  
**From: Kevin R. Byrd, AICP-Executive Director**  
**Date: August 15, 2013**  
**Re: New River Community College Membership Invitation**

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Over the past several months the Commission discussed extending an invitation to New River Community College to become full members of the Commission. The invitation of membership to the community college is enabled based on legislation found in Virginia Code §15.2-4203 B.4., "In planning districts number 4 (New River Valley) and 14 (Commonwealth Regional Commission), the membership may also include representatives of higher education institutions." The August agenda for the Commission includes consideration of extending an invitation to the community college under old business.

The above referenced state code was amended in 2000 for the New River Valley Planning District Commission and as a result, both Virginia Tech and Radford University accepted invitations to join the Commission as full members. Annual membership dues for the universities is calculated based on the on-campus residents and assessed the same per capita rate as member localities. The on-campus population is subtracted from the locality in which the university is located. To avoid double counting for the community college, their annual dues formula is proposed to be calculated based on students outside of the Commission service area. This figure represents an equitable annual investment in the Commission in proportion to the other higher education institutions as well as member local governments.

The basis for extending an invitation to the community college is framed around their significant value in economic development and key role in the region's largest employment sector, education. Currently, the college participates with the Commission on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) committee as well as special projects pertaining to workforce development and providing connections between industry and education.

The community college represents an integral component of the region and as such, a seat at the regional table alongside 12 local governments and two universities is a significant opportunity for the Commission.

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**August 22, 2013**

## Executive Director's Report

### Transportation:

- The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation released a draft State Rail Plan with public comment scheduled to close on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Commission staff prepared a comment letter (attached) to address passenger rail extension beyond Roanoke with stop(s) in the NRV. The letter requests a study to be conducted on passenger rail extension within two years.
- Two Safe Routes to School projects were funded in the region, both in Montgomery County, at Belview Elementary and the Auburn Campus. The Commission assisted with grant applications for both projects and will serve as grant administrators once projects are underway.

### Economic Development:

- The PDC presented a recently completed Retail Feasibility Study for Rt. 99 to the Pulaski Town Council in July. Since the presentation, staff met with Senator Puckett and Delegate Rush alongside Town Council and staff to brief the state elected officials on the findings. A meeting with VDOT to discuss interchange improvements at Exit 94 on I-81 is scheduled for 8/16.
- Commission staff kicked-off an Economic Impact Study for Radford University in July. The study will detail the direct and indirect economic impact associated with the university. The Commission is partnering with Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Commission on the project to provide assistance with running an IMPLAN software modeling tool to calculate impact.

### Regional:

- Plans are taking shape to host the previously cancelled Livability Initiative regional gathering. The event will most likely be held in early November. Once a date is set all attendees will be notified.
- The Livability Initiative is partnering with several organizations to host an Aging in our Communities workshop on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration was so impressive the workshop will be moved from Lucie Monroe's Coffee Shop in Christiansburg to the Event Center across Roanoke Street in Christiansburg.
- The Commission was recently awarded funds through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to conduct a Flash Flood Mapping and Sign project. The two year project will involve inventorying flash flood prone areas and identifying strategic locations for warning signs. Participating localities include the Counties of Montgomery and Pulaski and the Towns of Pulaski, Narrows and Glen Lyn.
- The Southwest Virginia Creative Economy Conference is scheduled for September 19-20 in Abingdon. This will be a celebration of 10 years of creative economic growth in the 19 county region of southwest Virginia through the Crooked Road, 'Round the Mountain and newly forming outdoor recreation effort.

### PDC:

- The Commission recently hired Jonnell Sanciango to fill the position of Data Systems Manager. This newly created position is a result of the combination of two positions, Senior Cartographer and Communications Manager. Jonnell is scheduled to start work on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be responsible for GIS services, data center duties and updating the Commission website.



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August 22, 2013

Attention: Public Information Office - VSRP Comments

Commonwealth of Virginia

Department of Rail & Public Transportation

600 East Main Street, Suite 2102

Richmond, VA 23219

Attention: Public Information Office – VSRP Comments

VA Dept. of Rail and Public Transit VSRP Comments:

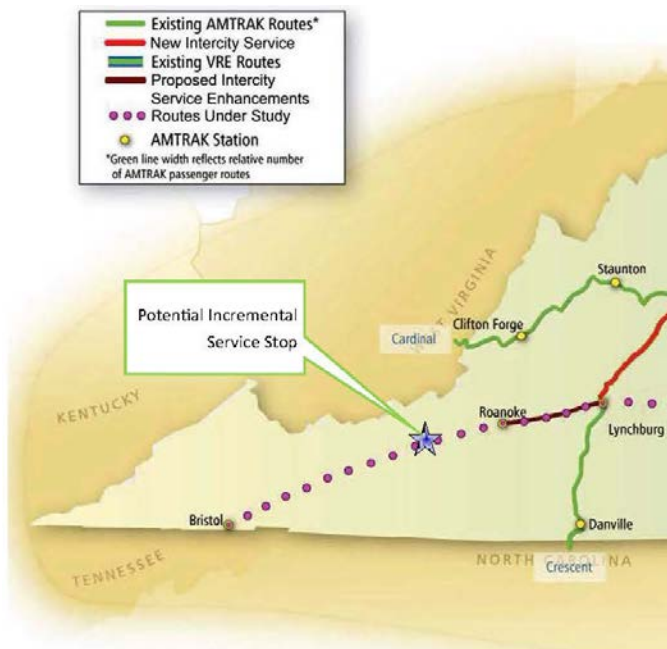
On behalf of the New River Valley Planning District Commission I would like to extend our appreciation to the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) for preparing the 2013 Virginia Statewide Rail Plan (VSRP). The Commission supports the vision for the Commonwealth outlined in the plan and urges DRPT to consider a study, in the next two years, of extending passenger rail service beyond Roanoke.

Specifically, pages 5-13 outlines a draft project phasing and funding plan for the US 29, US 460, and I-81 Passenger Service Project. The Commission recommends the VSRP include studying expansion beyond Roanoke to communities in the New River Valley (NRV) such as the City of Radford and the Towns of Christiansburg and Pulaski for potential passenger stop locations. Creating access to passenger rail west of Roanoke, within the NRV region, is a positive step towards implementing the plan of extending services to Bristol. An important factor in extending service to the NRV is the presence of approximately 38,000 university students attending Virginia Tech and Radford University, not counting faculty and staff, many of which come from points north of the region. The map (right) illustrates a potential stop along the route. Furthermore, the Commission recommends extending service prior to the 2040 date in the plan.

The VSRP outlines significant improvements throughout the Commonwealth; however, specific improvements are not outlined in detail within the NRV. I am hopeful DRPT will favorably consider this recommendation. If the Commission can provide additional support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kevin R. Byrd, AICP  
Executive Director





**NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
AGENDA**

September 26, 2013

6:00 p.m.—New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST
  - B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR AUGUST
- III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
  - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
    - None
  - B. Regular Project Review
    - None
  - C. Environmental Project Review
    - None
- IV. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
- V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT
- VI. CHAIR'S REPORT
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# New River Valley Planning District Commission

## Treasurer's Report

Expenditures as of August 31, 2013

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget adopted May 2013</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>August Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
Salaries	619,568.00	50,155.77	52,735.39	102,891.16	516,676.84	16.61%
Fringe Benefits	203,506.00	26,021.39	17,494.63	43,516.02	159,989.98	21.38%
Travel	67,970.00	2,220.80	3,209.51	5,430.31	62,539.69	7.99%
Office Space	27,647.00	1,795.30	1,795.30	3,590.60	24,056.40	12.99%
Telephone/Communications	5,980.00	314.62	112.50	427.12	5,552.88	7.14%
Office Supplies	9,376.00	29.99	476.29	506.28	8,869.72	5.40%
Postage	500.00	8.52	18.74	27.26	472.74	5.45%
Printing	620.00	-	-	-	620.00	0.00%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	1,500.00	383.07	41.64	424.71	1,075.29	28.31%
Media Ad	1,625.00	-	-	-	1,625.00	0.00%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	123.24	123.24	246.48	1,253.52	16.43%
Vehicle Fuel	2,400.00	127.80	275.87	403.67	1,996.33	16.82%
Dues/Publications	5,745.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	4,745.00	17.41%
Training	1,000.00	48.00	-	48.00	952.00	4.80%
Insurance	500.00	2,002.00	1,001.00	3,003.00	(2,503.00)	600.60%
Meeting Expense	7,233.00	26.20	563.90	590.10	6,642.90	8.16%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equip)	5,000.00	-	1,834.53	1,834.53	3,165.47	36.69%
Contractual Services	505,711.00	962.19	8,229.12	9,191.31	496,519.69	1.82%
Audit Fee	2,500.00	-	-	-	2,500.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous	45,500.00	79.94	1,932.48	2,012.42	43,487.58	4.42%
M & G Costs	125,403.00	10,091.85	10,336.17	20,428.02	104,974.98	16.29%
Common Costs	111,081.00	12,999.86	7,972.31	20,972.17	90,108.83	18.88%
	<b>1,751,865.00</b>	<b>108,390.54</b>	<b>108,152.62</b>	<b>216,543.16</b>	<b>1,535,321.84</b>	<b>12.36%</b>



# FY 2012-2013 Annual Report



# CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Greetings! Thank you for taking your time to browse our annual report. We hope you will sense both our pride and pleasure as we share the accomplishments of the past year in our New River Valley, a place where we live, work and most importantly, the place we call home.

It has been my privilege to lead our Planning District Commission for the past year. One project I personally want to highlight is our completion of the South East Regional Directors Institute (SERDI) voluntary regional council assessment. We as a Commission wanted to know how others in the New River Valley viewed us and the job we are doing and probably most importantly, the job our fellow citizens expect of us.

During the months of July and August, 2012, surveys were mailed to more than 100 elected officials, community leaders and others asking what we as a Planning District were doing well, concerns regarding their PDC and basically their hopes and dreams for our valley. On the heels of the surveys, a staff member from SERDI was

on the scene here interviewing some of these same folks in addition to others. Focus groups were held with leaders in each major area we serve - Montgomery County, Pulaski County, Giles County, Floyd County and the City of Radford - in addition with the educational leaders in our valley, primarily the school superintendents, and also the PDC staff itself.

A complete report of the assessment followed, and trust me, the PDC Board digested it thoroughly. And we are still digesting it and moving forward toward implementation of many of its recommendations. Two messages from the assessment rang out loud and clear to us. **The Planning District Commission belongs to the people of the New River Valley** through the elected officials of the localities comprising our district. **And it is valued by our fellow citizens** for the work the PDC staff delivers to our New River Valley.

The assessment energized our Board. Your Commissioners, a majority of whom are elected officials but also a large number of your fellow citizens, serve at the appointment of the elected bodies throughout the New River Valley, have become more engaged and more committed to their service representing you and your communities.

**We all** want to make this place we call home, our New River Valley, an even better place. This annual report reflects our efforts toward that goal!

Michael S. Patton, Chair

## FY 2012-2013 COMMISSIONERS

### FLOYD COUNTY

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Ms. Evelyn Janney

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Mr. Henry Showalter

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Mr. Michael Patton, Chair

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### RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Mr. Joe Carpenter

### VIRGINIA TECH

Mr. Kevin Sullivan, Vice Chair  
Mr. Jason Soileau

# REGIONAL COOPERATION

## NEW RIVER VALLEY LIVABILITY INITIATIVE



By the fall of 2012, the seven topic-area working groups of the Livability Initiative concluded their respective work. Representatives from each of the working groups came together for the first of two Integrated Working Group Meetings to explore the intersections between the important issues each had delved into over the past year. A second round of public input, the Community Priorities Survey, provided priority goals. The Community Priorities Survey asked respondents to indicate how much priority they would place on each of the goals developed by the working groups while also having an opportunity to write in goals of their own.

The Integrated Working Group came together again to evaluate the projects and policies list that participants felt would be most effective toward achieving citizens' highest priority goals for the region. These projects and policies were brought back to the public for a final round of feedback through the NRV Tomorrow Survey. The NRV Tomorrow Survey's projects and policies options were selected from a list of draft strategies developed by the working groups, particularly those strategies that related to the highest priority goal themes from the previous survey effort.

As the Livability Initiative nears completion, the Livability Initiative Final Report is being developed. This final report will identify ways to increase regional self-reliance and prosperity, save tax dollars, increase support for local businesses, support and revitalize existing communities, offer more choices in housing and transportation, improve community health and protect the region's rural character, natural environment and scenic beauty. This report will also provide important information about the region, priority goals that have been identified by citizens, and a menu of action items that communities can select from to best address their most pressing challenges, while at the same time helping to accomplish regional goals. For further information on the Livability Initiative visit [www.nrvlivability.org](http://www.nrvlivability.org).

## NRV WIRELESS AUTHORITY

The New River Valley Network Wireless Authority (Giles County, Pulaski County and City of Radford) along with Citizens Telephone Cooperative finished laying the fiber for the middle mile fiber network in the region. This is an \$11.5 million dollar project, funded by National Telecommunications and Information Administration, with 186 miles of fiber extending from Wytheville to Botetourt County. The middle mile fiber will bring significant upgrades to internet capabilities to anchor institutions throughout the region, including hospitals, schools, and government facilities. Once tested and fully deployed, Citizens Cooperative will broker the open access fiber to private providers in the region. As this project comes to a close, the Wireless Authority is exploring options to deploy last mile fiber to businesses and residences through traditional infrastructure as well as wireless transmission.

## NEW RIVER VALLEY HOME CONSORTIUM

The HOME Consortium broke ground on the first affordable supportive housing community in the New River Valley, named Summit Place, and located in the Town of Rich Creek. This service is desperately needed and in line with the overwhelming data on the region's aging population. The 23-room facility will serve residents 62 years and older and provide services such as meals, medication management, and social activities.



The HOME Consortium is also providing funding for eight rental apartments for persons 55 and older on Grissom Lane in Blacksburg, to be completed in the spring of 2014.

## VIRGINIA'S FIRST AND NEW RIVER VALLEY COMMERCE PARK



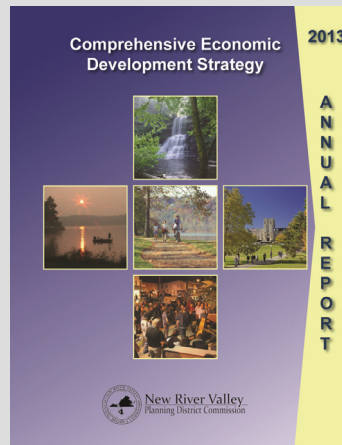
Virginia's First and the New River Valley Commerce Park Participation Committee welcomed Red Sun Farms into the New River Valley Commerce Park this past fiscal year. This first prospect to locate at the Commerce Park will be making a \$30 million investment on 45 acres and creating 205 jobs in the next five years.

Following the strategic plan completed last year, marketing investments were made in prospect mailings and the development of a website ([www.nrvcommercepark.com](http://www.nrvcommercepark.com)), making information about the property available to companies and site consultants during their "first-cut" evaluations, before the first contact with local economic developers happens.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HUMAN SERVICES

## COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY ANNUAL UPDATE

An annual update of the New River Valley Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was completed with the help of the CEDS Committee consisting of representatives from local businesses and local governments. The biggest changes for this year's update are the changes to the Goals and Objectives section to reflect priorities discovered through a community survey distributed through the Livability Initiative, and an additional section on the strength of various economic sectors within the region. A CEDS Consumer Version was also created alongside the annual report. CEDS reports can be found online: [www.nrvpdc.org/cedsinformation.html](http://www.nrvpdc.org/cedsinformation.html).



## FLOYD INNOVATION CENTER

Commission staff is working with the project management team and providing grant administration for the Floyd Innovation Center. The center will host multiple tenants engaged in industries such as high-performance and biotechnology manufacturing and is expected to be operational by mid-year 2014. Grant funding by the Tobacco Commission, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the US Economic Development Administration bring the total investment in the project to \$2.3 million. These grants will fund design and construction of a 13,000-square-foot-plus building that will provide tenant spaces suitable for clean room production and energy-efficient features for sustainable operation in the Floyd Regional Commerce Center.

## NEW RIVER VALLEY/MOUNT ROGERS WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

This past year the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board (WIB) contracted with the Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development to conduct a Workforce Skills Gap Analysis for target industries in the New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Area and to develop a stakeholder implementation plan to improve Regional Workforce services. The Skills Gap Analysis is scheduled to be completed by September 30, 2013.

The WIB also partnered to hold a Job fair where over 60 employers participated and over 350 job seekers were served. Grant Initiatives of the WIB include: HITE (Health Information Technology Education) and the Valley's on the job training (OJT) Program. The WIB served 700 adult/dislocated workers with a placement rate of 82% and 305 youth with a placement rate of 79%. For further information on the WIB visit [www.nrmrwib.org](http://www.nrmrwib.org).

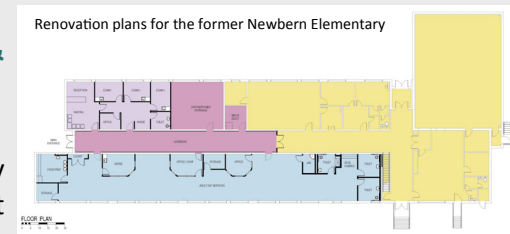


## NRV DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Barrel Cave Wines, located in the NRV Business Center, received a \$20,000 loan through the New River Valley Development Corporation's Revolving Loan Fund. This loan will provide start-up funding for Barrel Cave's online retail sales of high quality wines from around the world. Additional loans are available for small businesses within the region, typically ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

## PULASKI COUNTY ADULT DAY SERVICES & FALL PREVENTION CLINIC

Pulaski County recently applied for grant funding through the Department of Housing and Community Development in order to renovate the former Newbern Elementary School, near the Town of Dublin, and create an Adult Day Services & Fall Prevention Clinic. The facility will provide a holistic approach to caring for disabled adults and their caregivers with the addition of providing evidence-based fall prevention assessment and interventions targeted to each person's individual risk factors. In late June, the County was notified it had been awarded this funding, totaling \$700,000.



## TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING COMPETITIVENESS INITIATIVE

Throughout the three-year grant cycle of the Western Virginia Transportation Equipment Manufacturing Competitiveness Initiative (TEMCI), staff provided technical assistance through Virginia Tech to 11 companies from Botetourt County to Bristol. Project evaluation of total jobs created and total investment will coincide with the closing of the grant in the fall of 2013.



# PLANNING/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

## REGIONAL PLANNING FORUM

The Commission supports communication and training between local government planning departments by coordinating a Regional Planning Forum for local planning staff. The Planning Forum provides at least one training session annually which is open to all local government Planning Commission members in the region. The Commission hosted the sixth such training session on May 15, 2013, which was attended by more than 50 local planning commissioners and staff. Using information emerging from the New River Valley Livability Initiative, the event focused on “Addressing Trends and Challenges in the New River Valley.” The session also featured interactive discussion among groups of attendees concerning preferred goals, projects, and policies.



## HAZARD MITIGATION

With the NRV Hazard Mitigation Plan approved last fiscal year, localities continue to be eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Two proposed projects submitted during this fiscal year for funding are intended to minimize property damage and threat to human life from flooding events.

## ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FY12-13

- Town of Narrows Planning Commission and staff in developing draft zoning ordinance modifications.
- Town of Pearisburg Planning Commission and staff in developing a draft update of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.
- Pulaski County Planning Commission and staff in developing draft zoning ordinance modifications.

## GILES COUNTY BOAT ACCESS FACILITIES

The Commission worked with the Town of Pearisburg and Giles County to develop Public Boating Access Facilities grant applications, coordinated environmental review, and performed contract administration. Based on a 2002 angler survey, the 37 miles of the New River in Giles County is the most heavily fished section of the river in Virginia. In 2007, anglers spent \$793,521 in direct expenses and \$291,921 in consumer surplus between McCoy and Ripplemead. In Giles County alone, the total recreational value (including fishing) between March and November of 2007 was \$8,512,991. Creating more access to the river will provide additional resources for Giles County and Virginia to meet the growing demand and capture additional revenue to support continued recreational development and maintain existing resources.

## BASKERVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD REHABILITATION PROJECT

Twelve homes have been rehabbed or are under construction in the Baskerville Neighborhood Rehab Project, which is funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development, the New River Valley HOME Consortium, and other local investment. Infrastructure upgrades will begin in mid-July of 2013, with final project completion slated for early 2015.



BEFORE & AFTER of a substantial reconstruction in the Baskerville Neighborhood

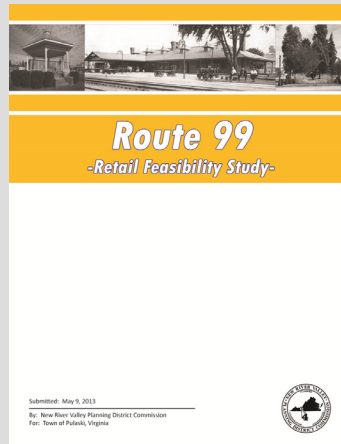
## DRAPER CORRIDOR STRATEGIC PLANNING EFFORT

In 2011, Pulaski County received a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission to develop a strategic plan for the Draper Corridor. The project study area predominantly consisted of the section of Greenbrier Road between I-81 and the New River Trail. The project involved efforts to assess capital needs, create a plan, and assist entrepreneurs and small business owners in developing their operations and establishing links to activities along the corridor. The Commission assisted Pulaski County by leading group activities, developing a SWOT analysis, and creating conceptual plans.

# TRANSPORTATION

## PULASKI ROUTE 99 RETAIL STUDY

The Planning District Commission worked with the Town of Pulaski and Pulaski County to develop a Retail Feasibility Study for the Route 99 corridor. Public water and sewer is currently available within existing town limits and can support redevelopment opportunities; however, developers have inquired about opportunities outside of town limits, particularly within the vicinity of I-81's Exit 94 interchange. To determine potential opportunities along Route 99, the Planning District Commission worked closely with key town staff to collect data and develop potential scenarios for new development and redevelopment. Multiple resources were used to evaluate existing conditions, such as: location of existing retail, undeveloped parcels, transportation system, existing market share of the Route 99 corridor, and the proximity of other businesses. Commission staff is connecting the town with appropriate resources to assist with project implementation.



## GILES AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY'S SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) PROJECTS

The Commission worked with Giles County, Montgomery County, the Town of Pearisburg and the Town of Christiansburg to develop School Travel Plans and Infrastructure Grants. In each of the projects committees were established consisting of parents, school principles, teachers, local government administrators, planning department staff, police and EMS representatives. Each SRTS team developed a vision and action plan to improve unsafe or insufficient bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, existing travel behaviors, and school activities. The action plans detailed specific issues, potential strategies to improve each issue, responsible parties, estimated costs, and sources of funding for implementation. Once the School Travel Plans were approved, the Commission completed infrastructure grants for eligible activities – tallying over \$2M in potential revenue for infrastructure improvements.



## VDOT'S ROUTE 8 AND ROUTE 460 STUDIES

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in conjunction with Montgomery County and the Town of Christiansburg, identified the need to develop corridor studies along Route 11/460 and Route 8. A project team assisted VDOT to determine the following: existing conditions analysis, future conditions analysis, proposed improvements, and a plan of action for each corridor. The Commission participated on both project teams.

## DEPARTMENT OF RAIL AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION'S (DRPT) MULTIMODAL SYSTEM DESIGN GUIDELINES

The Commonwealth of Virginia is working to improve the multimodal aspects of the state's transportation system for citizens, businesses, and visitors. Multimodal transportation improvements include providing new sidewalks or bike lanes, installing bus shelters at transit stops, striping crosswalks, and many other ways of transforming streets to improve travel using a variety of modes. The planning process was led by the DRPT, who engaged a steering team that included a cross-section of local, state, and modal agency professionals involved in transportation planning and design across Virginia. The Commission participated on the steering committee throughout the 2-year planning process.

## RIDE SOLUTIONS

The RIDE Solutions program continues to support and recruit Workplace Partners in the NRV. This goal is being met by directly contacting businesses, participating in business expos and other events to build visibility, and by developing partnerships with other organizations in the region. Community outreach through the NRV Job Fair and Expo and partnering with local organizations for the fourth annual Blacksburg Fix Fest are also building recognition of the RIDE Solutions brand and interest in sustainable transportation.





# FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As a regional organization closing out the 44<sup>th</sup> year of service to its members, it is exciting to reflect on a year of regional successes and projects that provide vision for communities and the region. As FY13 commenced, the Commission Board of Directors actively engaged in a voluntary self-assessment which solidified the purpose of the Commission and set direction for years to come. As a result, the Commission is working diligently to ensure the agency is providing opportunities for communities to collaborate while delivering technical assistance when requested by our members. The region celebrated a significant milestone in the spring with the announcement of the first company to locate at the Commerce Park, a regional industrial park owned by eleven local governments. The announcement is not only a success measured by job creation, but also demonstrates the commitment of local governments across the region to pool resources in order to deliver the necessary infrastructure to attract such a company. The region experienced another major accomplishment with the installation of 186 miles of open access middle mile fiber for telecommunications. Both of these successes started over ten years ago in planning meetings with a wide array of people at the table. Sometimes regional goals take a long time to complete, in large part due to financial investments that must be made and the time it takes to gather resources. These visionary discussions take place across communities each year, whether through a comprehensive planning process like the one recently completed in Pearisburg, or through economic development planning in Pulaski with the Rt. 99 Retail Feasibility Study. Visioning is also happening through the NRV Livability Initiative and the public provided excellent insight through the NRV Tomorrow Interactive Survey this year which secured feedback on community priorities. It is through planning and collaboration which the region has a tremendous amount of potential for a prosperous future. As we move into FY14 the Commission is committed to continuing the important work of visioning so all of the communities across the region can find success.

Kevin R. Byrd, AICP, Executive Director

## FINANCE REPORT

Year Ended June 30, 2013

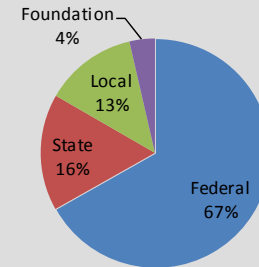
### Revenues

Grants and Appropriations	
Federal	1,480,632.01
State	365,756.70
Local	289,603.62
Foundation	79,750.00
Total	2,215,742.33

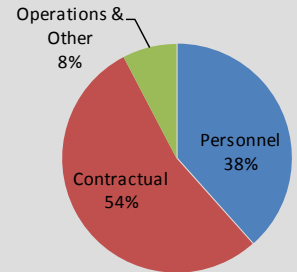
### Expenditures

Personnel	801,960.66
Contractual	1,125,977.93
Operations & Other	160,346.76
Total	2,088,285.35
Funds Carried Forward	127,456.98

## Grants and Appropriations



## Expenditures



## PDC STAFF VOLUNTEERED

over 70 hours this past year to various NRV organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Free Clinic of the NRV, Mountain Lake Conservancy, Blacksburg Farmer's Market, NRV Trout Unlimited, VT yToss, Virginia's Hunger Action Month.



## NRV PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION STAFF

Left to Right:

(back row) Kevin Byrd, AICP, Executive Director; Jennifer Wilsie, Regional Planner II; Christy Straight, Regional Planner II; Julie Phillips, Office Manager; Janet McNew, Director of Finance and Personnel; Jan Gilbertson, Communications Manager; Phil Gilbertson, Senior Cartographer

(front row) Elijah Sharp, Regional Planner II, Patrick Burton, AICP, Senior Planner; Ken Hall, Part-time Regional Planner; Brad Mecham, Regional Planner

Not Pictured: Kim Thurlow, Project Coordinator; Carol Davis, Community Outreach Facilitator



# New River Valley

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Planning District Commissioners**  
**From: Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director**  
**Date: September 19, 2013**  
**Re: New Members for CEDS Committee**

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Each year the New River Valley Planning District Commission reviews and updates the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The purpose of the CEDS is to continue federal and local partnerships to address economic development in the region. The CEDS also serves the planning needs required by the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

The New River Valley PDC is designated as an Economic Development District (EDD) and is required to engage a CEDS Committee comprised of 51% or more private sector individuals to assist in developing the CEDS document. Attached is the current CEDS Committee list for your review. Staff recommends additions in the following sectors: health, energy, telecommunications, manufacturing, and public schools. The intent of the new members is to bring expertise into the CEDS discussions through participation on the committee. Staff is seeking Commissioner input on appointments.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: Planning District Commissioners**  
**From: Kevin R. Byrd, AICP-Executive Director**  
**Date: September 17, 2013**  
**Re: Virginia Local Disability Program (VLDP)**

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By November 1, 2013 all governmental entities participating in the Virginia Retirement System are required to have a disability benefit program selected with implementation on January 1, 2014. The Commonwealth of Virginia prepared a plan option and subsequently the Virginia Municipal League (VML) recently released an alternative program for consideration. I recommend the Commission pursue disability coverage through the VML program. Ultimately, the VML program provides equity across the Commission employees. If the Commission selects VML coverage all employees will have the same short-term and long-term disability benefits. The state plan option only applies to employees hired after January 2014, which creates disparity between employee benefits and is difficult to administer given the small administrative staff at the Commission. The cost of the VML program is estimated to be \$165 per month to cover all employees. This cost can be added to the Commission's Cost Allocation Plan (indirect) and will have a minimal impact on project/agency budgets. The Commission will need to take action on this at the September meeting.



Date: August 22, 2013  
To: Members of VML Insurance Programs  
From: Steve Craig, Managing Director  
Re: Virginia Local Disability Program (VLDP): *The VMLIP Solution*

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**VLDP: The Facts**

VML Insurance Programs understands that Virginia's local governments and school systems that are in the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) face an unexpected challenge. Prior to September 1, 2013 (or November 1 for those who file for an extension), an irrevocable decision must be made regarding participation in the new Virginia Local Disability Plan (VLDP). As you know, the implementation of VLDP accompanies the new VRS hybrid retirement program.

Specifically, unless local governments formally "opt out" of the VLDP program, and offer "comparable disability coverage" the following plan provisions will become effective on January 1, 2014:

- All new employees and current employees who choose the new retirement program will have (1) employer-paid, self-insured Short Term Disability (STD) benefits that will vary based on years of service, in addition to (2) fully-insured Long Term Disability (LTD) benefits.

To opt out of VLDP, local governments/school systems must offer disability coverage that matches (or exceeds) the state's offerings. Important points to consider during this decision-making process include the following:

- The decision to opt in or opt out is irrevocable. Those who join VRS VLDP will forfeit future control of these plans.
- Current plan pricing published by VRS will only remain in force until July 1, 2014. The plans will be re-rated between January and July, and revised pricing will be communicated prior to July 1. Afterward, rates will be reviewed every two years.

In addition, those who elect VLDP are likely to face underlying plan design issues that must be resolved by each employer group. For example:

- The new STD plan may duplicate or overlap existing Sick Leave accrual programs.
- Localities must administer two Sick Leave/Paid Leave Programs, or, develop a single leave program for all employees.



- Those who currently offer Voluntary Long Term Disability plans will lose participants as employees retire and new employees no longer enroll in the program. Carriers will either re-rate these LTD plans or terminate them.

### **The VMLIP Solution**

VML Insurance Programs (VMLIP) is working in partnership with the consulting team at KSPH, a Marsh McLennan Agency (KSHP/MMA) and Lincoln Financial Group. As you review the VMLIP alternative to the state program, it is important to note the following of our comparable coverage:

- The VMLIP plan is a “single leave program” that integrates Short and Long Term Disability as well as underlying Paid Leave systems (Annual/Vacation/Sick Leave) to ensure the elimination of gaps and overlaps in income replacement.
- With the exception of Public Safety employees, the VMLIP Leave Program covers **all employees** (traditional VRS and those covered by the new hybrid plan). Income replacement is not restricted by insufficient sick leave accruals, and contributory sick leave “banks” are unnecessary. VMLIP's plan structure provides income replacement through sick or disability payments, preventing an employee from “falling through the cracks” without coverage for a catastrophic disability.
- This seamless approach to paid leave streamlines administrative procedures for Benefits, HR and Payroll processes.
- The one-year eligibility waiting period for Short Term Disability (included in the VLDP Plan) has been eliminated. Covered employees will have immediate access to income replacement after the STD elimination period (seven days).
- Employee education and communication is simplified under a single Paid Leave program.
- The VMLIP program has been designed to increase workforce productivity through the elimination of large sick leave accruals. The program also includes professional management of extended periods of sick leave and short term disability through an experienced absence management vendor – Lincoln Financial Group.
- The VMLIP program allows participants to “lock in” a lower Long Term Disability rate by spreading the risk across all employees, rather than accepting the higher VRS rate for a smaller subsection of the population.
- In partnership with Lincoln Financial, the VMLIP Leave Program offers a suite of valuable voluntary products (Critical Illness, Accident, Permanent Life) that (1) are funded through employee contributions (2) enhance replacement income in the event of accident or illness (3) offer a cash “wellness” benefit, and (4) include a portability feature. LTD pricing from Lincoln assumes that your workforce will be offered two of their voluntary products.
- Through Lincoln Financial Group, VMLIP offers the following alternatives and competitive pricing:

**Option 1: Coverage for All Employees (Minimum of 10 full time lives)**

- Administration of the Short Term Disability Program: \$2.49 per employee, per month
- Fully insured Long Term Disability Coverage: \$.49/\$100 of covered monthly payroll for local government entities and .26/100 for school employers.

For employers who may prefer to offer the VMLIP Solution to new hires and current VRS members who elect the new retirement program, Lincoln offers a second alternative:

**Option 2: New Hires and VRS Cross-Overs Only (Minimum of 50 full time employees)**

- Administration of the Short Term Disability Program: \$2.49 per employee, per month
- Fully insured Long Term Disability Coverage: \$.75/\$100 of covered monthly payroll for local government entities and .34/100 for school employers.

This alternative allows employers to opt-out of VLDP and take more time to consider the re-design of Paid Leave Programs and implement coverage for all employees in the future.

As a group, VMLIP is able to offer our membership a superior alternative to VLDP, more control over benefits, and a comprehensive solution to the overriding paid leave issues.

**Next Steps**

We will be having group webinars to explain the program in more detail as follows:

**September 4 at 1:30 p.m.**

**September 11 at 10 a.m.**

For those who would like to go ahead and obtain a quote, please provide KHSP/MMA with the information contained in the enclosed Requested Data Sheet. Please feel free to contact KSPH/MMA directly should you have questions or need additional information regarding VMLIP's offering:

Mr. Tom Mackay  
Senior Vice President  
804-200-6751  
[tmackay@ksphllc.com](mailto:tmackay@ksphllc.com)

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Representatives from KSPH/MMA and Lincoln Financial will be available at our fall workshops in late September/early October. The state's deadline for opting out of VLDP was September 1, 2013, however, an extension has been granted until November 1, 2013. (Requests for extension must be received by September 1.) If your entity has not yet opted out, you may do so by sending extension requests to ZaeAnne Sferra, employer coverage coordinator at [zsferra@varetire.org](mailto:zsferra@varetire.org).

We appreciate your patience during the development of this important new offering and look forward to serving you during the upcoming review and implementation process.



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# The VMLIP Solution

An Alternative to the Virginia  
Local Disability Program





## The VMLIP Solution: Comparison to the *Code of Virginia*

Code of Virginia	Provision	Lincoln	
		Comparable to Code	Exceeds Code
Eligibility	One year waiting period		X – Lincoln has no waiting period, but includes 3/12 pre-existing conditions limit
Benefit Waiting Period 51.1-1157	LTD benefits will begin upon the expiration of the maximum period for which the employee receives STD benefits.	X	
Maximum Benefit Period 51.1-1161			
Maximum Benefit Period 51.1-1161	Age at Date of Disability 59 or younger 60 through 64 65 through 68 69 or older	Maximum Benefit Period To Social Security Normal Retirement Age (SSNRA) 5 Years To Age 70 1 Year	X
Minimum Benefit	\$100 minimum benefit		X Match Standard, exceeds Unum
Taxability	The benefit is taxable since the employer will pay premiums for the insurance	X	
Catastrophic Condition Benefit 51.1-1171	If the insured is unable to perform two or more activities of daily living without hands-on assistance, or requires substantial supervision for their health or safety due to severe cognitive impairment, the benefit percentage will be at least 80% of the insured's pre-disability earnings.	X	
Own Occupation – Definition of Total Disability 51.1-1150: Definitions	24-Month Own Occupation period: The insured is disabled if he or she is unable to perform the essential duties of their own occupation.	X	
Any Occupation – Definition of Total Disability 51.1-1150: Definitions	After the first 24 months of benefit payment, the employee is disabled if he or she is unable to perform any occupation for which he or she is reasonably educated, trained and experienced to perform, and he or she continues to suffer a loss of at least 20% of pre-disability earnings		X No earnings test for total disability
Definition of Partial Disability 51.1-1150: Definitions	The insured is partially disabled if he or she is working an occupation but is unable to earn 80% or more of pre-disability earnings.		X 99% earnings test once on partial for the first 24 months, 85% thereafter
Successive Periods of Long Term Disability/Recurrent Disabilities 51.1-1158	The insured may temporarily recover from disability and then become disabled again from the same cause or causes without having to serve a new benefit waiting period. During the benefit waiting period, an insured is allowed 45 consecutive days of recovery before a new waiting period is required. During the maximum benefit period, an insured is allowed 125 consecutive workdays for each period of recovery before a new benefit waiting period is required.	X	

## The VMLIP Solution: Comparison to the *Code of Virginia*

Code of Virginia	Provision	Lincoln	
		Comparable to Code	Exceeds Code
Military Disability Benefit Offset 51.1-1159(F)	There will be no offset on LTD benefits for any military disability benefits received.	X	
Social Security Offset 51.1-1159(A)(3)	Social Security benefits payable to the insured or to the dependents of the insured will be considered deductible.	X	
Workers' Compensation Benefits Offset 51.1-1159(A)(5)	Any amount received by the insured from Workers' Compensation, including amounts for partial or total disability, will reduce the LTD benefit.	X	
Group Insurance Disability Offset 51.1-1159(A)(4)	Any amount received from another group disability plan provided by the employer will reduce LTD benefits.	X	
Cost-Of-Living Adjustments (COLA) Increases to Other Benefits 51.1-1159(C)	If a cost-of-living adjustment increases a deductible income benefit, we will not increase the offset amount and will continue to offset the initial award amount.	X	
Return-To-Work Incentive 51.1-1159(A)(1)-(2)	For the first 12 months after returning to work, the employees' LTD benefit will not be reduced until work earnings plus the LTD benefit exceed 100% of the pre-disability earnings. After the first 12 months, we will reduce LTD benefits by 50% of the employees work earnings.		X Lifetime return to work incentive with Lincoln.
Substance Abuse/Alcohol Abuse and Drug Use Limitation 51.1-1176(B)	No benefits will be payable unless an employee is actively receiving treatment and in the judgment of the case manager, is fully complying with the treatment plan.	X	
Commission of a Felony 51.1-1176(A)	Benefits are not payable for disabilities resulting from the commission of a felony, or during any period when an employee is confined for any reason in a legal or correctional institution.	X	
Return-to-Work Responsibility	Failure to cooperate with a prescribed rehabilitation program will reduce benefits payable to an employee by 50%.	X	
Mental Disorder Limitation	Mental disorders are not limited by the policy	X	
Subjective Conditions Limitation	Subjective conditions are not limited by the policy.	X	
Reasonable Accommodation Expense Benefit	Reimbursement of approved worksite modifications in order to assist a claimant returning to work.	X Comparable to what Unum is offering, Lincoln will issue up to \$5,000	
Rehabilitation Plan Provision	Potential payment for expenses a claimant incurs while participating in an approved rehabilitation plan. Expenses may include costs relating to training, education, family care, work and job searches.		X Comparable to Unum. Offers a family care benefit of \$250 a month for 12 months, which is similar to the Standard's offering.

## The VMLIP Solution: Comparison to the *Code of Virginia*

<i>Code of Virginia</i>	Provision	Lincoln	
		Comparable to Code	Exceeds Code
Rehabilitation Incentive	While a claimant is participating in an approved rehabilitation plan, the LTD benefit will be increased by 10% of pre-disability earnings.	X Comparable to Unum, Lincoln requires members to participate in rehabilitation.	
Waiver of Premium	Payment of premium is waived for insurance while LTD benefits are payable	X	
Survivor Benefit (Not in the Code of Virginia)	If the employee dies while LTD is payable and had been continuously disabled for 180 days, a lump-sum survivor benefit in the amount of three times the monthly benefit is paid. This is not subject to deductible income.		X

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**September 26, 2013**

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Transportation:**

- Mr. William Fralin from Roanoke was recently appointed by the Governor to the Commonwealth Transportation Advisory Board representing the Salem District. PDC staff is coordinating a day to have Mr. Fralin in the region with timeslots for local governments to meet with him and discuss upcoming Transportation Enhancement applications or transportation issues in communities. Pencil in October 31<sup>st</sup> and be on the lookout for more information.

### **Economic Development:**

- The Floyd Innovation Center project is moving along well. The Floyd County EDA recently selected a contractor to build the facility with a public kick-off event scheduled for 9/24 at 2:00.
- Three Birds Berry Farm in Montgomery County received a small business loan from the NRV Development Corporation three years ago and recently submitted a letter thanking the Corporation for the loan and explained the significant impact the loan has on their business. The PDC provides staff support for the revolving loan program to the Development Corporation.

### **Regional:**

- The PDC and the Community Foundation will co-host the Livability Initiative Information Exchange on November 12<sup>th</sup> at CrossPointe in Christiansburg from 9:00-1:30. This will be an opportunity to present a draft final report on the Livability Initiative and share lessons learned over the 2.5 year effort to date. The draft plan will be available for public review/comment during November and early December before wrapping the project up going into January.
- The NRV Tomorrow Survey results are compiled and available for review. They can be found on [www.nrvlivability.org](http://www.nrvlivability.org). Also, the survey has a mapping component where users can view results by zip code. This is on the site referenced above by clicking on NRV Tomorrow Survey.
- The Commission was recently awarded an Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for the NRV Tomorrow Interactive Survey. Kudos to the Livability staff, partners and numerous contributors that helped make the interactive survey successful.

### **PDC:**

- Robinson, Farmer and Cox conducted the Commission audit September 9-10. Full audit report will be distributed to the Commission once complete.
- Elijah Sharp joined a group of leaders from Montgomery County on a trip to Chattanooga, TN to learn more about their community successes over the past two decades. The group met with leaders in economic development, broadband, arts and culture, transportation and downtown development their 1.5 day trip. Thank you to the Blacksburg Partnership for arranging the learning experience!
- Commission staff was invited to the White House Rural Policy Council meeting September 18-19 in Washington, DC focusing on Rural Innovation. This is the second invitation to attend and is a result of the creative and impactful efforts of everyone involved with the Commission.

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
AGENDA

October 24, 2013

6:00 p.m.—New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER
  - B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER
- III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
  - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
    - None
  - B. Regular Project Review
    - None
  - C. Environmental Project Review
    - 1. Reissuance of VPDES Permit VA0079863; Town of Pulaski Water Treatment Plant
- IV. PUBLIC ADDRESS
- V. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
- VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT
- VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (enclosed)
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. New River Community College Invitation to Join the Commission
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Collaborative Governance Initiative (enclosed)
    - Commission Action
  - B. NRV Passenger Rail Working Group (enclosed)
    - Commission Action
  - C. Peer to Peer Training Visit (enclosed)
    - Commission Discussion
- X. REGIONAL FOCUS
  - A. Homelessness Presentation; Ann Angert, New River Community Action
- XI. CHAIR'S REPORT

**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Expenditures as of September 30, 2013**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget adopted May 2013</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>September Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
Salaries	619,568.00	102,891.16	53,253.24	156,144.40	463,423.60	25.20%
Fringe Benefits	203,506.00	43,516.02	17,899.73	61,415.75	142,090.25	30.18%
Travel	67,970.00	5,430.31	5,018.09	10,448.40	57,521.60	15.37%
Office Space	27,647.00	3,590.60	2,335.30	5,925.90	21,721.10	21.43%
Telephone/Communications	5,980.00	427.12	671.73	1,098.85	4,881.15	18.38%
Office Supplies	9,376.00	506.28	-	506.28	8,869.72	5.40%
Postage	500.00	27.26	20.04	47.30	452.70	9.46%
Printing	620.00	-	-	-	620.00	0.00%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	1,500.00	424.71	39.74	464.45	1,035.55	30.96%
Media Ad	1,625.00	-	-	-	1,625.00	0.00%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	246.48	246.48	492.96	1,007.04	32.86%
Vehicle Fuel	2,400.00	403.67	267.31	670.98	1,729.02	27.96%
Dues/Publications	5,745.00	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	4,745.00	17.41%
Training	1,000.00	48.00	414.00	462.00	538.00	46.20%
Insurance	500.00	3,003.00	1,001.00	4,004.00	(3,504.00)	800.80%
Meeting Expense	7,233.00	590.10	333.82	923.92	6,309.08	12.77%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equip)	5,000.00	1,834.53	279.95	2,114.48	2,885.52	42.29%
Contractual Services	505,711.00	9,191.31	61,452.40	70,643.71	435,067.29	13.97%
Audit Fee	2,500.00	-	-	-	2,500.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous	45,500.00	2,012.42	(643.86)	1,368.56	44,131.44	3.01%
M & G Costs	125,403.00	20,428.02	8,458.52	28,886.54	96,516.46	23.03%
Common Costs	111,081.00	20,972.17	8,064.71	29,036.88	82,044.12	26.14%
	<b>1,751,865.00</b>	<b>216,543.16</b>	<b>159,112.20</b>	<b>375,655.36</b>	<b>1,376,209.64</b>	<b>21.44%</b>



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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Planning Commission Members

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** III. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #1

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CIRP Review

October 17, 2013

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**PROJECT:** **Reissuance of VPDES Permit VA0079863**  
**Town of Pulaski Wastewater Treatment Plant**  
**VA131016-00800400155**

**SUBMITTED BY:** Department of Environmental Quality

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Environmental Quality has requested comment on the reissuance of a permit for the Town of Pulaski Wastewater Treatment Plant. The applicant proposes to release treated wastewater into a water body in Pulaski County, Virginia.

**PROJECT SENT FOR REVIEW TO:** Pete Huber, Pulaski County.

**STAFF COMMENT:** The staff has reviewed the request and forwarded to Pulaski County for comment.



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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October 11, 2013

Mr. Kevin Byrd, Executive Director  
NRV Planning District Commission  
6580 Valley Center Drive, St. 124  
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RE: Reissuance of VPDES Permit VA0079863;  
Town of Pulaski Water Treatment Plant

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 the Southwest Times. The 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  
3019 Peters Creek Road  
Roanoke, VA 24019

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) 562-6788.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Harlow  
Water Permit Writer

Enclosure: Permit Public Notice



## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**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 Pulaski County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** October 13, 2013 to November 13, 2013

**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:** Town of Pulaski, P.O. Box 660, Pulaski, VA 24301; VA0079863

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY:** Pulaski Water Treatment Plant, 911 Randolph Avenue, Pulaski, VA 24301

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Town of Pulaski has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public Pulaski Water Treatment Plant. The applicant proposes to release treated industrial wastewater at a rate of 85,000 gallons per day into a water body. The facility proposes to release the treated industrial wastewaters into an unnamed tributary to Tract Fork Creek in Pulaski County in the Peak Creek watershed. 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: pH, solids, chlorine, and whole effluent toxicity.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing hand-delivery, 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 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 to what 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 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:**

Kevin A. Harlow; DEQ Blue Ridge Regional Office, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, Virginia, 24019; Phone: (540)562-6700; E-mail: [Kevin.Harlow@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:Kevin.Harlow@deq.virginia.gov); Fax: (540)562-6725

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**October 24, 2013**

## Executive Director's Report

### Transportation:

- Reminder: Mr. William Fralin, the newly appointed Commonwealth Transportation Board member for the Salem District, will be at the Commission office on October 31<sup>st</sup> to meet with local governments regarding Transportation Enhancement applications and general transportation issues. Contact Elijah Sharp at [esharp@nrvpdc.org](mailto:esharp@nrvpdc.org) to set up a meeting time with Mr. Fralin.
- Ms. Thelma Drake, Director of the VA Dept. of Rail and Public Transit, was in the region October 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss the potential of passenger rail extension to the NRV. For more information see New Business agenda item B.

### Economic Development:

- The New River Valley middle mile fiber project is complete and the NRV Wireless Authority is discussing a project briefing to be held in November for interested parties. The briefing will be an opportunity to explain the benefits of fiber in the region and how internet service providers can tap into the open access fiber. The PDC office was connected to the fiber the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> and speeds increased dramatically. Previously 3.9 mbps download/0.3 mbps upload; now 20 mbps download/20 mbps upload. Higher bandwidth can be purchased from internet service providers if users need. This is a tremendous regional asset.

### Regional:

- The PDC and the Community Foundation will co-host the Livability Initiative Information Exchange on November 12<sup>th</sup> at CrossPointe in Christiansburg from 9:00-1:30. This will be an opportunity to present a draft final report on the Livability Initiative and share lessons learned over the 2.5 year effort to date. The draft plan will be available for public review/comment during November and early December before wrapping the project up going into January.
- The region's first meeting of local government Mayors and Board of Supervisors Chairs is being coordinated by the Commission and will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12:00-1:30 at the NRV Business Center.
- The New River Initiative, a collective effort of communities, businesses, agencies and citizens to enhance the community/economic development opportunities in areas near the river met October 9<sup>th</sup>. Those involved are thankful the effort is now being supported in part by staffing from the Appalachian Spring project that is focused on outdoor recreation asset development for economic development purposes in southwest Virginia.

### PDC:

- Robinson, Farmer and Cox conducted the Commission audit September 9-10. A full audit report is anticipated for review at the November Commission meeting.
- The VAPDC Winter Conference is scheduled for February 6-7 in Richmond. It will coincide with the annual VML/VACO Legislative Day. The Commission will reimburse travel expenses for Commissioners. Once registration is open and email will be sent to Commissioners.
- Reminder: The November Commission meeting will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> to avoid the Thanksgiving holiday.

## **Collaborative Government Initiative (CGI)**

The Collaborative Government Initiative seeks to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Virginia government by improving the capacity Planning District Commissions (PDCs) to explore opportunities for additional collaboration and thereby reduce the overall cost and scope of governing. This proposal is not about regional government. This proposal seeks to incent local governments to think regionally in approaching common problems and services they already provide. In some instances, the initiative can help state and local government more effectively approach new services where they are needed or mandated.

The need for the CGI is well documented in the 2012 report by the Joint Legislative and Review Commission (JLARC). Responding to a study resolution (HJR 570, 2011) introduced by Delegate Kirk Cox, the December 2012 comprehensive report by JLARC titled “Encouraging Local Collaboration Through State Incentives” found 13 very specific opportunities for collaboration and identified a number of additional general opportunities. The JLARC report noted that the legal framework for local government collaboration has existed in the form of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act and through the established Planning District Commissions. However, the report noted that while “collaboration between two or more localities can produce financial and other benefits it is challenging and hard to sustain” the effort.

JLARC noted that one of the barriers to successful sustained regional collaboration is the “insufficient resources to initiate or sustain collaboration. The report noted that there has been no state funding of the “Regionally Competitiveness Act” since 2002, a program that received \$47.5 million between 1996 and 2002 but was able to leverage additional funding of over \$700 million on behalf of local governments and the state. The report also noted that funding for PDCs has declined 27.5% since 2007. In addition the General Assembly has created two regional collaboration initiatives, The Regional Cooperation Fund and the Broadband Infrastructure Loan Fund but never funded them.

To take advantage of the potential of costs savings and more efficient and effective regional collaboration, JLARC recommended that the General Assembly may wish to consider “providing financial incentives to encourage local governments, including local school divisions, to voluntarily pursue collaboration opportunities.

The CGI seeks to implement that recommendation in two ways. First to increase the base funding of PDCs by \$500,000 per year and second to implement, as suggested by JLARC a series of pilot program grants that in JLARC’s words “demonstrate the potential to yield state benefits.”

### **PDC Base Funding:**

Amplifying on the fact that funding for PDCs has declined precipitously since 2007; this proposal seeks to establish an increase of \$500,000 in the base allocation to PDCs administered through the Department of Housing and Community Development. As a result of declining funds for PDCs, these organizations no longer have any “un-programmed” funds to pursue additional collaboration. Moreover, because PDCs have no capacity to explore anything other than grant generated income, the outside forces (grantors) are driving the agenda for collaboration rather than having the needs for collaboration drive the agenda. While state funding for PDCs varies between individual PDCs depending upon the level of grant funding they currently receive between 3% and 9% of their total budget in state assistance. Data has repeatedly demonstrated that for every dollar of state support, PDCs can and do generate \$12 dollars in additional funding. This holds true because PDCs utilize their state financial assistance to leverage the local match to fund grant programs.

**Pilot Collaboration Grants:**

JLARC, recognizing that collaboration is not easy to initiate and sustain without additional resources also suggested the consideration of a series of state funded, competitive regional collaboration grants. As demonstrated by JLARC's research many additional opportunities that can produce significant saving can reasonably be achieved.

The pilot collaboration grants would be administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development and issued on a competitive basis to encourage local collaboration. The grants could be structured as open ended opportunities to collaborate or could be more targeted to meet a specific need such as implementation of the State's TMDL program. In essence, many programs administered at the local level do not require every locality to develop the expertise or capability to implement the entire program. Collaboration could encourage the shared implementation and shared use of critical knowledge resources.

JLARC identified 13 very specific regional collaboration opportunities. But there are many more opportunities for regional collaboration that could be brought out and developed in a competitive grant program.

**Summary:**

Regional collaboration is a proven method of promoting the efficiency and effectiveness of government on common and less unique operational issues. Collaboration works by allowing the numerous governmental entities in Virginia to share resources and achieve the economies of scale necessary to carry out many programs. But collaboration does not just happen. Collaboration needs to have the resources necessary to be effective. Collaboration needs to be incented in order to happen on a larger scale. The CGI seeks to make use of the untapped potential of governments working collaboratively on behalf of all of its citizens.

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### **RESOLUTION**

#### **Support for the**

#### **Collaborative Governance Initiative**

WHEREAS, the New River Valley Planning District Commission is a member of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions (VAPDC), an association representing the 21 Planning District Commissions in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the VAPDC recently completed a three-year Strategic Plan that outlines a set of key strategic goals and action steps to build an understanding and market the capacity of planning districts; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan outlined an action step referred to as Collaborative Governance Initiatives (CGI); and

WHEREAS, the CGI recommends an increase in state funding in the amount of \$500,000 to support Planning District Commissions; and

WHEREAS, the CGI recommends implementation of Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee's (JLARC) recommendation to encourage regional cooperation through state incentives; and

WHEREAS, the CGI recommends the new administration issue an Executive Order for supporting regional cooperation by state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the CGI recommends revitalization of the Regional Cooperation Act in the future;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New River Valley Planning District Commission fully supports VAPDC's Strategic Plan recommendation and VAPDC's Collaborative Government Initiative.

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Michael S. Patton, Chair

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Date

Adopted October 24, 2013

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: NRVPMC Commissioners**

**From: Kevin R. Byrd, AICP – Executive Director**

**Date: October 17, 2013**

**Re: NRV Passenger Rail Working Group Representative Appointment**

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The Commission was invited to appoint two representatives to serve on a New River Valley Passenger Rail Working Group. An appointment should be made at the October Commission meeting.

On October 9<sup>th</sup> two meetings were held in the region with Ms. Thelma Drake, the Director of the VA Dept. of Rail and Public Transit, to discuss the potential expansion of passenger rail from Roanoke to the New River Valley. The first meeting, coordinated by Delegate Joseph Yost and the Blacksburg Partnership, was a small group setting to informally discuss the desire for passenger rail extension with leaders in business, higher education and government. The second meeting, coordinated by the NRV Economic Development Alliance, was more broadly attended by a variety of leaders across the region and included a 15 minute presentation by Ms. Drake on the future of rail in Virginia followed by open floor discussion.

Gathered from remarks made by Ms. Drake and discussion during the meetings, it became evident the New River Valley must take an active role in this issue in order to move it beyond Roanoke after it is scheduled to start Amtrack service in 2017. To that end, the Blacksburg Partnership along with Delegate Yost, are requesting representatives from key organizations, businesses and local governments be appointed to a regional working group that is anticipated to meet quarterly.

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: NRVPC Commissioners**

**From: Kevin R. Byrd, AICP – Executive Director**

**Date: October 17, 2013**

**Re: Peer-to-Peer Training Visit**

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At the October Commission meeting the board will discuss the list (below) of potential peer agencies to visit. The Peer-to-Peer Training Visit Committee chaired by Mr. Clevinger will listen to the discussion in October and return to the November meeting with a recommendation for further coordination of a visit.

The Development District Association of Appalachia (DDAA), a professional organization of regional councils in the Appalachian Regional Commission footprint, provides funds for peer-to-peer training visits. DDAA will provide up to \$1,500 for a visit to a peer agency within the 13 state ARC region. This program limits the geographic scope of peers to visit; however, 4 of the 5 options below are in the ARC region and all have strengths to learn from visiting.

**Land of Sky Council of Governments**

Asheville, NC

In ARC region. Recommended by SERDI. Recent examples of moving a transportation planning function into the organization. Similar regional dynamics in terms of a more populated area with less populated counties surrounding.

**Western Piedmont Council of Governments**

Hickory, NC

In ARC region. Examples of regionalizing services into one organization to provide efficiencies to local governments.

**Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments**

North Charleston, SC

Outside of ARC region. Recent example of a regional transit system and workforce investment board being moved into the organization to save overhead cost of operations.

**South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments**

Greenville, SC

In ARC region. Example of region with redeveloped downtown (Greenville) and outlying rural areas. Unique program taking place in the City to improve connections between industry and k-12. Not sure if this is a program of the COG, but could get information on program if interested visiting.

**Three Rivers Planning and Development District**

Pontotoc, MS

In ARC region. Recommended by SERDI. Example of regionalizing appropriate services to serve local government needs.

**NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
AGENDA**

November 21, 2013

6:00 p.m.—New River Valley Business Center, Fairlawn

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER
  - B. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER
- III. COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS
  - A. Projects (Signed-off by the staff)
    - None
  - B. Regular Project Review
    - None
  - C. Environmental Project Review
    - 1. Reissuance of VPDES Permit VA0024031; Shawsville Sewage Treatment Plant
- IV. PUBLIC ADDRESS
- V. REVIEW OF MUTUAL CONCERNS AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
- VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT
- VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (enclosed)
- VIII. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. Peer to Peer Training Visit Site Selection
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. FY13 Audit Report (enclosed)
    - Commission Action
  - B. FY15 Per Capita Assessment Rate (Commission Dues) (enclosed)
    - Commission Action
  - C. Small Purchase Policy (enclosed)
    - Commission Action
  - D. Resolution Joining Virginia Local Government Insurance Association (enclosed)
    - Commission Action
- X. REGIONAL FOCUS
  - A. New River Valley Livability Initiative Draft Report Presentation – Kevin Byrd
- XI. CHAIR'S REPORT



**New River Valley Planning District Commission**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Expenditures as of October 31, 2013**

<b>Expense Category</b>	<b>Budget adopted May 2013</b>	<b>Previous Total</b>	<b>October Expenditures</b>	<b>YTD Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget Balance</b>	<b>% Budget Expended</b>
Salaries	619,568.00	156,144.40	54,222.59	210,367.00	409,201.00	33.95%
Fringe Benefits	203,506.00	61,415.75	21,067.88	82,483.62	121,022.36	40.53%
Travel	67,970.00	10,448.40	2,149.88	12,598.28	55,371.72	18.54%
Office Space	27,647.00	5,925.90	1,795.30	7,721.20	19,925.80	27.93%
Telephone/Communications	5,980.00	1,098.85	449.26	1,548.11	4,431.89	25.89%
Office Supplies	9,376.00	506.28	138.28	644.56	8,731.44	6.87%
Postage	500.00	47.30	43.27	90.57	409.43	18.11%
Printing	620.00	-	-	-	620.00	0.00%
Copies & Copier Maintenance	1,500.00	464.45	338.57	803.02	696.98	53.53%
Media Ad	1,625.00	-	-	-	1,625.00	0.00%
Equipment Rent	1,500.00	492.96	123.24	616.20	883.80	41.08%
Vehicle Fuel	2,400.00	670.98	536.69	1,207.67	1,192.33	50.32%
Dues/Publications	5,745.00	1,000.00	274.00	1,274.00	4,471.00	22.18%
Training	1,000.00	462.00	40.00	502.00	498.00	50.20%
Insurance	500.00	4,004.00	1,001.00	5,005.00	(4,505.00)	1001.00%
Meeting Expense	7,233.00	923.92	396.08	1,320.00	5,913.00	18.25%
Capital Outlay (Vehicle/Equip)	5,000.00	2,114.48	-	2,114.48	2,885.52	42.29%
Contractual Services	505,711.00	148,011.60	5,650.00	153,661.60	352,049.40	30.39%
Audit Fee	2,500.00	-	-	-	2,500.00	0.00%
Miscellaneous	45,500.00	1,368.56	1,354.75	2,723.31	42,776.69	5.99%
M & G Costs	125,403.00	28,886.54	10,350.26	39,236.80	86,166.20	31.29%
Common Costs	111,081.00	29,036.88	7,229.40	36,266.28	74,814.72	32.65%
	<b>1,751,865.00</b>	<b>453,023.25</b>	<b>107,160.45</b>	<b>560,183.72</b>	<b>1,191,681.28</b>	<b>31.98%</b>

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## COMMONWEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Planning Commission Members

**FROM:** Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM:** III. Intergovernmental Review Process, C. Environmental Project Review, Item #1

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CIRP Review

November 14, 2013

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**PROJECT:** Reissuance of VPDES Permit VA0024031

**SUBMITTED BY:** Department of Environmental Quality

**PROJECT**

**DESCRIPTION:** The Department of Environmental Quality has requested comment on the reissuance of a permit for the Shawsville Sewage Treatment Plant. The applicant proposes to release treated wastewater into a water body in Montgomery County, Virginia.

**PROJECT SENT**

**FOR REVIEW TO:** Craig Meadows, Montgomery County.

**STAFF**

**COMMENT:** The staff has reviewed the request and forwarded to Montgomery County for comment.



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November 6, 2013

Kevin R. Byrd, Executive Director  
New River Valley Planning District Commission  
6580 Valley Center Drive, Suite 124  
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RE: Reissuance of VPDES Permit No. VA0024031  
Shawsville Sewage Treatment Plant

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  
3019 Peters Creek Road  
Roanoke, VA 24019

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 [bob.tate@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:bob.tate@deq.virginia.gov) or at (540) 562-6774.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Tate, P.E.  
Water Permit Writer

Enclosure: Permit Public Notice

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** November 12, 2013 through December 11, 2013

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

**APPLICANT NAME AND ADDRESS:** Montgomery County Public Service Authority (MCPSA), 755 Roanoke Street – Suite 2-I, Christiansburg, VA 24073

**VPDES PERMIT NUMBER:** VA0024031

**FACILITY NAME AND LOCATION:** Shawsville Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), 4300 Riffe Street

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The MCPSA has applied for reissuance of a permit for the public STP. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters at a rate of 200,000 gallons a day into a water body. Sludge from the treatment process will be stabilized, dewatered, and disposed in a landfill. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage wastewaters in the Roanoke River's South Fork in Montgomery County in the Roanoke River watershed. 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: bacteria, nutrients, organic matter, solids.

**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 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 to what 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 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:**

Bob Tate; DEQ Blue Ridge Regional Office, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24019; Phone: (540) 562-6774; E-mail: [bob.tate@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:bob.tate@deq.virginia.gov); Fax: (540) 562-6725. 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.

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**November 13, 2013**

## **Executive Director's Report**

### **Transportation:**

- The next quarterly meeting of the Regional Transit Coordinating Council is November 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the NRV Business Center.

### **Economic Development:**

- The New River Valley middle mile fiber project is complete and the NRV Wireless Authority held a project briefing on November 13th. The briefing included information about how the regional telecommunications plan was developed by the PDC; how the Wireless Authority was formed; how Citizens Telephone Cooperative will be managing the open access fiber; the benefits already being experienced by Pulaski County schools/administration; and next steps for community deployment through existing Internet Service Providers (ISPs).
- PDC staff met with Anthony Byrd, the Director of the Small Business Development Center for the New River Valley based at Radford University. This was an opportunity to learn more about small business needs and trends in the region. Mr. Byrd reshaped the program over the past year since he accepted the position. We will continue our dialogue to ensure the CEDS document and other planning documents include resources needed to support small businesses in the region.

### **Regional:**

- The region's first meeting of local government Mayors and Board of Supervisors Chairs was coordinated by the Commission and held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was very good representation from across the region and the group committed to meeting on a semi-annual basis going forward.
- The PDC and the Community Foundation hosted the Livability Initiative Information Exchange on November 12<sup>th</sup> at CrossPointe in Christiansburg. Approximately 100 people attended the event. The draft final report was announced and is available for public comment until December 12<sup>th</sup> at [www.nrvlivability.org](http://www.nrvlivability.org). A partnership between the PDC and Community Foundation was also announced to assist with implementation of items communities are interested in pursuing.
- Once the public comment closes on the draft NRV Livability Initiative Final Report the document will be sent off for printing. The grant is scheduled to close at the end of January 2014. Starting in February the Commission will begin scheduling presentations with local governments and community organizations to brief them on the report.
- The Appalachian Spring project hosted a meeting with the PDC Executive Directors in Southwest Virginia to discuss the development of a strategic plan for outdoor recreation in the 19 county area. Project meetings within the four PDC geographies will be scheduled after the New Year to begin identifying projects that should be included in the strategic plan.

### **PDC:**

- The VAPDC Winter Conference is scheduled for February 6-7 in Richmond. It will coincide with the annual VML/VACO Legislative Day. The Commission will reimburse travel expenses for Commissioners. Once registration is open and email will be sent to Commissioners.
- Reminder: The December Commission meeting is cancelled. Happy holidays!

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: NRVPC Commissioners**  
**From: Kevin R. Byrd, AICP – Executive Director**  
**Date: November 13, 2013**  
**Re: Review of FY13 Audit Report**

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Enclosed is the FY13 Audit prepared by Corbin Stone, a Certified Public Accountant, with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates based in Blacksburg. Mr. Stone and his staff were on-site in August to conduct the FY13 audit and provided the attached cover letter and financial report for the Commission Board of Directors to review. The audit report finds all Commission programs were in compliance.

**NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013**

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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## Financial Section

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# ROBINSON, FARMER, COX ASSOCIATES

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## Independent Auditors' Report

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To the Members of the Board  
New River Valley Planning District Commission  
Radford, Virginia

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the New River Valley Planning District Commission, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the New River Valley Planning District Commission's management.

### *Auditors' Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the *Specifications for Audits of Authorities, Boards, and Commissions*, issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### *Opinions*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the New River Valley Planning District Commission, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## *Other Matters*

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that budgetary comparison information and schedules of pension and OPEB funding progress be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The budgetary comparison information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the New River Valley Planning District Commission's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary information and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information and schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 7, 2013, on our consideration of the New River Valley Planning District Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering New River Valley Planning District Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Robinson, Turner, Co. Associates*

Blacksburg, Virginia  
October 7, 2013

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## Basic Financial Statements

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NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2013

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 241,082
Accounts receivable	632,297
Due from governmental units	525,568
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation):	
Vehicles and equipment	<u>13,569</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,412,516</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 708,375
Accrued unemployment liability	17,882
Amounts held for others	43,593
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Due within one year	38,612
Due in more than one year	<u>111,986</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 920,448</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 13,569
Restricted for Workforce Investment Act Program	22
Unrestricted	<u>478,477</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 492,068</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	
Primary Government:				
Governmental activities:				
Health and welfare	\$ 2,782,979	\$ -	\$ 2,783,000	\$ 21
Community development	2,508,477	754,911	1,898,301	144,735
Total governmental activities	\$ 5,291,456	\$ 754,911	\$ 4,681,301	\$ 144,756
General revenues:				
Unrestricted revenues from use of money and property				\$ 33
Miscellaneous				9,268
Total general revenues				\$ 9,301
Change in net position				154,057
Net position - beginning (as restated)				338,011
Net position - ending				\$ 492,068

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
At June 30, 2013

ASSETS	General	WIA Fund	Total
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 241,060	\$ 22	\$ 241,082
Accounts receivable	632,297	-	632,297
Due from governmental units	-	525,568	525,568
Total assets	<u>\$ 873,357</u>	<u>\$ 525,590</u>	<u>\$ 1,398,947</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 182,807	\$ 525,568	\$ 708,375
Accrued unemployment liability	17,882	-	17,882
Amounts held for others	43,593	-	43,593
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 244,282</u>	<u>\$ 525,568</u>	<u>\$ 769,850</u>
Fund balance:			
Restricted for Workforce Investment Act Program	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ 22
Unassigned	629,075	-	629,075
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 629,075</u>	<u>\$ 22</u>	<u>\$ 629,097</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 873,357</u>	<u>\$ 525,590</u>	<u>\$ 1,398,947</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds  
To the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2013

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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Total fund balances per Exhibit 3 - Balance Sheet	\$ 629,097
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	13,569
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>(150,598)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 492,068</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
Governmental Funds  
Year Ended June 30, 2013

Revenues:	General	WIA Fund	Total
Revenue from use of money and property	\$ 33	\$ -	\$ 33
Charges for services	754,911	-	754,911
Contributions from localities	223,388	-	223,388
Contributions from others	79,750	-	79,750
Miscellaneous	9,268	-	9,268
Local grants	-	111,862	111,862
Intergovernmental	1,595,163	2,671,138	4,266,301
Total revenues	\$ 2,662,513	\$ 2,783,000	\$ 5,445,513
Expenditures:			
Community Development:			
Personnel	\$ 923,116	\$ -	\$ 923,116
Fringe benefits	302,286	-	302,286
Office rent	55,774	-	55,774
Telephone	13,246	-	13,246
Office supplies	22,782	-	22,782
Postage	2,814	-	2,814
Printing	387	-	387
Advertising	1,260	-	1,260
Travel	44,085	-	44,085
Equipment maintenance and rent	11,654	-	11,654
Dues and publications	9,679	-	9,679
Training	649	-	649
Meeting expense	9,865	-	9,865
Insurance	1,850	-	1,850
Capital outlay	1,524	-	1,524
Contractual services	1,120,998	-	1,120,998
Audit fee	7,750	-	7,750
Miscellaneous	3,422	-	3,422
Health and Welfare:			
Administrative grant costs	-	245,022	245,022
Program grant costs	-	2,537,957	2,537,957
Total expenditures	\$ 2,533,141	\$ 2,782,979	\$ 5,316,120
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 129,372	\$ 21	\$ 129,393
Fund balance, beginning of year (as restated)	499,703	1	499,704
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 629,075	\$ 22	\$ 629,097

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION  
Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues,  
Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
To the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 129,393
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.	(3,392)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	<u>28,056</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 154,057</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2013

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**Note 1-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

The financial statements of the New River Valley Planning District Commission (the Commission) conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to governmental units promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The New River Valley Planning District Commission was formed pursuant Title 15.2, Chapter 42 of the *Code of Virginia, (1950) as amended*, to encourage and facilitate local government cooperation and state-local cooperation in addressing on a regional basis problems of greater than local significance. Functional areas in which the Commission may assist participating jurisdictions include, but are not limited to: (i) economic and physical infrastructure development; (ii) solid waste, water supply and other environmental management; (iii) transportation; (iv) criminal justice; (v) emergency management; (vi) human services; and (vii) recreation. The Commission was formed to serve the towns of Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Floyd, Narrows, Pearisburg, Pulaski and Rich Creek; the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery and Pulaski; and the City of Radford.

The New River Valley Planning District Commission's financial statements include the accounts of all the Commission's operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Commission's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the Commission holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the Commission appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the Commission is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Commission
- there is fiscal dependency by the organization on the Commission

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the Commission has no component units.

B. Government-wide and fund financial statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Commission (primary government). For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Exceptions to this general rule are other charges between the Commission's functions. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

**Note 1-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (continued)**

**B. Government-wide and fund financial statements (continued)**

The Statement of Net Position is designed to display financial position of the primary government (government and business-type activities) and its discretely presented component unit. Governments will report all capital assets in the government-wide Statement of Net Position and will report depreciation expense, the cost of "using up" capital assets, in the Statement of Activities. The net position of a government will be broken down into three categories - 1) net investment in capital assets; 2) restricted; and 3) unrestricted.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports expenses and revenues in a format that focuses on the cost of each of the government's functions. The expense of individual functions is compared to the revenues generated directly by the functions (for instance, through user charges or intergovernmental grants).

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the commission considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Intergovernmental revenues, consisting primarily of federal, state and other grants for the purpose of funding specific expenditures, are recognized when earned or at the time of the specific expenditure. Revenues from general-purpose grants are recognized in the period to which the grant applies. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when the government receives cash.

**Note 1-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (continued)**

C. Measurement focus, basis of accounting, and financial statement presentation (continued)

*The Commission reports the following major governmental funds:*

The General Fund is the Commission's primary operating fund. It accounts for and reports all financial resources of the Commission, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

The Workforce Investment Act Fund (WIA) accounts for the deposit and expenditure of grant proceeds under the Workforce Investment Act programs.

D. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and net position/fund balance

1. *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

The Commission's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

2. *Receivables and payables*

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans). All other outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds."

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

3. *Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts*

Accounts receivable are stated at book value utilizing the direct write-off method for uncollectible accounts. Uncollected balances have not been significant and no allowance for uncollectible accounts has been recorded.

4. *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Note 1-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (continued)**

D. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and net position/fund balance (continued)

5. *Capital assets*

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Commission as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded) and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Property, plant, and equipment of the Commission are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Computer and related equipment	3-5
Furniture and fixtures	10
Vehicles	5

6. *Compensated Absences*

Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the governmental fund that will pay it. In accordance with the provisions of Government Accounting Standards No. 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, no liability is recorded for non-vesting accumulating rights to receive sick pay benefits. The Commission accrues salary-related payments associated with the payment of compensated absences. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements.

7. *Long-term obligations*

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. In the fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance and is not presented as a liability in the balance sheet.

**Note 1-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (continued)**

D. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and net position/fund balance (continued)

8. *Fund equity*

The New River Valley Planning District Commission reports Fund balance in accordance with provisions of GASB Statement 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in spendable form (such as inventory and prepaids) or are required to be maintained intact (corpus of a permanent fund);
- Restricted fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation;
- Committed fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint;
- Assigned fund balance - amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- Unassigned fund balance - amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are only reported in the general fund.

When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in more than one classification, it is the New River Valley Planning District Commission's policy to use the most restrictive funds first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as they are needed.

The New River Valley Planning District Commission establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of a resolution. This is typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a designation or commitment of the fund (such as for special incentives). Assigned fund balance is established by the Board of Directors through adoption or amendment of the budget as intended for specific purpose (such as the purchase of capital assets, construction, debt service, or for other purposes).

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**Note 1-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (continued)**

D. Assets, liabilities, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and net position/fund balance (continued)

9. *Net Position*

Net position is the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is divided into three components:

- Net investment in capital assets—consist of the historical cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt that remains outstanding that was used to finance those assets plus deferred outflows of resources less deferred inflows of resources related to those assets.
- Restricted —consist of assets that are restricted by the Commission's creditors (for example, through debt covenants), by the state enabling legislation (through restrictions on shared revenues), by grantors (both federal and state), and by other contributors.
- Unrestricted—all other net position is reported in this category.

E. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The Commission does not have any deferred outflows of resources as of June 30, 2013.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Commission does not have any deferred inflows of resources as of June 30, 2013.

F. Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position, Statement No. 63 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board

The Commission implemented the financial reporting provisions of the above Statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. This Statement provides guidance for reporting deferred inflows and outflows of resources. The requirement of this Statement will improve financial reporting by standardizing the presentation of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources and their effects on the entity's net position. With the implementation of this Statement, certain terminology has changed and financial statement descriptions have changed from "net assets" to "net position." The net equity reported in the financial statements was not changed as a result of implementing this Statement and no restatement of prior balances is required.

**Note 1-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (continued)**

G. Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities, Statement No. 65 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board

The Commission implemented the financial reporting provisions of the above Statement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. This Statement establishes accounting and financial reporting standards that reclassify, as deferred outflows of resources or deferred inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities and recognizes, as outflows of resources or inflows of resources, certain items that were previously reported as assets and liabilities.

H. Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the Authority will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g. restricted bond and grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted - net position and unrestricted - net position in the financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the Commission's policy to consider restricted - net position to have been depleted before unrestricted - net position is applied.

**Note 2-Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements:**

A. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position.

Exhibit 4 provides a reconciliation between *fund balance-total governmental funds* and *net position-governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. One element of that reconciliation explains that long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. The details of this \$(150,598) difference for the primary government are as follows:

	Primary Government
Compensated absences	\$ (51,482)
Net OPEB obligation	<u>(99,116)</u>
Net adjustment to reduce <i>fund balance-total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>net position-governmental activities</i>	<u>\$ (150,598)</u>

**Note 2-Reconciliation of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements: (Continued)**

- B. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities.

Exhibit 6 provides a reconciliation between *net changes in fund balances-total governmental funds* and *changes in net position of governmental activities* as reported in the government-wide statement of activities. One element of that reconciliation explains, "Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense." The details of this \$(3,392) are as follows:

	Primary Government
Depreciation Expense	\$ <u>(3,392)</u>

Net adjustment to increase (decrease) <i>net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>changes in net position of governmental activities</i>	\$ <u>(3,392)</u>
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Another element of that reconciliation states, "Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds." The details of this \$28,056 difference for the primary government are as follows:

	Primary Government
Decrease in compensated absences	\$ 3,246
Decrease in Net OPEB Obligation	<u>24,810</u>

Net adjustment to increase (decrease) <i>net changes in fund balances-total governmental funds</i> to arrive at <i>changes in net position of governmental activities</i>	\$ <u>28,056</u>
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New River Valley Planning District Commission  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2013

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**Note 3-Deposits and Investments:**

**Deposits:** Deposits with banks are covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) and collateralized in accordance with the Virginia Security for Public Deposits Act (the "Act"), Section 2.2-4400 et. seq. of the Code of Virginia. Under the Act, banks and savings institutions holding public deposits in excess of the amount insured by the FDIC must pledge collateral to the Commonwealth of Virginia Treasury Board. Financial Institutions may choose between two collateralization methodologies and depending upon that choice, will pledge collateral that ranges in the amounts from 50% to 130% of excess deposits. Accordingly, all deposits are considered fully collateralized.

**Investments:** Statutes authorize local governments and other public bodies to invest in obligations of the United States or agencies thereof, obligations of the Commonwealth of Virginia or political subdivisions thereof, obligations of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank), the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, "prime quality" commercial paper and certain corporate notes, banker's acceptances, repurchase agreements, and the State Treasurer's Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). As of June 30, 2013 and for the year then ended the Commission did not have any investments.

**Note 4-Due from Other Governmental Units:**

The following amount represents payments due from other governmental units at year end:

	<u>Amount Due</u>
Due from Federal Government:	
U.S Department of Labor	
Pass through the Commonwealth of Virginia:	
Virginia Community College System	\$ 503,960
Workforce Investment Act	
Due from Local Governments:	
Shenandoah Valley Workforce Investment Board	<u>21,608</u>
Total Due from Other Governmental Units	<u>\$ 525,568</u>

**Note 5-Long-Term Obligations:**

The following is a summary of long-term obligation transactions of the Commission for the year ended June 30, 2013.

	Balance				Balance	Amount Due
	July 1, 2012	Increases	Decreases		June 30, 2013	Within One Year
Net OPEB Obligation	\$ 123,926	\$ -	\$ (24,810)		\$ 99,116	\$ -
Compensated Absences	54,728	37,800	(41,046)		51,482	38,612
Total	\$ 178,654	\$ 37,800	\$ (65,856)		\$ 150,598	\$ 38,612

**Note 6-Employee Retirement System and Pension Plans:**

A. Plan Description

Name of Plan:	Virginia Retirement System (VRS)
Identification of Plan:	Agent Defined Benefit Pension Plan
Administering Entity:	Virginia Retirement System (System)

All full-time, salaried permanent employees of participating employers are automatically covered by VRS upon employment. Benefits vest after five years of service credit. Members earn one month of service credit for each month they are employed and their employer is paying into the VRS. Members are eligible to purchase prior public service, active duty military service, certain periods of leave and previously refunded VRS service as service credit in their plan.

VRS administers two defined benefit plans for local government employees - Plan 1 and Plan 2:

- Members hired before July 1, 2010 and who were vested as of January 1, 2013 are covered under Plan 1. Non-hazardous duty members are eligible for an unreduced retirement benefit beginning at age 65 with at least five years of service credit or age 50 with at least 30 years of service credit. They may retire with a reduced benefit early at age 55 with at least five years of service credit or age 50 with at least 10 years of service credit.
- Members hired or rehired on or after July 1, 2010 and Plan 1 members who were not vested on January 1, 2013 are covered under Plan 2. Non-hazardous duty members are eligible for an unreduced benefit beginning at their normal Social Security retirement age with at least five years of service credit or when the sum of their age and service equals 90. They may retire with a reduced benefit as early as age 60 with at least five years of service credit.
- Eligible hazardous duty members in Plan 1 and Plan 2 are eligible for an unreduced benefit beginning at age 60 with at least 5 years of service credit or age 50 with at least 25 years of service credit. These members include sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and hazardous duty employees of political subdivisions that have elected to provide enhanced coverage for hazardous duty service. They may retire with a reduced benefit as early as age 50 with at least five years of service credit. All other provisions of the member's plan apply.

The VRS Basic Benefit is a lifetime monthly benefit based on a retirement multiplier as a percentage of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the member's total service credit. Under Plan 1, average final compensation is the average of the member's 36 consecutive months of highest compensation. Under Plan 2, average final compensation is the average of the member's 60 consecutive months of highest compensation. The retirement multiplier for non-hazardous duty members is 1.70 %. The retirement multiplier for sheriffs and regional jail superintendents is 1.85%. The retirement multiplier for eligible political subdivision hazardous duty employees other than sheriffs and jail superintendents is 1.70% or 1.85% as elected by the employer. The multiplier for Plan 2 members was reduced to 1.65% effective January 1, 2013 unless they are hazardous duty employees and their employer has elected the enhanced multiplier. At retirement, members can elect the Basic Benefit, the Survivor Option, a Partial Lump-Sum Option Payment (PLOP) or the Advance Pension Option. A retirement reduction factor is applied to the Basic Benefit amount for members electing the Survivor Option, PLOP or Advance Pension Option or those retiring with a reduced benefit.

**Note 6-Employee Retirement System and Pension Plans: (Continued)**

A. Plan Description (continued)

Retirees are eligible for an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) effective July 1 of the second calendar year of retirement. Under Plan 1, the COLA cannot exceed 5.00%; under Plan 2, the COLA cannot exceed 6.00%. During years of no inflation or deflation, the COLA is 0.00%. The VRS also provides death and disability benefits. Title 51.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions to the General Assembly of Virginia.

The system issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for VRS. A copy of the most recent report may be obtained from the VRS website at <http://www.varetire.org/Pdf/Publications/2012-annual-report.pdf> or by writing to the System's Chief Financial Officer at P.O. Box 2500, Richmond, VA, 23218-2500.

B. Funding Policy

Plan members are required by Title 51.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, to contribute 5.00% of their compensation toward their retirement. All or part of the 5.00% member contribution may be assumed by the employer. Beginning July 1, 2012 new employees were required to pay the 5% member contribution. In addition, for existing employees, employers were required to begin making the employee pay the 5% member contribution. This could be phased in over a period up to 5 years and the employer is required to provide a salary increase equal to the amount of the increase in the employee-paid member contribution. In addition, the New River Valley Planning District Commission is required to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to fund its participation in the VRS using the actuarial basis specified by the Code of Virginia and approved by the VRS Board of Trustees. The New River Valley Planning District Commission's contribution rate for the fiscal year ended 2013 was 6.94% of annual covered payroll.

C. Annual Pension Cost

For fiscal year 2013, New River Valley Planning District Commission's annual pension cost of \$52,173 was equal to the New River Valley Planning District Commission's required and actual contributions.

Three - Year Trend Information			
Fiscal Year Ending	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation
6/30/2013	\$ 52,173	100.00%	\$ -
6/30/2012	6,930	100.00%	-
6/30/2011	6,261	100.00%	-

**Note 6-Employee Retirement System and Pension Plans: (Continued)**

C. Annual Pension Cost (continued)

The FY 2013 required contribution was determined as part of the June 30, 2011 actuarial valuation using the entry age actuarial cost method. The actuarial assumptions at June 30, 2011 included (a) an investment rate of return (net of administrative expenses) of 7.00%, (b) projected salary increases ranging from 3.75% to 5.60% per year for general government employees and 3.50% to 4.75% for employees eligible for enhanced benefits available to law enforcement officers, firefighters, and sheriffs, and (c) a cost-of-living adjustment of 2.50% per year for Plan 1 employees and 2.25% for Plan 2 employees. Both the investment rate of return and the projected salary increases include an inflation component of 2.50%. The actuarial value of the New River Valley Planning District Commission's assets is equal to the modified market value of assets. This method uses techniques that smooth the effects of short-term volatility in the market value of assets over a five-year period. The New River Valley Planning District Commission's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payrolls on an open basis. The remaining amortization period at June 30, 2011 for the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) was 30 years.

D. Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of June 30, 2012, the most recent actuarial valuation date, the plan was 89.97% funded. The actuarial accrued liability for benefits was \$1,751,875, and the actuarial value of assets was \$1,576,097, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$175,778. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was \$597,005, and ratio of the UAAL to the covered payroll was 29.44%.

The schedule of funding progress, presented as Required Supplementary Information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liability (AAL) for benefits.

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New River Valley Planning District Commission  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
June 30, 2013

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**Note 7-Capital Assets:**

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2013 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Vehicles	\$ 80,481	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 80,481
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	22,032	-	-	22,032
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>\$ 102,513</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 102,513</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation for:				
Vehicles	\$ (63,520)	\$ (3,392)	\$ -	\$ (66,912)
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	(22,032)	-	-	(22,032)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ (85,552)</u>	<u>\$ (3,392)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (88,944)</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 16,961</u>	<u>\$ (3,392)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 13,569</u>

All depreciation expense was charged to the Community Development function in the Statement of Activities.

**Note 8-Risk Management:**

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Commission participates with other government entities in a public entity risk pool for their coverage of public officials and liability insurance with the Virginia Municipal Liability Pool. Each member of this risk pool jointly and severally agrees to assume, pay and discharge any liability. The Commission pays the Virginia Municipal Group contributions and assessments based upon classifications and rates into a designated cash reserve fund out of which expenses of the pool, claims and awards are to be paid. In the event of a loss, deficit, or depletion of all available excess insurance, the pool may assess all members in the proportion in which the premium of each bears to the total premiums of all members in the year in which such deficit occurs.

**Note 9-Compensated Absences:**

Commission employees earn vacation leave each month at a scheduled rate in accordance with years of service. Accumulated unpaid vacation is accrued when incurred. Commission employees also earn credit for vacation pay if they work on holidays recognized by the Commission. Accumulated holiday pay is accrued when incurred. At June 30, 2013 the liability for accrued vacation and holiday pay totaled \$51,482.



**Note 10-Other Postemployment Benefits - Health Insurance:**

The Commission recognizes the cost of retiree health benefits during the period of active employment, while the benefits are being earned, and discloses the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) in order to accurately account for the total future cost of post-employment benefits and the financial impact on the Commission. As the Commission has less than 100 employees and is not required to have an actuarial valuation performed, the alternative measurement method was utilized to determine the amounts that follow.

**A. Plan Description**

The Commission allows retirees to participate in health insurance programs offered by the Commission. To participate, a retiree must have reached age 55 and completed at least 5 years of full-time service with the Commission. Retirees are required to contribute 100% of their health insurance premiums to the Commission. The retirees' health insurance rates are not age adjusted; rather the retirees pay the same premium as active employees.

**B. Funding Policy**

The contribution requirements of the plan members and the Commission are established and may be amended by the Commission. The Commission currently pays for post-retirement health care benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. Retirees are responsible for the payment of 100% of the health care insurance rates shown below:

Participants	Monthly Premium
Employee	\$ 520.00
Employee / Spouse	962.00
Family	1,404.00

**C. Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation**

The Commission is required to compute the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal costs each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years. The following table shows the components of the Commission's annual OPEB costs for the year, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and the changes in the net OPEB obligations:

Annual required contribution	\$ 21,435
Interest on net OPEB obligation	4,957
Adjustment to annual required contribution	(44,710)
Annual OPEB cost (expense)	(18,318)
Contributions made	(6,492)
Increase in net OPEB obligation	(24,810)
Net OPEB obligation - beginning of year	123,926
Net OPEB obligation - end of year	\$ 99,116

**Note 10- Other Postemployment Benefits - Health Insurance: (Continued)**

C. Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation (continued)

The Commission's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for 2013 and the two preceding years were as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended	Annual OPEB Cost (ARC)	Percentage of ARC Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
6/30/2011	\$ 51,170	28.96%	\$ 72,690
6/30/2012	51,236	0.00%	123,926
6/30/2013	26,392	0.00%	150,318

D. Funded Status and Funding Progress

The funded status of the Plan as of June 30, 2013, the most recent valuation date was as follows:

Actuarial accrued liability (AAL)	\$ 99,166
Actuarial value of plan assets	\$ -
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)	\$ 99,166
Funded ratio (actuarial value of plan assets/AAL)	0.00%
Covered payroll (active plan members)	\$ 597,005
UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll	16.61%

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far in the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and inflation. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, will present multiyear trend information, as it becomes available, about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

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**Note 10- Other Postemployment Benefits - Health Insurance: (Continued)**

E. Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations. In the June 30, 2013 actuarial valuation, the entry age actuarial cost method was used. Under this method, future benefits are projected and the present value of such benefits is allocated from date of hire to date of eligibility. The actuarial assumptions for the Commission include:

	<u>Assumptions</u>
Amortization period	30 years
Investment rate of return	4%
Payroll growth	3.00%
Age adjustment factor	1.8

The UAAL is being amortized as a level percentage of payroll over the remaining amortization period, which at June 30, 2013, was 30 years. Amortizations are open ended in that they begin anew at each valuation date.

**Note 11-Litigation**

At June 30, 2013, there were no matters of litigation involving the New River Valley Planning District Commission which would materially affect the Commission's financial position should any court decision on pending matters not be favorable to the Commission.

**Note 12-Restatement of Net Position and Fund Balance**

The General Fund beginning equity has been restated to report funds held for others related to the Route 114 Bridge Project as a liability in the financial statements.

		<u>Net Position</u>	<u>Fund Balance</u>
As previously reported	\$	351,761	513,453
Amounts held for others		<u>(13,750)</u>	<u>(13,750)</u>
As restated	\$	<u>338,011</u>	<u>499,703</u>

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## Required Supplementary Information

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## NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -- General Fund  
 Budget and Actual  
 Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Revenue from local sources:				
Revenue from the use of money and property	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33	\$ 33
Charges for Services	817,220	945,961	754,911	(191,050)
Contributions from Localities	223,379	223,379	223,388	9
Contributions from others	87,495	79,750	79,750	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	9,268	9,268
Total revenue from local sources	\$ 1,128,094	\$ 1,249,090	\$ 1,067,350	\$ (181,740)
Revenue from the Commonwealth:				
Categorical aid:				
DHCD Grants (Administrative)	\$ 75,971	\$ 75,971	\$ 75,971	\$ -
Conservation Grant	-	11,046	12,952	1,906
Department of Forestry	1,200	6,181	6,181	-
Virginia Department of Transportation	63,000	64,554	64,821	267
Total revenue from the Commonwealth	\$ 140,171	\$ 157,752	\$ 159,925	\$ 2,173
Revenue from the Federal Government:				
Categorical aid:				
ARC Grant	\$ 68,436	\$ 68,436	\$ 51,327	\$ (17,109)
Housing and Urban Development Grant	503,142	363,488	389,595	26,107
Department of Commerce Grant	832,496	776,622	924,316	147,694
EDA Grant	70,000	70,000	70,000	-
Total revenue from the Federal Government	\$ 1,474,074	\$ 1,278,546	\$ 1,435,238	\$ 156,692
Total revenues	\$ 2,742,339	\$ 2,685,388	\$ 2,662,513	\$ (22,875)

## NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

## Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -- General Fund

## Budget and Actual

Year Ended June 30, 2013 (Continued)

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Expenditures:				
Community Development:				
Personnel	\$ 900,754	\$ 888,927	\$ 923,116	\$ (34,189)
Fringe benefits	346,898	335,538	302,286	33,252
Office rent	53,583	59,686	55,774	3,912
Telephone	10,000	9,980	13,246	(3,266)
Office supplies	22,379	26,547	22,782	3,765
Postage	4,250	4,023	2,814	1,209
Printing	325	705	387	318
Advertising	1,225	2,894	1,260	1,634
Travel	75,948	70,983	44,085	26,898
Equipment maintenance and rent	14,400	15,000	11,654	3,346
Dues and publications	12,845	9,700	9,679	21
Training	1,525	933	649	284
Meeting expense	2,933	10,985	9,865	1,120
Insurance	6,700	5,800	1,850	3,950
Capital outlay	5,000	5,000	1,524	3,476
Contractual services	1,070,993	1,027,053	1,120,998	(93,945)
Audit fee	7,100	7,500	7,750	(250)
Miscellaneous	59,500	46,629	3,422	43,207
Total expenditures	\$ 2,596,358	\$ 2,527,883	\$ 2,533,141	\$ (5,258)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditure	\$ 145,981	\$ 157,505	\$ 129,372	\$ (28,133)
Net change in fund balance	\$ 145,981	\$ 157,505	\$ 129,372	\$ (28,133)
Fund balance, beginning of year (as restated)	-	-	499,703	499,703
Fund balance, end of year	\$ 145,981	\$ 157,505	\$ 629,075	\$ 471,570

New River Valley Planning District Commission  
Schedule of Pension and OPEB Funding Progress  
As of June 30, 2013

Planning District Commission Retirement Plan

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (3) - (2)	Funded Ratio Assets as % of AAL (2) / (3)	Annual Covered Payroll	UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll (4) / (6)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
6/30/2012	1,576,097	1,751,875	175,778	89.97%	597,005	29.44%
6/30/2011	1,576,751	1,674,103	97,352	94.18%	678,293	14.35%
6/30/2010	1,544,406	1,563,460	19,054	98.78%	592,597	3.22%

OPEB Healthcare Plan:

Actuarial Valuation Date *	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (3) - (2)	Funded Ratio Assets as % of AAL (2) / (3)	Annual Covered Payroll	UAAL as a % of Covered Payroll (4) / (6)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
6/30/2013	\$ -	\$ 99,166	99,166	0%	\$ 597,005	16.61%
6/30/2010	\$ -	\$ 252,877	252,877	0%	\$ 706,240	35.81%

\*Valuation performed once every three years, beginning in 2010

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## Other Supplementary Information

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## NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances -- WIA Fund  
 Budget and Actual  
 Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Revenue from local sources:				
Shenandoah Valley Workforce Investment Board	\$ 153,430	\$ 153,430	111,862	\$ (41,568)
Total revenue from local sources	\$ 153,430	\$ 153,430	\$ 111,862	\$ (41,568)
Revenue from the Federal Government:				
Categorical aid:				
Workforce Investment Act	\$ 2,364,187	\$ 2,364,187	\$ 2,635,585	\$ 271,398
Training and Technical Assistance	-	-	35,553	35,553
Total revenue from the Federal Government	\$ 2,364,187	\$ 2,364,187	\$ 2,671,138	\$ 306,951
Total operating revenues	\$ 2,517,617	\$ 2,517,617	\$ 2,783,000	\$ 265,383
Expenditures:				
Health and Welfare:				
Administrative grant costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 245,022	\$ (245,022)
Program grant costs	2,517,617	2,517,617	2,537,957	(20,340)
Total expenditures	\$ 2,517,617	\$ 2,517,617	\$ 2,782,979	\$ (265,362)
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21	\$ 21
Fund balance, beginning of year	-	-	1	1
Fund balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22	\$ 22

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## Compliance Section

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# ROBINSON, FARMER, COX ASSOCIATES

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

A PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

## Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Members of the Board  
New River Valley Planning District Commission  
Radford, Virginia

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the *Specifications for Audits of Authorities, Boards and Commissions*, issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the New River Valley Planning District Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the New River Valley Planning District Commission's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 16, 2013.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the New River Valley Planning District Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the New River Valley Planning District Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the New River Valley Planning District Commission's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs to be material weaknesses [2013-1].

## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the New River Valley Planning District Commission's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Robinson, Turner, Co. Associates*

Blacksburg, Virginia  
October 7, 2013

# ROBINSON, FARMER, COX ASSOCIATES

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## Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by with OMB Circular A-133

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To the Members of the Board  
New River Valley Planning District Commission  
Radford, Virginia

### Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the New River Valley Planning District Commission's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the New River Valley Planning District Commission's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2013. The New River Valley Planning District Commission's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

### *Management's Responsibility*

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

### *Auditors' Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the New River Valley Planning District Commission's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the New River Valley Planning District Commission's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the New River Valley Planning District Commission's compliance.

### *Opinion on Each Major Federal Program*

In our opinion, the New River Valley Planning District Commission complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2013.

## Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of the New River Valley Planning District Commission is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the New River Valley Planning District Commission's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the New River Valley Planning District Commission's internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Robinson, Turner, Cox Associates*

Blacksburg, Virginia  
October 7, 2013

NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
Year Ended June 30, 2013

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number		Federal Expenditures
Department of Labor:				
Pass-through payments from:				
Virginia Community College System:				
Workforce Investment Act (Cluster)				
WIA Adult Program	17.258	PY12, PY11	\$ 883,498	
WIA ARRA-Adult Program	17.258	PY 08	<u>15,649</u>	\$ 899,147
WIA Dislocated Worker	17.278	PY12, PY11	\$ 705,946	
WIA ARRA-Dislocated Worker	17.278	PY 08	<u>12,502</u>	718,448
WIA Youth Activities	17.259	PY12, PY11	\$ 1,035,207	
WIA ARRA-Youth Activities	17.259	PY 08	<u>18,336</u>	1,053,543
Total U.S. Department of Labor				<u>\$ 2,671,138</u>
Appalachian Regional Commission - Direct Payments:				
Appalachian Local Development District Assistance	23.009	N/A		<u>\$ 51,327</u>
Department of Housing and Urban Development - Direct Payments:				
Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program	14.703	N/A		<u>\$ 389,595</u>
Department of Commerce:				
Direct Payments:				
Community Trade Adjustment Assistance	11.010	N/A	\$ 924,316	
Economic Development - Support for Planning Organizations	11.302	N/A	<u>70,000</u>	
Total Department of Commerce				<u>\$ 994,316</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards				<u>\$ 4,106,376</u>

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

Note A-Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the Schedule) includes the federal grant activity of the New River Valley Planning District Commission under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2013. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the New River Valley Planning District Commission, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the New River Valley Planning District Commission.

Note B-Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(1) Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments*, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowed or are limited as to reimbursement.

(2) Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

Note C-Relationship to the Financial Statements:

Intergovernmental federal revenues per the basic financial statements:

General Fund	\$ 1,435,238
WIA Fund	<u>2,671,138</u>
Total	<u>\$ 4,106,376</u>

## NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

### Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2013

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#### Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

##### Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued:	Unmodified
Internal control over financial reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	Yes
Significant deficiency(ies) identified ?	None reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No

##### Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified ?	None reported
Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133 Section 510 (a)?	No
Identification of major programs:	

CFDA #	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
17.258	Workforce Investment Act Cluster - Adult Program
17.259	Workforce Investment Act Cluster - Youth Activities
17.278	Workforce Investment Act Cluster - Dislocated Worker Formula Grant
17.258	Workforce Investment Act Cluster - ARRA Adult Program
17.259	Workforce Investment Act Cluster - ARRA Youth Activities
17.278	Workforce Investment Act Cluster - ARRA Dislocated Worker Formula Grant

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs	\$300,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	No



## NEW RIVER VALLEY PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

### Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2013

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#### Section II - Financial Statement Findings

##### 2013-1

Criteria: Per Statement on Auditing Standards 115, an auditee should have sufficient expertise in the selection and application of accounting principles used in the preparation of the annual financial report.

Condition: The auditee does not possess sufficient expertise in the selection and application of accounting principles to ensure the annual financial report meets all applicable standards promulgated by Generally Accepted Accounting Standards (GAAS) and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Effect: There is more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal controls over financial reporting.

Cause: The auditee is small and does not have staff with significant experience in preparing financial statements in accordance with current reporting standards. As such, the auditee relies on the auditor for technical advice related to same.

Recommendation: The auditor recommends that the auditee review audit adjustments annually and replicate same in future periods to the extent possible. It is noted that the auditee has made great strides in posting year end adjustments and is gaining a good understanding of the year end audit process.

Management's Response To comply with Standard 115, we would be required to hire staff and/or consultants with expertise in the preparation of financial statements using standards referred to above. The additional cost required exceeds any identified benefits. As such, management will continue to review year end audit entries and will work toward preparing financials statements in accordance with current reporting standards in future periods.

#### Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

There are no federal award findings and questioned costs to report.

#### Section IV - Status of Prior Audit Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no prior audit findings related to federal awards.

**New River Valley Planning District Commission  
Per Capita Assessment Rate FY15**

		<b>Current Rate</b>		
	Population 2010	1.25	1.27	1.29
Floyd County	14,854	\$18,567.50	\$18,864.58	\$19,161.66
Town of Floyd	425	\$531.25	\$539.75	\$548.25
Giles County	11,697	\$14,621.25	\$14,855.19	\$15,089.13
Pearisburg	2,786	\$3,482.50	\$3,538.22	\$3,593.94
Narrows	2,029	\$2,536.25	\$2,576.83	\$2,617.41
Rich Creek	774	\$967.50	\$982.98	\$998.46
Pulaski County	23,252	\$29,065.00	\$29,530.04	\$29,995.08
Town of Pulaski	9,086	\$11,357.50	\$11,539.22	\$11,720.94
Montgomery County	30,731	\$38,413.75	\$39,028.37	\$39,642.99
Blacksburg	33,807	\$42,258.75	\$42,934.89	\$43,611.03
Christiansburg	21,041	\$26,301.25	\$26,722.07	\$27,142.89
City of Radford	16,408	\$20,510.00	\$20,838.16	\$21,166.32
Radford University	3,000	\$3,750.00	\$3,810.00	\$3,870.00
Virginia Tech	8,813	\$11,016.25	\$11,192.51	\$11,368.77
Total Assessment	178,703	\$223,378.75	\$226,952.81	\$230,526.87

**Counties**

*Floyd • Giles • Montgomery • Pulaski*

**City**

*Radford*

**Towns**

*Blacksburg • Christiansburg • Floyd •*

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To: NRVPMC Commissioners**

**From: Kevin R. Byrd, AICP – Executive Director**

**Date: November 13, 2013**

**Re: Purchase Policy for Services under \$100,000**

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Currently the Commission does not have a policy specific to small purchase procedures under \$100,000 for non-professional services. The Virginia State Code, section §2.2-4303(G) allows for a public body to establish purchasing procedures, if adopted in writing, not requiring competitive sealed bids or competitive negotiation for goods and services other than professional services if not to exceed \$100,000 in the aggregate or sum of all phases. See code section below.

I am asking the Commission to consider adopting a policy that allows Commission staff to procure non-professional services (excludes fields with licensure such as engineering and architecture) should the total expenditure not exceed the state code enabled threshold of \$100,000 provided the Executive Director consults with the Executive Committee to the extent possible before such procurement, and on a quarterly basis discloses any such procurements that may have occurred in the prior quarter, if any.

§2.2-4303(G) “A public body may establish purchase procedures, if adopted in writing, not requiring competitive sealed bids or competitive negotiation for single or term contracts for goods and services other than professional services if the aggregate or the sum of all phases is not expected to exceed \$100,000; however, such small purchase procedures shall provide for competition wherever practicable. For local public bodies, such purchase procedures may allow for single or term contracts for professional services without requiring competitive negotiation, provided the aggregate or the sum of all phases is not expected to exceed \$60,000.”

## MEMORANDUM

To: Key Officials, Virginia Local Political Subdivisions

From: Steve Craig, Managing Director, VML Insurance Programs

Re: Joining VLGIA

VML Insurance Programs (VMLIP) has developed, through Lincoln Financial Group, a disability program of as an alternative to the state's Virginia Local Disability Program (VLDP). To allow non VMLIP members to take advantage of this offering, a joint powers association has been created that your entity must join to obtain these coverages and services. The name of the association is the Virginia Local Government Insurance Association (VLGIA).

Attached are materials including the Joint Powers Agreement, Bylaws and sample Ordinance/Resolution. Virginia statute (15.2-1300) requires that counties, cities and towns must approve the JPA agreement by ordinance rather than by resolution. Schools and authorities may do so by resolution. Samples of both documents are enclosed.

To obtain these coverages through VLGIA, your entity must join by December 31, 2014. There is currently no budget for the association nor any dues contemplated. VMLIP may receive compensation from a carrier for billing or other administrative services it provides.

If you have questions about these documents please contact me at (804) 273-0038.

# **VIRGINIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSURANCE ASSOCIATION**

## **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE I - PURPOSE OF ASSOCIATION**

The Virginia Local Government Insurance Association (“Association”) is an association of public bodies which is formed and maintained to promote its members’ collective interest and welfare and the development of close relationships among them and through which its members may procure insurance by use of competitive principles.

### **ARTICLE II - MEMBERS, MEETINGS, VOTING**

#### **SECTION 1. MEMBERS**

The members of the Association shall be political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia as defined in Section 15.2-2701 of the Code of Virginia, or agencies thereof, which have been approved as members as provided in Article II, Section 2 hereof.

#### **SECTION 2. APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS**

In addition to the initial members, other political subdivisions may apply to join the Association and membership shall be subject to the approval of the Board. Acceptance of such conditions and adoption of the Virginia Local Government Insurance Association Joint Power Agreement (the “Agreement”) is dependent upon the appropriate action of such applicant’s governing body by resolution or ordinance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board empowers the Administrator to accept new members to the Association based on any additional criteria, if any, it may prescribe.

#### **SECTION 3. TERMINATION OF MEMBERS**

After 30 days’ written notice to the member, the Board may terminate the membership of any member who fails to pay its membership fees, comply with these Bylaws, the Agreement, or other rules and regulations for members, as established from time to time by the Board. Termination is automatic if a member no longer purchases any insurance product through the Association.

#### **SECTION 4. WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERS**

A member may withdraw from the Association upon written notice to the Board or as otherwise provided in the Agreement.

#### **SECTION 5. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

The members shall meet annually, on such date and at such time and place as shall be designated by the Board. Special meetings of members may be held at such time and place

within the Commonwealth of Virginia as shall be designated in the notice thereof upon call of the Board or by not less than 2/5 of the Association's members.

## **SECTION 6. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

Notice of any meeting of members shall be given in writing to members' key officials (who may be the mayor or manager of a city or town member, the chairman of the board of supervisors or manager of a county member, or the chief executive or administrative officer of any other political subdivision). Such notice of meeting may be made by mail or electronic means not less than 10 days prior to the meeting. No notice of the time and place of any meeting of the members shall be required if each member waives such notice in writing and such waiver is filed with the records of the meeting.

## **SECTION 7. VOTING BY MEMBERS**

### **A. Voting in Person**

Each member shall each have one vote which, unless there shall be voting by proxy as provided in paragraph B. below, must be cast only in person by an elected or appointed official of the member duly authorized by the member's governing body for such purpose. Such voting representatives shall register with the secretary of the meeting or the administrator prior to any members' meeting.

### **B. Voting by Proxy**

The Board may, by resolution, direct that voting at a specified meeting of the members shall be held in person or by proxy. In such event:

- (a) Proxies shall be in writing and shall be signed by an authorized representative of a member and shall be valid only for the members' meeting next succeeding the date thereof and any continuance of such meeting;
- (b) Proxies may (i) be revoked at any time prior to the meeting by a subsequent proxy or (ii) withdrawn in writing filed with the Chairman of the meeting prior to the meeting for which such proxy has been appointed;
- (c) Proxies may be solicited for such meeting;
- (d) If proxies are solicited, each solicitation shall be in writing, shall identify who is making such solicitation and shall include a brief explanation of each item of business anticipated at the time of such solicitation to be voted upon at the meeting;
- (e) Proxy solicitations may be mailed to members in the manner provided in Section 6 of this Article II or in lieu thereof by publication, which shall

include a form of proxy, in any official publication of the Virginia Municipal League.

#### C. Manner of Voting

Except when voting by proxy as authorized in paragraph B. above, voting at members' meeting shall be viva voce.

### SECTION 8. CONDUCT OF MEETING

The Chairman of the Board shall preside over all meetings of members, except that in his absence, another member of the Board shall preside. All meetings of members shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

### SECTION 9. QUORUM

A majority of the members of the Association shall constitute a quorum of any meeting of members to consider and act upon any item of business. When a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of the voting delegates present may decide any question brought before such meeting except as otherwise provided by law or these Bylaws.

### SECTION 10. ACTION WITHOUT MEETING

Any action to be taken by members may be taken without a meeting if all voting delegates entitled to vote on the matter consent to the action by a writing filed with the records of the meeting of members. Such consent shall be treated for all purposes as a vote at a meeting.

## ARTICLE III – ASSOCIATION BOARD

### SECTION 1. POWERS

The Association shall be managed by a Board which may exercise all the powers of the Association except as otherwise provided by law or by these Bylaws.

### SECTION 2. COMPOSITION AND ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

The Board shall be composed of all members of the Members' Supervisory Board of VML Insurance Programs. Any changes in the membership of such Members' Supervisory Board shall be automatically reflected in the membership of the Association Board.

### SECTION 3. OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

The Board members shall elect from among themselves a Chairman and a Secretary. The term of such officers shall commence on the date of their election and continue for automatically renewing one year terms until the Board votes otherwise or until the officer is no longer a member of the Board.

The Board may designate an Administrator as provided by the Agreement, an employee of whom may also serve as Secretary without voting privileges.

#### **SECTION 4. BOARD MEETINGS, NOTICES, QUORUM**

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at least once a year at such location as is acceptable to a majority of the Board. The Board may provide, by resolution, the time and place for holding the regular meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be held on the call of the Chair or any two other Board members.

The Chair of the Board or his designee shall set the date, time and location of each meeting so that the meeting will take place within 60 days of receipt of such call. Notices of the meeting (i) shall be mailed first class mail, postage prepaid, to each Board member not less than five (5) days prior to the date of such meeting, or (ii) by telephone or e-mail appropriately transmitted not less than 24 hours prior to such meeting. Each such notice shall specify the date, time and location of such meeting and may specify the purpose thereof and any action proposed to be taken thereat. If such notice is by mail or e-mail, it shall be addressed to each Board member at his or her address as recorded in the office of the Association.

Meetings of the Board may be held at any time and place without notice provided all Board members execute a waiver of notice and consent to the said meeting. Meetings of the Board may be conducted and members may participate therein by telephone or other means as provided for directors of stock corporations in §13.1-684 B. of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for all meetings.

The Secretary or designee thereof shall keep minutes of all meetings, proceedings and acts of the Board, but such minutes need not be verbatim. Copies of all minutes of the Board shall be sent to all Board members as soon as practical following each meeting.

#### **SECTION 5. ATTENDANCE BY TELEPHONE**

A person may participate in any meeting of the Board or any committee or task force authorized by the Board by means of a conference telephone or similar communication equipment if all persons participating in the meeting can simultaneously hear each other; participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

#### **SECTION 6. VOTING**

All actions and decisions of the Board shall be by vote of a majority of the Board members attending any duly called meeting at which a quorum is present.



## **SECTION 7. BOARD ACTION WITHOUT MEETING**

Any action which may be taken by the board at a Board meeting may be taken by written unanimous consent pursuant to the requirements for directors of stock corporations as set forth in §13.1-685 of the Code of Virginia, as amended.

## **SECTION 8. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD**

The Board shall have the authority, and shall be charged with the duty, of general supervision and operation of the Association and shall conduct the business and activities of the Association in accordance with the Agreement, Bylaws of the Association, and applicable federal and/or state statutes.

## **SECTION 9. LIABILITIES OF THE BOARD**

No Board member shall be liable for any action taken in good faith pursuant to these Bylaws, the Commission's regulations, the Agreement or otherwise in respect of the duties imposed thereby or by law or for an omission to act, except for gross negligence; nor shall any Board member be liable for any act or omission by another Board member or by any agent or employee.

The Board may employ and consult with legal counsel concerning any questions which may arise with reference to the duties or powers or with reference to any other matter pertaining to the Association and the opinion of such counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect to any action taken or suffered by the Board members thereunder in good faith in accordance with the opinion of such counsel and the Board and members thereof shall not be liable therefor.

## **ARTICLE IV – MISCELLANEOUS**

### **SECTION 1. EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS**

Any certificate, contract or other document signed by the Chairman of the Board shall be evidence of the action of the Board and any such certificate or other instrument so signed shall conclusively be presumed to be authentic. All facts and matters stated therein shall conclusively be presumed to be true.

### **SECTION 2. TERMINATION OF ASSOCIATION**

The Association shall terminate upon the earlier of (a) a unanimous vote of all the remaining members providing for such termination or (b) when the membership has decreased to one member. In the event of termination, the remaining funds available to the Association, after providing for all outstanding obligations, shall be distributed to members participating at the date of termination through a formula determined by the board.

### **SECTION 3. SITUS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The situs of this Association is the Commonwealth of Virginia. All questions pertaining to its validity, construction and administration shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### **SECTION 4. AMENDMENTS**

The Bylaws may be amended upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the Board members or upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members. However, these Bylaws may not be amended to as to change the purpose of the Association as set forth in Article I thereof or to permit the diversion or application of any of the funds of the Association for any purpose other than those specified herein, in the Agreement, or the statutes of Virginia. The Board, upon adoption of an amendment to these Bylaws shall send a copy of any such amendment to all members of the Association.

### **SECTION 5. CONSTRUCTION**

Whenever any words are used in these Bylaws in the masculine gender, they shall be construed as though they were also used in the feminine or neuter gender in all situations where they would so apply; whenever any words are used in these Bylaws in the singular form, they shall be construed as though they were also used in the plural form in all situations where they would so apply, and whenever any words were used in these Bylaws in the plural form, they shall be construed as though they were also in the singular form in all situations where they would so apply.

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**VIRGINIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT INSURANCE ASSOCIATION**  
**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, made and entered into as of the 1st day of August, 2013, by and between local governments and other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia which are signatories hereto, hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Political Subdivisions” or “Members”, and VML Insurance Programs, hereinafter referred to as “the Administrator”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Political Subdivisions are each authorized by law to provide group life insurance, accident and health insurance and other employee benefits programs for their officers and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Code §15.2-1300 provides that any power, privilege or authority exercised, or capable of being exercised by a political subdivision in the Commonwealth of Virginia may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other political subdivision of the Commonwealth having a similar power, except where express statutory procedure is otherwise provided for the joint enterprise; and

**WHEREAS**, said Code section authorizes two or more political subdivisions to enter into agreements with one another for such joint action and to appropriate funds and sell, lease, give or otherwise supply such property, personnel or services therefore as legally empowered to furnish; and

**WHEREAS**, the Political Subdivisions, pursuant to the authority granted in Code sections 15.2-1300, et seq. or such similar authority as may from time to time be authorized under the Code, desire to enter into a joint powers agreement and associate as members hereunder for the purposes, among other things, of promoting the interest and welfare of the members and developing a closer relation among them; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Public Procurement Act (the “Procurement Act”) exempts from its competitive sealed bidding and competitive negotiation requirements (the “Requirements”) the procurement by public bodies, utilizing competitive principles, of insurance purchased through member associations under the conditions set forth in the Procurement Act;

**WHEREAS**, the Political Subdivisions now seek to exercise jointly, and continue to exercise jointly, their respective powers and authority to procure employee benefit programs by use of competitive principles, including, without limitation, accident and health, medical, dental

and vision care, either by insurance or by service providers, and in pursuance thereof to enter into the purpose set forth.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the premises and the undertakings hereinafter stated, each of the Political Subdivisions agrees one with the others as follows:

1. **Name.** The undertakings of the Political Subdivisions hereunder shall be named and designated as the Virginia Local Government Insurance Association (hereinafter “the Association”).

2. **Term of the Agreement.** This Agreement shall be effective for the period commencing on the date set forth above (with each Member to adopt the Agreement on or after such commencement date) and shall terminate upon the earlier of (a) a unanimous vote of all the remaining Members providing for such termination or (b) when the membership has decreased to one Member. Upon such termination, any property owned by the Association (or the proceeds from the sale of such property) shall be distributed to each remaining Member in accordance with the Association’s bylaws, as such bylaws may be amended from time to time by the Board governing the Association (the “Bylaws”).

3. **Purpose of the Agreement.** The Members enter into this Agreement for the purpose of acting jointly to promote the interest and welfare of, and develop close relationships with, similar public bodies, and from time to time, to procure from qualified insurers and other providers by use of competitive principles, such employee benefits as designated by Members for its or their officials and employees, active or retired, including, without limitation, group life insurance, health and accident insurance, hospitalization, medical, dental and vision care insurance and other professional services, collectively “the Employee Benefits”. The Political Subdivisions acknowledge that certain benefits may be derived from their purchase through the Association. Each Member agrees, subject, however, to annual appropriation to pay its per capita share of the budget or the membership fees as hereinafter set forth.

4. **Governance.**

(a) **The Board.** The Association shall be governed by a Board (the “Board”) which shall have power to decide all matters relating to the Association’s activities and operations. The Board shall consist of all members of the Members’ Supervisory Board of VML Insurance Programs. Any changes in the

membership of such Members' Supervisory Board shall be automatically reflected in the membership of the Association Board.

(b) Meetings of the Board. The Board shall meet at such times and places as shall be designated in the Bylaws.

(c) Officers of the Board; Powers and Duties of Officers. The Board shall have such officers as provided in the Bylaws and with such powers as prescribed therein.

(d) Quorum for the Board. A majority of board members shall constitute a quorum for any Board meeting.

(e) Actions by the Board. All matters for action by the Board may be adopted upon the affirmative vote of Board members voting at a meeting where a quorum is present, or otherwise as may be specified in this Agreement or in the Bylaws.

(f) Bylaws. The initial Bylaws are set forth in Schedule A to this Agreement. The Bylaws may be amended upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the Board members or upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the Members. In the event that the Bylaws contradict any provision of this Agreement, this Agreement shall control.

5. **Purchase of Insurance Products.** The purchase of at least one insurance product through the Association is a requirement for Association membership. Individual Political Subdivisions are responsible for payment of their share of all premiums directly to insurers, reinsurers, third party administrators and other providers of service for insurance coverage. Political Subdivisions agree to pay premiums to the carrier in a timely manner. Members agree that the Board may authorize VML Insurance Programs or its designee to perform billing and other administrative functions for insurance products purchased through the Association.

6. **Other Benefit Programs and/or Services.** The Board may vote to explore additional purchasing opportunities for new benefit programs and/or services at any time.

7. **Budget of the Association.** The Board shall establish a budget for the Association with funding by the Members based upon a per capita share of the budget or, if applicable and approved by the Board, a minimum membership fee. Such per capita shares and minimum fees shall be assessed, if at all, on an annual basis.

8. **New Members.** In addition to the initial Political Subdivisions, other political subdivisions may apply to join the Association and membership shall be subject to the approval of the Board. Acceptance of such conditions and adoption of this Agreement is dependent upon the appropriate action of such applicant's governing body by resolution or ordinance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board empowers the Administrator to accept new members to the Association based on any additional criteria, if any, it may prescribe.

9. **Termination or Withdrawal From Membership.** A Political Subdivision may terminate participation in any employee benefit program or other product of the Association in which the Political Subdivision is a participant upon notice delivered to the Board. After 30 days' written notice to the Member, the Board may terminate the membership of any Member who fails to pay its membership fees, comply with the Bylaws, this Agreement, or other rules and regulations for Members, as established from time to time by the Board. Should any member fail to pay premiums owed to any insurer, reinsurer, third party administrator or other provider of service, membership may be terminated without notice.

10. **Administrator.**

- (a) The Board may, in its discretion, engage and appoint an Administrator for the Association. Except as may be limited in this Agreement or by the Board, the Administrator shall have full authority to act on behalf of the Members in connection with the undertakings specified herein, and to issue requests for proposals and receive such proposals as authorized by the Board and to take such other actions as may be deemed necessary or convenient in connection therewith.
- (b) The Administrator is authorized and empowered on behalf of the Members to comply with the applicable provisions of the Virginia Procurement Act for and on behalf of the Members to the extent such joint action is not inconsistent with Virginia law.

- (c) The Administrator shall be entitled to receive for its services hereunder such compensation as shall be mutually agreed by the Board and the Administrator. The Administrator's reasonable expenses incurred in connection with its services hereunder shall also be reimbursed by the Association.
- (d) The Administrator shall obtain and maintain insurance against dishonest or infidelity of any officers, employees or agents of the Administrator acting within the scope of its or their authority in such amount as shall be reasonably required by the Board in relation to the monies which are in its custody.
- (e) The Members agree that VML Insurance Programs, or its successor in interest, shall serve as the Administrator of the Association. The Board may, in its discretion, remove VML Insurance Programs, or its successor in interest as the Administrator, and appoint and engage an alternative Administrator for the Association.

11. **Exculpatory Provisions.** The Administrator shall not be liable to the Political Subdivisions except for acts or omissions constituting gross negligence and willful misconduct.

12. **Indemnification.** None of the parties hereto shall be liable for any separate independent duty or obligation of any other Political Subdivisions hereunder and each agrees to indemnify the others for any claim, loss or damage and expense therefore as shall be sustained by such others, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or the result of such separate independent duty or obligation of the indemnifying Political Subdivision.

13. **Execution of Multiple Originals.** This Agreement may be executed by the Administrator and by one or more of the Political Subdivisions in the multiple original copies and, when so executed, deemed to be the agreement of, and shall be binding on, all such signatories.

In Witness Whereof, the Administrator and the Political Subdivisions have each caused this Agreement to be executed for and on its behalf, by its duly authorized officer pursuant to ordinance if a member county, city or town, or resolution if another political subdivision, effective as of the date first above written.

## VML INSURANCE PROGRAMS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBER

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Form of Resolution  
Approving Joint Powers Association Agreement**

**WHEREAS**, Virginia political subdivisions are authorized by law to provide group life insurance, accident and health insurance and other employee benefits programs for their officers and employees; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia Code §15.2-1300 provides that any power, privilege or authority exercised, or capable of being exercised by a political subdivision in the Commonwealth of Virginia may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other political subdivision of the Commonwealth having a similar power, except where express statutory procedure is otherwise provided for the joint enterprise; and

**WHEREAS**, said Code section authorizes two or more political subdivisions to enter into agreements with one another for such joint action and to appropriate funds and sell, lease, give or otherwise supply such property, personnel or services therefore as legally empowered to furnish; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Public Procurement Act (the “Procurement Act”) exempts from its competitive sealed bidding and competitive negotiation requirements (the “Requirements”) the joint procurement by public bodies, utilizing competitive principles, of

insurance purchased through member associations under the conditions set forth in the Procurement Act; and

**WHEREAS**, members of Virginia Local Government Insurance Association (the “Association”) are Virginia political subdivisions who have executed the Joint Powers Association Agreement, a copy of which is attached to and made part of this Resolution (the “Joint Powers Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Association may procure insurance through the Association; and

**WHEREAS**, insurance products purchased through the Association are more cost effective than those purchased through alternative means; and

**WHEREAS**, the procurement of insurance should be effectuated as provided in the Joint Powers Association Agreement, in accordance with applicable provisions of the Procurement Act, such as the utilization of competitive principles pursuant to an exemption from the Requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, it appearing to the Board of Directors of the New River Valley Planning District Commission that the procurement of insurance pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement is otherwise in the best interests of the New River Valley Planning District Commission

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that:

(1) Competitive sealed bidding and competitive negotiation for the procurement of insurance are not fiscally advantageous to the public because of the administrative and economic advantages of procuring such insurance through the Association.

(2) The procurement of insurance pursuant to the Joint Powers Agreement is hereby approved.

(3) The Joint Powers Agreement and the performance of the terms and conditions thereof on behalf of the New River Valley Planning District Commission are hereby authorized and approved.

(4) The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of the New River Valley Planning District Commission in substantially the form presented to this meeting.

(5) The payment obligations of the New River Valley Planning District Commission pursuant to the provisions hereof and the Joint Powers Agreement shall be subject to the annual approval of funds therefor in its budget by the New River Valley Planning District Commission Board of Directors.

(6) This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption or passage.