

The country is facing hard economic times, and it affects everyday people who live, work and support this community. As experts on the needs of your New River Valley, your opinions, thoughts and concerns are precious insight into what this area needs not to only make it through these hard times, but to succeed in the future. The input received from this survey will enable the New River Valley Planning District Commission to update our Vision 2020 Plan. This plan helps to set priorities for programming and projects across the region and directly impacts federal funding opportunities based on the current conditions and needs of our locality. Your voice is crucial in the shaping of this vision and this survey is one way to ensure that is it heard and recorded.

Looking at Today...

How do you see the current economic crisis impacting you and your local community and in the New River Valley community? _____

What immediate actions would you suggest to address these concerns in the following categories? Please include a brief explanation if necessary. We'll use the boxes for the last question so please ignore them for now.

a. Community and Individual Growth/ Education:

b.

b. Job Creation and Employer Retention:

c.

c. Public, Cultural and Natural Resource Improvement:

d. Energy Consumption, Production and Education:

e. Other (Please Specify):

Planning for Our Future...

Looking 10 years into the future, how do you envision your ideal New River Valley? What kind of programs or projects need to be started today to achieve this vision?

a. Community and Individual Growth:

b. Job Creation and Employer Retention:

c. Cultural/Natural Resource and Public Facility Improvement:

d. Energy Consumption, Production and Education:

e. Other (Please Specify):

****PLEASE RANK**** the top *five* suggestions, from your immediate and/or future concerns, in order of priority; one being the MUST DO item and then five being the least urgent. Place the corresponding number/priority on the left hand side of your top *five* suggestions in the designated box.

The following projects/programs are from *Community First – Vision 2020 Plan 2003 Update* that have not yet been started. As we look forward for the New River Valley – how do these projects fit with our needs for now and plans for the future?

Project/Program	Description of the Project/Program	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Research and Publicize Non-Profit Contributions	Document <i>accurate</i> information about their contributions to the NRV communities and update this information regularly.			
Community Awareness Workshops for Elected Officials & Corp. Leaders	A short course for elected officials and corporation leaders that highlights community development issues and opportunities.			
Youth Leadership Recognition Programs	An award or program that recognizes and/or rewards youth leadership efforts in the region.			
Youth Leadership Training – Civic and Business	Hands-on training and mentoring through civic organizations and business partners in the program.			
Strengthen Montgomery County Human Services Commission	Opportunities for regional and local human service agencies to gather and exchange information and resources.			
Quarterly Agency/Community Sessions	Regular meetings with human service agencies and concerned/impacted citizens to discuss human service delivery issues and strategize opportunities for improvement.			
Local Philanthropy	Educational and promotional materials to engage NRV citizens about local investment.			
Youth Participation on Established Councils, Committees, Boards	Formal opportunities for youth to participate in meaningful ways on community boards and commissions.			
Regional Educational Services- regional trade school, regional alternative school, regional AP program, support Governor’s and Magnet schools.	Maximize educational resources through regional coordination of specialty education opportunities.			
Strengthen Non-profit Corporate Governance	An organizational development model that fits needs and vision of non-profit sector in the region.			
Regional Leadership Organization	Formal regional leadership forum to provide opportunities for business, non-profit, civic and public organizations.			
EAGLES Leadership Programming Across Sectors	Expand non-traditional leadership training and targeting to all sectors of the community to promote concept of personal development as the path to community development.			
First Works	Mentoring/supporting new technology graduates through process of developing new businesses in the region.			
Regional Historic Site Marketing	Identify regional historic sites and collaborative development activities.			
Youth Entrepreneurial Center	Entrepreneurial training and practice center for area youth.			
Regional Civic/Convention Center	Event/conference center to provide space for large attractions and events.			

Demographic Information: (Optional). We will use this information to identify pressing concerns among particular demographic groups. Feel free to leave sections blank.

<p><u>Gender:</u> Male _____ Female _____</p>	<p><u>Annual Household Income Level:</u> _____ Less than \$9,999 _____ \$10,000 - \$24,999 _____ \$25,000 - \$49,999 _____ \$50,000 - \$74,999 _____ \$75,000 - \$99,999 _____ \$100,000 +</p>
<p><u>Age Group:</u> _____ 18-24 _____ 25-35 _____ 36-45 _____ 46-55 _____ 56-65 _____ 65+</p>	<p><u>Marital Status:</u> _____ Married _____ Single</p>
<p><u>Ethnicity:</u> _____ Caucasian _____ African American _____ Asian _____ Hispanic/Latino _____ Other</p>	<p><u>Number of Dependents:</u> _____ 0 _____ 3 _____ 1 _____ 4 _____ 2 _____ 5+</p>

I live in (circle one):

Floyd County Giles County Montgomery County Pulaski County City of Radford other

I work in (circle one):

Floyd County Giles County Montgomery County Pulaski County City of Radford none other

I go to school in (circle one):

Floyd County Giles County Montgomery County Pulaski County City of Radford none other

If you are interested in updates concerning this process and the projects that result from your input, please print your name and e-mail address below. Thank you for your help!

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