

**Blueway Planning**

This fall the Planning Commission has begun to focus on New River Blueway planning efforts. The Commission held a series of meetings with local organizations and government entities as an initial effort to identify all of the groups in the region who are connected, concerned or working on issues surrounding the New River. The objective of the meeting is to organize with the Blueway efforts on a regional level and to identify local needs in the planning effort. There may also be opportunities for coordinating with similar efforts on the New River in NC and WV.

Locality support at these meetings was low, in particular those communities who are located on the New River. The Planning Commission would like to hear what localities needs and vision are for the New River Blueway for future planning efforts. Please contact Abigail Convery at the PDC for more information.