



August 2020 Update

NRVRC Board Member Transitions

The New River Valley Regional Commission would like to thank Joel Herbein for representing the Town of Blacksburg. Mr. Herbein served on the Commission two years (2018-2020) as a citizen representative. He was presented with a token of appreciation containing his dates of service to the region.

The Commission welcomes a new member, Daniel Breslau, who joined the board July 1, 2020, filling the citizen representative role for the Town of Blacksburg.

Ride Solutions App Benefits Commuters and the Community

Have you tried the Ride Solutions trip logging feature in our app? In a usual month you can earn rewards at local businesses, but in the month of May the rewards were a little bit sweeter. The app provider offered to donate \$500 to our local food banks (through the

Town of Pulaski Land Development Guide

Town of Pulaski in partnership with the Regional Commission recently completed a Land Development Guide for the Town. This policy document will help property owners and applicants to easily understand and follow the review procedures, zoning ordinance, and the decision processes of the

Federation of Virginia Food Banks) when 400 telecommutes were logged. Not only did our users meet the challenge, they did it in 16 days! We are thrilled to see local commuters staying engaged with the community and thinking about their transportation impacts these past months.

Our 1,000+ members use the app to do more than record a telecommute and earn discounts. The app also has carpool matching and route planning features for work, errands, and other trips in your town.

If you'd like to know more about the Ride Solutions app and how you can tap into its features for your trips, check out www.ridesolutions.org. For more information about how we can help employers offer commuting solutions to their employees, contact Christy Straight at cstraight@nrvc.org or James Jones at jjones@nrvc.org.



Town regarding land development applications. The guide contains important requirements of the zoning ordinance along with many photographs and illustrations to clarify the components and requirements of the application processes.

For further information, please contact Aphi Fancon (afancon@nrvc.org), 540-639-9313.



New River Watershed update

Use of the New River is quite high these days. The air is hot, the river is cool, and you can buy or rent a boat just about anywhere. For the past sixteen years after enjoying a summer of floating, residents of the New River Valley have gathered together in a day of celebrating the river, the end of summer and the start of the new semester. The annual ReNew the New event, which started in Giles County, received record participation last year with over 700 folks from across the region coming out to collect trash along our regional waterways. This year we would like to encourage residents to get outdoors and pickup trash; however, the event will look a little different. Local governments are still formulating their plans for a safe event, but please save the date of August 29th to participate in a regionwide river clean up. Lucky for us, we have two sides of 87 miles of river to spread out on, with hundreds of miles of tributaries. Your effort makes a difference! For updates on the event check out www.NewRiverWatershed.org. Don't forget to use #ReNewtheNew when participating.



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For more information contact Nicole Hersch (nicole@nrvc.org), 540-639-9313.

Solar PV Permitting and Inspection Training

As part of ongoing efforts for SolSmart designation, the Regional Commission will be hosting three virtual training sessions on Solar PV Permitting and Inspection. The training will cover simplified solar permitting processes for residential systems, the applicable codes and standards, proper procedures for understanding and reviewing permit applications for compliance, and what to look for when conducting system inspections. To register for the training please click on the three links provided below. Please note that each of the sessions take 1 hour and cover different topics. It is recommended to participate in all three.



August 13, 2020 at 1pm: Best Practices for Solar PV Permitting and Inspection Session 1
Topic: A focus on simplified solar permitting (part 1)
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/236402005476338702>

August 20, 2020 at 1pm: Best Practices for Solar PV Permitting and Inspection Session 2
Topic: A focus on simplified solar permitting (part 2)

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7683237030240496398>

August 25, 2020 at 1pm: Best Practices for Solar PV Permitting and Inspection Session 3
Topic: A focus on field inspections for solar PV

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3789684936867254798>

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