



December 2023 Update



NRV Recovery Ecosystem Program

The Opioid Abatement-funded NRV Recovery Ecosystem Program is launching a campaign to address substance use and treatment stigma. "We're In This Together" is the theme of the campaign and will focus on ways that community members can work together to understand addiction and combat the stigma and misinformation about this crisis in our community. We will utilize the new social presence

at <https://www.instagram.com/togethernrv> and <https://www.facebook.com/togethernrv> to share educational and access to information and treatment opportunities- follow for more updates! And keep an eye on your mailbox in January - a mailer will be sent out in the new year to introduce the campaign more fully to the New River Valley.

For more information about the campaign and how you or your organization can help us get the word out, contact Kim Bonner (kbonner@nrvc.org).



Southwest Virginia Native Plants Guide

City of Radford Zoning Survey

The City of Radford is in the process of updating its Zoning Ordinance and seeking feedback from the community for this initiative. Some of the goals of the update are to help remove barriers for new businesses and encourage redevelopment and infill development. A community survey will help identify preferences, desirable

The NRVRC was awarded a grant from the Virginia Outdoors Foundation to create and print the Southwest Virginia Native Plant Guide. The guide is complete and has been distributed to all of the partners who contributed to this endeavor.

If you are interested in receiving a copy, please contact Aphi Fancon at afancon@nrvc.org.

developments, ways to improve neighborhoods and any existing barriers in the zoning ordinance. The City would like to invite everyone to share their thoughts and opinions by taking the [online survey](#). Paper surveys are also available at City Hall at 10 Robertson St, Radford, VA 24141.



Welcoming New Staff to the Regional Commission



The Regional Commission is excited to welcome two new staff to the Community Health division to support the NRV Recovery Ecosystem program. Anna Champion joins us as Project Manager for program oversight, reporting, partner engagement and evaluation. Anna brings with her experience in project management from work in academic and entertainment industries. This is a welcome back for Anna since she previously served as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Business Continuity Team during the Regional Commission's pandemic response.

Walter Midkiff is one of two Community Accountability Coordinators for the NRV Recovery Ecosystem program. He will specialize in assisting local government and service providers with trackable project outcomes and troubleshooting delivery challenges as we grow the opioid response regionally. Most recently, Walter was a leader with the Giles County Recovery Court program and directed their innovative Recovery Fitness program. His experience and commitment to overall recovery strategies melds well with the mission of the regional program. We are thrilled to have them join the team!

You can contact Anna at achampion@nrvc.org and Walter at wmidkiff@nrvc.org.



Results of the 2023 state and local elections have been compiled and mapped by the Regional Commission. A story map was created to show the new district lines for the Virginia House of Delegates and State Senate, and identifies the elected officials representing the districts. The interactive story map allows New River Valley citizens to become familiar with newly elected officials at both the state and local levels, including county boards of supervisors, town council members, sheriffs, school board members, among other positions. You can find the story map here: <https://arcg.is/1Gv4jD>

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