

2022 Annual Report

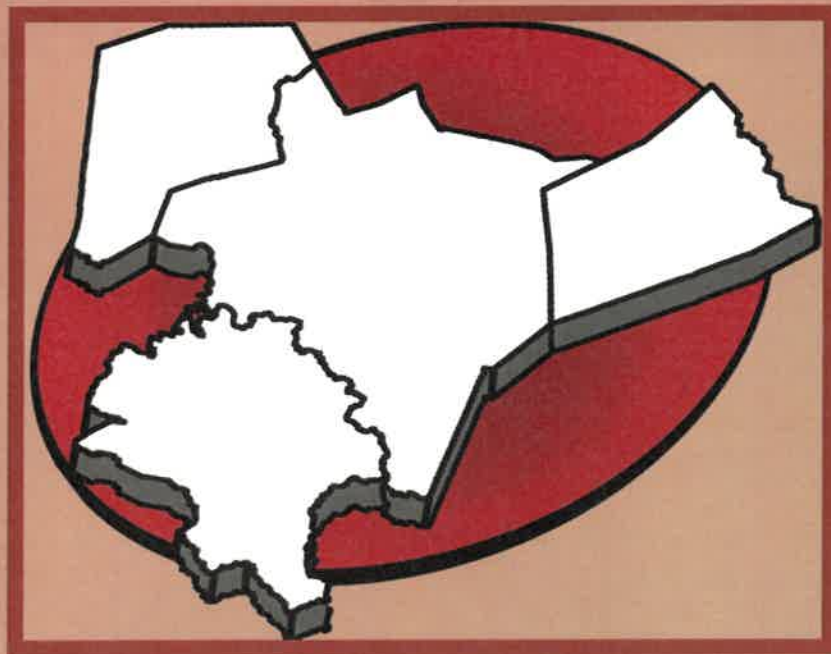
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Regional Intergovernmental Council



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History and Mission of the Regional Intergovernmental Council

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) was formally established on March 9, 1965 when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Appalachian Regional Development Act (ARDA) into public law. The ARC is a federal-state partnership committed to strengthening Appalachia's economy and helping the Region's 13 states achieve economic parity with the rest of the Nation. The Boone-Clay-Kanawha-Putnam Regional Intergovernmental Council (RIC) is the ARC's Local Development District (LDD) for our four county Region.

RIC was established in 1970 as a voluntary association of local governments. In 1971, it was designated by then Governor Arch Moore as West Virginia Region III, one of eleven such councils in West Virginia. RIC is committed to promoting economic, environmental, educational, cultural, and recreational growth in Boone, Clay, Kanawha, and Putnam counties.

In 1975, RIC was designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Charleston Urbanized Area. Later, this was expanded to include the entire Metropolitan Area (Kanawha and Putnam counties), to match the air quality non-attainment area. All urbanized areas in the U.S., as a condition of receiving federal highway, and transit funding, must have an official MPO. The responsibility of the MPO is to conduct a coordinated, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process. This includes development of various transportation plans and programs in cooperation with state and local officials, transit agencies, and local citizens.

RIC was designated as the Economic Development District (EDD) for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) on June, 16 1977. The EDA plays a critical role in facilitating regional economic development efforts in communities across the nation. EDDs serve as multi-jurisdictional entities that work to lead the locally based, regionally driven economic development planning process.

RIC's policy board is comprised of forty-eight members, including one commissioner from each of the four counties, the mayor of each of the twenty-five municipalities, fourteen citizen representatives and two minority representatives. The board acts as a forum for discussing mutual problems and dealing with issues that transcend political boundaries. The RIC staff works for all twenty-nine units of government by assisting with multi-jurisdictional issues.

The general purpose of the Council as stated in its by-laws:

"The Council is organized and shall be operated as a cooperative organization of local governments for the promotion of public health, safety and welfare by providing improved public services and facilities, advancing the business prosperity and economic welfare and achieving a satisfactory level of living for the citizens of the area served by the Council."



Chairman Fletcher's Message

As we look back on 2022, I would like to express my gratitude to my fellow RIC members for the opportunity to serve as Chairman. RIC is a tremendous asset to our region and continues to provide leadership and assistance with many different projects in Boone, Clay, Kanawha, and Putnam counties. RIC had numerous accomplishments in 2022 and I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize a few of these.

Community and Economic Development

The community and economic development staff worked on an abundant amount of projects throughout 2022, too many to name, however, I would like to highlight a few of these projects. In **Boone County**, RIC administered the Boone Memorial Hospital Sewer Line Extension to the old Danville Magic Mart building, which will become the new Boone Memorial Hospital Medical Clinic. RIC also began administering the Boone Memorial Hospital Sustainable Living Greenhouse Grant as well as the Boone County Commission and Economic Development Broadband Grant for the Rock Creek Development Park. In **Clay County**, the RIC staff worked with the Town of Clay to receive and bid a \$7 million sanitary sewer upgrade. RIC staff also worked to develop a HUD Mitigation Grant to relocate the 911 Center to Triplet Ridge to move the facility out of the floodplain. In addition, RIC began administering the Big Otter/Nebo/Walker Road Waterline Extension. In **Kanawha County**, the RIC staff assisted the Dunbar Sanitary Board with a Critical Needs Grant for plant improvements and equipment. RIC also developed a \$9.96 million grant application for the Elk Valley PSD for remediation of the main sanitary sewer lines along the Elk River that were compromised from the 2016 flood. In addition, RIC administered the Kanawha County RDA Standard/Paint Creek/Collinsdale Waterline Extension and assisted in the development of the Olcott Waterline Project. Moreover, RIC worked with Yeager Airport to secure EDA funding to construct the apron for the new Marshall University Bill Noe Flight School as well as a sewer line extension that will provide service to future business developments on the property. Likewise, RIC assisted the Town of Belle with their West Reynolds Avenue Storm and Sanitary Sewer System Improvements Project. In **Putnam County**, RIC assisted with the Putnam County Commissions Jim Ridge Phase II Waterline Extension, which serves over sixty residents. Additionally, RIC worked to secure a Critical Needs Grant for a sewer extension for the Town of Buffalo. RIC also assisted in the formulation of a Strategic Planning Grant for the Putnam County Development Authority. Furthermore, FEMA approved the **Region 3 Hazard Mitigation Plan** update and the vast majority of municipalities provided signed resolutions adopting the plan.

Transportation

The transportation planning staff worked on a variety of projects during 2022, I would like to share some project highlights with you. RIC working in conjunction with Burgess & Niple, Inc., completed the **Road Safety Assessments** project. This project identified high-crash locations throughout the two-county planning area of Kanawha and Putnam counties. Five high-crash study locations were identified and studied as part of the project. The project team, working in conjunction with stakeholders, developed location-specific safety improvement recommendations and countermeasures to reduce serious-injury and fatality involved crashes. Additionally, RIC completed updates for the **Public Participation Plan** and **Title VI Plan**. RIC transportation staff developed a web-based equity analysis component for the **FY 2022-2025 RIC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**. RIC worked in cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT), the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (KVRTA), and the WVDOT-Division of Multimodal Transportation Facilities to develop and adopt updated **Performance Targets** to support the national objectives of performance-based planning and programming. RIC transportation staff made significant progress throughout 2022 in support of the ongoing **RIC ADA Technical Assistance Program** for member municipalities in Region 3. As part of this initiative, RIC partnered with Dr. Ron Eck of the WV Local Technical Assistance Program (WV LTAP), to host an "ADA for Local Governments" training. Additionally, RIC transportation staff assisted towns throughout the region with sidewalk inventories, self-evaluations, and ADA transition plan development. RIC also provided technical assistance for local municipalities through the development of applications for the WVDOT Transportation Alternatives (TA) grant program. Moreover, working in cooperation with local, state, and federal partners, RIC developed the Fiscal Year **2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**, which details transportation planning work activities for the upcoming fiscal year. Lastly, RIC began developing a **transportation safety plan** for Kanawha and Putnam counties to improve transportation safety for all roadway users. Once complete, this plan will comply with the requirements of a safety action plan under the new U.S. DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program.

The past year has been an extraordinarily busy year for RIC as the staff worked on various projects throughout the region. I am excited to continue this momentum in 2023 as we work together to strengthen Region 3 by promoting local communities, regional solutions, and statewide impacts.



David Fletcher
Chairman

2022 RIC Officers

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David Fletcher

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David Casebolt

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Marci Cline

Project Coordinator
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SoJuana Ellis

Project Coordinator
Bruce Mullins

Transportation Planning Manager
Kelsey Tucker

Senior Transportation Planner
Samuel Richardson

Transportation Planner
Jake Smith

2022 Regional Intergovernmental Council Membership

Boone County Commission	Craig Bratcher, Commissioner
Clay County Commission	Connie Kinder, Commissioner
Kanawha County Commission	W. Kent Carper, Commissioner
Putnam County Commission	Andy Skidmore, Commissioner
Town of Bancroft	Donna McKneely, Mayor
Town of Belle	David Fletcher, Mayor
Town of Buffalo	Conrad Cain, Mayor
Town of Cedar Grove	James B. Hudnall, Mayor
City of Charleston	Amy Shuler Goodwin, Mayor
City of Chesapeake	Jack Lavender, Mayor
Town of Clay	Josh Shamblin, Mayor
Town of Clendenin	Kay Summers, Mayor
Town of Danville	Mark McClure, Mayor
City of Dunbar	Scott E. Elliott, Mayor
Town of East Bank	Charles A. Blair, Mayor
Town of Eleanor	Cam Clendenin, Mayor
Town of Glasgow	Donald Fannin, Mayor
Town of Handley	Essie Ford, Jr., Mayor
City of Hurricane	Scott Edwards, Mayor
City of Madison	James “Buddy” Hudson, Mayor
City of Marmet	David T. Fontalbert, Mayor
City of Nitro	Dave Casebolt, Mayor
Town of Poca	William Jones, Mayor
Town of Pratt	Ramon A. Williams, Mayor

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Regional Intergovernmental Council Membership (Continued)

City of St. Albans	Scott James, Mayor
City of South Charleston	Frank Mullens, Mayor
Town of Sylvester	Harvey Ferrell, Mayor
Town of Whitesville	Fred V. Harless, Jr., Mayor
City of Winfield	Randy Barrett, Mayor
Minority Group Representative	Oree Banks
Minority Group Representative	Coston Davis, Jr.
Boone County Citizen Representative	Kris Mitchell
Clay County Citizen Representative	Barry McCune
Kanawha County Citizen Representative	Cassidy Riley
Putnam County Citizen Representative	Mark A. Stolle, Jr.
City of Charleston Citizen Representative	Andy Backus
Private Sector Representative (Education)	Kim Knapp, BridgeValley CTC
Private Sector Representative (Faith Based-Comm. Service)	Charles Mays
Private Sector Representative	Kenneth Kinder, E.L. Robinson Engineering
Private Sector Representative	S.K. Miller, Verizon Mid-Atlantic (Retired)
Private Sector Representative	Clark McCoy, WV Regional Tech. Park
Private Sector Representative (Chamber of Commerce)	Jeri Adkins, Charleston Area Alliance
Private Sector Representative (Labor)	Eric Sharp, Labor Employees Coop. Trust
Private Sector Representative (Education)	Ericke S. Cage, J.D., LL.M., WVSU
Private Sector Representative (KVRTA)	Curt Zickafoose, KVRTA
Private Sector Representative (WVDOH)	Brian Carr, WVDOH
Private Sector Representative	Joy Underwood, Coal River Inn
Private Sector Representative	D. Anne Cavalier, Ed.D., Cavalier Bus. Dev.

2022 State Intergovernmental Reviews

During the twelve-month period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, RIC received 10 applications for state and federal assistance. Functioning as a Clearinghouse, RIC is empowered by the State of West Virginia to review and comment upon selected applications for federal and state funds. This is accomplished by soliciting comments from RIC members in the project area.

No.	Project	Location	Applicant	Project Cost
1	Friends of Hansford Center – Transit Van with Rear Lift – Section 5310 Grant Program	Kanawha County	Friends of Hansford	\$64,000
2	Kanawha Valley Senior Services – Minivan with Ramp on Curbside – Section 5310 Grant Program	Kanawha County	Kanawha Valley Senior Services	\$63,000
3	Putnam County Aging Program – Minivan with Ramp on Curbside – Section 5310 Grant Program	Putnam County	Putnam County Aging Program	\$63,000
4	Kanawha County Solid Waste Authority – Recycling Program – WV Solid Waste Management Board Grant	Kanawha County	Kanawha County Solid Waste Authority	\$25,000
5	Clay County Solid Waste Authority – Annual Cleanup Event – WV Solid Waste Management Board Grant	Clay County	Clay County Solid Waste Authority	\$17,587.50
6	Boone County Solid Waste Authority – Recycling Program – WV Solid Waste Management Board Grant	Boone County	Boone County Commission for the Boone County Solid Waste Authority	\$24,432.06
7	Putnam County Solid Waste Authority – Recycling Program – WV Solid Waste Management Board Grant	Putnam County	Putnam County Commission	\$16,800
8	Clay County Commission Sheriff’s Cruiser & Ambulance – USDA Rural Development Grant	Clay County	Clay County Commission	\$196,000
9	Ivy Branch – Parking Lot - Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Modification	Boone County	The Thrasher Group, Inc.	\$150,000
10	City of Hurricane Park Expansion – Land and Water Conservation Fund grant	Putnam County	The City of Hurricane	\$199,928

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Expenditures for the Year Ended June 30, 2022

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

Planning and Technical Assistance	3,866
Project Development	36,852
Regional Development Plan (RDP)	5,664
Coordination & Support	<u>42,426</u>
	88,808

TRANSPORTATION

Management and Administration	85,150
Long Range Plan Development	86,884
Transportation Improvement Program	30,867
Short Range Planning	26,300
Database GIS	35,784
General Transit	14,229
Special Studies	<u>137,769</u>
	416,983

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Hazard Mitigation	43,311
Buffalo- Critical Needs – Crystal Lane	4,845
Buffalo- Critical Needs – BMH	10,935
Kanawha Charleston Housing Authority	4,777
Boone Foster	1,922
KCRDA Standard	10,813
KCRDA Olcott	4,892
Clay County Commission - Broadband	4,024
Putnam Water Rehabilitation	7,835
Special Studies	9,246
Tech Connect – Techwrks	4,904
PCC Manilla Ridge	17,225
Blue Knob	2,203

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SPECIAL PROJECT (continued)

Cedar Grove Sewer	7,973
Belle- West Reynolds	1,618
Boone County – Right Fork	5,698
KPSD Lens Creek	4,321
Cluster Mapping	3,365
Putnam – Deer Creek	5,387
UKVEDC	3,902
West Dunbar PSD	17,544
Clay Emergency Sewer	14,755
Clay Water Treatment	12,130
Kanawha Orchard Manor	1,616
Prenter Phase II	<u>931</u>
	206,172

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Project Development	30,433
CEDS	7,937
Coordination and Support	40,503
Cares	<u>159,172</u>
	238,045

SUBTOTAL 950,008

General Fund 15,023

GRAND TOTAL 965,031

LINE ITEM EXPENSES

Salaries	374,772
Fringe Benefits	125,928
Contractual Services	172,221
Travel	13,141
Printing	5,537
Indirect	197,504
Other	<u>75,928</u>
TOTAL	<u>965,031</u>

Transportation Planning

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

RIC completed an update to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in 2021. The MTP is a comprehensive, long-range transportation plan encompassing all areas of Kanawha and Putnam counties. This plan was completed in conjunction with Kimley-Horn and is updated every four years. The MTP examines deficiencies in the existing transportation system and identifies multimodal recommendations to improve the region's transportation systems. The MTP update was approved by the RIC Policy Board on September 9, 2021.

Throughout 2022, work efforts were focused on implementing the goals and objectives of the current RIC MTP while incorporating the requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), commonly known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Transit Planning

RIC continues to provide transit planning services to the region's public transportation authority, the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (KVRTA), in addition to organizations that provide paratransit services. RIC coordinates with KVRTA regularly on transit projects for the RIC Transportation Improvement Program and works in collaborative efforts to update transit performance targets. RIC organizes and hosts public informational meetings throughout the year, as needed, for KVRTA in various parts of Kanawha County.

Transportation Improvement Program

Throughout 2022, RIC amended its FY 2022-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), West Virginia Department of Transportation (WVDOT), West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP), and the Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority (KVRTA). Amendments to the RIC TIP were approved the RIC Policy Board on a quarterly basis.

In 2022, RIC transportation staff developed and launched a web-based equity analysis tool as a component to the RIC TIP. The equity analysis tool is publicly available on the RIC website (www.wvregion3.org).

Census Management Planning

During 2022, RIC updated its library of printed and digital data materials from the U.S. Census Bureau and results from the 2020 Decennial Census. RIC assisted local municipalities, agencies and the public with census-related projects throughout the year. RIC transportation staff monitored, tracked, and developed updates to its planning products from the 2020 Decennial Census data.

Hazard Mitigation Planning

During 2022, RIC completed an update to the Region 3 Hazard Mitigation Plan—a plan which encompasses all hazards with potential to adversely impact the region of Boone, Clay, Kanawha and Putnam counties. In 2022, the plan received Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status from FEMA-Region Hazard mitigation plans are vital to disaster prevention and recovery. The plan provides detailed information on the importance of hazard mitigation planning and identifies implementation approaches and specific, jurisdiction-based projects to mitigate and prevent disasters while improving community resiliency. The RIC Policy Board adopted the update to the Region 3 Hazard Mitigation Plan on December 8, 2022. An approved hazard mitigation plan is required to receive non-emergency disaster assistance, creating the necessity that all communities pass a resolution of adoption for the plan.

Transportation Database/Geographic Information (GIS)

RIC continued to expand its Geographic Information System (GIS) capabilities in 2022 through the acquisition of additional GIS software upgrades. RIC continues to utilize GIS technologies in most of its transportation planning efforts. GIS software is utilized to provide mapping products for RIC's transportation plans in addition to community development projects, RIC member municipalities, and other local organizations. In 2022, RIC transportation staff began to acquire, update, and analyze crash data for Kanawha and Putnam counties in support of a new safety planning effort—the development of a safety action plan to improve transportation safety throughout Kanawha and Putnam counties.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Initiatives

In conjunction with HDR, Inc., RIC's transportation planning staff completed the update to RIC's *Kanawha-Putnam Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan* in 2019. This was the first update to the original plan which was developed in 2008.

The plan update began with an analysis of regional data, existing plans and public input. Community outreach and public engagement took place in the form of targeting community groups, city and county officials, and bicycle advocacy groups. Following a strategic prioritization process, a list of proposed bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects and recommendations for Kanawha and Putnam counties was developed. The final plan was completed in early 2019.

An additional element of the *Kanawha-Putnam Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan* was the establishment of convening the RIC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) on a quarterly basis. The committee meets prior to the meetings of the RIC Policy Board to advise stakeholders and advocates on current bicycle and pedestrian initiatives and policies. The BPAC met four times throughout 2022 to prioritize bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts.

RIC transportation staff continued to provide assistance to RIC member municipalities through its ADA Technical Assistance Program. Through this initiative, RIC provides technical assistance to local communities to support the development of ADA transition plans. In 2022, numerous member municipalities enlisted in the program. RIC is eager to continue this initiative, with the goal of each municipality in the planning area developing and adopting ADA transition plans or updating existing plans.

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RIC Title VI Plan

In 2022, RIC updated its Title VI Plan for transportation planning. The plan update was adopted by the RIC Policy Board on December 8, 2022. This is a required plan and has a four-year update cycle. The plan ensures RIC's transportation planning work efforts comply with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as well as subsequent acts and Executive Orders pertaining to Title VI. RIC transportation staff review the plan on an annual basis to ensure compliance with current and future legislation. The goal of the plan is to ensure federally funded transportation planning activities do not discriminate against any persons on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, ethnicity, age, disability, political affiliation, color, marital status, sexual orientation, economic status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

RIC Public Participation Plan

RIC's Public Participation Plan for transportation planning details the processes, techniques, and activities the RIC utilizes to inform and engage the public in transportation planning issues for the purpose of maximizing public involvement. This plan documents RIC's current and future actions to efficiently promote public participation in the metropolitan transportation planning process through various types of activities. Additionally, the plan outlines RIC's goals and objectives to ensure successful public participation processes for all planning purposes and activities. A significant focus of this plan is to ensure the fair and equitable participation and outreach to historically disadvantaged populations, including persons of limited English proficiency (LEP), persons with disabilities, minority groups and other underserved populations. RIC's Public Participation Plan is a living document and is reviewed on an annual basis to ensure compliance.

During 2022, RIC updated its Public Participation Plan to continue the facilitation of maximizing public involvement in the metropolitan transportation planning process. The plan update was adopted by the RIC Policy Board on December 8, 2022

RIC Congestion Management Plan

In 2016, RIC transportation planning staff began developing a Congestion Management Plan (CMP) and process for RIC's metropolitan planning area. The CMP was the first of its kind and is a requirement for MPOs that have planning jurisdiction within a Transportation Management Area (TMA). The plan seeks to identify highway segments which regularly experience above average travel times. Actual vehicle travel time data for the region is being used to identify these segments. Public input was also solicited for determining high-congestion areas. Short-term and long-term solutions will be developed for the purpose of alleviating traffic congestion on identified high-congestion segments.

Originating as a suggestion from the Congestion Management Plan (CMP), a System Performance Report for RIC's transportation planning jurisdiction was developed in 2018. The System Performance Report reflects the integration of performance-based planning and the national performance goals. This report is updated on an annual basis to aid in assessing the performance of the existing transportation system throughout RIC's transportation planning jurisdiction. MPOs are required to coordinate with State DOTs and transit providers to establish and integrate performance targets into their planning products. RIC's System Performance Report details performance measures and targets adopted by the state of West Virginia, RIC, and KVRTA for the purpose of tracking progress to guide future planning efforts and investments.

Community and Economic Development

2022 RIC Community Projects Update

During 2022, RIC administered a number of infrastructure projects including, the Boone County Right Fork Waterline Extension, the Boone County Boone Memorial Hospital Sewer Extension, the Kanawha Public Service District Lens Creek Phase II Sewer Extension Project, the Town of Clay Water Tank Rehabilitation Project, the Town of Clay Emergency Sewer Rehabilitation Project, the Putnam County Jim Ridge Phase II Waterline Extension Project, the Kanawha County Olcott/Alum Creek Waterline Extension, the Kanawha County Standard/Paint Creek Mahan Waterline Extension, the Town of Buffalo Storm Sewer Project, the Town of Cedar Grove Sewer Project and the Belle Sewer Rehabilitation Project. RIC also administered US Economic Development Administration (EDA) projects for the Putnam Public Service District Deer Creek Pump Station, Line Extension and Water Rehabilitation Project. RIC continued to administer the Marshall University Flight School Apron project and will continue to support the Sewer Line Extension to commercial sites.

RIC assisted in the development of additional infrastructure projects including, the Boone County Madison Inflow and Infiltration Sewer Rehabilitation Project, the Boone County Rock Creek Industrial Park Infrastructure Project, the Boone County Public Service District Right Fork Waterline Extension, the Putnam County Development Authority Strategic Plan Grant Application, the Sissonville Public Service District Sewer Improvements project, the Town of East Bank Sewer Improvements Project, the Kanawha County Headwaters of the Elk Planning project, the Town of Clay Emergency Waterline Replacement Project, the Clay Roane Critical Needs Improvement project, the Clay County Public Service District Big Otter/Nebo/Walker Road Waterline Extension Project, RIC also assisted with funding requests for other projects, some of which are currently pending and still in the preliminary phases.

RIC has assisted in the development of US EDA Build Back Better applications for the WV Regional Technology Park, the Boone Memorial Hospital Sustainable Living Initiative, the Yeager Airport Paint Hanger Structure Improvements, and the Boone County Rock Creek Development Park.

RIC successfully completed the administration of TechConnectWV's TechWrx Project. This is RIC's fourth collaboration with the non-profit. RIC also assisted TechConnectWV with a FAST grant through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

RIC assisted Clay County in designing a HUD Broadband Design Grant for Clay County to develop an independent broadband service for the region. The Clay Broadband Committee interviewed and selected Thompson and Litton of Wise, Virginia to design a broadband system for portions of Clay County. The Clay County Commission has applied for additional implementation funding through the HUD Broadband and Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Broadband Grant programs.

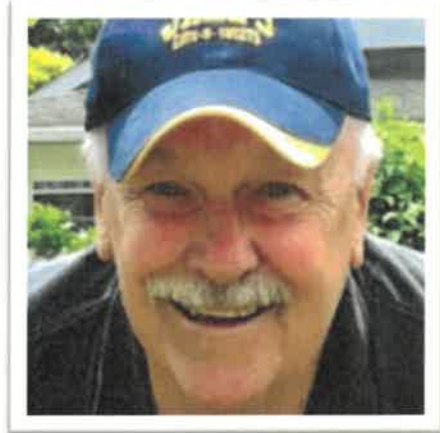
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) FY 2022 Update

RIC has completed the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) FY 2022 Update as required by the U. S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). The FY 2022 CEDS documents new developments and other changes in the region and revisits the goals, strategies and projects list included within the plan. The RIC Policy Board approved the FY 2022 CEDS on June 9, 2022.

Looking Back at the Regional Intergovernmental Council in 2023



RIC says goodbye to Amy Talbert



RIC mourns the loss of longstanding board member Harry M. "Mickey" Brown



Marci Cline joins RIC as Finance Assistant/Project Administrator



Bruce Mullins joins RIC as Project Coordinator



RIC Transportation Team Member, Jake Smith, walks with community members collecting comments as part of RIC's ADA Transition Plan Assistance Program



Jake Smith joins RIC as Transportation Planner

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