



November 2024 Update

NRVRC Annual Award Recipients

The New River Valley Regional Commission is pleased to announce three award winners for 2024. Citizens of the Valley are Ms. Sandra Davis, Community Leader and Dr. Pat Huber, New River Community College; Champion of the Valley is Mr. Jonathan Sweet, Pulaski County Administrator. Please visit our website to read the full [press release](#).



For further information, please contact Kevin Byrd (kbyrd@nrvrc.org) 540-639-9313.

Pictured above: Kevin Byrd, Sandra Davis, Jonathan Sweet, Pat Huber, and Hil Johnson.

NRVRC Board
Member Transition

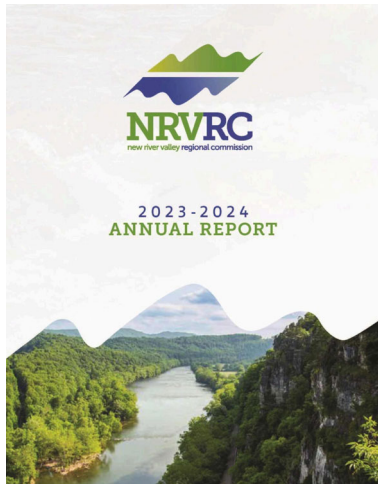
Hurricane Helene
Recovery Efforts

The Regional Commission would like to welcome Em Shawish, a citizen representing the Town of Blacksburg and Perry Martin, an elected official representing Giles County.

The Regional Commission would like to thank Daniel Breslau, a citizen representing the Town of Blacksburg for his service to the Board from 2020 until 2024 and Chris Bond, an elected official representing the Town of Floyd for his service to the Board in 2024.

The New River Valley Regional Commission extends our support to communities, families, individuals, and businesses in the region impacted by Hurricane Helene. Historically, the Regional Commission works to secure state and federal funds to deliver meaningful projects to communities. In response to this natural disaster, we are working with partners at the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development along with the Appalachian Regional Commission, among other agencies, to determine pathways to address storm damage to housing, small businesses, water and sewer systems, broadband infrastructure, and significant natural resource assets. The Regional Commission's role will be focused on mid and long-term recovery needs.

For more information, please contact Kevin Byrd at kbyrd@nrvc.org.



NRVRC FY23-24 Annual Report

The Regional Commission FY23-24 Annual Report can be viewed [here!](#) The report highlights programs, projects, and collaborations from last fiscal year. There are also several key accomplishments from the year identified.

Printed copies of the report will be sent to every elected official in the New River Valley, Regional Commission partners, and Regional Commission Board members.

For more information, please contact Kevin Byrd at kbyrd@nrvc.org.

NRVRC Welcomes Kelley Akers!

Kelley joined the New River Valley Regional Commission in October as a Graphic Designer/Community Engagement Specialist. In this role, she employs graphic design and community engagement tools to increase awareness of local resources and opportunities throughout the New River Valley and assists in keeping communication strong between partners.

Kelley earned her BFA in Graphic Design and Illustration from the University of Worcester in England and came back to the region in 2021. Since then, she has fully embraced her Appalachian heritage and enjoys helping the communities and people in her chosen hometown. She spends her free time drawing, teaching art, playing video and tabletop games, and spoiling her cats.

Kelley can be reached at kakers@nrvc.org.



2024 ReNew the New Stats!

North Carolina thru Virginia into West Virginia.
As the river flows So we go

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THANK YOU!

604 VOLUNTEERS

255 TIRES

8+ TONS OF TRASH

FALL INTO THE NEW

ReNewing the New River
One River
Three States
One Bag at a Time

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IT'S YOUR RIVER TOO

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