

Upper Kanawha Valley Resiliency Council

2019 - 2020

In 2016, the WV Legislature established SB 656 which would create the Upper Kanawha Valley Resiliency and Revitalization program. This Committee was challenged to find new and innovative ways to revitalize the Upper Kanawha Valley due to the challenges it faced with the relocation of West Virginia University Institute of Technology from its Montgomery, WV campus to Beckley, WV. The purpose of the program is to inventory existing needs, assets, and resources, prioritize planning and technical assistance, and determine such other assistance as might be available to revitalize communities in the Upper Kanawha Valley. The local communities now needed to band together and shift priorities and to reinvent itself with a new vision.

In 2019, the Legislature once again passed Senate Bill 1001, continuing the Upper Kanawha Valley Resiliency Council into 2024. As part of the effort to chart new courses and create a prosperous future for the Upper Kanawha Valley, the Council was challenged once again to create a collaboration among state government, higher education, the private sector, and the non-profit sectors, and technical assistance resources providers to facilitate revitalization of the various communities known as the Upper Kanawha Valley of Eastern Kanawha County. The plan will seek to benefit the area through identifying existing resources that can be prioritized to support these communities, incorporating the resources and expertise of additional providers of technical assistance, and generating thoughtful and responsible ideas to mitigate the negative effects of the departure of the West Virginia Institute of Technology from the area.

The Upper Kanawha Valley was identified as those municipalities and local areas from the city limits of Charleston to Gauley Bridge or other communities in the vicinity (including those along the Fayette/Kanawha county borders) of West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

In the first meeting of the Upper Kanawha Valley Resiliency Council, newly appointed Executive Director of the West Virginia Development Office, Michael R. Graney challenged the mayors, local economic development members, and representatives from various educational institutions, and those persons with an interest in revitalizing the Upper Kanawha Valley, to inventory existing needs and assets and resources, prioritize planning and technical assistance, and determine such other assistance as might be available to revitalize communities in the Upper Kanawha Valley. Meeting monthly for the next 12 months, the committee heard from each of the representatives and the following is a list of accomplishments beginning September 2019.

Upper Kanawha Valley Resiliency Council Accomplishment Report 2019 - 2020

City of Montgomery

With the assistance of the various state agencies the following has been accomplished:

- Services and attractions road signs along Route 60 Montgomery (WVDOH)
- Crosswalks on CSX Railroads repaired with new steps and new sidewalks
- Paving on Route 61 and 3rd Avenue in Montgomery – patching has been completed
- Montgomery designated as a “Home Rule” City
- Fishing Pier Project – ARC
- Continue initiatives on the Hatfield and McCoy

Special Studies -

- "Your Voice, Your Valley" by WVDO, Region 4; Aspen Institute, and Center for Rural Entrepreneurship.
- "Strategically Positioning Montgomery, WV for the Future" By Virginia Tech Office of Economic Development.
- "The River Cities Trail Master Plan for Montgomery and Smithers" by Healthy Places for Healthy People (ARC).
- "Economic Trends in Montgomery and Smithers West Virginia" By WVU College of Business and Economics.
- "Montgomery Comprehensive Plan" By WVU Law Clinic
- "Smithers Comprehensive Plan" by WVU Law Clinic
- "Regional Comprehensive Plan" by WVU Law Clinic
- Zoning Plans for Montgomery" by WVU Law Clinic.
- Zoning Plans for Smithers" by WVU Law Clinic

City of Smithers

- Grant Applications and Awards
 - \$10,000 Awarded: WVHDF Grant Writer Assistance
 - \$20,000 Awarded: WVDEP/USEPA Oakland Property Revisioning and produced a riverfront park plan and cost estimates
 - \$40,000 Awarded: USDA CFI Grant for fully equipped police cars
 - \$100,000 Application: WVDOT Streetscape continuation
 - \$125,000 Awarded: USDA CFI Loan to renovate to create GATEWAY Center as the new Smithers City Hall and Community Center

- \$1,377,549 Application: Various public funders for storm water separation project for the east end of Smithers
- Grants and Programs awarded to and managed through the UKV Strategic Initiative Council (UKVSIC) with Montgomery:
 - 10,000 Awarded: WVHDF: to support Code Enforcement in the UKV
 - \$40,000 Awarded: WVHUB Cultivate WV grant: first time ever awarded jointly to two communities
 - \$1.8M Application: AML Pilot, WV DEP, awaiting award decision
 - \$175,000 Awarded as cash match to AML above: Fayette County Commission
 - Saved/re-energized the Midland Trail Association, a tourism marketing association for all of Rt. 60 (Midland Trail) in West Virginia. Working with partners to create motorcycle rides and a 180+ mile yard sale to attract tourists to the area.
 - Provided Code Enforcement Services to the City of Cowen
- Donations to the City negotiated by the Smithers Mayor and approved by City Council: \$2.3M Secured the building donation from Fayette County Board of Education (former VES), 32,000sf after securing signed leases on tenants whose leases are long term, whose rent fully supports the operations and maintenance of the building, and whose services enrich the residents of the UKV (See GATEWAY Center Tenants below)
 - \$10,000 donated furniture by Chase Bank tenants to furnish the new Smithers City Hall
- GATEWAY Tenant Leases negotiated by the Mayor of Smithers:
 - GATEWAY Center Tenants: Total \$6841.14/Month by leased square footage. Together these tenants have created a true community center with services from the youngest to the most senior in our region.
 - \$2,937 Monthly Rent, 10-year lease: Starting Points Day Care and Resource Center. Care for toddlers to after school students
 - \$2,186.67 Monthly Rent, 5-year lease: New River Heath Clinic (medical, dental, behavioral health care and drive through pharmacy)
 - \$650 Monthly Rent, 10-year lease: Fayette County Senior Program: nutrition and activity
 - \$200 Monthly Rent: 5-year lease: Fish Insurance

Plus, we have a modern, safe park and playground and a newly renovated gymnasium and performance stage for use by all.
- Fayette County designated the GATEWAY Center as the official polling place for both Smithers and Boomer by the Fayette County Clerk because of its excellent access for all those with physical disabilities.
- City of Smithers' donations to the greater community:
 - Donated 400 student desks to families planning to engage in home schooling or virtual schooling during the pandemic interruption in normal educational

- programming. Families came from as far away as Pittsburgh PA, Marietta OH, and Blacksburg VA
 - Donated 200 student lockers to Webster County Schools
 - Donated 280 fully filled book bags to UKV students at the beginning of school years 2019 and 2020
 - Weekly delivers 20 meal boxes to area families
- City of Smithers Governance:
 - Completed the City of Smithers Comprehensive Plan and secure City Council Approval
 - Received approval from State of West Virginia for Home Rule Status for City of Smithers, including a 1% sale tax (7/1/2021)
 - Passed all ordinances in support of Home Rule
 - Nearly completed rewriting all ordinances related to land use; completion in 2021
 - Demolished 7 dilapidated structures
 - Secured placement of Oakland School/Gym on Slum and Blight list
 - Annexed lands bordering Rt. 60 from old eastern boundary to Boomer and from ridge of mountain to 2 islands and parts of the Great Kanawha River
 - Secured passage of the first ever City of Smithers Municipal Fee
 - Initiated the separation of storm water in parts of the City not yet addressed with completion planned for late spring, 2021
 - Secured cooperation, as Chair of the UKV Regional Comprehensive Plan, for Smithers, Montgomery, and Gauley Bridge to write a joint plan
 - Supervised the conversion of the former Valley Elementary School to Smithers City Hall and GATEWAY Center
 - Jointly hired a City Code Enforcement Officer with Montgomery
 - Contracted with Montgomery to share their Sanitary Technician instead of hiring full-time
 - Working with Fayette County 911 Emergency Services Director to upgrade communications for first responders in the Valley who cannot currently communicate due to old technology
 - Enrolled the City and the Smithers Sanitary Department in GovCard to provide ease of bill payments to City
 - Managed the COVID-19 requirements for the City, its operations and residents to assure quality services continue and safety precautions observed
 - Submitted CARES Act reimbursement requests for a return rate of about 20%
 - WV DEP Project: \$2.03M Mountain slippage remediation project creating protection for Rt 60 and its 7,000 vehicles a day on the mountain behind Clay Street in Smithers and generating \$40,000 in B&O Taxes
 - Balanced the 2019-2020 City Budget against a significant revenue short fall from loss of B&O Taxes due to loss of businesses directly related to campus closure and high school closure and temporary business closure and reduced hours due to COVID-19 impacts. This balance was achieved by not filling city employee vacancies, by B&O

- Taxes from a one-time large project (WVDEP), and by the Mayor donating her 2019-2020 salary
 - Mayor Cavalier is one of two recipients of the 2020 WV Brownfields Local Leadership Awards
 - Mayor Cavalier is a conference speaker at the 2020 Annual Brownfields and Main Street @ Home conference.
- Started/partnered the following programs:
 - Adventure Days in partnership with several Fayette County Non-profits (ActiveSWV, Keys4 Healthy Kids, ICE Collaborative, Fayette County Health Department, and WVU Extension)
 - 1st Friday Farmers' Market for area residents with fresh produce and related products from WV farmers. EBT and Senior Vouchers accepted
 - Worked with Fayette County Health Department to host 4 COVID-19 drive-through testing events in GATEWAY Center parking lot-After school homework site being developed in partnership with local principal whose school is just across the parking lot from the Smithers GATEWAY Center
- Attracted new businesses:
 - Completed the first year of Grants Supermarket and added the integrated Smithers Family Pharmacy: 30 jobs
 - Middleton's Auto Body—Servicing Insurance Company claims: 8 jobs
 - Lisa's Beauty Shop: 1 job
- To assist area economic revitalization:
 - Worked with private developer and Mayor Ingram to secure tax credits through WVHDF to convert a building on the old campus in Montgomery to affordable senior housing (Cavalier Heights)
 - Working with National Guard, Mayor Ingram, and WVU to operationalize the Mountaineer Challenge Academy-South on the old campus in Montgomery
 - Initiated and guided the process to move the \$200,000 ARC grant from the Charleston YMCA to City of Montgomery so health and fitness equipment intended to help residents of the Kanawha Valley could remain here.
- Other Economic Development Projects:
 - Working with Appalachian Headwaters, WV Land Trust, and Green Forests Works to develop 4800 acres of forested into hiking, biking, camping grounds above Smithers in the Cannelton Hollow area.
 - Working with New River Gorge Trail Alliance, WV Land Trust, and Hatfields and McCoys Trail System to plan trail connections and integration in the UKV area.
 - Working with Kanawha County and consultants at CEC to plan an economic development strategy for the Valley
 - Working with private landowner (24 undeveloped acres) in City Limits to identify and workable, jobs creating project

- Working with members and partners engaged with the UKV Resiliency and Revitalization Council as provided for under SB1001



GENERAL OPINION OF PROBABLE CONSTRUCTION COSTS

River Cities Trail
Budgetary Cost Opinion

Smithers and Montgomery, West Virginia
 Prepared by:
 GAI Consultants Inc. - June 28, 2018

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT COST	EXTENSION	TOTAL
Phase One: Route 60 Rail Crossing, Cannelton Trail Connection						
	Connection to Cannelton Trail (asphalt trail, 10' x 460')	4,600	SF	\$8.00	\$36,800.00	
	Connection to RT 60 sidewalk (concrete, 6' x 900')	5,400	SF	\$12.00	\$64,800.00	
	Crosswalk (striping, signalization, etc.)	1	LS	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
	Curb ramps	3	EA	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	
	Removable bollards at trail entrances	10	EA	\$500.00	\$5,000.00	
	Wayfinding/signage	1	LS	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
	Pedestrian lighting including conduit (Approximately 100' O.C.)	15	EA	\$6,000.00	\$90,000.00	
	Electrical Panels/Transformer	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
	Landscape (final grade, seeding, miscellaneous plants)	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
	Miscellaneous site furniture	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$311,600.00
Phase Two: Smithers to Montgomery Marina Connection						
	Miscellaneous demolition, clearing and grubbing	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
	Miscellaneous earthwork	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
	Main trail from Smithers to Marina (asphalt trail, 8' x 8300')	66,400	SF	\$8.00	\$531,200.00	
	Soldier pile & lagging wall (with railing) at Staten Run Road	500	SF	\$150.00	\$75,000.00	
	Secondary trail at area of interest (crushed stone, 8'x500')	4,000	SF	\$7.00	\$28,000.00	
	Removable bollards at trail entrances	20	EA	\$500.00	\$10,000.00	
	Pedestrian lighting including conduit (At major nodes)	5	EA	\$6,000.00	\$30,000.00	
	Bollard lighting including conduit (Approximately 50' O.C.)	160	EA	\$3,000.00	\$480,000.00	
	Electrical Panels/Transformer	2	LS	\$25,000.00	\$50,000.00	
	Wayfinding/signage	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
	Benches (Approximately every 500' along main trail)	20	EA	\$1,000.00	\$20,000.00	
	Trash receptacles (Approximately every 500' along main trail)	20	EA	\$700.00	\$14,000.00	
	Bike racks	5	EA	\$500.00	\$2,500.00	
	Landscape (final grade, seeding, miscellaneous plants)	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
	Fencing along trail in railroad R.O.W.	1,000	LF	\$50.00	\$50,000.00	\$1,360,700.00
Phase Three: Montgomery Internal Connections						
	New sidewalk to connect missing sections (concrete, 6' x 600')	3,600	SF	\$12.00	\$43,200.00	
	Self-activated pedestrian warning beacons	2	EA	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00	
	New curb ramps	4	EA	\$5,000.00	\$20,000.00	
	Improved curb ramps	16	EA	\$2,000.00	\$32,000.00	
	New crosswalks (striping)	4	EA	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	
	Improved crosswalks (striping)	8	EA	\$500.00	\$4,000.00	
	Wayfinding/signage	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
	Landscape (final grade, seeding, miscellaneous plants)	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
	Miscellaneous site furniture	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$153,200.00
Phase Four: Smithers Internal Connections						
	New sidewalk to connect missing sections (concrete, 6' x 1200')	7,200	SF	\$12.00	\$86,400.00	
	New curb ramps	6	EA	\$5,000.00	\$30,000.00	
	Improved curb ramps	18	EA	\$2,000.00	\$36,000.00	
	New crosswalks (striping)	3	EA	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	
	Improved crosswalks (striping)	9	EA	\$500.00	\$4,500.00	
	Wayfinding/signage	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
	Landscape (final grade, seeding, miscellaneous plants)	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
	Miscellaneous site furniture	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$189,900.00
Phase Five: Facilities						
	Restroom/facilities building at Montgomery Marina	1	EA	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	
	Restroom/shelter at greenspace in Montgomery	1	EA	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	
	Restroom/facilities building at Smithers	1	EA	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$650,000.00
Phase Six: Montgomery Marina						
	Miscellaneous demolition, clearing and grubbing	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
	Miscellaneous earthwork	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	
	Asphalt pavement (roadway, parking areas)	28,000	SF	\$8.00	\$224,000.00	
	Retaining wall	400	SF	\$100.00	\$40,000.00	
	Concrete pavement (walkways at parking area, plaza)	2,000	SF	\$12.00	\$24,000.00	
	Trail in greenspace (asphalt trail, 8' x 500')	400	SF	\$8.00	\$3,200.00	
	Boat launch extension	1	LS	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	
	Docks and pilings (main dock, courtesy dock)	1	LS	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	
	Riverbank stabilization (rip rap)	600	SF	\$10.00	\$6,000.00	
	Wayfinding/signage	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
	Benches	10	EA	\$1,000.00	\$10,000.00	
	Trash receptacles	10	EA	\$700.00	\$7,000.00	
	Bike racks	5	EA	\$500.00	\$2,500.00	
	Landscape (final grade, seeding, miscellaneous plants)	1	LS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$566,700.00
SUBTOTAL (In-Ground Costs)						\$3,222,100.00
Soft Costs:						
a	Mobilization (5%)		LS	\$161,105.00	\$161,105.00	
b	A & E Fees (8%)		LS	\$257,768.00	\$257,768.00	
c	Insurance (1%)		LS	\$32,221.00	\$32,221.00	
d	Permits/B&O (2%)		LS	\$64,442.00	\$64,442.00	
e	Erosion & sediment control (1%)		LS	\$32,221.00	\$32,221.00	
f	Contingency (10%)		LS	\$322,210.00	\$322,210.00	
TOTAL						\$4,092,067.00

This cost opinion is preliminary in nature and shall be used as a guideline for funding application purposes only. This estimate is not intended to be used as a construction estimate.

Note: It is recognized that the Engineer does not have control over the cost of labor, materials, equipment, or construction bidding methods. Accordingly, the Engineer cannot and does not warrant that final contractor bids will not vary from the Engineer's Estimate.

Kanawha County Commission

- \$170,000 awarded for regional tourism planning: planning work in progress with plan scheduled to be complete by the end of 2020
- Development and implementation of UKAN small business loan fund: awarded funding to 9 businesses to date
- Secured \$50,000 of USDA funds to support UKAN recipients with business coaching and technical assistance, including the development of marketing plans and store websites.
- Met with all Upper Kanawha Valley mayors regarding UKAN program and grant writing assistance.
- Since 2017, provided \$39,000 in funding City of Smithers Emergency Services
- Since 2017, provided \$74,000 to Montgomery VFD, \$10,000 to Montgomery Police, and \$7,102.80 to the City of Montgomery
- Approved an annexation request of the City of Montgomery for a minor boundary adjustment
- Continued efforts for a Hatfield McCoy Trail network in the Upper Kanawha Valley

West Virginia Department of Agriculture

- Connecting with local agriculture business technical assistance (WVDA Staff); new staff hired to cover UKV area.
- Connection with local Vets for Vets program manager and WVDA Veterans & Heroes to Agriculture.
- Facilitation and sharing of financial resources.
- Sharing of Covid Guidance resources for Farmers Markets and Market outlets.
- Letter of Support for local grant submissions.

West Virginia Housing and Development Fund

- Affordable Housing Fund projects include assistance for items such as housing counseling, technical assistance, predevelopment expenses and gap financing for homeownership and rental efforts. Total funds awarded were \$586,500.
- A multifamily rental project named Cavalier Heights was awarded under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program and financed via a Wv Housing Development Fund Multifamily Program loan to be located on the WVU Tech campus. Construction will begin soon with completion expected in approximately 18 months.
- Through the various single-family lending programs, the Fund made loans to borrowers in the UKV region totaling \$346,279.42.

West Virginia National Guard – WV Military Authority

- During this time, The West Virginia National Guard (WVNG) and West Virginia Military Authority (MA) sought a secondary location for the Mountaineer Challenge Academy
- The mission of the Mountaineer Challenge Academy program is to train and mentor selected at-risk youth to become contributing members of society using the 8 Core Components: (1) Academic Excellence (2) Life Coping Skills (3) Job Skills (4) Health and Hygiene (5) Responsible Citizenship (6) Service to the Community (7) Leadership/Followership (8) Physical Fitness in a quasi-military environment during a 22-week residential and one year Post-Residential follow-up program
- The primary location is at Camp Dawson in Preston County, WV and the former WVU Tech location in Montgomery, WV was identified for Mountaineer Challenge Academy South (MCA-South)
- In January 2020, the Justice administration allocated funding to establish MCA-South
- The MCA-South will also offer Mountaineer Jobs Challenge Program (MJCP) with a mission to provide selected MCA-South graduates with Career and Technical Education leading to industry recognized certification and job placement within that trade while maintaining the Youth Challenge Program's 8 Core Components in a quasi-military residential environment
- To date, new staff members have been hired and a Job Fair was held in Montgomery on August 20, 2020 to identify candidates for additional positions. Total staff will be 63 personnel.
- MCA-South is scheduled to open in October 2020
- The WVNG in conjunction with the West Virginia Development Office, facilitates the RISE Slum and Blight Program. This demolition program assists state counties and communities in continuing flood recovery efforts. The communities of Montgomery and Smithers each have structures identified for demolition utilizing this program with the next scheduled in Montgomery in October 2020

West Virginia University

With our local and state partners, West Virginia University has been able to achieve many of the following accomplishments which will benefit the Upper Kanawha Valley region:

- Provide financial support directly to the cities of Montgomery and Smithers
- Working to repurpose the Baisi Athletic Center into a community and recreational facility which can be used by local communities and the Mountaineer Challenge Academy South
- Comprehensive and regional strategic planning and zoning guidance provided with assistance by the Law School's Land Use and Sustainable Development Law Clinic; and
- Transferred several buildings and parcels to our local partners
 - The Alumni Center and Marina Docks have been transferred to the City of Montgomery

- Working on transferring the President's Home to the City of Montgomery
- Engineering Classroom, Engineering Labs, Maintenance Building to BridgeValley CTC
- Working on transferring the Vice President's Home and Ratliff Hall to BridgeValley CTC
- COBE Hall and the Learning Center are being transferred to a local developer who is remodeling those facilities for a long-term senior living complex
- Working to find repurposes for Old Main, Vining Library, and Football Field

Looking to the Future – 2021

Upper Kanawha Valley

City of Montgomery

- Baisi Center - It is imperative that all parties work expeditiously and in concert to find funding for capital expenditures and gap operating funds for the Baisi Center. This Recreation center is the epicenter for Kanawha, Fayette, Clay and Nicholas counties physical activities in the UKV. Importance of this facility is a high priority for the Public and the ChalleNGe Academy. A special request to include monies in the Governor's Budget will be submitted to the Upper Kanawha Valley Resiliency Committee, the Legislature and the Governor within the next week.
- Several buildings are slated for demolition and several more that need demolished soon. This activity will require additional financial assistance to accomplish and is essential to a cleaner and healthier community. Demolishing these older, dilapidated structures unlocks good real estate for future progress.
- Increase road repairs and paving in the UKV. The Montgomery Bridge is slated for major repairs and paint. Third Avenue is considered a major Thorofare in Montgomery and is maintained as a state highway and needs paved.
- River Cities trail project needs funding approval to move forward and to improve the health of the UKV residents that choose to use this trail for physical activity; and for the traveling public to enjoy the magnificent scenery the UKV has to offer.
- Montgomery Street light \$100,000.00 grant funding needs approved by the transportation enhancement grant program.
- Much needed support and influence to create the Hatfield and McCoy trail system in Montgomery.
- Support and assist Ranger Scientific to locate headquarters and training center in Montgomery.
- Continue the monthly meeting in the Spirit of SB 656 and SB1001. To find ways to enhance the UKV; and to mitigate the devastating effect for the relocation of West Virginia University Institute of Technology to Beckley.

- Fund the Montgomery Fishing Pier and park from LWCF - currently being held up by the native American tribes. Continue to strongly suggest approval through the National Park Service.
- Find a way to fund the Midland Trail Scenic Highway Association to bring tourist to Route 60 and the UKV to include the entire 182 miles of the MTSHA.

City of Smithers

While this list carries the Smithers' name, every project is intended and will be managed to benefit residents in the Upper Kanawha Valley.

- Community Computer Laboratory for use by elderly residents, after school student program, job seekers, and others. \$25,000
- \$50,000: Farmer's Market Pavilion for fresh produce vendors and other outdoor activities for area residents
- \$150,000: Emergency back-up generator and installation for Smithers GATEWAY Center to replace the 1977 circa one that just "died" in order to provide short term emergency shelter for area residents
- \$1.5M: construction of Smithers Riverfront Park on site where Oakland School and Gym are to be demolished by WV Rise. Economic impact, according to the Center for Business and Economic Research at MU, will be \$2.1M first year.
- \$1.8M: construction of River Cities Trail plan to directly benefit both Montgomery and Smithers; grant application currently before AML Pilot grant committee.

Kanawha County Commission

- To help develop the area through a regional planning process as a recreational and tourism destination by a connected trail network. This is a shared goal of all the towns and cities
- Build a Hatfield McCoy Trail.
- To assist in the continuation of small business development and encourage economic growth in the area.

West Virginia Department of Agriculture

- The West Virginia Department of Agriculture will continue to support the Upper Kanawha Valley in every facet to make the communities a success.

West Virginia Housing and Development Fund

- Continue to provide long-term mortgage financing for residential housing to be occupied by persons of low and moderate income in the local area.
- Continue projects through the Affordable Housing Fund for the Upper Kanawha Valley.

West Virginia National Guard

- The West Virginia National Guard (WVNG) and West Virginia Military Authority (MA) will establish Mountaineer Challenge Academy South (MCA-South), a program for selected at-risk youth to become contributing members of society utilizing a quasi-military environment at the former WVU Tech site in Montgomery, WV in October 2020.
- The MCA-South will also offer Mountaineer Jobs Challenge Program (MJCP) with a mission to provide selected MCA-South graduates with Career and Technical Education leading to industry recognized certification and job placement within that trade. The establishment of these programs will result in the creation of 63 full time jobs in the Upper Kanawha Valley.
- In addition, the WV National Guard in conjunction with the West Virginia Development Office, will continue to support the Upper Kanawha Valley via the RISE Slum and Blight Program with the demolition of flood-impacted structures in this region.

West Virginia University

- WVU remains committed to assisting the Upper Kanawha Valley with revitalization efforts.
- The University will also continue to seek opportunities to repurpose the remaining buildings on its Montgomery campus