



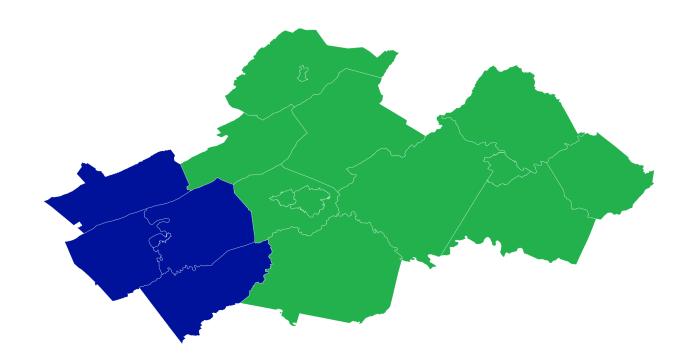
## NRV Materials and Machinery Cluster Scale-Up

New River Valley Regional Commission

The Virginia Tech Center for Economic and Community Engagement and Onward New River

Valley

Counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski and the City of Radford



Project Start Date: 10/19/2023 Project End Date: 2/19/2025

Convening regional partners and developing a 10-year roadmap for supporting materials and machinery scale-up in the New River Valley.

NRV Materials and Machinery Cluster Scale-Up will build and strengthen the capacity of the coalition of NRV stakeholders interested in growing the materials and machinery cluster through regular discussions and planning; mapping out assets and resources that could support industry scale up in the NRV; and identifying and prioritizing unique projects that could support ecosystem growth and transformation of the cluster. The project builds on the successful application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration for a Tech Hubs designation.



Materials and Machinery Cluster Scale-Up Roadmap



With a focus on additive materials and advanced manufacturing, the project will help the region move forward in regards to challenges such as the electrification of vehicles. The final roadmap will scope out and detail 2-3 prioritized projects, designate regional champions for advancing those projects, identify possible funding sources for those projects, and propose steps for advancing those projects." - Kevin Byrd, Executive Director of the New River Valley Regional Commission.

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