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**NRGRDA Reminds Fayette County Residents of Open Houses  
To Comment On Draft Comprehensive Planning Document**

**Fayetteville, W.Va. (March 20, 2023)** – Four open houses throughout Fayette County will be held March 21 and 23 to gather more input on a new 10-year comprehensive plan for Fayette County. Jenna Grayson, Director of Business Retention and Expansion at the New River Gorge Regional Development Authority, is encouraging residents to attend, learn and comment to guide future growth and development opportunities.

Houseal Lavigne Planning Associates is leading the six-stage process with elected leaders, NRGRDA, the Local Outreach Team, and other community members and stakeholders.

Public open house events will be held March 21 and 23 throughout the county to allow residents an opportunity to discuss the draft comprehensive plan, ask questions, and provide feedback.

**Tuesday, March 21**

***Event #1 – Smithers Open House***

**Time:** 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Location:** Gateway Community Center – 2 Greyhound Lane Smithers, WV 25186

***Event #2 – Ansted Open House***

**Time:** 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Location:** Midland Trail Community Center – 118 Church Street, Ansted, WV 25812

**Thursday, March 23**

***Event #3 – Meadow Bridge Open House***

**Time:** 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**Location:** Green Valley United Methodist Church – 6198 Meadow Bridge Road, Danese, WV 25831

***Event #4 – Fayetteville Open House***

**Time:** 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

**Location:** Memorial Building – 200 West Maple Avenue, Fayetteville, WV 25840

Elements of the Comprehensive Plan include:

- Land Use
- Housing
- Transportation
- Infrastructure
- Public Services
- Rural
- Recreation
- Economic Development
- Community Design

- Preferred Development Areas
- Renewal and/or Redevelopment
- Financing
- Historic Preservation

The link to the draft comprehensive plan, open house details and opportunity to comments is at <https://www.hlplanning.com/portals/fayettecountycompplan/project/community-outreach/> Paper copies of the draft plan will be available before the open houses at the Fayette County Zoning Office at 100 Court Street, Fayetteville, W.Va., (phone 304-574-4320).

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**About New River Gorge Regional Development Authority:** The New River Gorge Regional Development Authority's (NRGRDA) mission is to initiate, facilitate and support the economic and community development efforts within the counties of Fayette, Nicholas, Raleigh, and Summers located in this region of southern West Virginia. NRGRDA stimulates the regional economy through business expansion and retention efforts, including an extensive portfolio of financial services; the management of sites for new companies locating to our region; and serving as a point of access for local service providers which offer a variety of technical assistance for business owners.

The West Virginia Hive is the entrepreneurship program of the NRGRDA and the administrator of the Country Roads Angel Network (CRAN). More can be found at <https://nrgrda.org/>