



## APPLICATION FORM

All applications must include the following information. Separate applications must be submitted for each eligible program. **Deadline: June 1, 2018.** Please include this application form with electronic entry. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your entry within 3 days of submission, please contact [Gage Harter](#).

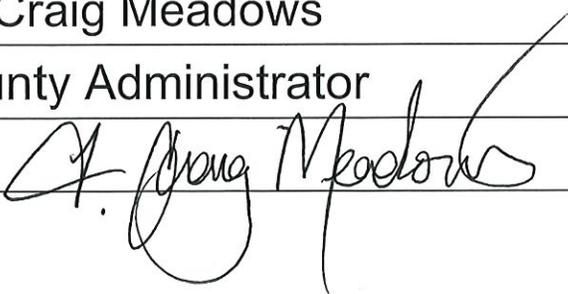
### PROGRAM INFORMATION

County: Montgomery County  
Program Title: Prices Fork Area Planning Study  
Program Category: Community & Economic Development

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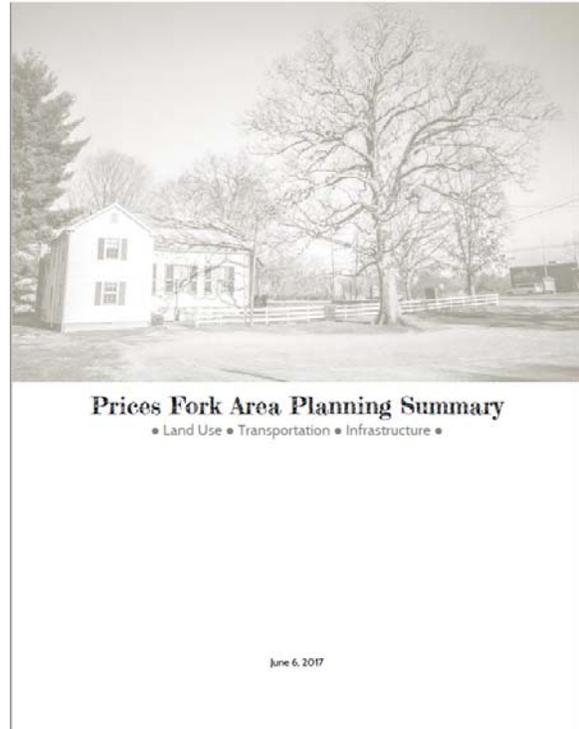
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**Prices Fork Area Planning Study  
Montgomery County, VA**

**VACo Achievement Awards Program Category: Community & Economic Development**

**Executive Summary**

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of Blacksburg – both located within Montgomery County, but not required to coordinate planning efforts at such a level. The study focused on land use, transportation, and infrastructure in the Prices Fork Village area to include existing, currently under construction, and planned projects by the local governments and the university. This collaborative effort was paramount in preparing the foundation for Montgomery County’s upcoming 2025 Comprehensive Plan update to include the Prices Fork Village Plan.

## Goal

Identify existing, currently under construction, and planned projects by Montgomery County, the Town of Blacksburg, Virginia Tech Foundation, and Virginia Tech surrounding the key areas of land use, transportation, and infrastructure in the Prices Fork study area defined by the project. This area includes portions of the Virginia Tech campus, western portions of the Town of Blacksburg, and the Prices Fork Village in Montgomery County. Once identified, the working group collaborated on moving forward in a complementary manner.

## Overview



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Staff members from Montgomery County, the Town of Blacksburg, the New River Valley Regional Commission, and both Virginia Tech and the Virginia Tech Foundation collaboratively participated in a series of information gathering meetings related to the study and key areas of focus: land use, transportation, and infrastructure. The information provided by the various entities involved helped to identify several observations and opportunities that will now assist in future planning for the Prices Fork Village area.

The completed study consisted of 36 pages (plus appendices) and included several maps and rich with information that gave Montgomery County excellent data to proceed with an update to the Prices Fork Village Plan adopted in 2005. In addition, this study helped strengthen partnerships with the various entities involved. Given the planned growth of the Prices Fork Village Area in the coming years, this strategic collaboration will prove invaluable. To view the completed study, visit:

[https://www.montgomerycountyva.gov//filestorage/16277/16344/16653/PricesForkAreaStudy\\_Final06052017LR.pdf](https://www.montgomerycountyva.gov//filestorage/16277/16344/16653/PricesForkAreaStudy_Final06052017LR.pdf)

## **Budget**

The Montgomery County Planning and GIS Services department commissioned the study for \$5,000 in collaboration with the New River Valley Regional Commission. As part of the Regional Commission's work program it was matched with Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) funds to provide a total project value of \$10,000.

## Results

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Comprehensive Plan. In addition,

this study helped strengthen partnerships with the various entities involved. The work group summarized the work done during their time together with a list of “Observations” and “Opportunities.” These included collaborating on specific projects in the near future and meeting bi-annually to review the topic areas. Given the planned growth of the Prices Fork Village Area in the coming years, this strategic collaboration will prove invaluable.

