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Southwest Virginia Regional Wastewater Study Released

Abingdon, Virginia – The Mount Rogers Planning District Commission (PDC) in partnership with the LENOWISCO and Cumberland Plateau PDCs unveiled the Southwest Virginia Regional Wastewater Study at an event hosted at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. This report was an update to the 2005 study and includes new facilities information and detailed mapping on wastewater systems for all three regions.

The three PDCs, along with the consulting engineering team composed of The Lane Group, Inc., Thompson & Litton, and Onsite Systems Engineering, PLLC, have been working on the project for the past year. The findings of the study will provide much needed data to assist communities in addressing current and future wastewater issues.

The study was funded by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in February 2022. Director Mike Rolband said, "As a leading agency implementing the Commonwealth's Wastewater Infrastructure Policy, which prioritizes the universal access to wastewater treatment, DEQ is pleased to have worked with the planning districts in Southwest Virginia to identify and prioritize sewer projects."

Local governments are continually seeking ways to refine and grow their physical infrastructure. The information contained in this comprehensive study can be utilized to demonstrate the overwhelming need for these critical projects and will provide another tool for them to help improve the quality of life of their citizens.

For further information contact your regional planning district commission below. The full study is posted on their respective websites for easy access.

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